

## **The Wordless Book Visualized.**

## **Lesson Series 1-5**

The Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ is available for all. It is not a mystery nor is it hard to understand. In this lesson series children will see just how simple but powerful the Gospel is. The truth of the Gospel is seen throughout the Bible from the beginning to the end. The children will hear the Bible stories and see the Gospel message come to life through them. There will be easy clues they will uncover and simple games they will play to reinforce the foundational truths of the Gospel.

**Lesson 1-** The Gold Page (*Heaven, God's holiness, and love*).

Memory verse: John 3:16

**Lesson 2** – The Dark Page (*Sin and its consequences*).

Memory verse: Romans 3:23

**Lesson 3-** The Red Page (*Jesus, God's promised Messiah*).

Memory verse: 1 Corinthians 15:3b-4a

**Lesson 4-** The Clean Page (*Believe Jesus as risen Lord and Savior*).

Memory verse: John 1:12

**Lesson 5-** The Green Page (*God's Word helps us grow*).

Memory verse: 2 Peter 3:18

## **Items needed**

### **Lesson 1**

1. John 3:16 cards (Verse review)
2. Several books (Intro verse)
3. Bean bags, String, or rope (Review Game)

### **Lesson 2**

1. 20 – 30 plastic cups (Active Game)
2. Rope, "God" Sign (Write on piece of paper (Word Up)
3. String or rope (Verse Intro)
4. Post it notes (Verse review)
5. Danger / Reward cards (Review Game)

### **Lesson 3**

1. Letters "Messiah" & "Christ" (Active Game)
2. Bag of candy (Word Up)
3. Post it notes (Verse review)
4. "Reveal the Clue" (Review Game)
5. Six Clue cards (Bible Lesson)
  1. Born of a virgin.
  2. Born in Bethlehem.
  3. Spoke the words of God.
  4. Perfect in every way.
  5. Did miracles.
  6. Came back to life.

### **Lesson 4**

1. Two or three sets of colored paper (Active Game)
2. Cards with "Dead" & "Alive" (Word Up)
3. Opposite cards (Review Game)

### **Lesson 5**

1. Set of green paper or green post it notes (Active Game)
2. A seed or a picture of one (Verse Intro)
3. 2-3 sets of phrases from 2 Peter 3:18 (Verse review)
4. Green paper leaves points on back (Review Game)

## The Wordless Book Visualized (Gold Page) Lesson 1

(Genesis 1 – 2; Revelation 21 – 22)

### Active Game: “A ball for a Gold”

Two or three teams line up. Each team member takes turns throwing a soft ball into a basket. After every ball made into the basket their team gets a truth from the Gold Page of the Wordless Book. Whoever gets all the truths first is the winner. (Truths: **1.** God is the Creator **2.** God lives in Heaven **3.** He loves you **4.** He is Holy **5.** He is preparing a place for you **6.** There is no sickness or pain in heaven **7.** There is one thing that can't be in heaven).

### Word Up: “God Loves Me!”

Who can tell me what this is? (Show a piece of gold or a picture of gold) This is valuable! It is pure with no other elements in it! God is the same way. His love for you is pure or perfect. He created you so you are valuable.

### \*Use IPEAR

**Memory Verse John 3:16** “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

**I-** What is your favorite book? (Show favorite books) (**Allow Response**)

The Bible tells the true story about the world, life & about God. It helps us have a relationship with God.

This little book called the Wordless Book helps us know main teaching of the Bible. (**Show Wordless Book**)

**P-** The verse is found in John 3:16 (**Read verse together**)

**E-** Explain the words: “Love,” “World,” “Son,” “Whoever, and “Believes.”

**A-** (**Unsaved**) You can believe on Jesus today. (**Saved**) You can know your life has value.

**R-** “Verse in Motion” “Put the verse together.”

### Review Game: “Bean Bag Tic-Tac-Toe”

After each right answer a team throws a bean bag at a tic-tac-toe board made of yarn on the ground. The team that gets three in a row is the winner.

## The Wordless Book Visualized (Dark Page) Lesson 2

(Genesis 1 - 3)

### Active Game: “Destroy the Tower”

Two or three teams stack their cups as high as they can in one minute. The other team will take turns rolling a ball to try and destroy their tower. The team to knock over all the cups first is the winner. As time allows let the teams play again.

