

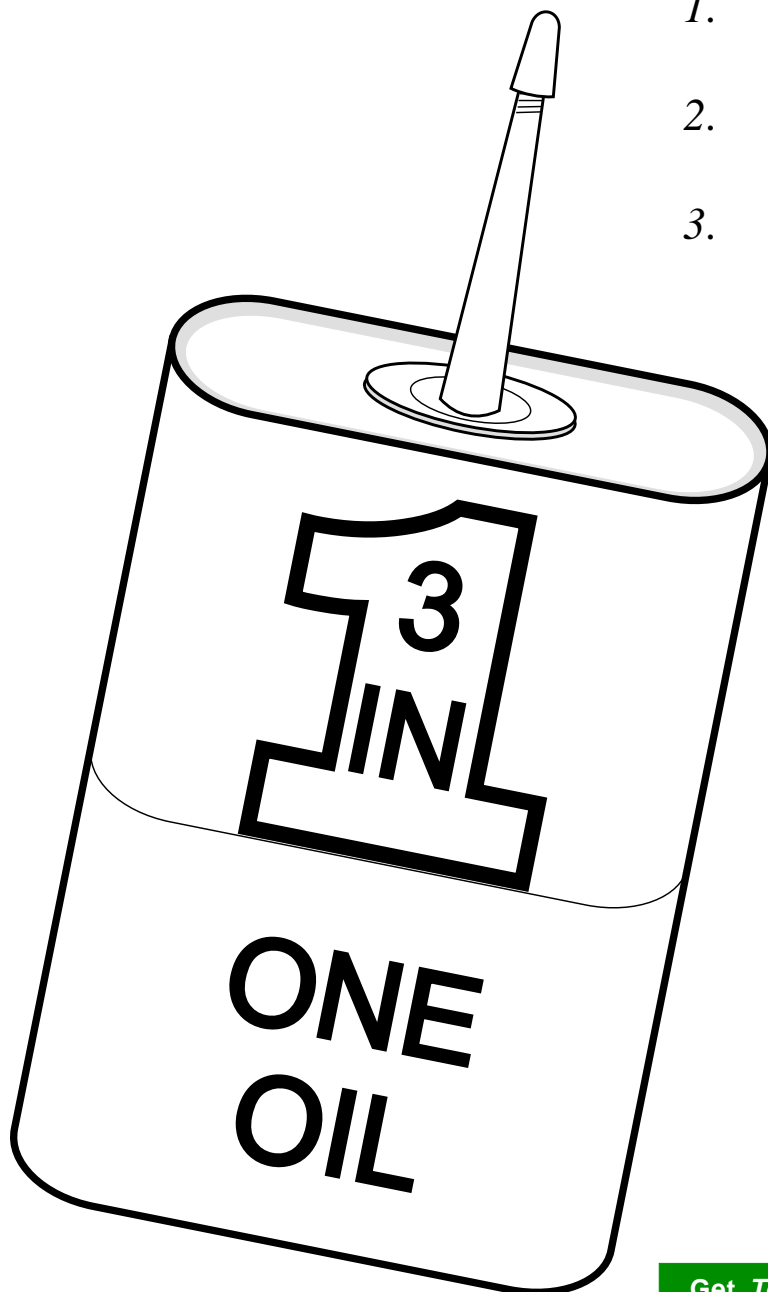
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"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children ..." - Deuteronomy 6:7

Reduce the friction of life.

1. *Be ye KIND one to another,*
2. *TENDERHEARTED,*
3. *FORGIVING one another,*
even as God for Christ's sake
hath forgiven you.



Bulletin Board Idea
by Juanita Howe

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Face Your Giants

Tune: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

1

There was a mighty giant -
Goliath was his name.
There was a lad named David
Who had his shepherd's sling

The giant wore a breast plate
Of brass and iron made.
But David wore no armor
Except the shield of God.

