

The Plan of Salvation

Lesson 18a — All Have Sinned

Lesson 18b — The Blood of Jesus

Lesson 18c — A Clean Heart

Lesson 18d — Telling Others About Jesus

Lesson 18e — Our Heavenly Home

OVERVIEW

This unit of material will again use the Wordless Book theme to help the primary students understand the plan of salvation. The knowledge that all of us have sinned and need to be forgiven before we are ready for Heaven is undoubtedly one of the most important things we can teach the children. They are just beginning to reach the age where they grasp this thought, so the explanation needs to be done very gently, but thoroughly. Sometimes understanding this brings a simple desire to have their heart made clean, and even these little ones can have a real experience of salvation.

Teachers will find it helpful to review the materials and patterns presented for Unit 1, which also used this theme.

The lessons have been rearranged, placing the lesson on Heaven at the end of the unit rather than at the beginning. However, the ideas presented for each lesson can still be utilized.

The “Wordless Book Visualized” is a good basic teaching tool for this unit. It is available from CEF outlets or your local Bible bookstore.

The memory verses for this unit sum up the theme for each Sunday. They should be reinforced in some manner — either through use of the Memory Verse Visualized, the hand motions, or the songs.

GAMES FOR REVIEW

Use a plastic photo cube in which you have inserted squares of construction paper in the five Wordless Book colors. Review the meaning of each color by having each student take a turn shutting his eyes, taking the cube from a container or sack, and placing it on the table. He must then open his eyes and tell what the color on the top of the cube represents. Points could be given for each correct answer.

Make a game board and five-color spinner wheel (see Patterns). Use a paper clip as a spinner. Color both the game board and the wheel with the colors of the Wordless Book. (Keep colors in correct order: black, red, white, green, gold, black, red, white, etc.) To play a review game called “From Earth to Heaven,” give each student a marker (buttons work well for these) and let them take turns spinning the spinner. If a student can tell what the color his spinner stops on represents, he may move ahead on the game board to the next square of that color. If he cannot tell, he must move backward to the closest square of that color. The first one to make it to “Heaven” wins.

Play the Plan of Salvation memory game with your students (see Patterns). Make two copies of each of the game cards, including two each of the five Wordless Book colors (a total of 30 cards). You may wish to mount the sets on lightweight cardboard in order to make them more durable. To play the game, turn the cards over so the students can't see what the pictures or colors are and pin them to a large bulletin board. The students are allowed to turn over two cards at a time at their turn, attempting to make matching pairs. If they do not succeed, both cards are again turned over in the same spot and the next person takes a turn. If a pair is made, the student keeps that set and also gets another chance. If a student makes a pair from a color card, he must tell what that color stands for in the Wordless Book before he can keep the cards. When all the cards have been claimed, the student holding the most cards wins. (You may wish to make more than one set of the cards to make the game more challenging, or if your class is large.)

Divide your group into five teams. Send them to different sections of the room. Put the Wordless Book color page on the back of one child from each team. That child must guess the team color. Clues are given by teammates, but

they cannot use the words sin, blood, clean, grow, or Heaven.

CONTEST IDEAS

Stand a bare tree branch in a bucket of sand or make one from paper and attach it to a bulletin board. Cut a quantity of red hearts from construction paper. Tie a loop of thread through a hole in each heart so they can be hung on the tree branch. For each Sunday he attends, the student is allowed to write his name on a heart and hang it on the branch. Hearts should also be awarded for other things: bringing a friend, bringing their Bible, etc. For variation, award bright pink or white hearts for these other things. Or you may wish to use a different color of heart for each Sunday of the unit.

Cover a bulletin board with butcher paper, drawing on it a simple lake scene with a shoreline in the foreground (see Patterns). Each student makes a simple boat with a mast from red or green construction paper and prints his or her name on the boat with a felt tip pen. Cut a white sail for each boat. Attach all the boats along the shoreline. Then each time a child brings a friend, write the friend's name on the sail and move the boat out to sea. If the child brings another friend, he may "launch" another boat, but the only ones tied along the shore should be boats with the names of children who have not brought a visitor.

Cut strips of paper about 6" long by 1" wide from the Wordless Book colors. Let each student start making a paper chain from these strips. They should get one strip of each color when they can tell what that color means. Then they can add a loop for attendance, bringing friends, answering questions in class, doing their take-home paper, etc. Drape the chains around your classroom, or tack them on a board aiming at a large drawing of a trophy or the words THE WINNER. The first ones to make a chain long enough to touch the goal wins a prize.

BULLETIN BOARDS

Title your board CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART (see Patterns). Cut two large hearts out of construction paper, one red and one white. Cut a door through the red heart and glue or staple it on top of the white. Put a large picture of Jesus inside the door. Place it in the center of your bulletin board. On one side of the heart put a picture of the Bible; on the other side, two children talking to each other; and above, a picture of Heaven. Use Wordless Book colors.

Title your board, JESUS IS THE ONE WHO CAN FREE US FROM SIN! (see Patterns). From construction paper in the Wordless Book colors, cut out a large key and also a large heart with a lock on it. On the key write the name JESUS. Mount them under the title on your board.

On your bulletin board, display five hearts cut from the Wordless Book colors. In the center of each heart put an appropriate symbol to illustrate the lesson for that color. Idea: Use the symbols from the Primary Pals handouts.

CHART IDEAS

Give each child a copy of the Wordless Book heart (see Patterns). Cut the hearts from yellow paper and cut four strips from red, white, green, and black paper. Cut the slits on the hearts so the children will be able to weave in the four colors of paper strips. The four colors of paper should be cut into 5 1/2" x 7/8" strips.

Have a block (wood, paper, or whatever) for each child. For each lesson cover one side of the block with the color pertaining to that lesson. Example: Lesson 18a, black felt or construction paper, to cover one side of the block. (Since a block has six sides, you could begin with the child's name on an additional white side or a color not in the Wordless Book.

Placemats are a fun and easy way to remind children of Jesus. Prior to class time, make a stencil of children kneeling before the Cross, cutting away the shaded areas (see Patterns). Have your students place the stencil on a piece of white paper. They may outline each area and then remove the stencil and color in the outlined spots. Mount the finished picture on a piece of construction paper which is slightly larger, to form a border. To make the placemat more durable, cover the entire project with clear adhesive paper. (This is generally available where adhesive shelf paper is sold, and is an excellent product for making your pictures and Sunday school projects long lasting.)

Help each of your students make a banner depicting the main points of the Wordless Book colors. Provide each child with a large pale blue or cream colored piece of paper cut in the shape of a banner (see Patterns). On the first Sunday, help them cut out and attach a black heart in the position suggested by the illustration, and write in the appropriate words. On each succeeding Sunday, they will attach the next symbol and write in the words. On the last Sunday punch holes as indicated (you may wish to strengthen the holes by applying gummed reinforcements) and thread through a length of yarn by which to hang the banner.

Cut out five hearts (see Patterns), one of each color: red, green, white, black, yellow. Fold each heart in half lengthwise. Glue half of white to half of red heart and the other half of white to half of green; the other half of red to half of black, etc. This will give it a 3-D wheel effect.

UNIT SUPPORT MATERIAL

The Wordless Book Visualized — Christian Evangelism Fellowship