


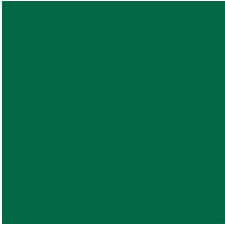
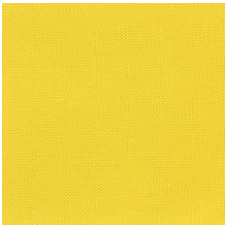





Story bag "This is Bible"

First in the bag is the picture booklet "This is Bible" and at the end is a bag of seeds....

<p>Floral fabric with YHWH on one side</p> <p>Red fabric with CHI/RHO on the other side</p>  	<p>The Bible is a book. There are always many words in books. A book consists of texts. And the word text is related to the word textile. The biblical stories are woven together. And when you pull on a thread, whole narratives come to you and many experiences between God and people.</p> <p>The Bible, also called the Book of Books, consists of two parts that belong together. Like two eyes, two ears, two arms, two feet... The first part is also called the First Testament, the second part is called the New Testament. The first part is written in Hebrew, the second part in Greek. Thank God there are translations.</p> <p>A book is teeming with letters. These four letters on the flowers stand for GOD. The name is holy, so it is not pronounced directly, but YHWH or Adonai or Hashem. God created the world and us. The flowers stand for paradise and flourishing life.</p> <p><i>Turn to the other side</i></p> <p>And God loves his creation and his creatures, that is, everything that lives and us too. Hence the colour red. And he loves the world so much that he gave his Son: Jesus Christ. These two Greek letters stand for him. And we read about his story in the New Testament, in the second part of the Bible.</p>
<p>Beige sand</p> 	<p>A special fabric comes to light here. There is a lot of text in the Bible and this is a textile. You can see how the threads are woven together. The stories in the Bible are also interwoven with each other. You can pick up a thread and discover which events are connected to it.</p> <p>This jute, for example, looks like desert sand. Many significant stories take place in the desert. The desert is a dangerous place. You don't go there voluntarily unless you have to. There is hardly any water. And you can die in the desert. It is bitterly cold at night and hellishly hot during the day. When the wind blows on the sand, the desert changes its appearance. You can get lost in the desert. That is why it is so dangerous. But God has delivered his people from oppression. God has led his people through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey.</p> <p><i>Turn to the other side</i></p> <p>You can also pick up a thread from the other side. (John the Baptist lived in the desert...)</p> <p>Jesus was once in the desert. He encountered the devil there. Evil wanted to outdo Jesus. But Jesus did not let himself be tempted.</p>

<p>Green (Envelope)</p> 	<p>Here is a piece of cloth that dreams are made of: promised land. It flourishes and blossoms there. In the desert, people dream of fertile ground and of home. The green fabric is like a piece of paradise regained. In the promised land there is hope and closeness to God. That is what God has promised.</p> <p><i>Turn to the other side</i></p> <p>Jesus is the Son of God, that is what we Christians believe. He is our hope. Paul wrote many letters that are preserved in the New Testament. Once he wrote to a church in Greece: "Now he, our Lord Jesus Christ, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and a good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and word." 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17</p> <p>The words of the Bible are difficult to understand. Let me translate it like this: We are God's beloved children. God wants to be close to us and comfort us when we are afraid or sad. Jesus wants to strengthen our hope. He gives us good words and encourages us to do good. God strengthens us to tell others about Him and His Son Jesus. Be joyful in hope... Romans 12:12 Through this there is hope and the colour of hope is green.</p>
<p>Yellow</p> 	<p>God speaks and it happens. This is how God created light. This is written at the very beginning of the Old Testament in a creation narrative. Thus there is not only darkness, but also light. Morning and evening, one day. And when his people walk in darkness, God creates light. And those who walk in darkness, upon them it shines brightly (Is. 9).</p> <p><i>Turn to the other side</i></p> <p>We hear this promise at Christmas. For that is when Jesus Christ, the Son of God, sees the light of day. We read in the Gospel of John that Jesus Christ says: "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12</p>
<p>Blue</p> 	<p>Water is there in the beginning and always there. Never-ending cycle, rising, flowing, flowing out, evaporating, raining... Water plays a big role. There is the story of the flood, of the passage through the Red Sea, of the passage across the Jordan into the land that God promised his people, of Jonah in the sea in the belly of a fish, of the spring - in the desert With you is the source of life and in your light we see the light.</p> <p><i>Turn to the other side</i></p> <p>And in the New Testament, we are told that Jesus was baptised by John in the Jordan. He lived in the desert, we have already</p>

	<p>experienced that. And when Jesus was baptised, the blue sky opened up and God's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son! (Water made wine at the wedding in Cana.) Jesus told us to baptise. "Go into all the world, tell people about God, baptise them and grow with them in faith. (Mt 28:20).</p> <p>Let us take up another thread of baptism: Baptism is with water. Someone came to Jerusalem from Ethiopia. He was looking for God and found him not in the temple, but in the Bible. Philip explained it to him and then he was baptised immediately. He happily went home to Africa.</p>
<p>Gold and floral fabric</p>   <p>Seed bag</p>	<p>On Sundays we remember the beginning and God. On Sundays he rested, he had created the world. On Sundays we remember God's good creation, his Son. Through the power of God's Holy Spirit we are all interwoven. We strengthen ourselves through his word, read from the Bible, sing and pray together. We get new strength for everyday life. The Word of God unites Christians all over the world.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Turn to the other side</i></p> <p>Sunday is the day of resurrection. On Sundays we remember that Jesus was raised from the dead. Jesus Christ is right when he says: I am the way, the truth and the life. I live and you should live. Life is precious. God wants to preserve it. Whoever believes in Jesus Christ will not be dead forever, but will live in paradise with God. Golden prospects for the future.</p>

Jesus often spoke in images and parables. Once he compared the word of God to seed/seed.
Mark 4...

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