2

They met upon a mountain.
It was a fearful morn.
The giant laughed at David,
But David stood his ground.

The giant came at David
With shield and heavy spear.
God gave to David courage
So in him was no fear.

3

Then David ran to meet him
And in his trusty sling
He knew one stone would do it
For God gave strength within.

The giant felt the impact
And fell upon his face.
So David ran up quickly -
He had no time to waste.

4

He stood upon the giant
And drew the giant's sword.
He cut his head asunder.
The giant was no more.

And so when you face giants
While living for the Lord
Take courage to attack them
God's Word will be your sword.



adapted from an idea
by Freida S. Pierce

THE FAMILY FROM MOAB

Tune: "Farmer in the Dell"

With lawlessness around
And famine in the land
God sent the judges there
To show His guiding hand.

Naomi's husband gone,
And two sons gone as well
Three widows all alone
With little they could sell.

Naomi made a plan -
Move closer to her clan
Back home to Judah with
The widows of her sons.

But as they started out
Naomi made her plea
"Go back to Moab where
You both have family."

Then Orpah said, "I'll stay."
But Ruth said, "Lead the way!
I'll follow where you lead
And stay where you will stay."

"Your kin will be my kin,
Your God will be my God.
I'll trust in Him to give
Us both our daily food."

God did provide for them
With food to meet their need
God even gave to Ruth
A future guaranteed.

And so God does for you
And so God does for me
Trust Him to cleanse your heart
From sin to be set free.

adapted from an idea
by Karen Drake

Shine For Thee

Tune: "Into My Heart" chorus

Lord, help me shine
All of the time,
Reflecting thy love for others.
Help me to share
The good news here
For vict'ry now and forever.

adapted from an idea
by Mrs. Betty Jean Wheeler



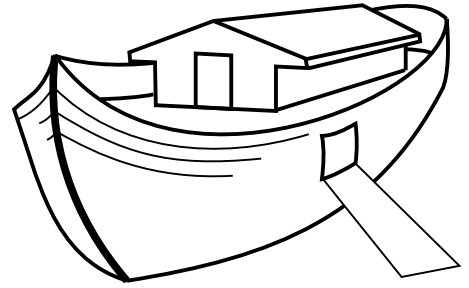
**Samson could break
the cords**

**but not
his habits**

*Be strong **IN THE LORD**,
and in the power of **HIS MIGHT**.
Put on the whole armour **OF GOD**,
that ye may be able to stand
against the wiles of the devil.*

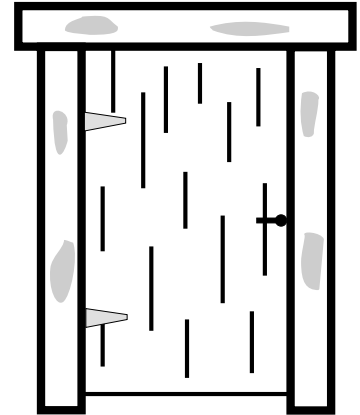
*Ephesians
6:10,11*

Bible Doors QUIZ

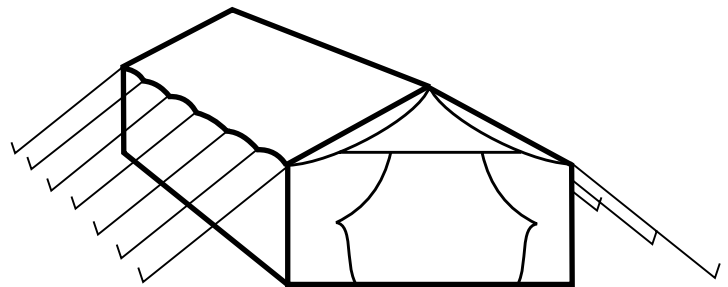


1. Noah's ark had only one door. After Noah, his family, and all the animals were inside the ark, who shut the door? (Genesis 7:16)

