

Designing Your Own School Program

# 8 Year Old Program

(First Grade)

## Section II



“Thou therefore, my son,  
be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”

II Timothy 2:1

A “True Education” Series

“...Continue thou in the things  
which thou hast learned  
and hast been assured of,  
knowing of whom thou hast learned them;  
And that from a child thou hast known  
the holy scriptures,  
which are able to make thee wise unto salvation  
through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

II Timothy 3:14-15

“From a child, Timothy knew the Scriptures,  
and his knowledge was a safeguard to him  
against the evil influences surrounding him  
and the temptation to choose pleasure  
and selfish gratification before duty.  
Such a safeguard all our children need,  
and it should be a part of the work of parents  
and of Christ’s ambassadors  
to see that the children are properly instructed  
in the word of God.”

*4 Testimonies 398*

# 2. First Grade Program

**Giant Print Bible – KJV – Purchase at a Christian Book Store. Prices Vary**

## BIBLE AND SCIENCE PROGRAM

**Family Bible Lessons – Teachers \$16.00**

(New lessons are available each new quarter. These Bible lessons combine nature and a character quality for parents and children.)

**Activity Book for the Family Bible Lessons – Student \$14.00**

(This book has stories, poems, and lots of activities to go with the *Family Bible Lessons*—parents are to read and use what relates to their child’s age.)

See page 15, of this Catalogue – the “Family Sabbath School and Church Resources” section of this catalogue.

**Contact Riggs for current prices**

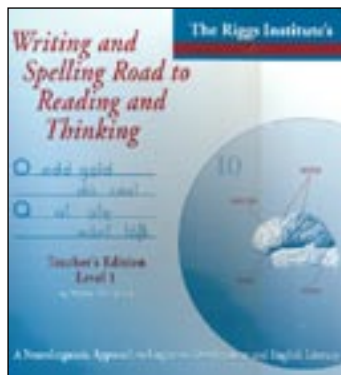
## LANGUAGE PROGRAM

**Writing and Spelling Road to Reading and Thinking – Level 1**

This is the teacher’s step-by-step guide

**Flash Cards** (phonogram cards)

**Phonogram Sounds Tape or Phonogram CD**

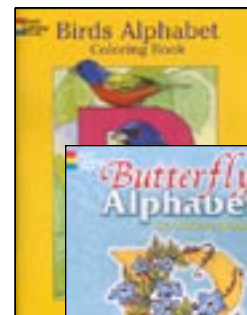


A multi-sensory teaching method accommodates every child’s unique learning style. It includes listening, speaking, penmanship, complete explicit phonetics, composition, reading, spelling syllabication, grammar, syntax, vocabulary development, comprehension, analytical and inferential thinking skills simultaneously with auditory, visual, verbal and motor cognitive development. This program has fully developed daily lesson plans in detail.

**Order all materials in this box from:  
The Riggs Institute 1-800-200-4840**

## Alphabet Coloring Books

**Birds Alphabet**  
44035-4 \$3.95



**Butterfly Alphabet**  
45843-4 \$3.95

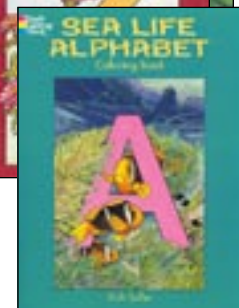
**Floral Alphabet**  
25511-5 \$3.95



**Garden Flowers Alphabet**  
43595-4 \$3.95



**Sea Life Alphabet**  
42653-X \$3.95



**Sea Life ABC Stickers** – 40503-6 \$1.50

**Disclaimer:** SonLight does not endorse the reading books recommended in the Riggs’ program. See the next page for our recommendations.

**Spelling From the Scriptures** – This book is to be used after the WSRRT level 1 as been completed. **\$9.25**

We recommend that the child spend the first year of formal schooling learning Bible, Nature, Character, and how to write, read, spell, and other basic English skills as taught in the *Writing and Spelling Road to Reading and Thinking*.

Use the Bible as the child's first reader. There are also many simple nature books that may be added later that also make good reading books.

Once the foundation is securely laid in language skills, the child is ready for Mathematics, History, Geography, and other subjects. A good reader, speller, neat writer, and good speaker usually excels in all school subjects.

**Ways to  
Help  
Your  
Children  
Become  
Better  
Readers  
\$2.00**

### READERS—Some Suggested Easy Readers

**First Grade Reader** – First 8 chapters of Genesis, in large print with comprehension questions. **\$5.00**

**Psalm 23 for Children** **\$4.00**

**Early Readers @ \$4.95 each**

Level 1 Book 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Level 2 Book 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Level 3 Book 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

