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SHARING GOD'S LIGHT



A BUSY SUNDAY

The city bustled around Louie as he tried to follow the Cressmans through the crowds of people flocking for the bus.

Carter glanced back and noticed Louie lagging behind. "C'mon or we'll be late for church! Or worse, the bus!"

With one last monkey sprint, he dashed on board. "Whew! That was close." He breathed heavily, then settled in a seat.

After only a few minutes, Louie suddenly realized the Cressmans and Margot were walking off the bus without him! He was confused as he struggled to keep up.

He finally found himself out on the sidewalk with the rest of the family. "That's one of the quickest bus rides I've ever been on! Sorry for lagging behind." He hung his head.

"Don't worry." Mr. Cressman smiled. "When we were first learning how to 'hop on' and 'hop off' these buses, it wasn't easy. You'll learn. Now, on to church."

Louie and Margot found themselves in the children's Sunday school class, helping Mrs. Cressman, Ella, and Carter as they gave the lesson. Margot was impressed by how many songs they sang!

After the service they used the hop-on hop-off buses to get back to the apartment, and Louie made sure to keep up.

They sat down to a delicious meal and talked about the service.

"Who was that man you talked to after church?" Louie asked Mr. Cressman.

"That's one of the men I've been working with at the homeless shelter. I invited him to church, and he's been coming! In fact we had him over here for Sunday dinner last week."

"That's awesome. Is that all the mission work you do?" Louie was full of questions.

Leaning back in his chair, Mr. Cressman sighed. "I try to share the gospel everywhere and anywhere I can, Louie, even in the places that are overlooked or seem boring. For example I've connected with some men who run a barbershop on the bottom floor of this apartment and have met quite a few homeless men I've been able to share the gospel with. Spain may be very colorful and seem happy, but there are so many souls who've never heard the good news! Most of the time sharing the gospel isn't from the pulpit, but on the sidewalk, around the table, and even on the playground."

Margot looked at Mrs. Cressmen. "Like what you do with the kids, Mrs. Cressman?"

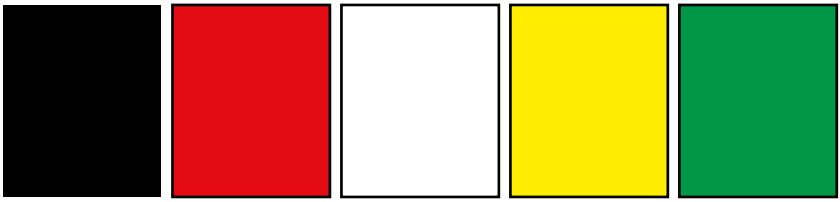
"Of course! Some kids won't sit in a church service, but they'll listen long enough in a park to get the candy afterward!"

They all laughed together, and Louie and Margot found themselves blessed to be in the company of such a wonderful missionary family.



