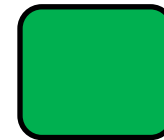
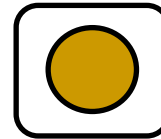
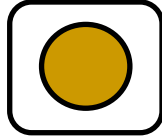


SALT WORDLESS BOOK
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Week 1 - Gold Page

Weekly Memory Verse: John 3:16a

Thursday

Today's Concept: God made all things (e.g., trees, animals, stars)—He made you.

Read in your Bible: John 1:3

The Bible teaches us many things about God. The very first thing the Bible tells us is that God is the Creator. He is the one who made the world and everything in it. He made the trees, the sky and the animals, but His most special creation is people. He made you! God knows all about you. He knows your name and the color of your eyes. He made you just the way He wanted you to be. Another thing the Bible tells us about God is that He loves you. Our memory verse for the week says, "for God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." You are part of the world. God loves you! He knew you and loved you even before you were born. God wants you to know and love Him too. God is very different from you and me. The Bible says He is holy, perfect in every way. Isn't it amazing that the holy Creator of the world loves you? He does, and He wants you to live with Him someday in Heaven.

Please answer the following Questions:

How can I know God loves me? _____

Name some of the things God created: _____

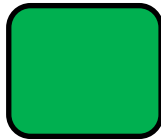
Take the next few lines and list some things God created in you that make you special. _____

I presented the complete Wordless Book to

On _____.

My audition is set for _____ with _____, the _____ Ministry Leader.

My parents must attend the audition with me and I must present my Wordless Book again at that time.



Week 5 - Green Page

Weekly Memory Verse: 2 Peter 3:18

Wednesday

Below is the complete presentation of the Green page. This whole week you have been studying verses and breaking apart the meaning of this page. When you are ready you will be able to present this page to your Discipleship Leader. When they feel that you have a good understanding of the Green page and can present it clearly, they will sign the bottom of this page. Spend today reading again and working on knowing how to present the Green page.

Now that you trusted in Jesus, He wants you to grow, and the green page is for growth (turn to green page now). To grow, it's good to go to church and Life Group, to read your Bible and obey your Bible, and to tell others about Jesus. If we do something wrong, Jesus wants us to pray to Him and confess our sins and He will forgive us, because Jesus said, "I will never leave you or forsake you" and that means never. And if you need any help in school or at home, just pray to Jesus and ask Him for help and He will help you. Are you going to church anywhere? If they say they are not going to church, say: We can recommend a church for you to attend if that is OK with you. If they say yes, say What is your name, address, phone number? We will have a church contact you.

Week 1 - Gold Page

Weekly Memory Verse: John 3:16a

Friday

Today's Concept: God loves you very much (John 3:16a).

Read in your Bible: John 3:16

Can you list the names of some people who love you?

Lots of people love us, but we know someone who loves you and me more than anyone else ever could. See if you can find out who that is as you read John 3:16 from your Bible.

God loves you. He made you, and you're very special to Him. In the Bible God says, "I have loved thee (you) with an everlasting love." (Jer 31:3) God knew you and loved you before you were ever born! God loves you much more than you could ever imagine! His love is perfect because God is perfect. He's holy. He wants you to live with Him in His perfect home called Heaven, where there's never any darkness, only light. How wonderful to know that this perfect, holy God loves you!

What does John 3:16 tell us that God did for you and me?

How does it make you feel to know God's love for you is everlasting? _____



Week 1 - Gold Page

Weekly Memory Verse: John 3:16a

Saturday/Sunday

Today's Concept: God is perfect—He never does anything wrong.

Read in your Bible: Psalm 18:30

There are many places in the Bible that tell us that God is perfect:

Deuteronomy 32:4 The Rock—His work is perfect; all His ways are entirely just.

Psalm 18:30 God—His way is perfect; the Word of the LORD is pure. He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

2 Samuel 22:31—God—His way is perfect; The Word of the Lord is pure.

God is perfect. He has never done anything wrong, never said anything wrong, never even thought anything wrong. Are you able to live a perfect life? Think about just today. Have you lied to anyone or have you thought negative thoughts about anyone? Have you been angry at anything or anyone? We all are guilty of those thoughts and action everyday. That is what sin is and it keeps us from God. We will talk more about sin in the days to come. The Gold circle tells us of God's Love. He loves you and me. We will never be perfect, but we know that He will love us no matter what our imperfections are!

Below share a few of the things that have kept you from being perfect today:

Now write a prayer and ask God to help you to be more like Him.



Week 5 - Green Page

Weekly Memory Verse: 2 Peter 3:18

Tuesday

Today's Concept: W.—Witness; tell others how they can be saved from sin.

Read in your Bible: Acts 4:12

Timothy must have been excited to join Paul in his work. He knew it wouldn't be easy. Paul had been badly mistreated in many places by people who didn't want to hear his message. But Paul and Timothy faithfully traveled together, sharing the good news about the Lord Jesus. Many people believed the message they shared, and churches were formed where new Christians gathered to learn from God's Word and grow together. God says in Heaven He will reward those who grow and faithfully serve Him. If you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior, will you choose to grow in Him? Starting today, will you take time each day to read and obey God's Word and talk to Him in prayer? Will you stand tall for Him by telling someone how he can believe in Jesus and have his sins forgiven? Each day will you keep your life clean by choosing not to sin and by confessing your sin when you do? Will you get together with other Christians at church and Life Group? If you do these things you will be obeying 2 Peter 3:18. Growing in the Lord Jesus is sometimes a challenge. But it will be worth it when you stand before God someday on that golden street in Heaven and He says to you, "Well done!"

