

"Blasting-off" to Great Handwriting

God tells us to do everything we do in the name of Jesus. That means we do our best at each task he gives us at home or in school. It includes learning how to print and write well.

Our friends, Julie and Josh, are here to help you learn why handwriting is important and how you can do your best.

Do you like to send special messages to your friends and your family? Do you like to surprise people with stories or poems? If you know how to write well, you can do all of these and make people very happy.

Astronauts Julie and Josh are ready to help you reach for the stars and "blast-off" to good handwriting this year. You'll travel with them through the alphabet. You'll learn to write words of prayer and praise to God that you can share with those you love, with friends, or even with strangers who need some love and prayer in their lives.



On the first few pages, you will find some tips for good handwriting: how to sit, how to place your paper on your desk or table, how to hold your pencil, and how to form each letter of the alphabet correctly. These tips are the first stages of your trip to good handwriting. Come back to these pages often until you are sure you know exactly what to do.

This year, your lessons will all be in "manuscript" which means that you will be printing your letters and words. Learning manuscript is very important for all of your life. Watch how many times people you know use manuscript to fill out forms or to apply for jobs. See if you can find other ways people use manuscript.

Each day you will have a handwriting lesson. For three days each week, you will practice forming letters and words. On the fourth day, you will practice a Bible verse. On the fifth day, you will use your best manuscript writing to copy the Bible verse on to a specially-designed page. You can use these special pages to decorate your room, to give as a gift to someone you love, or to send to someone. You will think of many ways to use these special pages.

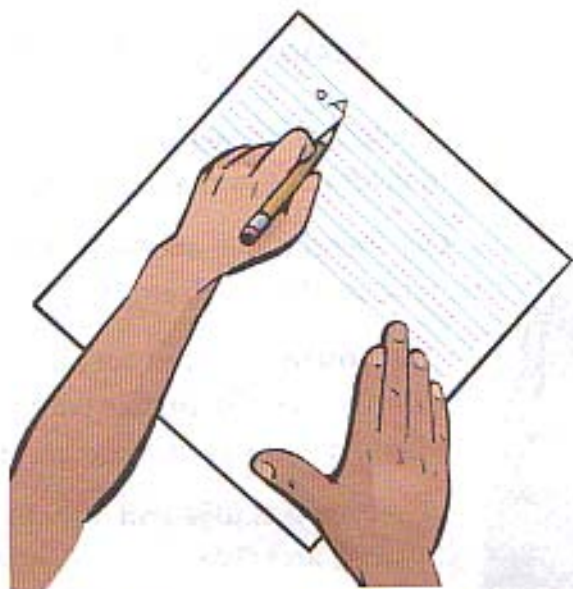
Each day of the week, you will be giving God your best efforts in all you do. So fasten your seat belts and get ready to "blast-off" on this journey to good handwriting.





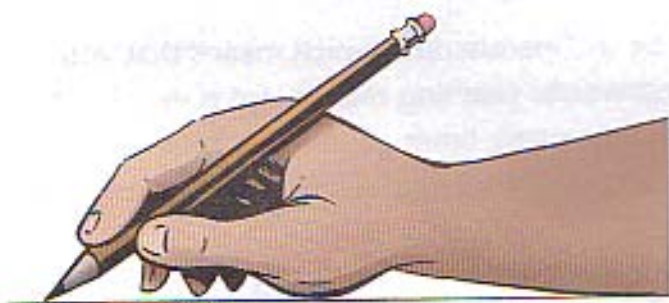
Correct Right-Handed Position

Paper is placed on an angle to the left. Left hand steadies the paper and moves it up as you near the bottom of the page. Right hand is free to write.



Correct Left-Handed Position

Paper is placed on an angle to the right. Right hand steadies the paper and moves it up as you near the bottom of the page. Left hand is free to write. Watch hand positions carefully as shown in the picture.



Correct Hand and Pencil Position

Hold the pencil loosely about $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1" above the sharpened point. Hold it between your thumb and index (pointer) finger. Let it rest on your middle finger. Do not grip the pencil tightly or your hand will become very tired. Do not let your hand slip down to the sharp point or you will have difficulty writing properly.



Correct Posture

Sit up tall, leaning slightly forward but not bending over your desk. Have your feet flat on the floor. Both arms will rest on the desk. Hold the paper with your free hand.

Bible Verse Pages

Lesson 69 ✨ Name: _____

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men
on whom His favor rests.

Luke 2:14

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Luke 2:

One very special thing you can do once you have learned to write is to share God's Word with others.

Beginning with Lesson 36, you will have your own special Bible verse for each week. After practicing the letters and words needed for the verse for three days, you will be able to practice your verse on the fourth day.

You will also have a special page on the fifth day of the week where you will copy the verse, decorate it, and decide how you will share it with someone else.

Talk with your teacher and classmates about how you might share these special pages and share God's Word.

Lesson 70 ✨ Name: _____



Lesson 1

Name: _____