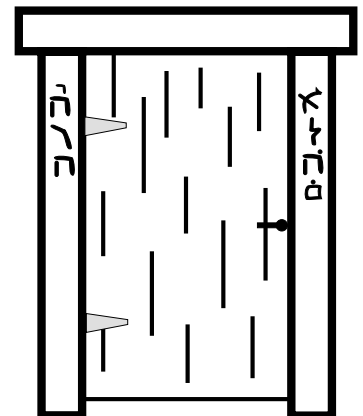
2. Before the Hebrews left Egypt, what were they to put on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the house? (Exodus 12:7)



3. Like Noah's ark, the tabernacle had only one door. What was supposed to happen to Aaron and his sons at the door? (Exodus 29:4)

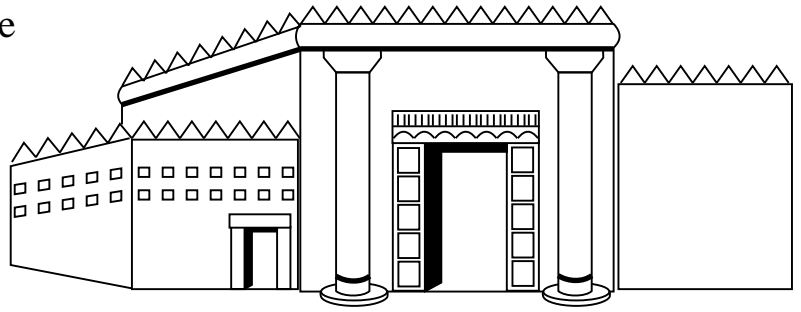


4. Whose words were to be written upon the door posts of Hebrew houses and upon their gates. (Deuteronomy 11:20)

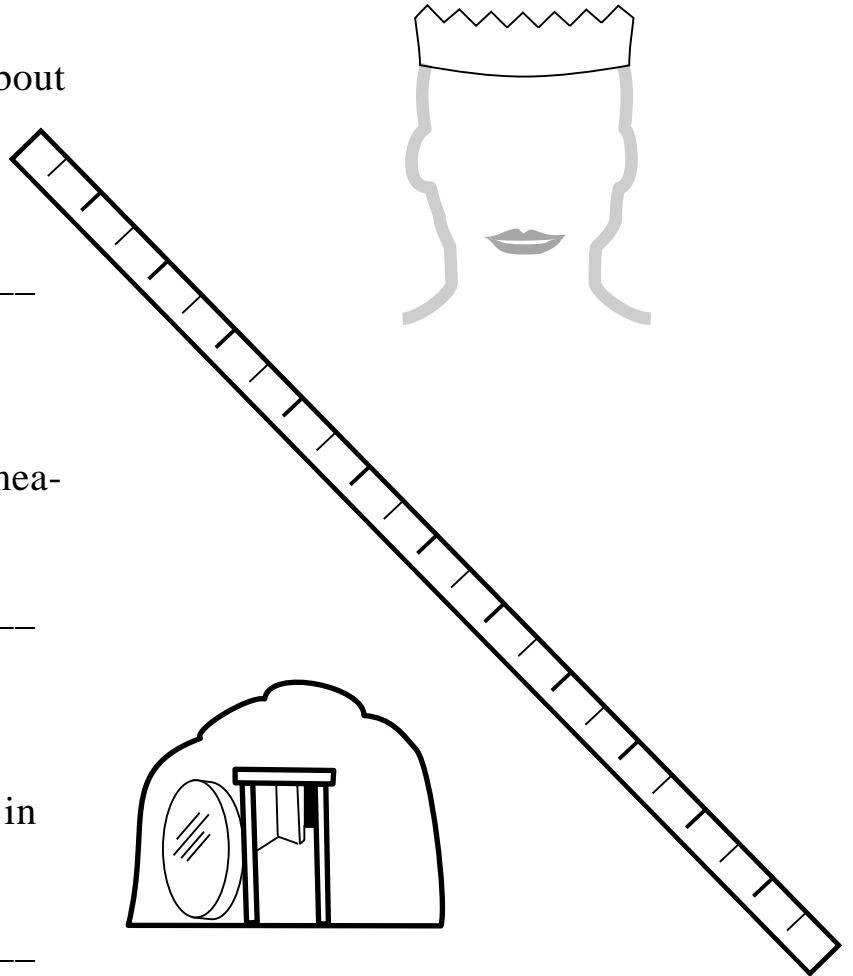


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5. What did Hezekiah have removed from the doors of the temple to give to the king of Assyria? (II Kings 18:16)



6. King David was concerned about a very dangerous door. What was it? (Psalm 141:3)

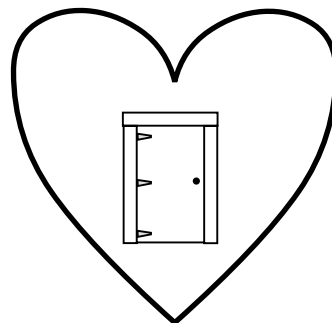


7. In a vision, Ezekiel saw the measuring of what? (Ezekiel 40:6)

8. What door did an angel open in Matthew 28:2-6, and why?



9. Have you ever opened the door described in Revelation 3:20?



“Oh, Be Careful” Visualized

Wee Bobbie

A church in Scotland went through a whole year with only one profession, a lad in Sunday School. At the annual meeting it was reported: “None except wee Bobbie, and he’s so sma’ he’s no worth the countin’.” But wee Bobbie became Robert Moffatt, the flaming torch that illuminated the night of Africa and blazed the trail for missions.

For making a visual of this well known song, the following two pages give patterns that may be copied and colored. As the song is sung, start with the upper body and add the parts as they are mentioned. Back the figures with flannel so they will adhere to the flannelboard.

Oh, be careful little eyes what you see. (Add eyes.)
Oh, be careful little eyes what you see.
For the Father up above is looking down in love.
Oh, be careful little eyes what you see.

Oh, be careful little ears what you hear. (Add ears.)
Oh, be careful little ears what you hear.
For the Father up above is looking down in love.