Write in your own words what it means to be a Christian: _____



Week 5 - Green Page

Weekly Memory Verse: 2 Peter 3:18

Monday

Today's Concept: O. - Obey God's Word.

Read in your Bible: 1 Timothy 1:18

Paul continued to encourage Timothy by writing him letters. We have two of these letters in the New Testament part of the Bible in the books called 1 and 2 Timothy. In these letters we read about all the ways Paul wanted Timothy to continue growing in the Lord. Five of the important ways Paul encouraged Timothy to grow were: (1) read and obey God's Word, (2) talk to God in prayer each day, (3) tell others about the Lord Jesus, (4) keep his life clean before God and (5) spend time with other Christians. If you know the Lord as your Savior, God wants you to grow in the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps you could use your hand to help you remember these five important ways. Your thumb is the strong finger. If you read and obey God's Word, you will be strong. God wants to speak to you through His Word, so ask Him to help you understand and obey it. Your index finger is your pointer finger. It can remind you to talk to God in prayer each day. Talk to Him as you would talk to a best friend. Tell Him about things happening in your life—good and bad. Your tallest finger can remind you to stand tall. Take a stand for the Lord Jesus by telling others about Him. You can tell them how you believed in the Lord Jesus as your Savior and how they can do the same. This is called being a witness. Your ring finger is the one that doesn't stand so straight when other fingers are bent (try holding up your ring finger while bending the others). You can't take a stand for the Lord Jesus when there is sin in your life. This finger can remind you to keep your life clean by choosing not to sin, and if you do sin, confessing your sins to God. Your little finger is the weakest one, but along with the others it can do so much, in the same way you are weak on your own but strong as you spend time with other Christians. By going to church and life group you can spend time (have fellowship) with others who know and love the Lord. Together you'll be able to hear God's Word taught, worship God, and encourage one another. As you faithfully do these things you will be obeying this week's memory verse. God wants you to grow in the Lord Jesus. Practice learning what each finger represents.



Week 1 - Gold Page

Weekly Memory Verse: John 3:16a

Monday

Today's Concept: God has made a perfect place in Heaven for you.

Read in your Bible: John 14:2-3

What does the color gold remind you of? Perhaps you think of money or jewelry—something very valuable. The gold page, reminds me of a very special place. It's a place of incredible beauty where there's a street made of pure gold that's clear like glass! In fact, there's a whole city made of gold! The Bible says that this place is called Heaven. Heaven is a real and wonderful place. Not only is there a street and city of gold, the city is built on a foundation of precious stones. There are 12 beautiful gates of pearl and a pure river that is clear as crystal. Heaven is a beautiful, perfect place because it was made by God and it's God's home. The Bible tells us a lot about Heaven. The Bible tells us in John 14:2-3 that Jesus, God's Son, told His followers that in Heaven there are many mansions or special homes that He is preparing for those who have believed in Him as their Savior from sin. I don't know if they'll look like mansions here on Earth, but I'm sure they'll be much more wonderful than any home you've ever seen. Wouldn't it be fun to live in a heavenly mansion?

There is one thing that cannot be in Heaven and that is sin.

Name two things that will be in Heaven: _____
Why does the gold page in the Wordless Book make you think of Heaven? _____

Use the lines below to tell a friend who doesn't know God what Heaven will be like. _____



Week 1 - Gold Page

Weekly Memory Verse: John 3:16a

Tuesday

Today's Concept: There is one thing that can never be in Heaven. That is sin.

Read in your Bible: Romans 3:23

The Bible tells us a lot about Heaven. The very last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation, tells about some things we won't see in Heaven. Did you know that in Heaven there won't be any need for the sun or moon? We won't need the light of the sun or moon because God's glory (His shining brightness) will fill Heaven with light! Imagine never having a gloomy, dreary day! We also won't need lamps in Heaven because the Bible says there is no night there. Some boys and girls don't like the darkness at night because it makes them afraid. In Heaven there will never be a dark night, so we won't need lamps or candles.

There is one other thing that can never be in Heaven because it would spoil that perfect place where God lives—that is sin.

Sin is breaking God's laws. It's anything you do, say or think that displeases God. Do you know how many people on Earth do sinful things? The Bible says "For ALL have sinned" (Rom. 3:23). All means everybody; it means that you and I have sinned. No one had to teach you to sin. You were born wanting to sin. When you fight with brothers or sisters, tell a lie, or take something that doesn't belong to you, you have sinned. Sin must be punished, and the punishment for sin is to be separated from God forever in a place of darkness. God doesn't want you to be separated from Him. He wants you to have your sin forgiven so you can live with Him in Heaven.

What is sin? _____
Why can't there be any sin in Heaven? _____



Week 5 - Green Page

Weekly Memory Verse: 2 Peter 3:18

Saturday/Sunday

Today's Concept: R.—Read God's Word and pray.

