

# Heartfelt Colors

## *Explanation and Summary*

The use of felt hearts in the colors of the Wordless Book is demonstrated in the following document labeled, "Heartfelt Colors pages 1 & 2," focusing on scripture passages from Genesis and Colossians with the addition of other New Testament references.

**A pattern** is provided for demonstrating the story progression before a class and also a smaller heart pattern so that a set can be made for each child. Students may also cut out their own wordless book colored hearts in cases where time allows.

**This is God's story.** Therefore, it begins with God. Genesis 1:1 is one of my favorite verses. "In the beginning, God..." This places us and all that happens in the right perspective. The bright gold color reminds us of light. Where there is light, darkness is dispelled.

Gold also reminds us of what reflects light, of what is valuable and precious. The character of God is all of light, life and love because He is holy. This is valuable and precious. His holiness is expressed in truth. It is preserved and defended by His judgment.

Every good story has main characters, a problem to be solved; a challenge to be overcome with a victorious completion.

**God's story** begins with God and is completed with God because He is eternal. He is the main character, one God in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. He defines the great problem to be solved and the enemy to be overcome. He demonstrates His power, purpose and plan in His story of redemption from Genesis to Revelation. He brings His story to a victorious completion.

The saving of mankind whom God created in His image is the passion of the Son whom the Father sent. As a champion eager to run His race, *Ps. 19:5*, the Son came "to seek and to save that which is lost." *Luke 19:10*

God's very breath, with which He created everything, is expressed in His Holy Spirit who births children of God through the Word of truth bringing the message of the Gospel to transform hearts.

Romans 10:17, John 1, John 3:5-8, James 1:18

Life is born in the hearts of those who place their trust in the Son of God alone by faith alone and are made new creatures. II Cor. 5:17

**God's story** continues in the daily victory of each life He saves for He makes them overcomers, more than conquerors. They have access to the throne of grace through the blood of the Lamb for forgiveness of sin and restoring of their relationship with the Father. Hebrews 4:16 Romans 8:37-39 says that nothing "can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**God's story** will continue throughout eternity as He carries out His eternal purpose, coming again for His own and reigning forever. We will be in His royal train among those who bring honor and glory to His name. Praising Him forever, His children will declare His mighty works and His wonderful deeds. Psalm 78:4, Revelation 5:9-14

**In summary, demonstrating God's story** with the 5 colored hearts begins with the gold or bright yellow heart. It begins with God. The progression follows His acts of creation, the green heart, the perfect world that He made.

Man (the clean heart) was very special and different from all of God's creation because humans were made in His image and designed to have a personal and close relationship with God. Man was made to communicate with God and tell God's story. (*Only humans can write their history.*)

But the first man and woman chose to go their own way rather than listen to and obey God. This resulted in all people being separated from God, which is death.

*The dark heart is placed over the clean heart. Then, the dark heart with the clean heart underneath are removed to the bottom right hand corner of your teaching board.*

*For this demonstration, the green heart stays below the gold heart symbolizing the tree of life, which God protects for our future with Him. Genesis 3:24*

The Biblical worldview of the Gospel recognizes that at the time of Adam and Eve's sin, their experience was laden with guilt, shame and fear. God's redemptive story throughout the Scriptures deals with all three. Christ's blood washes away sin, removing the guilt. He positions the believer in a place of honor in His family and He overcomes their fear by the power of His love.

God was in Christ "reconciling the world to Himself by making peace through His blood shed on the cross." Colossians 1:20

*The red heart which has been hidden under the gold heart is now removed and moved down to cover the dark heart.*

"For He made Him who knew no sin to become sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." II Corinthians 5:21.

*Now, the clean heart is removed from under the dark and red hearts and brought back up next to the gold heart signifying the restored relationship through the blood of Christ.*

The promise of God is that those who receive Him, those who believe on His Name will become children of God. John 1:12 When they sin, they have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous who makes intercession for them. I John 2

*Bring the red heart up under the clean heart leaving the dark heart in the bottom right hand corner of the teaching board.*

Living in the light of God, (*the clean heart next to the gold heart*) the life of the believer is characterized by the fruit of God's Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-25

God's children are growing continually, in the Word of God and prayer, being conformed to the image of the Son of God, bringing honor to His Name. II Peter 3:18, Romans 8:29

The sovereign God has commissioned His children to go to every people group sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, making learners and followers of Jesus until He returns for His own.

In Jesus' story of the prodigal son, the father pleaded with the older son to come and join the father in the celebration, rejoicing and welcoming the lost son home, the son who was dead and who had come to life.

Can we hear God the Father's words to our hearts?

*"Come, rejoice with me. I have found the lost lamb. I have found the lost treasure. My son who was lost is now found!"*

Let's enter into the joy of the LORD by responding to His call upon our hearts to be washed in the blood of the Lamb and join Him in bringing the lost lambs into His fold. Let's share this Good News.

Our Lord says that someday death and dying will be no more. He will wipe away every tear.

*Remove the dark heart from the teaching board.*

And so we shall always be with the LORD.