**Word Up: “God Forgives Sin!”** (Put a rope down the center of the room. Put a card with the name “God” on one side and the class is on the other side.) Everyone is born wanting & knowing how to sin. Sin Separates us from God like this rope keeps us separate from God. We can't be close to God because of our sin. God made a way for us to be close to Him. He came to us as a man, perfect, sinless. He took the punishment for your sin. Asking God for forgiveness, believing in Jesus as your Savior is the only way you can be forgiven and have a relationship with God.

### \*Use IPEAR

**Memory Verse: Romans 3:23**

**I-** (Choose a child to come up front. See if they can jump across a string that is 15 feet away.) They were unable to do it. They fell short of the goal. What does the verse say?

**P-** (Read verse) Who wrote this?

**E-** According to this verse what have we all done? (**Allow Response**)

**A-** (**Unsaved**) We all have sinned. There is only one way to be saved. (**Saved**) You are no longer separated from God. You are forgiven!

**R-** “Verse Cover Up!”

### Review Game: “Hidden Danger – Hidden Reward”

(Two teams answer review questions. After each right answer the team picks up a blank card. Each card has a point value. The team with the most points wins.

**God**= 500 points.

**Eve**= 50 points.

**Sin**= -200 points

**Angel**= 50 points.

**Garden**= 25 points

**Serpent**= -50

**Adam**= 50 points.

**Animals**= 25 points

## The Wordless Book Visualized (Red Page) Lesson 3

(Matt 1:18-25; 4:1-11; 26:1-5; Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-21, 41-52; 23:34; John 19:1- 20:10)

### Active Game: “Find the Messiah, Find the Christ”

Divide the class into two or three teams. Teams will throw a bean bag and try to hit papers on the ground. The ones they hit; the team will keep. The papers will have the letters to the word, “Messiah” and “Christ” written on them. The first team to spell the word Messiah or Christ is the winner. (Write Messiah and Christ on pieces of paper, one letter per piece).

**Word Up: “God Keeps His Promises!”** (Call student up front – Show the class a bag of candy). If you pay attention during class today, I promise you can have this candy. But what if after class I said to you “I was just kidding!” Would you like that?) People in our lives sometimes make promises they do not keep. God’s never lies. He is perfect. He made a promise to send a Savior. He always does what He says He will do.

### \*Use IPEAR

#### Memory Verse: John 3:16

I- Has anyone done something for you, and you did not deserve it?

P- (Read verse) What has been done for us, we don’t deserve?

E- According to the verse what did God do for you? (**Allow Response**)

A- (Unsaved) Begins moment you believe. Have you believed?

(Saved) You can know for sure that you have a new life forever.

R- “Verse Cover Up!”

#### 1 Corinthians 15:3b-4a

I- What if your friend cheated on a test and was going to have to lose all their recess for a month but you asked if you can take their punishment?

P- What does today’s verse tell us about that? (**Allow Response**)

E- Explain why Christ had to die for their sins. What happened to Jesus.

A- (Unsaved) Have you asked Jesus to save you from your sins?

(Saved) You can tell others what Jesus did for them.

R- “Unscramble the verse” Two or three teams compete to put the verse in the right order, then say the verse. The team that does this first wins.

### Review Game: “Reveal the Clue” “The Bible Is True”

Teams answer review questions. After each right answer they pick a card face down on the table. (Write “The Bible is True” on pieces of paper, one word per paper. Make two sets. The team who puts the sentence together first is the winner).

## The Wordless Book Visualized (Clean Page) Lesson 4

(John 20; Acts 1:6-11)

### Active Game: "The Fastest Cleaner"

Two teams are each given their own color trash balls to pick up. The game can be played as a relay with one team member picking up their trash at a time. The team who picks up all their trash first is the winner.

### Word Up: "Jesus is Alive!"

Hold up a paper with the words DEAD and ALIVE. What does it mean if someone is dead? (**Allow Response**) Jesus died and his body was put in a grave. His body was there but His spirit was not there. When we are alive our spirit is inside of us which makes our bodies alive. Jesus was dead then he came back to life. He came back to life.

### \*Use IPEAR

**Memory Verse: John 1:12** "But to all who did receive him, who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

**I-** Have you ever been on a team? It is like being in a family. Our verse talks about the best family to belong to. It last forever!