Oh, be careful little ears what you hear.

Oh, be careful little lips what you say. (Add lips.)
Oh, be careful little lips what you say.
For the Father up above is looking down in love.
Oh, be careful little lips what you say.

Oh, be careful little hands what you do. (Add hands.)
Oh, be careful little hands what you do.
For the Father up above is looking down in love.
Oh, be careful little hands what you do.

Oh, be careful little feet where you go. (Add legs & feet)
Oh, be careful little feet where you go.
For the Father up above is looking down in love.
Oh, be careful little feet where you go.

“Suffer the children to come unto Me.”

Dear Saviour, can there be

A greater service, a sweeter task

Than to bring a child to Thee?

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"Oh, Be Careful" - figures



Max Jukes lived in the state of New York. He did not believe in Christian training. He married a girl of like character. From this union, a study was done of his 1,026 descendants. Three hundred of them died prematurely. One hundred were sent to the penitentiary for an average of 13 years each. One hundred and ninety were public prostitutes. There were 100 drunkards, and the family cost the state \$1.2 million dollars. They made no contribution to society.

Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state. He believed in Christian training. He married a girl of like character. From this union came 729 descendants. Out of this family have come 300 preachers, 65 college professors, 13 university presidents, 60 authors of good books, three United States congressmen and one vice-president of the United States; and outside of Aaron Burr, a grandson of Edwards, who married a questionable character, the family has not cost the state a single dollar.

The difference in the two families: Christian training in youth leading to heart conversions. Children's ministries are a part of this training for the youth of our nation.