Read in your Bible: Acts 16:1

The R in G.R.O.W. stands for reading your Bible. Timothy's mother loved God and loved reading His Word, and she wanted Timothy to do the same. Timothy's grandmother, Lois, also knew and loved God. Perhaps the three of them gathered around scrolls containing the ancient words. As Timothy studied the Old Testament writings, he learned that God would send the Savior to take away the sin of the world. As Timothy grew to be a young man, he continued to study the Scriptures. One day Timothy met Paul, who was a missionary (someone God sent to tell people how they could be saved from their sin). When Paul came to Lystra, he heard about Timothy. Paul knew that someday he would be too old to continue traveling and telling others about the Lord Jesus. He wanted to train someone to be a missionary like him. But this person would have to be someone who was growing in the Lord Jesus. He must have been impressed with Timothy because he asked Timothy to travel with him and help him teach others about Christ. Paul encouraged Timothy to read and obey God's Word and to talk to God in prayer each day. It is important that we don't just read our Bibles on Sunday and Wednesdays at church, but that we are spending time each and every day in God's Word. That is the only way we will continue to grow and strengthen our belief in God.

How did Timothy first learn about God? _____

What was God's plan when He sent His Son Jesus to Earth? _____

What kind of person did Paul want to train as a missionary? _____



Week 5 - Green Page

Weekly Memory Verse: 2 Peter 3:18

Friday

Today's Concept: How do you G.R.O.W. in Christ? G.—Go to Church and Life Group.

Read in your Bible: 2 Peter 3:18

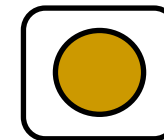
What do you think about when you see the color green? I think of things that are growing like grass and trees. The cover of our Wordless Book is green. This color reminds us of growing, not taller, but in a completely different way. Once you have received the Lord Jesus as your Savior, He wants you to get to know Him better. The green page reminds us that as you grow to know the Lord Jesus better, you'll also be growing to be more like Him.

As you get to know God better, He expects you to continue to grow. God says you are to "grow up into Him (Jesus) in all things" (Eph. 4:15). God doesn't want you to stay like you are. He wants you to grow in the Lord Jesus Christ. God wants you to grow to love and please the Lord Jesus more and more.

One way that we do that is by going to Church and Life Group. The Bible says in Hebrews 10:24-25 "and let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near." God wants us to worship together and study His Word together. By going to church or Life Group you can spend time (have fellowship) with others who know and love the Lord. Together you'll be able to hear God's Word taught, worship God, and encourage one another. God wants you to grow in the Lord Jesus Christ.

G. _____
As you get to know God better, what does He expect? _____

Why is it important to go to Church and Life Group? _____



Week 1 - Gold Page

Weekly Memory Verse: John 3:16a

Wednesday

Complete Presentation of the Gold Page

Below is the complete presentation of the Gold page. This whole week you have been studying verses and breaking apart the meaning of this page. When you are ready, you will be able to present this page to your Discipleship Leader. When they feel that you have a good understanding of the Gold page and can present it clearly, they will sign the bottom of this page and you will be ready to begin the Dark Page. Spend today reading John 3:16a again and working on knowing how to present the Gold Page.

(Turn to gold page) I know a place where the streets are made of gold. Do you know where that is? It's up in heaven. The Bible says the streets are made of gold like transparent glass and the gates are made of solid pearl and the walls of the city are adorned with 12 precious stones. God lives in heaven and He created you and loves you. He says in His Word "For God so loved the world (John 3:16a), and He wants you to be up in heaven with Him. But since God is perfect and Holy, there is one thing that can never be in heaven; do you know what that is? The answer is sin.

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Week 2 - Dark Page

Weekly Memory Verse: Romans 3:23

Thursday

Today's Concept: Sin is anything that displeases God—It can be wrong things that you think, say, or do. It can be not doing what you know you should.

Read in you Bible: Genesis 4:7

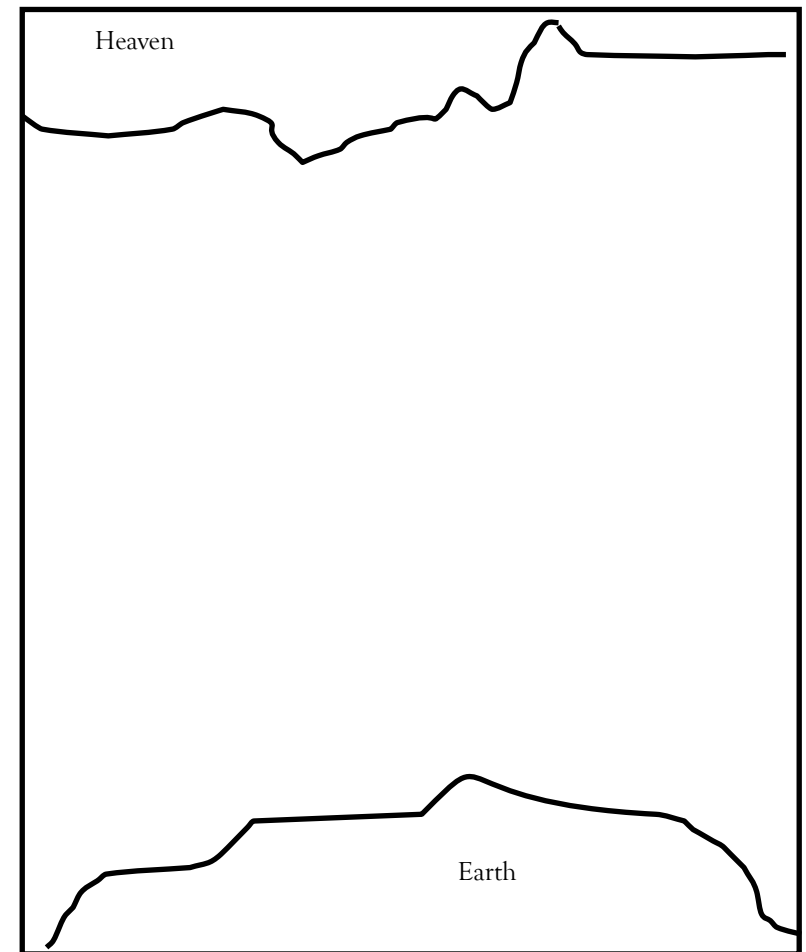
Close your eyes for a moment. Think of a time when you were in a really dark place. Maybe you were in a room with all the lights out, and you couldn't find the door. Or maybe you were outside when it was so dark you couldn't see where you were walking. Because of the darkness you were unable to get where you wanted to go.