**P-** What is this family? (**Allow Response**) The Apostle John wrote this Gospel.

**E-** Who can be in this family? When you believe, trust in Jesus what happens? Why? (**Allow Response**) This verse is a promise.

**A- (Unsaved)** Jesus came to save you. You can believe in Him today. (**Saved**) You are a child of God! You will always be a part of His family. You can ask Him to help you. You can trust Him to do what is best.

**R-** "Opposites" (Say the verse several times with the children in "opposite" ways. e.g., Say in a high / love voice, fast/slow voice, quiet/loud voice, sitting/ standing, eyes wide open/ closed).

### Review Game: "Find the opposite" cards.

Form two or three teams. After each right answer each team picks two cards from a table. If the cards are opposites, they get extra points for their team.

## Wordless Book Visualized (Green Page) Lesson 5

(2 Kings 22 – 23:8;)

### Active Game: "Make the tree grow"

Divide class into several teams. Each team chooses one person to be the tree. The team will have 1-2 minutes to tape green paper onto their tree. The team whose tree is covered the most is the winner. Play again as time allows. (As a tree can't grow by itself God helps us grow more in love with Him. How can you grow as a follower of Jesus?)

### Word Up: God Helps Me Grow!

What if I had a very good friend but I knew nothing about them. Would they be considered good friends? When someone trust in Jesus as their Savior what happens in that person's life? How are they different? What can they do to have a closer relationship with Jesus? (**Allow Response**)

### \*Use IPEAR

**Memory Verse: 2 Peter 3:18** "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

**I-** (Show a seed) What will this seed be one day? (**Allow Response**)

Our verse talks about something else that will grow. (**Allow Response**)

**P-** Where is this verse found? Who wrote it? Why?

**E-** We get to know Jesus better. We become more like Him. We are saved by God's grace. We live by that same grace and power. He will help you love like He does. He wants you to grow to know Him better.

**A- (Saved)** Get to know God better by reading His word and praying to Him daily. (**Unsaved**) You can't grow until you have believed in Jesus as your Savior. What did He do so you can be saved? You can believe in Him today.

**R-** "Grow, Grow, Grow" Class says the verse crouched down low. As the verse comes to an end, they are standing tall.

"The growing verse" Divide class into two or three teams. Teams find the phrases from the verse. The team who puts it together first wins.

### Review Game: "Add a Leaf"

Divide into two teams. After each right answer each team picks a paper leaf to put on their tree. The paper leaves have points written on the back. After all the questions have been answered they turn their leaves over to see who has the most points. The team with the most points wins.

## Optional Verses

**Memory Verse: John 3:17** *“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.”*

**I- (Skit)** *Person one has a broken leg. Person two watches.*

**Person one:** *“Hey you there. Can you help me. I think I need a doctor.*

**Person two:** *“That is terrible. Looks like you might have broken your leg.*

**Person one:** *“You think it is broken?”*

**Person two:** *“Yes! That is a bad break. It is broken. You are in big trouble. I will not help you. You are on your own buddy.*

**Person one:** *NO Please help me. It hurt very bad!*

**P-** Listen as I read this verse for why Jesus came.

**E-** Why did Jesus come into the world? To save or condemn?

**A- (Unsaved)** You can know Jesus came to save you.

**(Saved)** You have been saved. Love others the same way.

**R-** *“Unscramble”* The words. *(Teams must put the words together)*

**Memory Verse: John 3:17** *“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.”*

**I-** Have a sign around an adult helper’s neck reading *“Condemned, Guilty, Punishment.”* Explain that Jesus did not come into the world to punish us for our sin. No! He came into the world to save us. Place a sign around the helper’s neck reading, *“Save, Rescue, Innocent,”* Listen to the verse and tell me if this is right.

**P- (Read John 3:17)** This verse comes from the book of John. We learned there are 66 books in the Bible.

**E-** *For God sent not his Son into to the world to condemn the world- but that the world through him might be saved-*

**A- (Unsaved)** Jesus came to save you. You can believe in Him today.

**(Saved)** God sees Jesus’s goodness instead of your sin. Your sin has been taken away and now you have the power to live like Jesus.