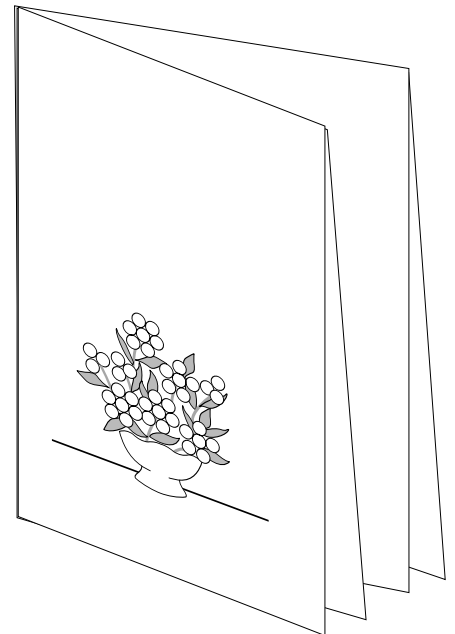
Invitation To Read God's Word

Sad to say, giving the gospel in America is increasingly difficult because we fail to recognize that we have a populous that is unfamiliar with God through His Word. When we mention "God" or "Jesus," they do not know Who you are talking about. The mentioning of prominent Bible characters increasingly gets the same response. The statement, "God says in His Word that ..." is likely to fall on deaf ears. It will seem like a different language to them.

Our approach has been similar to the one Paul used with the Jews - those with a long history of knowing much of the written Word of God. That's still a good way to present the gospel to those kinds of people. However, because our neighbors increasingly have little or no knowledge of scripture, we must also be ready to approach them with a similar method to what the apostle Paul took with the Greeks. (Examine Acts 17:23-.)

The simple invitation card on the next page invites a person to find answers to questions they already have. It encourages them to read the Bible for themselves, and to start at the beginning, where the foundations are set for the rest of the message of God's Word.

Make copies of page 11. The entire back side of the unfolded copy could have a flyer about special meetings at your church, or simple information about your weekly service schedule. Fold each sheet as shown in the diagram at right. Hand it out like a gospel tract.



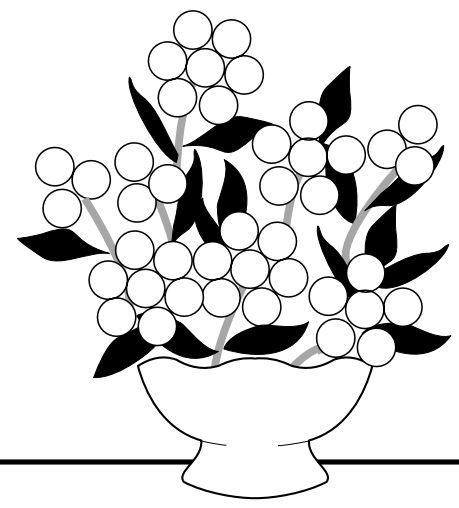
Another book in the Bible is called “The Gospel of John.” Gospel means “good news.” This book also starts with the beginning of the world. Chapter three of John, and verses sixteen and seventeen describe that Special Person you will want to meet, and why He is important to you and me. Another book is called “The Epistle (or letter) of Paul the Apostle to the Romans” or just “Romans.” In chapter three and verse twenty-three is the answer to why we have so much trouble in this world. It’s a big problem too, because it affects everyone. It’s the same problem that led to the destruction of the world back in Genesis. Later, in chapter six and verse twenty-three of Romans we find that there is hope for us, just as there was hope in Genesis for the animals and the family which were saved from destruction. The most important message of the Bible is the hope given by the Special Person.

So, you are invited to meet the most Special Person of all. You are invited to get and read a Bible. Start with Genesis, then skip to the Gospel of John and then to Romans. You will be amazed how many answers you get to the biggest questions you have.

The answers to your questions are in a book which is a collection of smaller books. The book has been around for thousands of years. Maybe you’ve heard about it, but didn’t know much about what’s in it. That book is the Bible. In the Bible are smaller books, each with its own name. Each book has chapters and there are smaller parts in each chapter which are numbered to make them easy to find later. These smaller parts are called verses.