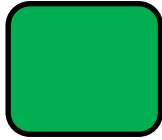
When you do what you want to do instead of obeying God, you sin. Since the day Adam and Eve sinned, every person has been born with a "want to" to sin. Our memory verse says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Anytime you break God's laws, you sin. Perhaps you pretend not to hear when your parents tell you to do something. Or maybe you think angry thoughts about someone you don't like. You can probably think of other things you've done that are sin. Sin is very serious! It's like being in darkness because you are apart from God and can't be where He is. God says you deserve death—separation from Him forever in a place of darkness never to be in the brightness of Heaven—as punishment for your sin. Doing what you want instead of obeying God is sin.

What sinful things have you done today? Share them with God:



our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins" (1 John 1:9). To confess means to tell on yourself or agree with God about your sin. As soon as possible, tell Him what you've done and ask Him to help you not to do it again. After you confess your sin, thank God that He has forgiven you.





Week 5 - Green Page

Weekly Memory Verse: 2 Peter 3:18

Thursday

Today's Concept: You must confess your sin to God.

Read in your Bible: 1 John 1:9

Ladders come in different lengths. Some are short for reaching things nearby. (Draw that ladder on the next page.) Others are long for reaching things far away. (Draw second ladder). Could a ladder be long enough to reach all the way to Heaven? (Draw a third ladder.) No! But these ladders remind us of different ways people try to get to Heaven. (Label your first ladder "good works".) Some people believe that if they do good things and obey God's laws, they will please Him and be able to go to Heaven. But God says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23). Doing good things will never make you perfect enough to get to heaven. (Label the second ladder "church.") Some people think they can get to Heaven by going to church. Going to church is a good thing to do, but God says it's not enough. The church ladder is too short. (Label the third ladder "Christian Family.") Some boys and girls think they will go to Heaven because they come from a Christian family. But God says that going to Heaven depends not on what your parents believe, but on what you believe! None of these ladders is long enough. God says that because of your sin you deserve to be separated from Him forever in a terrible place of punishment. But God made you and He loves you. He knew you could never be good enough to get yourself to Heaven, so He provided the only way. (Draw a cross touching the cloud.) God sent His own perfect Son, the Lord Jesus, to Earth to die for your sin. Jesus took your punishment when He bled and died on the cross. Jesus was buried in a tomb, then three days later He came alive again! Today He is in Heaven. He wants you to believe in Him so you can be in Heaven too. The Bible says "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). When you believe, trusting completely in the Lord Jesus as the only One who can forgive your sin, you will be saved from sin's punishment. The Bible says, "If we confess



Week 2 - Dark Page

Weekly Memory Verse: Romans 3:23

Friday

Today's Concept: Where did sin come from?

Read in your Bible: Genesis 2:17

God loved Adam and placed him in a beautiful garden and gave him the job of taking care of it. It wasn't hard work. There weren't any weeds! God gave Adam one rule to obey. He said, "You may eat the fruit from every tree in the garden except one. The day you eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, you will surely die." There were so many wonderful foods Adam could enjoy in the garden. Not eating the fruit from only one tree shouldn't have been a problem. When Adam woke up, God gave him this woman to be his wife. Adam called her Eve. Now there were two happy people on earth, living in the perfect garden God had made.

Satan had once been a shining angel in Heaven, but he turned against God, so God threw Satan out of Heaven. Satan hated God and wanted everyone else to hate Him. Satan doesn't want anyone to live in Heaven. Satan tells lies about God to trick people so they don't obey God. Do you remember what God's special rule was about the garden? Satan told Eve that God didn't want them to eat of the special tree because they would become like God, knowing good and evil. Eve listened to the serpent rather than obeying God and reached up, picked the fruit, and ate it! Then she gave some to Adam. How sad that Adam and Eve did what they wanted to do instead of obeying God. This is how sin entered the world.

Share a time that you listened to someone else instead of obeying God's Word? _____



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Week 2 - Dark Page

Weekly Memory Verse: Romans 3:23

Saturday/Sunday

Today's Concept: Everyone has sinned (Rom. 3:23) - you were born with a "want to" to do things your own way.

