

HIGHER POWER™ BASEBALL GLOVE Presentation Guide

STEP ONE: *Some times it takes a special illustration to make an important message understood.*

1. “Any Baseball player loves a great glove. It helps him to be effective in the field ... to catch the ball, to shield his eyes from the sun, make the tag.
2. “But a glove is useless unless there is a hand IN the glove.” You and I are like gloves ... we, too, have been made and until the Hand of God fills our glove, our lives will never fulfill all the purpose God has for us.”
3. “We usually determine the value of the glove by the name of the manufacturer or the quality of the leather, but the real value of this glove is the color. The colors tell a marvelous story, and reveal how the Hand of God can fill our live. Would you like to hear the story?”

STEP TWO: *At this point, slowly show the different colors of the glove, and begin to share the gospel using the colors of the panels. By the way, this glove is called the “Higher” Power glove because the colors allow you to share the gospel and, according to the Apostle Paul, the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Romans 1:16 “Power” could also be a launching point for sharing the gospel through the colors. Begin explaining about real power by beginning with ...*

BLUE – God is the One who has created the heavens and the seas, and He has even created you and me. This God wants to have a relationship (holy friendship) with us.

GOLD – God loves us so much that He wants this relationship/friendship to last forever. When we talk of “forever” we are talking about eternal life . . . which is spent in a place the Bible calls heaven. The color gold represents this wonderful place where God dwells. A place where there are no problems (relate this to the potential problems of the audience). A place where there is no crying (no tears), no pain or suffering . . . not even any dying. It’s a great place.

DARKNESS – As great a place as this is, there is a problem. God is a holy God, and we are not a holy people. We have made mistakes. We have lied. We have been angry and maybe even acted out that anger. The Bible indicates that we do these things because of the darkness of our heart. The Bible refers to this darkness as sin, and sin separates us from God. [Note: Using the color black to denote sin can be culturally and ethnically offensive; therefore, use “darkness” to symbolize sin.]

RED – Earlier we talked about how much God loves you. His love is so great that He was willing to allow His Son to take the punishment for the things you and I have done wrong. In other words, to pay the penalty for our sins, Jesus Christ – the Son of God – died on the cross and endured the punishment that we should have endured. The color red represents His death and reminds us that our “sin-debt” has been paid, that Jesus Christ willingly paid for our wrongdoing.

WHITE – When you believe (trust) these four things, and you are willing to acknowledge/confess/agree that you have made mistakes/sinned, and ask Jesus Christ to be your Savior, God forgives you and cleanses you from all of those mistakes/sins. The color white represents how God sees you now. Because of the sacrifice of Jesus, God no longer sees you as a sinner, but as a cleansed child of God. You are now forgiven and have the promise of heaven.

STEP THREE: *You might say: “You have a choice today . . . right now, as to whether you want to be a glove that is empty, or one that is filled with the love of God, filled with the Spirit of God, filled to become all that God wants you to be. Do you want to make that choice right now?” Be sure that, no matter how you present the gospel, you give people the opportunity to RESPOND to what has been shared. Give them the chance to say, ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ to the information you have presented and to re-state any actions they take. Give them an opportunity to ask questions. If the individual is (a) prepared to confess (agree with God) that he/she is a sinner and in need of a Savior, (b) acknowledges that Jesus Christ is the One who has died to pay the penalty for those sins, and (c) is ready to receive Jesus as his/her Savior and Lord, help the individual pray (say) these things to God. Having prayed to receive Christ, affirm that, according to Scripture, this person is now a forgiven child of God who has the promise of everlasting life*

GREEN – You have made a confession of faith in Jesus Christ and I want to assure you that you are forgiven and have the promise of heaven; however, heaven is future and you live now on earth. The Bible teaches that God has things for you to do here and now. In order to do those things, you need to grow in your faith/understanding of what it means to be a “believer,” a “Christian.” The color green represents growth . . . an increase in understanding . . . the process of maturing . . . in order to become all that God wants you to be.