

Coloring Book Teacher's Guide

Scripture reminds even adults that unless they have childlike faith they will not see the Kingdom of God. As you teach children the gospel, you may find that many of them do not have the background to the story of the cross. In order for the gospel to make sense to them, they must understand the greater context. To help with this, we have created a concise gospel presentation that starts with the creation story and concludes with the resurrection of Jesus.

This teacher's guide corresponds to eight full color pictures. The idea is that while the children are coloring, you can be sharing the story of the gospel. Since the pictures are in a PDF, you should be able to use them with your smartphone or tablet. You can even project them from your computer using a digital projector. Anywhere you can show pictures, you should be able to display these.

Along with the pictures, we have provided some talking points and Scriptures. Though it is important to share God's gospel story in your own words, don't forget to use the Scriptures. God's Word is powerful, and God has promised that it will bring about His intended effects.

We pray that this tool will not only equip you to better explain the gospel story but will also give you an opportunity to magnify God, who powerfully worked His plan of redemption from the beginning of time.

1. God Made Everything Good

- Verse: And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. (Gen. 1:31a)
- God made everything to show how great and good He is.
- Everything was perfect, and this is how God intended it to be.
- Ask: Is everything in our world perfect now?

2. Our Disobedience Messed Everything Up

- Verse: Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. (Rom. 5:12)
- God gave Adam and Eve one rule to obey.
- Satan tempted Adam & Eve to believe that God was not good.
- They disobeyed God and messed up what God had created to be perfect.
- Ask: Have you ever disobeyed one of God's commands?

3. Because We Sin, We Must Be Punished

- Verse: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 6:23)
- Because Adam and Eve disobeyed, God had to punish them.
- He kicked them out of the Garden and killed an animal to make clothes for them.
- Separation came because of sin.
- Death came because of sin.
- Ask: Would it be fair for God not to punish sin?

4. God Mercifully Makes an Escape

- Verse: But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God. (Heb. 10:12)
- God was merciful and gave hope by providing sacrifices that covered their sins.
- Animals had to die to temporarily pay the price for man's sin.
- Ask: Why do you think God provided a way to pay the price for sin?

5. God Sent Jesus to Be Our Sacrifice

- Verse: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. (John 3:17)
- Jesus was called the Lamb of God that would take away the sin of the world.
- Jesus' death was greater than the death of the animals.
- Ask: Could we have paid the price that God required by ourselves?

6. Jesus Showed the Love of the Father

- Verse: For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)
- Jesus pleased God through His obedience, love, and teaching.
- When we believe, we are not only forgiven of all our sins, but are given all of Jesus' loving obedience.
- Ask: Can we ever do enough to please God?

7. Jesus Died to Give Us Life

- Verse: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)
- Like the sacrifices before, Jesus died so that our sins could be forgiven.
- Unlike the sacrifices before, Jesus' death didn't just cover sin—it washed it all away.
- Jesus' death makes it possible for us to have life.
- His sacrifice pays the price for our sin.
- Ask: Why did we need someone to take our punishment?

8. Jesus Rose from the Dead to Defeat Sin

- Verse: Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom. 10:9)
- Even though Jesus died on the cross, He did not stay dead.
- Jesus defeated death by rising from the grave.
- God showed His power over His enemies by bringing Jesus back to life.
- Because Jesus lives, those who believe in Him will live too.
- Ask: Would this story be good news if Jesus was still dead?