

The Plan of Salvation In the South African Flag



Gold – Heaven	(John 14:1-6)
Black – Darkness of Sin	(Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23)
Red – Blood of Jesus	(Romans 5:8; Hebrews 9:22b)
White – Forgiveness of Sin	(Romans 10:9, 10)
Blue – The Holy Spirit	(John 14:14, 16-18, 26)
Green – Spiritual Growth	(2 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 4:15)

GOLD – HEAVEN

When I see the color yellow in the flag I think of heaven because it is described as a beautiful place with streets that are like gold. In *John 14*, Jesus said that in God's House there are many dwelling places.

When you think of heaven what do you think of?
What do you think it takes for someone to go to heaven?

TRANSITION – The Bible tells me that there is something that could keep me from going to heaven.

BLACK – SIN

The dark color in the flag reminds me of the darkness of sin.
Sin can keep us from going to heaven.

“For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” *Romans 3:23*
What is sin? Can you give me an example of a sin?
What is God's glory?
If everyone sins and falls short of God's glory, what is the big deal?

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

What are wages?
What has our sin earned for us?
Is there anything that we can do about it?
What has God done about our sin?

TRANSITION - How did God provide the gift of eternal life for us?

RED – JESUS

The red in the flag reminds me of the blood of Jesus.
The Bible tells us that “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin.” *Hebrews 9:22b*

“But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”
Romans 5:8

How did God provided the gift of eternal life?
Why would Jesus take the punishment of our sin for us?

TRANSITION - God says eternal life is a free gift, but how do I receive this free gift?

WHITE – RIGHTEOUSNESS

The white in the flag reminds me that I can be perfect in God's eyes.

In order to receive a gift, what must someone do?

"If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." *Romans 10:9, 10*

What two parts of the body do these verses talk about?

What must we do with our hearts?

What must we do with our mouths?

What does righteousness mean?

Transition- But I don't think I can be good enough to be a follower of Jesus . . .

BLUE – HOLY SPIRIT

The blue in the flag reminds me of refreshing water. In the Bible water is a symbol of the Holy Spirit which helps me to remember that God supplies me with living water that will never fade and that I don't have to go through life on my own because God has given me a Helper.

"Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." *John 4:14*

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides in you and will be in you." *John 14:16 – 18*

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to remembrance all that I said to you." *John 14:26*

Transition – Is that all that God expects from me?

GREEN – SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The green in the flag reminds me of things that grow like flowers and grass and plants. God's desire is for me to grow in my faith and to have a life-long relationship with Him.

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

"But speaking the truth in love we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the Head, even Christ." *Ephesians 4:15*

Transition – Would you like to receive the free gift of eternal life that God desires to give you?