Read in your Bible: Genesis 3:16-17

"For all have sinned"—everyone who has ever lived on Earth has done things that God says are wrong. Sin is doing what you want to do instead of what God wants you to do. Sin could be thinking mean thoughts, saying bad words, or doing things to hurt others.

"And come short of the glory of God"—God is absolutely perfect and holy. But you are not perfect like God. Nothing you can do will make you good enough to be with God in Heaven someday. Only calling on the Lord Jesus to save you can do that.

When Eve and Adam ate the apple, everything changed. God's creation was no longer perfect. Adam and Eve were sinners and they were very sad.

God punished Adam and Eve for their sin and sent them out of the garden. Adam and Eve were being punished for their disobedience. But in spite of their sin, God still loved them.

What does Romans 3:23 say about sin? _____

How did sin enter the world? _____

What is the punishment for sin? _____

What was Adam and Eve's punishment? _____



Wednesday

Would you like to receive the gift of eternal life and be certain of going to heaven? In God's Word it says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved." (Acts 16:31) So I would like to lead you in a short prayer where you admit you're a sinner and ask Jesus to be your Savior. If you say this prayer and really mean the prayer and really do trust in Jesus to be your Savior, then you can be certain of going to heaven someday. It's not the prayer that saves you; it's trusting in Jesus that saves you. Prayer is simply how you tell God what you are doing. You must depend on Jesus alone to forgive you and give you eternal life. Go ahead and bow your head and close your eyes, and I would like you to repeat this really short prayer after me. Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I'm a sinner. By dying on the cross, You took the full punishment for all of my sins and on the third day You rose again from the dead. I accept You as my Savior, and I am now trusting in You alone to forgive me and give me the gift of everlasting life. Amen. Now where is your home going to be someday? Up in heaven with Jesus that's right, if you really meant that prayer and have really trusted in Jesus, to be your Savior. (After they say the prayer, then ask them this question: Now what are you depending on for your salvation?) If they don't know, say: Who are you depending on? (Hopefully they will answer that they are depending on Jesus as their Savior.)

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Week 2 - Dark Page

Weekly Memory Verse: Romans 3:23

Monday

Today's Concept: Sin separates you from God and keeps you from going to Heaven—God's perfect place for you.

Read in your Bible: Genesis 3:7-10

Quickly they made coverings for themselves out of fig leaves. Although their bodies did not die that day, they died in another way. They were separated from God. They were no longer happy and enjoying fellowship with Him. It was a terrible thing to be separated from the God they loved.

Remember there is one thing that can never be in Heaven because it would spoil that perfect place where God lives—sin. Our sin keeps us from being with God in Heaven. God had created Adam in His image and Adam was able to be friends with God and Adam had a soul that would live forever. When Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God and eating from the tree of knowledge, they were no longer able to be with God in Heaven.

God promised to send someone into the world who would destroy Satan's power and save people from their sin.

What happened when Adam and Eve ate from the tree of knowledge? _____

What promise did God make after Adam and Eve sinned? _____

What is the punishment God gives for sin? _____



Week 2 - Dark Page

Weekly Memory Verse: Romans 3:23

Tuesday

Today's Concept: "But God has a wonderful plan so that you can have your sins forgiven and go to Heaven some day."

Read in your Bible: Rev. 1:5

The one that God promised to send is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Thousands of years later, the Lord Jesus came from His bright home in Heaven to die on the cross for the sin of the whole world. He died for your sin. He didn't have to do that. He was perfect—He had no sin of His own. He was willing to die because He loved you and this was God's plan for you to be saved from your sin. The Bible says Jesus "washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5). As He bled and died on the cross, God was punishing the Lord Jesus in your place so you wouldn't have to be punished for your own sin. After the Lord Jesus died, some friends took His body down from the cross. He was buried, but three days later He came alive again. Now He is back in Heaven. Because He willingly died on the cross for you and rose again, you don't have to be in the darkness of sin anymore. You can call on the Lord Jesus to save you from sin. The Lord Jesus, the Son of God, is the one God promised to send long ago.

Why don't you have to stay in darkness? _____

God speaks to you through His Word, the Bible. Write a prayer thanking God that you are no longer separated from Him in darkness. _____



Week 4 - Clean Page

Weekly Memory Verse: John 3:16

Wednesday

Complete Presentation of the Clean Page

Below is the complete presentation of the Clean page. This whole week you have been studying verses and breaking apart the meaning of this page. When you are ready you will be able to present this page to your Discipleship Leader. When they feel that you have a good understanding of the Clean page and can present it clearly, they will sign the bottom of this page and you will be ready to begin the Green Page. Spend today reading again and working on knowing how to present the Clean page.

