

This is the **Wordless Book Story** that parents can read to their young children of any age. However, remember that the younger the children are your purpose is more to teach vocabulary and concepts. Read much slower and use good voice inflexion and proper diction. For children under the age of seven, DO NOT ask or lead them to make a decision for salvation. It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict them of sin and call them to repentance. They will come to you when the Spirit leads, then as you sense the Spirit leading the child you can carefully guide the child in the prayer to God and give assurance. You can use the Clean and Green pages to do this.

James Dobson claims salvation at age three as have many others, but every child is different. Do not doubt what the Spirit can do. You are laying the proper foundation on which the Spirit will work. Additionally, as you read this to your children, you are learning to share the good news with others. And as you continue to read to your child after salvation, your child will be able to share with more capability.

The use of biblically correct artwork as you read will increase a child's understanding substantially. Check this website 'weecanknow.com' in the future for any visual helps.

## The Gold Page

The story begins on the gold page. It reminds me of the **street of gold in Heaven** talked about in the Bible. God lives in heaven and He wants you to be with Him in Heaven some day.

Do you know why?

**Because He loves you very much!** In the Bible, God's Word, He says, "*I have loved you with an everlasting love.*" (Jeremiah 31:3)

Do you know why He loves you so much?

**Because He created you.** He made you very special just the way you are - with the way you look and the way you think. So God wants you to be in Heaven someday with Him. God is also **Holy**. That means He is perfect and has not done anything bad. So there is one thing that God can not allow into Heaven or it will ruin it.

Do you know what that is?

**It is sin.**

# The Dark Page

This dark page reminds me of the darkness of sin.

**Sin is anything that you do, say, or continue to think about that disobeys God's Word, the Bible** (or His leading in your life). When we read in the Bible that it says not to lie, steal, or disobey our parents and we do those things, the Bible calls those things sin.

## **Have you ever disobeyed yours parents?**

I have too! That is the reason why the Bible says that everyone has sinned; it says "*for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*" (Romans 3:23) That means *everyone* including both you and me, doesn't it? **Yes!** The Bible says you and I were born with a kind of "want to" to do wrong. Your mother didn't have to teach you how to disobey, did she? Neither did mine. We do it because we want our own way.

You probably get punished for doing wrong things at home, don't you? I did when I was little. The Bible, God's Word, says we deserve a worse punishment for sin. It says "*the [punishment] of sin is death*" (Romans 6:23). It also means to be separated from God forever in a place of punishment. But God doesn't want that.

Remember, He loves you and wants you to be in Heaven with Him someday. In fact, He wants to be your Heavenly Father right now.

If I were to end this story right now, it would seem like no one is going to Heaven because God will not allow sin in Heaven and everyone has sinned!

**But God has a marvelous plan so you and I do not have to take the punishment for our sins and be separated from Him: The **red page** tells about that plan.**

# The Red Page

God sent Jesus to be born as a baby. We celebrate this at Christmas time every year. Jesus grew up and became a man and never did anything wrong because he was God's perfect Son. The Lord Jesus is the only person in all of history to ever live His entire life without sinning.

Because Jesus never sinned is the reason why, one day, He let some wicked men take and beat Him and nail Him to a wooden cross to die. We remember this on Good Friday each year. This red page reminds me of the **blood** that he shed (gave away) when He died on the cross to take the punishment for your sins and mine.

Can you remember what I said is the punishment for sin? **Death!**

What did Jesus do for you? **He died on the cross.**

The Bible says that "*without the shedding of blood there is no [forgiveness]*". (Hebrews 9:22b)

When you disobeyed your parent and were about to get punished by your parents, did one of your brothers or sisters ever come to you and say, "**Here, let me take your punishment for you.**"? NO! Well neither did mine, but Jesus did. Jesus said, "Father they can not take the punishment for their sins, so I will take it for them."

So when Jesus died, He was taking the punishment for something He didn't even do. He was willingly taking the punishment for every sin that you and I and everyone in the world has ever done and ever will do.

As Jesus died, He said, "*It is finished.*" Everything that needed to be done to take away the punishment of all your sins had been finished by Jesus on the cross. They buried His body in a tomb, but on the third day He came back alive from the dead. We celebrate that day every Easter.

By coming back to life Jesus proved that it is true that He could take away the punishment of your sins and give you everlasting life! And without dying again, forty days later Jesus returned to Heaven, where He waits for those who want to believe in Him and God's promise.

**And now, because of what Christ Jesus did for you, you can have the punishment of all of your sins forgiven.**

The clean page tells you how this can happen.