**R- “Opposites”** *(Say the verse several times with the children in “opposite” ways. e.g., Say in a high / low voice, fast/slow voice, quiet/loud voice, sitting/ standing, eyes wide open/ closed.*

**“For God so loved the  
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**John 3:16**

God

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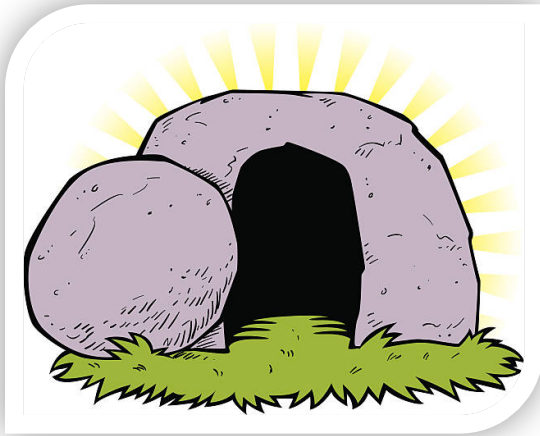
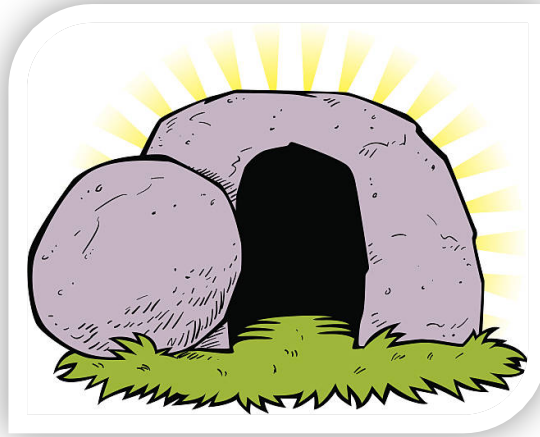