So Jesus conquered death and the grave and came back to life. After 40 days, Jesus was taken up into the clouds and He ascended up into heaven. That is where Jesus is right now; He's up in heaven sitting at the right hand of God the Father. Jesus knows everything we've done and all of your thoughts right now because He's our Creator. Jesus did not die for anything that He Himself did, because Jesus is the only One who ever lived that never sinned, because He's God. But Jesus took all of that punishment by dying on the cross to pay the price for all of my sins and your sins and everyone's sins. So the Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16). So if you believe that Jesus is God's perfect Son, that He died on the cross to pay for all of your sins, that He rose again from the dead on the third day, and if you trust in Jesus to be your Savior, He will forgive you and take away all of your dark sins (turn to dark page now) and wash them away (turn to clean page now) so that you can have everlasting life and be sure of going to heaven where the streets are made of gold (turn to gold page now). Does that make sense? Now we can do a review. Do you remember what the Gold page represented? What is the one thing that can't be in heaven? How many people have sinned? Why did Jesus die on the cross? Can we get to heaven just by being good? Now I'll show you this verse again. (Let them read this verse from your Bible, say the verse as they read it.) John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."



Week 4 - Clean Page

Weekly Memory Verse: John 3:16

Tuesday

Today's Concept: But have everlasting life (God by His Holy Spirit will come to live in the real you. He will help you to live a life that pleases Him and someday you will be able to live with Him in His home in Heaven).

Read in your Bible: John 3:16

Do you have faith to believe without seeing? You have read the truth from God's Word the last few days. The Bible says that you are a sinner, but that the Lord Jesus, God the Son, bled and died to take your punishment. He was buried, then three days later He came alive again. Believing the truth from God's Word and receiving the Lord Jesus as your Savior is the only way you can be made clean from your sin. The Bible says, "But all who did receive Him (the Lord Jesus), He gave them power (the right authority) to become the sons (children) of God, to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12). When you turn from your sin, putting your trust completely in the Lord Jesus, who alone can forgive you, He gives you the right to become God's child forever. God no longer sees sin in you; He sees you as clean and forgiven. He will change you on the inside and you can live with Him in Heaven someday. Will you believe in the Lord Jesus and receive Him today, if you have not already done so? If you have never done this before and would like to receive the Lord Jesus as your Savior and be clean inside, please talk to your parent or discipleship leader. They will be very excited to share with you.

How can you become a child of God? _____
The Bible tells us that Jesus never broke any rule. He never sinned. If that is the case, why did He have to take such a huge punishment? Why did Jesus have to die? _____



Week 2 - Dark Page

Weekly Memory Verse: Romans 3:23

Wednesday

Complete Presentation of Dark Page

Below is the complete presentation of the Dark page. This whole week you have been studying verses and breaking apart the meaning of this page. When you are ready you will be able to present this page to your Discipleship Leader. When they feel that you have a good understanding of the Dark page and can present it clearly, they will sign the bottom of this page and you will be ready to begin the Red Page. Spend today reading Romans 3:23 again and working on knowing how to present the Dark page.

(Turn to dark page) The dark page is for the darkness of sin. Sin is anything we say, think, or do that displeases God. Some examples are: if we've told a lie, disobeyed our parents, been mean or unkind, or stolen something. We have all done some of these things, right? The Bible says, "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). None of us can get to heaven on our own by doing good deeds or by trying to make ourselves behave. The Bible says, "all our righteous acts are as filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6), which means that all of the good deeds that we might do to try to get to heaven are worthless in God's sight. And there is a punishment for sin. The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23a), which is to be separated from God forever and ever in a terrible place of punishment. But God came up with a wonderful plan so our sins can be forgiven and so that we can go to heaven.

Discipleship Leader Signature



Week 3 - Red Page

Weekly Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Thursday

Today's Concept: Jesus is God, the Son (Acts 9:20). He lived a perfect life.

Read in your Bible: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Have you ever had to wait a long time for something you really wanted, like a special gift for your birthday? Sometimes waiting for something that you're eager to get can seem like forever. But how exciting when you finally get what was promised! Ever since Adam and Eve sinned against God, there had been people waiting for God's promise to be kept. We learned about God and His beautiful home when we looked at the gold page of our Wordless Book. Then we looked at the dark page. Do you remember how sin entered the world?

The whole world was in darkness because of sin. But God, who was free of sin, loved the world and made a wonderful promise.

On the lines below write what God's promise was: _____

In your words, what does 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 say? _____



Week 4 - Clean Page

Weekly Memory Verse: John 3:16

Monday

Today's Concept: Should not perish (Will not be separated from God forever)

Read in your Bible: Isaiah 53:6

Two people walked along their seven-mile walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Just then a stranger approached. He asked what they were talking about. One of them, named Cleopas, said to the stranger, "You must be the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what happened." Then they told the stranger all about the Lord Jesus—how He had taught the people and how He had died on the cross. They said they were disappointed because they thought that when God's promised Savior came He would defeat Israel's enemy Rome and bring God's kingdom on Earth. "And now," they said, "some of Jesus' followers have reported that He is alive!" But it was clear that these two did not believe the reports. The stranger looked at them and said, "Oh foolish ones! Why is it so hard for you to believe? Don't you remember that the prophets said the Promised One would suffer all these things and then return to Heaven?" God had said in His Word that the Savior would come and die for their sin, but these two did not believe it. Not believing God's Word is sin. Every person is born into the world with a sinful heart. God's Word says, "We have turned every one to his own way" (Isa 53:6). That's what sin is—breaking God's law by wanting your own way instead of God's way. For example, when you cheat on a test at school or try to sneak into a movie or sports event without paying, you are going your own way, not God's way; you are sinning. God is holy and separate from every sinful thing, so you can't go to Heaven with your sin. You deserve to be forever separated from God in a place of punishment. When Jesus died on the cross, however, He made it possible for your sins to be forgiven. He made it possible for you to join Him someday and have everlasting life. Below write in your words what you think it means to not be separated from God.