The first book in the Bible is called “Genesis.” Genesis means beginning. It is where you should start if you want to know the Special Person that the whole Bible is about. Genesis tells how the world began and how the first people came to live on this earth. Then Genesis tells of a worldwide problem that caused the destruction of the whole world. The Bible tells how the animals and one family of people were saved from destruction. All around the world today there are versions of this story. The Bible is the oldest written record of it, so that a correct version of the story can be read, even today.

You're Invited



You are invited
To Meet Someone Special!
Who is He?
 Millions know Him
 and He already knows YOU!
 He knows what bothers you.
 He knows you wonder about
 what happens to you when you die.
 He has answers for you.
 Along with the answers you are looking for,
 He even has a gift for you.
 He cares about you.
 He actually loves you.

SPECIAL need:

Paper \$750.00

Prayer and Praise

Well, we're out of paper again and that's a good sign that *Teachers' Swap Shop* continues to meet a need. So, it is a prayer request and a praise all in one.

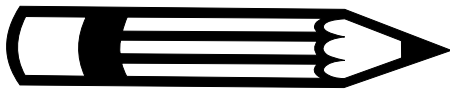
A large number on our mailing list were sent a renewal notice with the November/December 2009 issue. Please pray that we'll get a good response for renewal.

Another general request that is on the hearts of many is expressed in this note that we recently received.

Kathy F. writes:

"I am also grateful for your mailings though I cannot contribute. My husband was laid off from his job 1 ½ years ago and our funds stretch very thin every month. We recently lost all refrigerator and freezer foods due to hurricane winds in our area. The Lord has blessed us and kept us going. Thanks again for Teachers' Swap Shop."

Many of God's precious saints are being tried right now through lost employment. Remember to uphold them in prayer, and look for opportunities to be a help to those nearest to you. One of the greatest ways to win the hearts of children is to involve them in your efforts to share God's love and provision with those in need.



Pauline M. Wilson writes:



If it is possible, could you repeat about the "Gospel Hand" and the "Wordless Book"? I need to refresh my memory of it. Thank you.

Perhaps many more readers could use a refresher on these ideas. The following pages are given for that purpose.

Gospel Hand Game

Teach the children the five finger points of the gospel, including the scripture references. By all means, read the verses for the children, but for the purpose of this game just have them memorize the references. This will make sure they know where to find the truths of the five points. You can have them memorize each verse later, as time permits. Hold up another finger as you give each point.



