

How to Use the Wordless Book: Sample Dialogue

(This dialog is best suited for age seven and above. The younger the age, more detailed explanation is required)

Introduction

Teacher: Hello. How are you?

John: Fine, thank you.

Teacher: What is your name?

John: John Smith.

Teacher: I'm glad to meet you, John. My name is (). I have a book I'd like to show you. This book doesn't have any words. It just has colors, but the colors tell the most marvelous true story you have ever heard. This story comes from the Bible, God's book. He gave it to us so we could learn more about Him. Would you like to hear it?

John: Sure! Sounds interesting.

Teacher: I will start with the Gold page. That's my favorite page of all!

Gold Page

Teacher: The gold page reminds me of a special place called heaven. Heaven is where God lives. The Bible tells us that in heaven, the street is made of gold! God tells us many other things about His home. No one is ever sick there. No one ever dies. There is no night there. Every person in heaven will be perfectly happy always. And God wants you to be there with him some day because he created you. Did you know that God made you?

John: He made me?

Teacher: That's right. God made everything, the heaven, stars, the flowers, and the ocean – everything including you! Because God made you, He loves you very much (show child John 3:16a if time permits). The Bible says, "*For God so loved the world...*" This means God loves every person - including you and me! Because God made you and loves you, He wants you to be a part of His family and be with Him in heaven. It is a very special place! However, God is also perfect and holy. He has never done anything wrong. That is why His home, heaven is perfect, too.

Link: **Because God is holy, there is one thing that can never be in heaven. It would ruin it. The dark page tells about it.**

Dark Page

Teacher: The dark page tells about sin. Do you know what sin is?

John: The bad things we do?

Teacher: Yes, sin is anything we do, say, or continue to think about that disobeys the Bible, God's Word (or his leading in our lives). That's why we use a dark page to remind us of sin. Sin is like being in darkness, when we do wrong we are ashamed and we want to hide our sin from others and God. Can you think of some things that boys and girls your age might do that the Bible calls sin?

John: Stealing, lying, saying bad or mean words, disobeying our parents.

Teacher: Yes, and have you ever disobeyed your parents? [Yes] That's the reason the Bible says, "*For all have sinned...*" (show him Romans 3:23 if time permits). **All** means every one of us. It means me, and it also means you. We sin because we were born with a "want to" to do wrong things. When you disobeyed your parents, did you ever get punished? [Yes] God has said that we deserve a worse punishment for disobeying our parents. (Romans 6:23) "*The (punishment) for sin is death*" (with a very young child, I might not say death) - to be separated from God forever. God knew there was nothing you could do to get rid of the punishment for your sin. He knew you could not be good enough to please Him.

Link: **But God loved you so much that He has provided a way for your sins to be forgiven. The Red Page tells us how.**

Red Page

Teacher: The red page is to remind us of Jesus. God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to this world. Jesus was born as a baby. He grew up and became a man. He never did anything wrong because he was God's perfect son. But one day, because he never sinned, he let some wicked men put a crown of thorns on His head and nailed him to a cross. When they nailed Him to the cross, what came from His hands and feet? [Blood] The Bible says that *without giving of blood there is no forgiveness* (Hebrews 9:22b). Jesus took the punishment you and I deserved for our sins. The Bible says that while Jesus hung on the cross, God laid on him the sin of all of us. All our lies, our meanness, our bad temper, all our sins were put on him. He suffered so much. Then Jesus died and was buried (show him 1Corinthians 15:3,4 as time permits). The Bible says "*that Christ died for our sins ... and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.*" This was the work that Jesus had come to do to be able to save us from the punishment of our sin. What did I say the punishment of sin was? [Death] What did Jesus do for you? [He died] On the third day after Jesus was buried, do you know what happened? (Jesus came back alive). Yes, that's right! He walked on the earth and many people saw Him. Many even talked with Him. Then the Lord Jesus went back to heaven and there he is waiting for those who choose to believe in Him.

Link: **And now because of what the Lord Jesus did for you, you can have your sins forgiven or cleansed. That is what the clean page tells about.**

Clean Page

Teacher: He wants to forgive you from the punishment of your sins. Let me show you a verse in the Bible that explains this. (Open Bible to John 1:12). Would you like to read what God says to you?

John: (Reads John 1:12.)

Teacher: When this verse says, "*received Him ... to those who believe in His name,*" it means that when you believe in your heart that when Jesus died on the cross, He took the punishment for your sins and He rose again on the third day. You need to be sorry for your sin and believe that only God can forgive your punishment because of what Jesus did. He'll come and live in you and make you His own child - God's child. That's what the rest of the verse means when it says, "*to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.*" You can tell God right now you have sinned (disobeyed the Bible) and you believe that Jesus took your punishment when he died on the cross for you {Think ABC's). Would you like to ask God right now?

John: Yes!

Teacher: Why do you need to believe in Jesus?

John: Because I have sinned and done wrong things. They separate me from God.

Teacher: What did Jesus do for your sins?

John: He died on the cross and took the punishment for my sins. He rose again.