Week 4 - Clean Page

Weekly Memory Verse: John 3:16

Saturday/Sunday

Today's Concept: That whosoever (if you) Believeth in Him (trust completely that Jesus was the only one who could die for your sins, taking punishment you deserve)

Read in your Bible: Romans 5:9

A week went by, and once again the disciples, including Thomas, were gathered in their meeting room with the door shut. Just as before, Jesus suddenly appeared in the room with them. Thomas' heart must have pounded as Jesus looked at him and said, "Look at Me. Touch My hands and My side. Stop doubting and believe!" All doubts left Thomas' mind. He looked with wonder in His face of the risen Lord Jesus. "My Lord and my God!" he exclaimed. Thomas finally believed that Jesus is God the Son—the promised Savior who died and rose again for his sin. Do you believe that Jesus is the Savior, who died and rose again for you? It's true! Jesus is the perfect, holy Son of God. He lived a pure life, then gave up His life on the cross for your sin. God punished His Son for all the times you have wanted your own way instead of God's way. Your stubborn unbelief that keeps you separated from God was paid for by Jesus' own blood on the cross. The Bible says, "Being now justified (made right before God) by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath (punishment) through Him" (Rom. 5:9). Because Jesus bled and died on the cross, you can be made right, clean from your sin in God's sight, and saved from the punishment of your sin. When Jesus came alive from the dead, He proved it was true! There is nothing left for you to do but to believe it and receive the Lord Jesus as your Savior, who died and rose again for your sin.

What did Jesus do for your sin? _____

What made you clean from your sins? _____



Week 3 - Red Page

Weekly Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Friday

Today's Concept: He willingly took the punishment you deserved.

Read in your Bible: Hebrews 9:22

Think of a time when you did something wrong at home and got in trouble. What would you think if your bother or sister were willing to take the punishment instead of you? You would probably be shocked! But that's exactly what the Lord Jesus did for you.

Roman soldiers beat Jesus with whips, spat on Him, and crowned Him with a ring of sharp thorns. He then had to carry His heavy cross through the city to a hill outside Jerusalem as crowds laughed and made fun of Him. The soldiers pounded nails into Jesus' hands and feet, nailing Him to a rough, wooden cross. The cross was then lifted and dropped into place between two criminals who were also sentenced to death.

God was punishing the Lord Jesus for your sin. He paid the price for every sinful thing that you have ever done. Jesus was free of sin. Jesus died on the cross for you. The Bible says, "Without shedding (giving) of blood is no remission (forgiveness)" (Heb. 9:22).

How was Jesus different from all other people in the world? _____

What does 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 tell us about what Christ did?

What was God punishing the Lord Jesus Christ for? _____



Week 3 - Red Page

Weekly Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Saturday/Sunday

Today's Concept: He is the only One who could take your place on the cross.

Read in your Bible: Romans 3:10

You need a Savior to forgive your sin. God knew that you could never get rid of your sin by yourself. You were born wanting your own way. The Bible says, "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Rom. 3:10). There is no one who is perfect like God. The sinful desires in your heart that you were born with show in your actions. When you selfishly refuse to share, take what doesn't belong to you, or say mean things to someone else, you are showing your sinful heart. All sin is against God because it breaks God's laws. Your sin separates you from God, and the Bible says you deserve to be separated from Him forever in a place of suffering and punishment. There is nothing you can do to get rid of your sin by yourself. Only God's promised Savior could come and take away your sin.

If you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you can thank God for keeping His promise to send a Savior to die for you. You can thank Him and one day will live in Heaven with Him. God has given you a wonderful gift by sending His Son to die for you. The Bible says, "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15).

Below write a prayer to God thanking Him for the gift of His Son.



Week 4 - Clean Page

Weekly Memory Verse: John 3:16

Friday

Today's Concept: That He gave His only begotten Son (only Son He had, Jesus)

Read in your Bible: 1 Peter 2:21-25

God sent His own perfect Son, the Lord Jesus, to Earth to die for your sin. Have you ever had to endure unfair treatment? _____

How did you respond? _____

Jesus did whatever God His Father told Him to do. He didn't question; he just obeyed. Jesus even went so far as to die on the cross. What can we learn from the way Jesus always responded to God? _____

Just because Jesus always obeyed God, does His example apply to you when your parents are doing something that seems unfair? Based on the verses you read today, how do you think God wants you to respond to your parents when they're unfair? _____

What is one way you can show respect to your parents this week? _____

Under what circumstances do you find it hardest to show respect? _____

Why do you think it's important to show respect to your parents even when you think they're being unfair? _____

Remember God loves you so much that He sent His only Son to die for your sin. Your parents love you and want what's best for you. Come up with a symbol or saying as a reminder to yourself to show respect. Draw or write it in the space below.



Week 4 - Clean Page

Weekly Memory Verse: John 3:16

Thursday

Today's Concept: For God so loved the world (The one true God loves you).