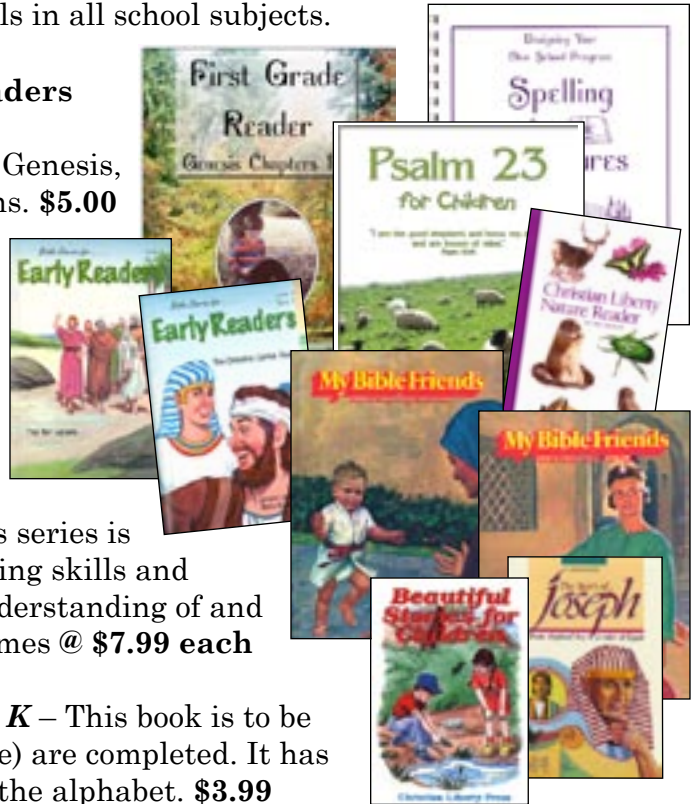
**Christian Liberty Nature Reader** – This series is designed not only to improve a child's reading skills and comprehension, but also to increase his understanding of and delight in God's wonderful creation. 4 volumes @ **\$7.99 each**

**Christian Liberty Nature Reader Book K** – This book is to be used after the 4 other volumes (listed above) are completed. It has illustrated animal lesson for each letter of the alphabet. **\$3.99**

**My Bible Friends \$139.99 set of 5  
Color Book \$2.99**

**The Story of Joseph** – J. Edson White – As a shepherd boy, Joseph learned valuable lessons. But are these enough to see him through the crisis of his life, when he is sold by his own brothers as a slave? **\$4.95**

**Beautiful Stories for Children** – This particular reader is designed to improve the reading skills and comprehension of the students. **\$9.99**



**Note:** This following list of book series are excellent for readers. However, you will need to pick and choose the titles as some are not appropriate for a Christian. In the back of each book is a list of titles. We particularly like the Eyewitness Readers.

All Aboard Reading Series – Grosset & Dunlap\*

Reading On Your Own – Golden Books\*

Hello Readers! – Scholastic Inc.\*

Step Into Reading – Random House\*

Eyewitness Readers – DK Publishing, Inc.\*

\*Bible Book Store, Book Store,  
or Teacher Supply Store

# Daily Schedule

(Adapt this schedule to your family needs.)

5:00 a.m.

Personal Grooming and Worship

6:00 a.m.

Family Worship (*Family Bible Lessons*)



7:00 a.m.

Breakfast

8:00 a.m.

Practical Arts—  
Domestic Activities  
Agriculture  
Industrial Arts  
Activities from *Family Bible Lessons*



9:00 a.m.

Nature (*Family Bible Lessons*)

9:45 a.m.

Break

10:00 a.m.

*Writing Road to Reading*



12:00 p.m.

Dinner Preparations  
Dinner

2:00 p.m.

Practical Arts—  
Domestic Activities  
Agriculture  
Industrial Arts  
Activities from *Family Bible Lessons*



3:00 p.m.

*Writing Road to Reading*



4:00 p.m.

Break



5:00 p.m.

Supper



6:00 p.m.

Family Worship (*Family Bible Lessons*)

8:00 p.m.

Bed

**We recommend a five day a week program, on a year-round schedule.**

# Basic Principles of Reading

Reading is the key that unlocks the door to knowledge. Until children can get thought accurately and quickly from the printed page, they are handicapped in their progress in arithmetic, in language, and in every content subject.

But reading is more than the key to knowledge. It is a key to character. Nothing is more vitally important than the molding of the pupil's taste for that which is good and pure and true and noble. And in accomplishing this, reading is one of the most potent factors. To create in the child's own heart a distaste for the cheap, the trifling, the untrue, in language and thought, so that he voluntarily rejects all these and chooses that which is uplifting—this is the great goal of the teacher of reading. This is real character building.

To the boy or girl in training to be a missionary for God, reading is also a key to soul winning, for through reading he may open before others eternal truth. If the truth of God is presented in language that is distinct and clear, people will listen with pleasure. If it is given in tones that convey the depth of beautiful meaning, whether it be warning, sympathy,

appeal, or love, the intelligence will be convinced, and the soul may be won to obedience.

This is the way Jesus read. When He stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath day to read, He reached the very soul of His hearers. He read with such fullness of meaning in His voice that when He sat down *“the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.”* They *“wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.”* Such reading will prepare our boys and girls to be witnesses for Him.