Wordless Book

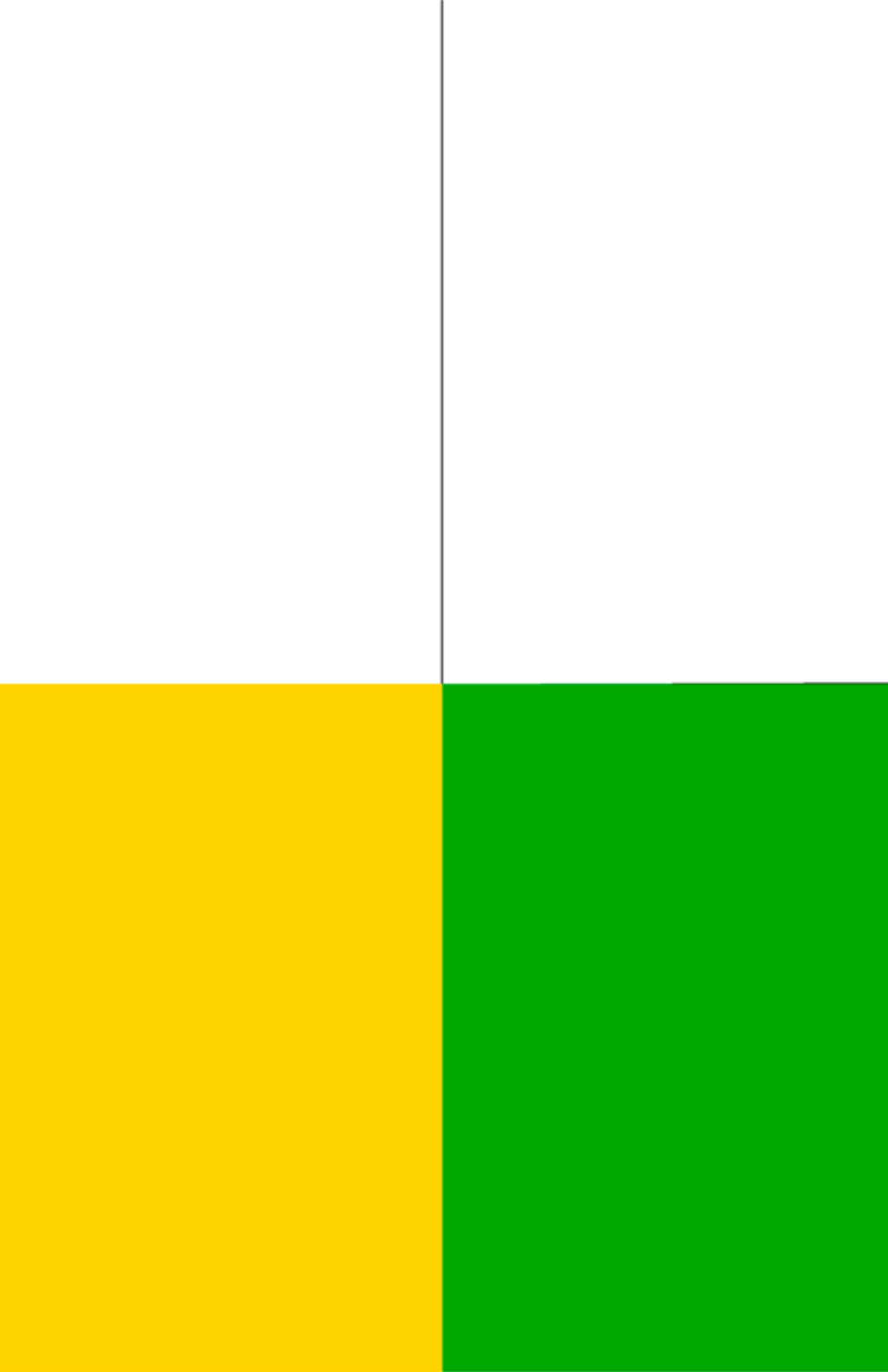
Colors and Meanings
Black: Represents sin, which separates people from a holy God
Red: Represents the blood of Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross
White: Represents spiritual cleansing and purity through forgiveness
Yellow: Represents heaven, a perfect home with God
Green: Represents spiritual growth and living a new life as a Christian



Wordless Book Step-by-Step Instructions

- Ask your parent to help assemble the book. Pull out the middle two pages of this magazine (equals one horizontal 8.5 x 11 page).
- Place the paper (colored side down) flat on the table with the long sides of the paper at the top and bottom (horizontal layout).
- Fold the paper in half from top to bottom, bringing the long edges together, then unfold it.
- Fold the paper in half from left to right, bringing the short edges together, then open it back up flat.
- Turn the paper 90 degrees (vertical). Fold the top edge down to the center crease, and fold the bottom edge up to the center crease.
- Open the paper back up so you can see all the crease lines. On the white side, cut only the marked line that goes across the two middle creases (This will be on the middle fold.). Do not cut all the way across the paper.
- Open the paper completely flat horizontally, print colored side down; you will see a split right in the middle of the sheet.
- Fold the paper in half again from top to bottom so the split is on the folded edge.
- Keeping the paper folded, push the top left and right corners toward each other to form a diamond-shaped opening in the middle.
- Keep pushing the ends together until the diamond turns into a small cross shape with four paper pages.
- Press all the edges flat and fold the pages together to form your mini-book. The cross should be on the front page, the colored pages in the middle, and the world on the last page.
- CONGRATULATIONS! You have just made a Wordless Book.