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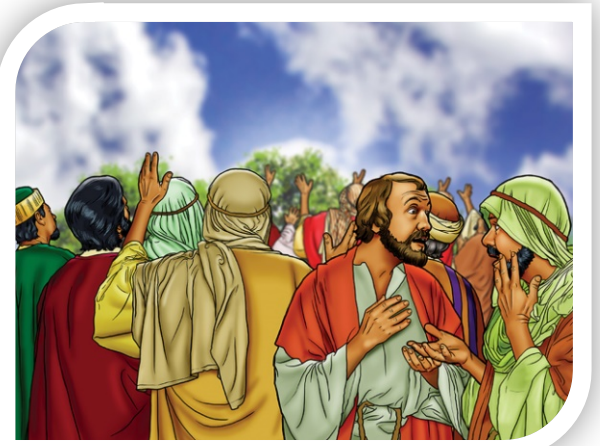
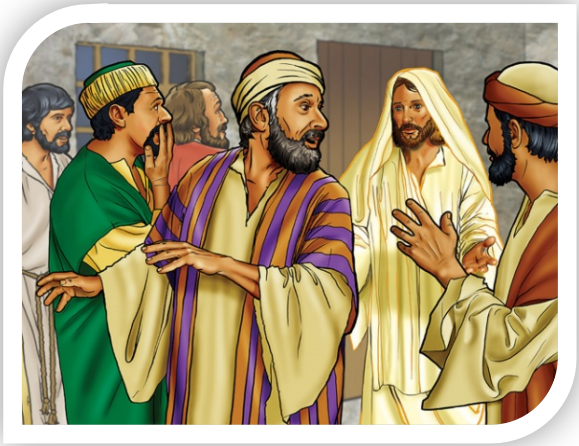
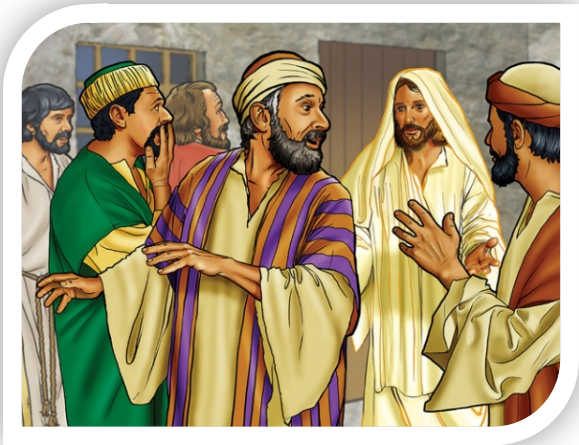
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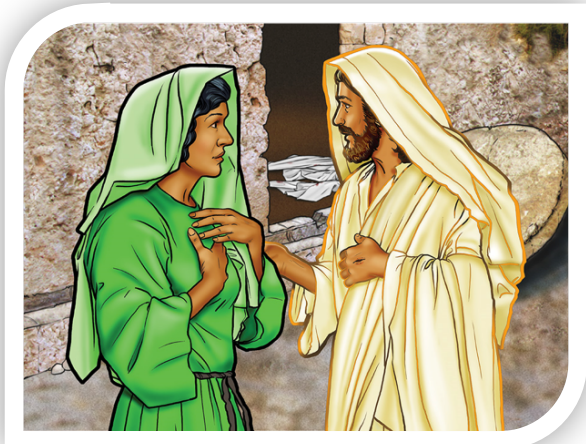
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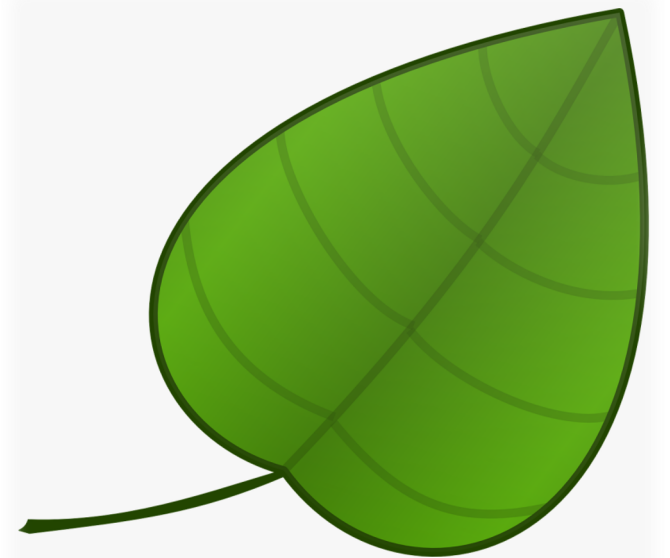
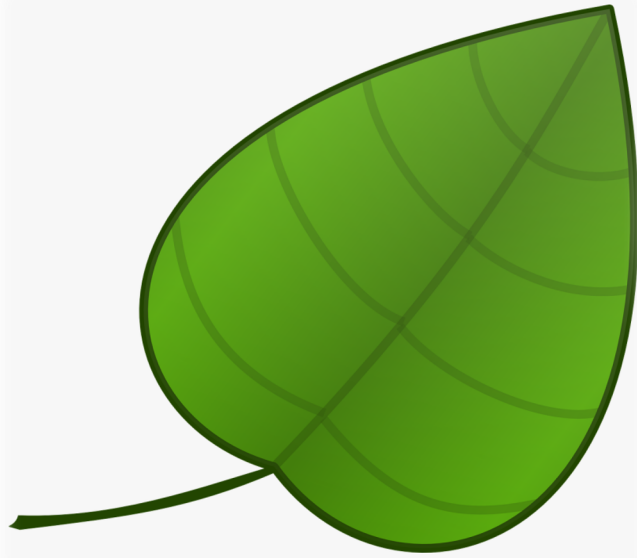
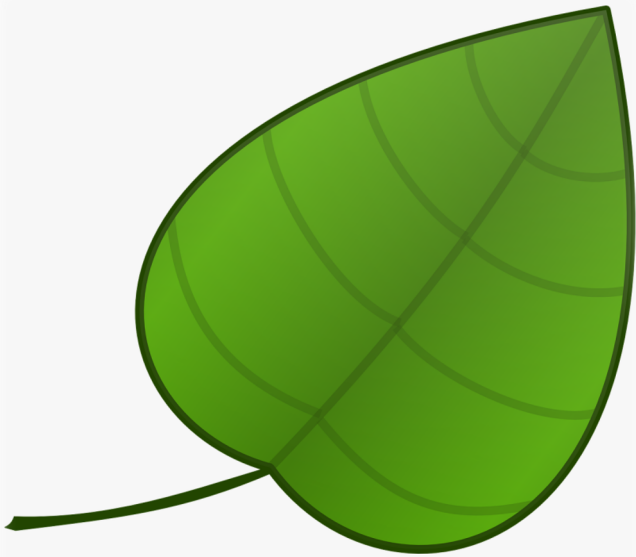