Teacher: You can believe in Jesus by praying and telling God that you are sorry for your sins. Thank him for sending Jesus to die for the punishment of your sins. Tell him you want to trust in Jesus as your Savior from your punishment and become his child. Let's bow our heads and you can tell God that in your own words.

John: Dear God, I am sorry that I have sinned and done wrong things. Thank you for sending Jesus to died on the cross and take the punishment for my sins. I trust in Jesus to be my Savior and ask you to make me your child. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Salvation

Teacher: What did you just ask the Lord Jesus to do for you?

John: Forgave me of my sins and made me His child.

Teacher: How do you know God did that for you?

John: Because this verse in the Bible says so.

Teacher: That's right! This verse also says that if you believe in Jesus you have the right to become God's child. Let's look at the verse again and this time when we read it we are going to put your name in the verse because it is God's promise to you. *But to (John), who received Him, to (John) He gave the right to become a child of God, to (John) who believed in his name.* When you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and receive Him, you become a child of God. He forgives the punishment of all your sins and takes them and "*casts them in the deepest sea*" and "*remembers them no more*". Is this a promise from God? [Yes] Can God break a promise? [No] Isn't that wonderful, John?

John: Yes, it is!

Teacher: Let's read another promise. (Read Hebrews 13:5b with the child.) The Lord Jesus Christ will never leave you, John. You can talk to Him anytime and anyplace. He is there to give you power to do what is right. John, will the Lord Jesus Christ ever leave you?

John: No, the Bible says He will never leave me.

Teacher: You can put that promise on your fingers and always carry it with you. Jesus said "*I - will - never (ever, ever, ever) - leave - (John)*". The Lord Jesus Christ is always there to help you and give you strength to do what is right (Read Hebrews 13:6).

Link: **When you become God's child, there are some things you can do to help you grow. That is what the green page is to remind us about.**

Green Page

Teacher: The color green reminds me of things which are growing, like leaves, grass, flowers, and trees. This page reminds me of the new life, the everlasting life, you have received from God. When you receive the Lord Jesus as your Savior from sin, you are like a newborn baby in God's family. God wants you to grow by learning more about Him. Let's think about five things that you can do as God's child so you can learn more about the Lord Jesus.

1. **Go to church and Sunday School.** You can learn more about God by attending church and/or Sunday school each week.
2. **Read your Bible.** This is the way you can get to know Him and to find out what is and is not sin. You can begin reading your Bible in the book of Mark and read about five verses or more each day. (The teacher locates Book of Mark or gives him a Gospel of Mark.)
3. **Obey God's Word.** As you read your Bible and go to church you will learn a lot about God's Word. Remember to obey the things you learn from God's Word.
4. **Witness.** Tell others about what the Lord Jesus has done for you. They need to have their sins forgiven, too. (Encourage the child to share his testimony first with a person who would be sympathetic to his decision, for example, with another teacher or with a saved child.)
5. **Pray.** It is just talking to God. There are three reasons why we pray. First, to *thank* God for the things He has given or done for us or someone else, then to ask God for *help* for us or someone else, and the last one is for when we have done something wrong. When you do something that is sin, what can you do? Let's read here in 1 John 1:9.

Confession of Sin

John: (Reads the verse.)

Teacher: God knows when you sin, but He wants you to confess your sin. *Confess* means to tell on yourself to God or to admit the wrong you have done. As soon as you realize you have done wrong, tell the Lord right away. When you do something bad, do you feel bad inside? [Yes] I do too. It is called guilt. It is what hinders our fellowship with God. Even though Jesus took the punishment for all your sins (past, present, and future), when you disobey the Bible after you become God's child, you still have the guilt and consequences from that sin. To get rid of the guilt and renew your fellowship with God, just tell on yourself. He will forgive you from that sin, because that is what He promised to do. Ask Him to help you not to do it again. You will still have the consequences of your sin. If you lie to someone they not trust you. If you disobey your parents, they will discipline you. But God promises to help you get through them when you ask. Remember that when you become God's child, you can ask Him to give you the ability and strength to obey Him and do what is right. Isn't He a wonderful Savior and friend?

NOTE: **If you have time, perform the following for added assurance. Else go to the Conclusion.**

Teacher: Now that God has forgiven the punishment of all your sins, what happens if you disobey your parents tonight and you ask God and your parents to forgive you?

John: God forgives my sin, casts it in the deepest sea and remembers it no more.

Teacher: Yes that's right. But what if you do the same thing again the next day, to God is it the first time you have done it or the second?

John: First time!

Teacher: That's right! You get a clean slate every time you ask God to forgive you of your sins. It is like you have never done it before. That is a promise from God. So how do you know God will do it?

John: Because it says so in the Bible!

Teacher: Yes that's right.

Conclusion

Before the child leaves:

- Give him a tract or correspondence course.
Examples: *Heaven . . . How to Get There, First Steps, Mailbox Club*
- Get the child's name, address and birth date.
- Have the child say a "Thank You" prayer for what the Lord Jesus has done for him.
- You say a "Thank You" prayer out loud for him before you leave.