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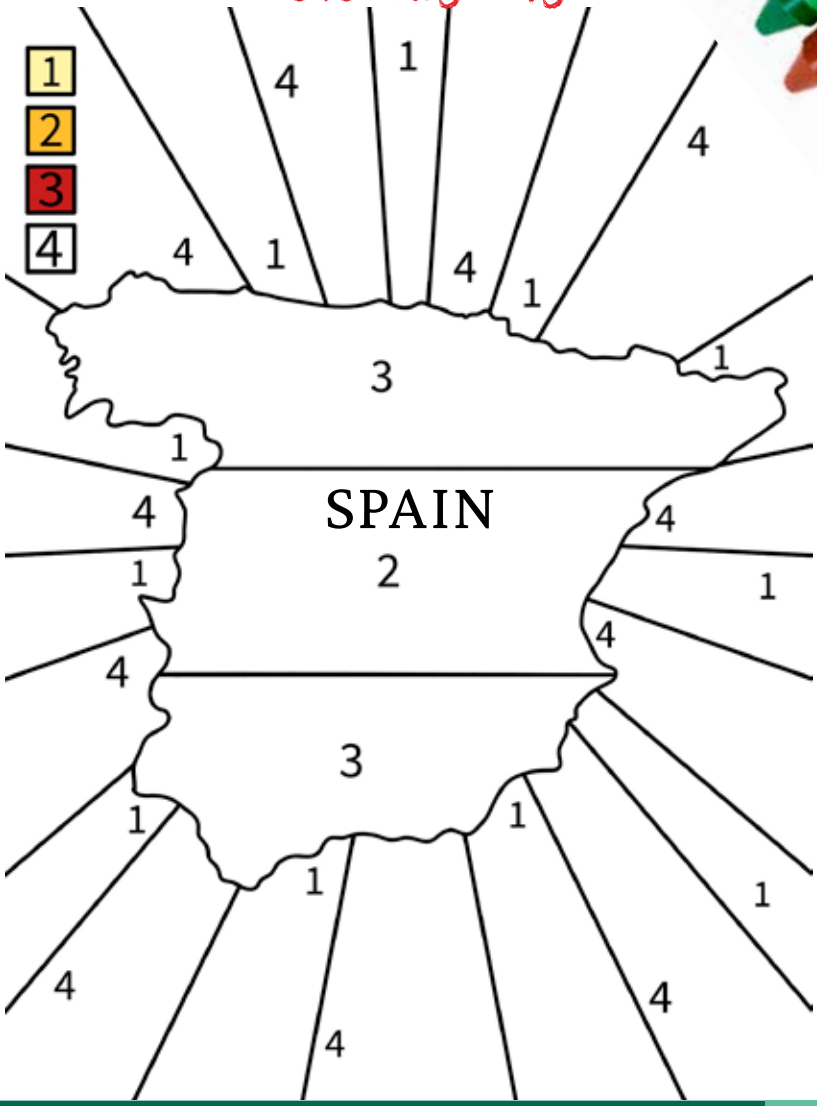






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Memory Verse

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

Ephesians 5:8 NKJV

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR JESUS

BY ELLA CRESSMAN

Hi, everyone! I'm Ella. My family and I have been missionaries for about twelve years, but we have lived in Spain for just over three. We love living in Barcelona for many reasons. But the most important is this: we want to be a light in the darkness. So many people are living in sin! In Spanish we would say, "Es muy trieste," which means "It's very sad," and it truly is.

One thing we are doing to counter this sin is working in an English club. In this group children can learn English, have fun, and most importantly learn about Jesus! We have a young Muslim boy in this group. I'm praying that as he begins to learn about Jesus, his family does, too. Please pray for this ministry so that, God willing, many children can come to God.

Recently we had a two-day VBS at a park. We have an intern here so we prepped the things we needed. On the first day we had twenty-one children! This was also the first time I translated a story from English to Spanish. As you can imagine, I was nervous but also eager to, hopefully, get it right.

The second day we had to be careful about what we said because we had a few Muslim children. We only had about six children that day. Since we didn't do exactly what we had planned, we played volleyball with the children. We are



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not afraid to talk about Jesus to Muslims, but we need to go slowly because we don't want to offend them and make them not want anything to do with Christianity.

In summary we want to live out Matthew 5:16, which says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (NIV).

It is our goal to show Christ to others through us.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN THE PARK

Louie's Treehouse Lair



THE WORDLESS BOOK

God's world is full of colors! The Wordless Book included in this issue is a Christian evangelistic tool that uses colored pages instead of words to explain the Christian message of salvation.

Parents: Help your child make copies and use them as converation starters with family and friends.

Interesting Facts About the Wordless Book

1. Invented in 1866 by London preacher Charles Spurgeon
2. Introduced to hundreds of orphans during a sermon on January 11, 1866, at the Metropolitan Tabernacle
3. Original design only featured three pages—black, red, and white
4. Later used by prominent figures like D. L. Moody and popularized for modern children's ministry by organizations like Child Evangelism Fellowship

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