## The Clean Page

You remember that God loves you so much that He wants to be your Heavenly Father and have you live with Him in Heaven someday? But your sin separates you from Him. That's why He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to take the punishment for all your sins.

The Bible says, "***But as many as received Him [believe in what Jesus did], to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to them who believe on His name.***" (John 1:12) That means that if you believe, with all your heart, that when Jesus died on the cross that He took the punishment for all your sins so you would not have to, God promises to make you His child - He will become your Heavenly Father and someday you will go home to be with God in Heaven.

To become one of God's children is as easy as A, B, C!

**C** - Confess to God that you have done wrong things; that you have sinned against what the Bible teaches.

**B** - Believe that when Jesus died on the cross that He took the punishment for all your sins so you would not have to be separated from God.

**A** - Accept God's plan to save you and guide you; Ask God to make you His child and to help you do what He wants you to do.

### Have you ever done this before?

I'm not talking about whether you attend church or have been baptized or if your parents are Christians or even if you pray to God every day to thank Him or ask for help. Those things are very good to do but they can not take away even one sin. God says you must believe in what Jesus did for you and His promise to receive His free gift of having the punishment of all of your sins forgiven forever.

If you can remember the one time you have done this before, you can skip over the prayer. If you can't or haven't done this, please continue reading.

When you are ready to do this for the very first time, you can pray something like this to God:

*Dear God,*

*I know that I have sinned and have done things that disobeys your Bible. I believe that when Jesus died on the cross, that He took the punishment for all my sins. I trust in what Jesus did as my Savior for that punishment. God, I want what You want me to do to have first place in my life. Thank You for making me your child.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen.*

When you really pray words like these to God and mean it, God promises to make you a part of His family and give you a second birthday! How do you know this? **The Bible says so!** The moment God makes you His child, He will take the punishment of your sins and "*will [throw] [them] into the depths of the sea*" and "*will remember [them] no more.*" (Micah 7:19, Jeremiah 31:34) He promises to wash them **CLEAN** away and God can **NEVER** break His promises.

The day that you first earnestly say a prayer like that is the day you are born into God's family and it is your second birthday. Your first birthday is when you were born to your mom and dad. Your second birthday is when you are born into God's family. When you become God's child, you never have to pray a prayer like this ever again. Can you stop being your mom and dad's child? **NO!** So you can't stop being God's child either when He makes you His child. Do you know why?

Let me show you another great promise for you in God's Word. Hebrews 13:5 says, (God is speaking) "*I will never leave you, nor forsake you.*" And Hebrews 13:6 says, "*The Lord is my helper ...*" God promises

NEVER to leave you nor let anyone else take you away and He will always help you to do what is right. Can God break a promise? **NO!**

**When you become God's child, He wants you to grow and get to know Him better each day.**

The last page, the **green page**, tells you how you can grow.

# The Green Page

When you become God's child, He wants you to get to know Him better. And to grow as God's child you need to **GROW Ps.**

**G**o to a church and Sunday school that teach from the Bible.

**R**ead God's Word, the Bible. We read the Bible to find out what is sin and what is not sin. I hope you have a Bible at home that you can read.

**O**bey God's Word and His leading in your life. (e.g., Love God and others, baptism, etc.)

**W**itness. You can tell others about what Jesus did for you. So they can have the punishment of their sins taken away too!

**P**ray. Most importantly, to grow as God's child you need to talk to God as much as possible. Just like you would talk to your best friend. There are three reasons why we pray:

- 1 - To thank Him for the things He does for us.
- 2 - To ask for help, because He promised to help didn't He?
- 3 - To ask for forgiveness.

When you do something bad, do you feel bad inside? I do. It is called guilt. There are three parts to your sin: The **punishment** (which separates you from God), the **guilt** (which hinders your relationship with God) and the **consequences** (the effects of the sin in your life and on others). Remember when you trust in Jesus [God's promise], God took the punishment of all your sins and threw them in the deepest sea and remembers them no more. So, if you sin after you become God's child, what must you do to get rid of the guilt and take care of the consequences?

**Tell on yourself to God.** He promises in 1 John 1:9, "*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*" If you are God's child, He has already taken away the punishment of all your sins (past, present and future), but the guilt only goes away when you tell on yourself.

For the consequences (effects) of your sin, you pray to God and ask Him to help you (or the other persons affected by your sin) to properly deal with it.

Did God make these promises? **YES!**

Can God break a promise? **NO!**

If you have just become God's child for the very first time, would you let me know? I would like to thank God for what He has just done for you. It would be a good idea for you to thank Him right now as well.

If I am God's child and you are God's child, do you know what that would make us?

***We are part of the same family!***

**Welcome to God's family!**