

## **“Colored Star Wordless Decal” Leader’s Guide**

**God made and loves all the people of the world.....this includes you! He has special plans for your life - “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. (JEREMIAH 29:11)**

**But, many people don’t know or care about God’s love, hope or his plans. Why?**



**The reason is Sin.**

**1. The DARK colored star reminds us that everyone sins and that sin separates us from God. God is light (good) and can’t have any connection to darkness (sin). Sin is anything we do that hurts God, like lying cheating or hurting others.**

*1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.*

**So, when we sin, it is like a big wall gets put up between us and God (like dark clouds covering the sun).**

*Romans 3:23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”*

*Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**So, is there anything that can be done about our sin? YES!!!**



**1. The RED colored star reminds us that God offers you a special gift. That gift is called forgiveness. In order to give you forgiveness He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross as the ultimate payment for your sins. He shed his blood for you..**

*Hebrews 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.*

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

*Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

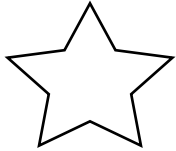
**Not only did Jesus Christ die on the cross and was buried in a borrowed tomb (grave), but he conquered sin and death by rising from the dead. He did all of this so that you and I could have all of our sins forgiven. EVERY ONE! He loved you that much. If there could have been any other way to save you he would have, but there wasn't. Jesus is the only way.**

*John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

*Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*

*1Cor. 15:3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,*

### **3. Forgiveness is a free gift and it is offered to everyone in the whole world.**



**The White star reminds us that when we, by faith, accept God's gift of forgiveness, all our sins are forgiven and we become new creations.**

*2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

*Isaiah 1:18 Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.*

**But, even though it is offered to everyone, not everyone has this forgiveness. Why?**

**Each of us must individually, by faith, receive His gift of forgiveness. In simple terms, it is “realizing you are a sinner and then telling God you accept His gift of forgiveness. Some describe it this way:**

**ADMIT** you are a sinner.

**BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ died on the cross for you

**CONFESS** Jesus as Lord. Which means....by faith,give up the controls of your life to Jesus.

*Romans 10:9, 10 9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*

*Romans 10:13 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

***Here’s a sample prayer of repentance you can pray to receive God’s gift of forgiveness. The words are not magic. What matters is the attitude of your heart.***

*Dear God, I am sorry for all the sins in my life. Thanks for giving your Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to forgive my sins. I accept Your gift of forgiveness and from now on I want to love and serve You with my life.  
AMEN*

**If you prayed that prayer (or one like it) and meant it, you are forgiven.**

**So, what’s next?**



**4. The Blue star reminds us of two things.**

**First, every new believer has a helper, the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and helps you grow to be like Jesus.**

*John 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

*John 14: 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever*

**Secondly, it is important to follow Jesus example and teaching and be baptized. Baptism is a visual demonstration of what has taken place in our hearts.**

*Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

*Romans 6:4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life*

*Acts 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*



**5. The Green star reminds us of growth. It is important to put into practice the things that Jesus taught in the Bible. As a matter of fact, if we don't, then we aren't really new believers. No Change, No Jesus! No Jesus, No Change!**

*1 John 2:6 Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.*

*John 14:15 "If you love me, keep my commands.*

**Loving others and keeping God's commands demonstrate to the world that we have received Christ Jesus as Lord....that we are truly changed.**

*Colossians 2:6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,*

*1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.*

*John 15:12 This is My command: Love one another as I have loved you.*

*John 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

*Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith,[e] 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and*

*desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, we must also follow the Spirit. 26 We must not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*



**6. The yellow star reminds us of Eternal Life in HEAVEN., the place God has prepared for all those who have received Him as their Savior.**

*John3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

*John14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

*Philippians 3: 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*

*2 Peter 3:13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells*

*Revelation 21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”[a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.*

*Revelation 21:23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. 26 The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. 27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.*