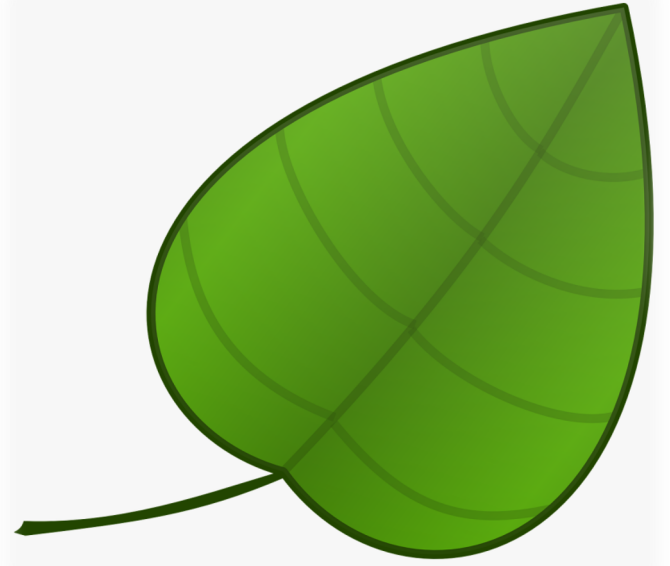
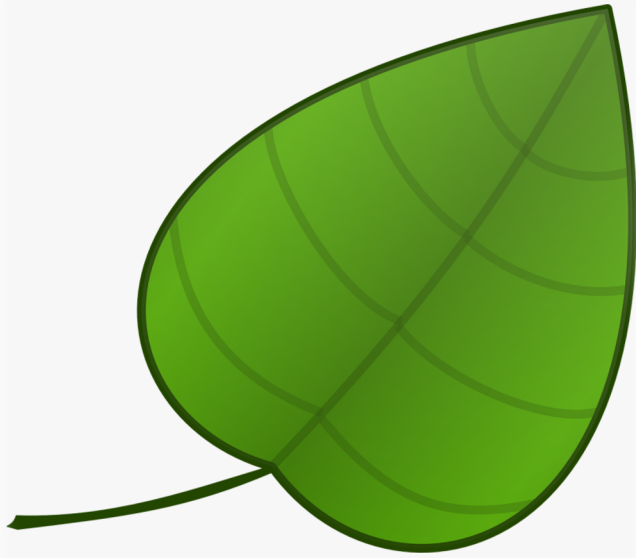
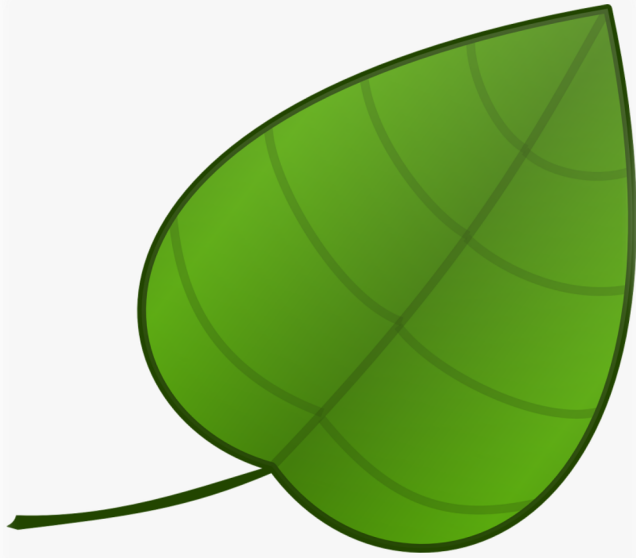
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Jesus Christ.”

2 Peter 3:18

Memory Verse Lesson 5

Print two or three copies on different colored paper.



Review Game "Add a Leaf" Lesson 5  
Print two copies and write point values on the back of leaves.

clue 1

clue 2

clue 3

clue 4

clue 5

clue 6