Read in your Bible: 1 John 4:8

Suddenly Jesus stood in the room and greeted His startled followers. They recognized Him immediately, but they were terrified, thinking it was His ghost. "Don't be afraid," Jesus said. "Why don't you believe it's really Me? Look at My hands and feet. Touch Me and see that I'm real. A ghost doesn't have flesh and bone." Jesus, God the Son, loved them and wanted them to have faith to believe the truth. Jesus, God the Son, loved His followers and wanted them to have faith to believe the truth. He encouraged them to touch Him and see that He was real. To further help their faith, Jesus ate some food, showing them that His risen body was real. Then Jesus reminded them about the words of Scripture describing the coming Savior who would die for the sins of the world. He showed them how, through His death and resurrection, He had done all that the prophets said the Savior would do.

God loves you too, and He wants you to have faith. He wants you to believe the truth. He is your Creator, who not only made all that is in the world—the animals, flowers, and trees—He also made you. He created you to be special, with a mind to think and understand, a heart to love, and a need to believe Him. God wanted you to believe Him. God wants you to believe the truth that He is holy—pure from all sin. He loves you more than anyone ever could. His Word says, "God is love" (1 John 4:8). God is the source of all love, and His love for you is unending. These are the truths about God that He wants you to believe—have faith in—because He loves you.

What are some things God wants you to believe about Him? _____

What did Jesus do to help the disciples know He was real? _____



Week 3 - Red Page

Weekly Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Monday

Today's Concept: He gave His blood so your sins could be forgiven (Hebrews 9:22b).

Read in your Bible: Luke 23:34

From the time that Adam and Eve sinned, God had said that sin could only be paid for through death and the giving of blood. This is why the red page of our Wordless Book reminds us of the promised Savior. It reminds us of the precious blood that flowed from Jesus' body on the cross. Jesus knew that the only way you could be forgiven was for Him to die in your place, and He willingly did that, even though He had no sin of His own. Jesus was willing to take the punishment for all your sin so that you wouldn't have to be separated from God. God proved His love for you when Jesus took the punishment for your sin.

For six long hours Jesus hung on the cross in great pain. The two criminals hanging on either side of Jesus were in pain too. They were thieves and deserved their punishment, but Jesus had done nothing wrong. As He looked at the mocking crowd and the gambling soldiers who had nailed Him there, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Then Jesus cried out, "It is finished!" and He bowed His head and died. God's plan was now complete! As the promised Savior, Jesus had taken the punishment for the sin of the world.

Why was Jesus willing to die on the cross? _____

How did Jesus feel about the people and the soldiers? _____

Why did Jesus have to die on the cross? _____



Week 3 - Red Page

Weekly Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Tuesday

Today's Concept: He died and came back to life again (1 Cor. 15:3-4). He is now in Heaven with His Father. Now because of what the Lord Jesus did, you can have your sins forgiven and be ready for Heaven.

Read in your Bible: Matthew 28:5

A friend of Jesus got permission to remove His body from the cross. He lovingly wrapped Jesus' body in a cloth, then took it to a new tomb and placed it inside. A huge stone was rolled into place to seal the opening of the tomb. The followers of Jesus were deeply saddened, confused, and afraid. They didn't understand why these things had happened and were worried they, too, might die because they were Jesus' friends. Three days later after Jesus' death, some women who were His friends came to the tomb. They wanted to put spices into the folds of His burial cloth as was their custom. Arriving at the garden tomb, they were surprised to see that the huge stone was rolled aside. Thinking Jesus' body had been stolen, one of the women rushed off to tell Jesus' other followers. But as the other woman stood by, a bright, shining angel suddenly appeared. The angel said, "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead!" (Mat. 28:5) That's exciting news for you too! Jesus's death, burial, and resurrection were all part of God's plan. Because Jesus is alive, you can know that God accepted Jesus' punishment in your place. Because Jesus is alive, He can change you on the inside so that you can live to please Him. Because Jesus is alive, you can live forever with Him someday in Heaven. That's exciting news!

What did the angel tell the women who came to Jesus' tomb three days after He died? _____

What happened to Jesus' body after He died? _____



Week 3 - Red Page

Weekly Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Wednesday

Complete Presentation of the Red Page

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God sent His only Son Jesus, who came down from Heaven and was born as a baby boy in Bethlehem. When Jesus grew up He did many miracles. He walked on the water and gave sight to the blind and raised dead people from the grave and brought them back to life. Jesus could do all of that because Jesus is God. He's our creator, so He has the power to do anything. But one day Jesus allowed some wicked men to take Him. And Jesus could have gotten away, He could have sent a whole legion of angels at His side to protect Him, but Jesus willingly let these men take Him. They whipped Him, and put a crown of thorns on His head, and then they spat on Him and called Him names. They made Him carry a cross up a hill, and when He got to the top of the hill they nailed Him to the cross. They took a hammer and pounded nails into His hands and feet. So Jesus had to shed His blood, and that's what the red page represents (turn to red page now). Then they hung him on the cross for 3 hours until He died. To make sure He was dead one of the guards threw a spear into His side. but He was already dead,. "Christ died for our sins..." (1 Cor. 15:3b)—He was willing to die to take your punishment. Then they put His body in a tomb and they sealed it shut with a huge rolling stone so no one could go in or out. Jesus was dead for 3 days, but on the third day Jesus rose from the dead "He rose again the third day..." (1 Cor. 15:4). He appeared to the disciples and He showed them the nail prints in His hands and feet, so they knew that Jesus was back from the dead.