1. God loves me (John 3:16), but



2. I have sinned (Romans 3:23), so



3. Christ died for me (I Corinthians 15:3).



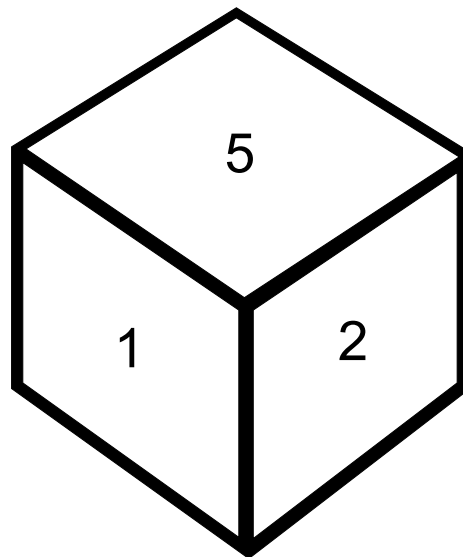
4. If I receive Him, (John 1:12) then

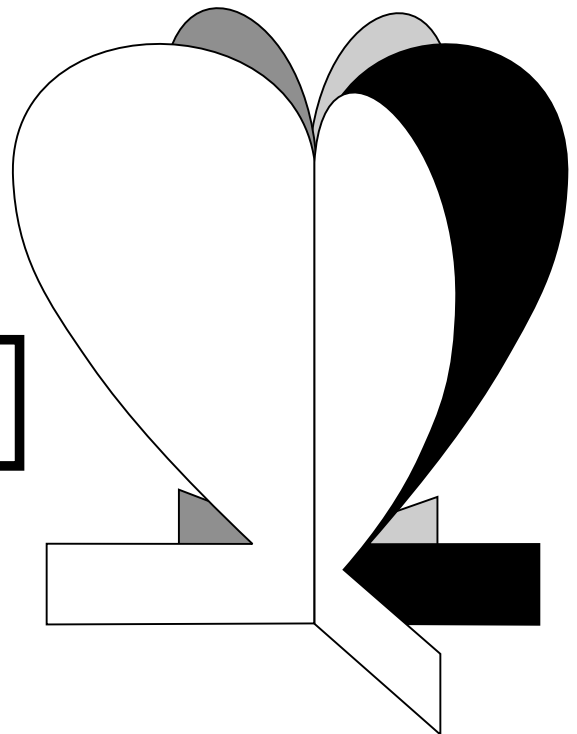
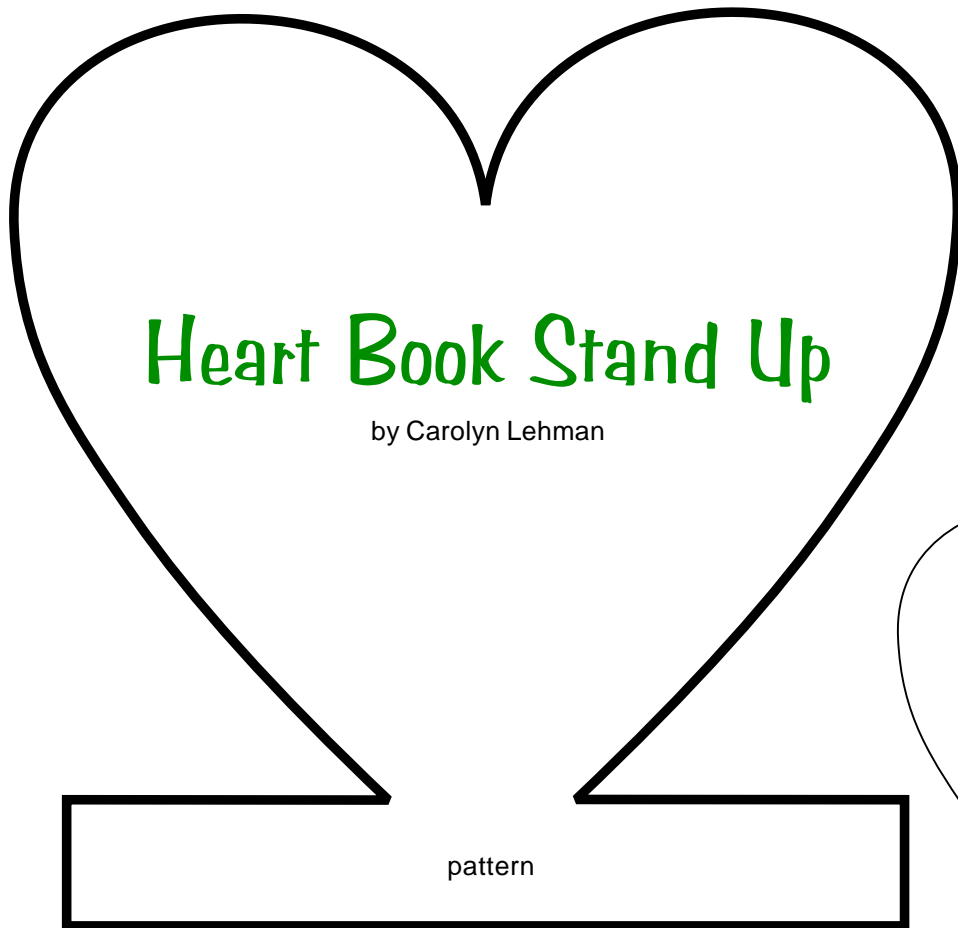


