

THE WORDLESS BOOK STORY

Have you ever seen a book without words or pictures? This book of colored pages tells a wonderful story from the Bible. The story is about the true and living God who made all of the world and everything in it. Each color reminds me of a part of that story. Sometimes I like to peek at the end of a book first to see if it has a sad or happy ending. Let's look at the last page first! The **gold** page tells us that in Heaven the streets are made of gold. God tells us that no one is ever sick there, and no one dies. Heaven is a real place. The most wonderful thing about Heaven is that God and Jesus are there. God loves us so much He wants us to be a part of His family and be with Him in Heaven someday!

What a special place Heaven is! It is perfect because God is perfect, but there is one thing that can never be in Heaven. That one thing is sin. The **black** page reminds us that anything that does not please God is sin. Sin is disobeying the rules God has given in the Bible. Sin causes sadness in the world. (*Give some examples of sin they can relate to.*)

The Bible says we have all sinned. (Romans 3:23) "All" means every one of us – you and me. Sin separates us from God. God cannot allow sin where He is. God said sin must be punished. God knew there was nothing we could do to get rid of our sins, but God loved us so much He made a way for us to be forgiven of ALL our sins.

The **red** color shows us the way to this forgiveness. God loved us so much He sent His own Son, Jesus, to earth from Heaven. He was born as a tiny baby and He grew up and became a man. Jesus was different from any other person who ever lived on earth. He was perfect. He never did even one thing wrong! But one day men put a crown of thorns on His head and nailed Him to a cross. Nailed to the cross by His hands and His feet, His red blood poured out as He took the punishment for our sins and died on that cross. He was put in a tomb but after 3 days a most wonderful thing happened – God gave Jesus life again! He raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus is our living Savior and He wants to save you from your sins.

The **white** color reminds me that I can be made clean from my sins. (John 3:16). Because of the sacrifice Jesus made – I don't have to be separated from God. And neither do you! If you believe in Jesus, He will give you everlasting life so you can live in Heaven. Jesus will forgive your sins and always be with you! Just tell Him you have sinned and that you trust Him to

forgive you. You will then have eternal life. God promises, "I will never leave you." God loves us and wants us to go to Heaven when we die.

The **green** color reminds me of growing. When we accept Jesus as our Savior, we need to grow as a Christian. 2nd Peter 3:18 says, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We grow by reading the Bible and praying. Then we need to love others and tell them about God's love.

What a great message in a book without words!!