

## Plan of Salvation—Colors

God knew you before you were ever born. You are not a mistake. God has a wonderful plan for your life. (“...for I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope, and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen. You will seek me and find me when you seek for me with all your heart. I will be found by you declares the Lord, and will bring you out of captivity”(Jer. 29: 11-14)

What is the plan?

What is the captivity we need to be released from?

Let’s make a bracelet and find out...

The cord is your life, and somewhere on it you were born. Put on the black bead.

**\*\***If using the bracelet with glass beads on a stretchy cord—ask if they like your bracelet. If yes, tell them it tells a love story about how much God loves them. Would they like to hear it?

**BLACK**—this bead reminds us the Bible says we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). God created us to love Him and to fulfill His purpose for our life. The problem is God is Holy and man is sinful. SIN creates a barrier between God and man. God said “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). That means Someone had to die to pay the penalty for our sin—either we, ourselves or Someone else. Our sin is the captivity that God promised to lead us out of. How did He do this?

**RED**—this bead reminds us of the blood that Jesus shed on the cross for us! Jesus became our sacrifice and His death paid the price for our sins.

(Romans 5:8) says “But God showed us His love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”. All we have to do is accept this free gift He gives us.

We say “I agree with God that I am a sinner and I want my sins forgiven through the blood of Jesus. I turn from my sins and follow Jesus with my life.”

WHITE—the white bead reminds us that God has forgiven our sins because of Christ’s death. Where our lives were once dirty with sins, we can now stand clean before God. (Isaiah 1:18) says “though our sins were like scarlet, they will be as white as snow”. In (Psalm 51:7) David said, “wash me and I shall be whiter than snow”.

BLUE—After God saves us, and our sins are forgiven, it is like our old life is gone and we have a new life with Christ. We symbolize this through Baptism. We know that baptism does not save us but it is an outward sign of what God has done in our hearts. (Romans 6:4) says “we are buried with Christ in baptism and raised to a new life...”

GREEN—the green bead reminds us that in our new life with Christ we should “grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2Peter 3:18). We do this by praying every day, studying the Bible and being with other believers.

YELLOW—the yellow bead reminds us of heaven. Jesus said He was going to go and prepare a place for us so that we could be with Him forever (John 14: 2-3). This means we do not fear death. Heaven will be wonderful. We are to be faithful to Him and fulfill His plan for our lives and we will look forward to being with Him in heaven.

So this is God’s plan for us—the gift of salvation, forgiveness of our sins, fulfilling His plan for our lives and some day being with Him in heaven forever. Let this bracelet remind you of this.

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:4

Romans 6:23

2 Peter 3:18

Romans 5:8

John 14: 2-3

Isaiah 1:18, Psalm 51:7

Alternate way to place the beads and explanation..

This is more appropriate for people of religions such as Hindu and others who believe in multiple gods, doing “things” to get closer to God.

Start with the gold or yellow bead. Use Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God made the world and everything we see around us. He flung the stars into the sky, each in it's correct place. He made the earth, the waters, trees, animals...everything! He looked around and saw that everything was “good”. Then He did the most awesome thing...He made US in His own image!! The Bible says that God loved His creation—us, with an everlasting love.

Then go to the black bead. Establish that God does not tolerate sin and demands someone pays the penalty.

After the black bead comes the blue bead. This symbolizes all the things people do to try to get to God by themselves. In Hindu, reference ceremonial washings, etc. Emphasize that all of these attempts fail because they do not pay the penalty for sin.

Red bead—blood of Jesus. The Son of God never sinned and was the only one who was worthy to take our place. He was willing to die for us and was hung on a cross and died a cruel death. God said, the price is paid and all who repent of their sins and accept that Jesus death was for them, will be saved.

White and green stay pretty much the same.

Can come back around to the gold bead and use it for heaven as well.

After going through this, hold the bracelet in your hand and ask “Where are you on this bracelet?”

## PLAN OF SALVATION COLORS—alternate

Gold—\*Emphasize the power of God and that He is more powerful than anything else. God created the world and everything we see around us; the earth, the stars, the seas, *everything!* He also created *us* in His own image—the first man and woman (Adam and Eve). His original plan was for us to love Him, know Him intimately, have fellowship with Him, and live with Him forever. Adam and Eve knew God and had fellowship with Him. Everything was perfect in our world and there was no sin. “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth”. Genesis 1:1.

Black—God gave the man and woman a beautiful garden to live in and one command. Do not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. *They disobeyed God, ate, and that was when sin entered the world!* This changed everything. Sin entered the world and ever since sin has come between us and God (“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” Romans 3:23) God is holy and He has said that “the wages of sin is death”. That means we must pay the penalty for our sin (death) or Someone Else who is worthy (never sinned—God’s son, Jesus) has to die.

Blue—Blue stands for all the ways people try to get back to God. They may think baptism will do it. In other countries they do ceremonial washings and sacrifices. None of these things will bring back the fellowship and break through the barrier of sin between us and God. Refer back to what God said, “the wages of sin is death”.

Red—Red is the color of the blood that Jesus shed on the cross for our sins. Jesus was innocent and never sinned yet he was put to death on the cross by evil men. God said, Jesus death will pay the price for the sin of all who believe. All we have to do is agree with God that we are sinners and accept the fact that Jesus died for our sins. We repent of our sins and ask God to forgive us and He will. God loves us so much that He sent His only son to die for our sins and restore our fellowship back to Him. “But God showed His love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”. Romans 5:8, John 3:16.