5. I am saved. (Romans 10:13)

For review, obtain a square box and number the sides from 1 to 6. To play the game, toss the numbered box to one of the children. The child must repeat whatever number is upward when he catches the box. If number 6 is up, he must recite all six gospel hand points.

by Mrs. David Baltensperger





From black, red, white, yellow and green construction paper, cut five hearts with standards, like the pattern. Fold each heart in half. Glue them together (in the order given below) as shown in the diagram to make a heart-shaped “wordless book” that can also stand on its own. When the heart-shaped booklet is closed, the green heart serves at the outside cover. It should open up to the yellow heart, then the black heart, then the red, then white, and closed again with the green cover.

This can be used as a craft project, or made in advance for a “take home” item, or as an award.

Wordless Book references: Yellow - John 14:2-3; Black - John 3:19 & Romans 3:23; Red - I Peter 1:18-19; White - Isaiah 1:18 & Revelation 3:20; Green - II Peter 3:18.

The Wordless Book

The original “wordless book” is a simple booklet with a green cover. It has no words inside, just colored pages in yellow or gold, black, red, and white. The cover and colored pages represent the truths of the gospel message as given to us in the Bible.

The yellow or gold page represents heaven - a place which the Bible says has a street like pure gold. It is a place where no evil can dwell - a place of perfect peace. (Revelation 21:21)

The black page represents the spiritual blindness of sin which separates the sinner from God and heaven. God says, “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23) and “the wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23) John 3:19 also says, “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

But there is hope for the sinner. The red page represents the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. God must punish sin because He is perfect, but because He loves the whole world, He sent His perfect Son to take our punishment. God said in Hebrews 9:22, “Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission” of sins. But remember, all have sinned. When Jesus Christ gave His life to take our punishment for sin, His perfect blood was shed on the cruel cross of Calvary. The sacrifice He made paid the penalty of sin for us. Jesus rose from the dead as proof that His sacrifice was acceptable - that our sins are covered. When we believe and accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour from sin, our sins are covered; we are justified before God. (Romans 4:25)

The white page represents the cleansed heart, which has been made clean by the blood of Christ. Psalm 51:7 says, “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” Christ offers His righteousness to cover our sin so we can dwell in heaven some day with Him. Some people will not accept what Jesus offers. Others do. “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.” (John 1:12)

The green cover represents growth - spiritual growth “in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” (II Peter 3:18) Our bodies grow as we eat, but “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4) “Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee.” (Psalm 119:11) So the green page stands for growing in our knowledge of God’s Word.

And there we have it - five colors which remind us of God’s good news. Let these five colors be a help in presenting God’s plan of salvation to others.

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Blessings from this simple little magazine. Praise the Lord!

Thank you for sending the Swap Shop booklet. I will enclose an offering for the new year. We are missionaries to St. Lucia and in November we took gifts to the children in the mountains. I told them the story of the red flyer [The Red Glider, June 1969] from your magazine. I made, while home, copies of a paper airplane with "Jesus Saves" on it and gave each one an airplane after the service. They were thrilled.

- Anna S.

To all who put this literature together: amazing, so helpful, so inspiring, (even though I don't use all the ideas I gain from reading the messages). I do three bulletin boards at our church... so I use lots of ideas from you. Also, this is my 30th year in AWAANA Bible Clubs. Sparks have used many of the object lessons combined with the Bible lesson of the night. Thank you for your blessed ministry!

- Phyllis S.

Thank you for all the stories, poems, songs, devotions & ideas. The children are always attentive to hear the stories and see the visuals. I especially love your mission stories. Your ministry is a blessing to the teachers in our church. Thank you for all the great ways you present the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

- Jennifer M.