

Using the Wordless Book or Beaded Bracelet

God knows we need concrete pictures to help us remember abstract things. These colors are “pictures” that help us and the campers.



When referring to sin and righteousness and to a person’s heart, use “light” vs. “dark” or “clean” vs. “dirty” rather than “white” and “black.” Using “black” and “white” as synonyms for “bad” and “good” or when referring to a person’s heart can cause racial tension. Never say “your black heart.” It’s O.K. to refer to the obvious color of the page, just avoid references to the person’s heart as black where “dark, dirty, or sinful” is better. “Dark, dirty, clean, and light” are biblical descriptions.

“Hey, Sarah, did you raise your hand yesterday when the Bible teacher asked who wanted to ask Jesus into their heart? [Yes] I’m glad to hear that. Would you come with me over there and let me talk to you about that? [Yes.] Great, it’s O.K. for you to miss a few minutes of what’s going on here. Are you having a good week?... Have you seen a book (or bracelet) colored like this before? [If yes] I’m going to review it with you quickly and make sure you understand it. [If no] You’ll like it; it helps make everything really simple.” Your job is TEST the child’s understanding of each aspect (God, sin, Jesus, appropriation). The teacher already taught the gospel in the lesson.

GOLD PAGE – gold reminds us of heaven, God, and how much He loves us

Heaven

What is there? What is not there? Rev. 21:21 Rev. 21:4

God

Creator Gen. 1:1, 26, 27 Jer. 32:17 Ps. 139
Holy / Perfect Lev. 19:2
Just Deut. 32:4
Author of Bible II Tim. 3:15
Love Jer. 31:3 Jn. 3:16 I Jn. 4:16, 19

LINK: (God loves us so much He wants us to be in Heaven with Him forever. But there’s a problem, and that problem is sin. Sinful people can’t go to Heaven or we’d mess it up. Sin also keeps us from God here on earth.)

DARK (or DIRTY) PAGE – reminds us of sin

Sin is . . . anything that we think, say or do that doesn’t measure up to God’s perfection. (Use age-appropriate examples.)

You are . . . (It’s important that the child acknowledge he is a sinner (**TEST**). If he does not, go no further.)

- A sinner - Isa. 53:6 Rom. 3:12 Rom. 3:23
- Born with sin - Ps. 51:5 Rom. 5:12
- Unable to save yourself with good works - Isa. 64:6 Titus 3:5 Eph. 2:8, 9

Sin must be punished by separation from God Isa. 59:2 I Thes. 1:9 Rom 6:23

LINK: But God loves us so much that He made the way that we can be saved.

RED PAGE – red reminds us of the blood of Jesus (brief review then TEST: Do you believe Jesus is the Son of God, died for your sins and came back to life?)

Who is Jesus Christ?

- God’s only Son, Perfect Jn. 1:14, Jn. 3:16 (Son) Heb. 4:15 II Cor. 5:21 (perfect)
- Co-creator and Lord of the universe John 1:3 Hebrews 1:2 (He lets you choose whether He will be Lord of your life.)

What did He do?

- Willingly suffered and died in our place apart from God - Jn. 19:30 10:15, 17, 18
- Was the required perfect blood sacrifice - Heb. 9:22 I Jn. 1:7 Rev. 1:5b
- Resurrected - I Cor. 15:3, 4
- Exalted again - Eph. 1:20 I Pet. 3:22

LINK: Jesus died for everyone, so is everyone going to Heaven? (TEST) No, we saw that salvation is a gift, but not everyone will believe and take the gift.

LIGHT (or CLEAN) PAGE – reminds us that our sin can be forgiven

God invites us to become clean from our sin (or come from darkness to light). We have to receive His invitation, or gift. (Explain a gift isn't yours until you take it.)

- The way you receive his gift is to admit or agree with God that you have a sin problem, tell Him that you believe that He is God and able to take away your sin, and call on Him to save you and be the Lord of your life.
Jn. 1:12 3:16 5:24 6:40, 47
Acts 10:43 16:31
Rom. 10:9
- Have you ever done this before?
Do you admit you have a sin problem?
Do you believe what the Bible says about Jesus, that He is God's perfect son and able to take away your sin?
Do you want Him to forgive your sin and be in charge of your life?

If "Yes," reassure him and talk about his commitment to discipleship: Ask if he is knowingly holding back any part of his life from Jesus. Ask if he would like to pray a prayer that expresses his desire to live for Jesus.

If "No," then ask, "Would you like for me to help you do it now?"

When we pray, it's easy to remember what to say by remembering the ABC's with the colors. For the dark page, admit your sin, for the red page, tell Him you believe Jesus is God and takes away sin, for the white page, call on Him to save you and be the boss of your life.

When you pray, don't worry about getting the words just right. God knows your heart and He knows if you really mean it. (If the child is hesitant, ask him why and if it's because he's not confident about praying, offer to pray short sentences and let him repeat after you.)

LINK: God loves you, so He wants you to grow closer to Him. You can do this by praying, going to church, and reading the Bible. You can share His love by telling others about Him.

GREEN PAGE – green reminds us of growing. (You will probably not have time to do this at the same time as the rest of the gospel. Get back to the child later.)

You were just born into God's family! Jn. 1:12 says you've become a son/daughter of God. Now that you were just born, you need to grow. The green page makes us think of growing like plants. Plants and people need food and water to grow; to grow in God's family you need food, too. The Bible is like your food; you need to read it as much as you can to learn about God and to know how to obey Him. Going to church and being with other Christians help you grow. Praying every day, asking God to help you understand the Bible, to help you stay out of sin, and help you know His will for your life also helps you grow. Remember that He is now the boss of your life, and you need to obey Him even when you don't feel like it. He manages this universe amazingly well, so you need to trust that He can manage your life better than you can, and then abide by everything in the Bible. Serving God by giving Him your things and your time helps you grow. You also want to tell other people about God, what He's done for you and how they can be saved. All these things exercise your spiritual muscles so you will be a strong Christian. I would like for you to choose someone right now who you will tell that you just asked Jesus to save you . . .

Hand Motions for Green Page:

1. Reading Bible and obeying it – hands like a book
2. Giving – both hands together palms up
3. Church – steeple, then palms up w/ laced fingers for people
4. Praying – hands praying
5. Telling others – hands cupped around mouth