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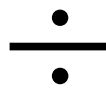
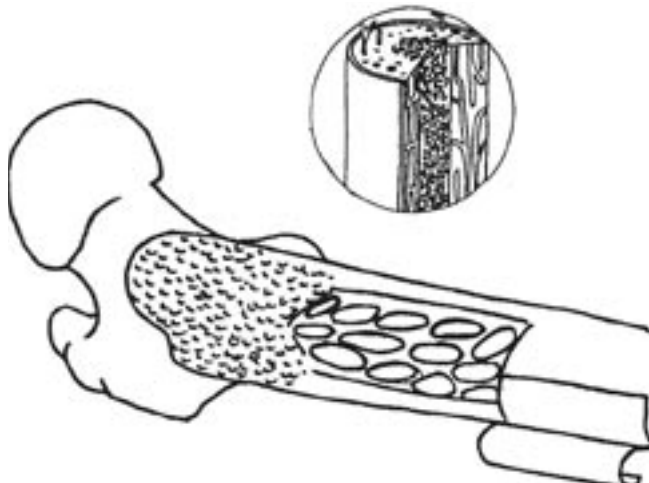


The spiritual purpose of this lesson is to teach the child how Christ came to reveal or mirror the principles of God's law. John's message was to prepare **receptive** people for that revelation.

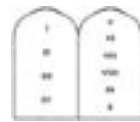
Bones remind us of God's law. Bones help hold the body upright. They give shape and support to the body as God's law shapes and supports a person's character. Bones protect the vital organs, and God's law is a protection to our spiritual life.

Man has learned how to make many useful things by observing how the bones work. One example is the hinge joint that works like the elbow. Where would you find hinges in your home? Doors, cupboards, and many other places. We can learn many things by turning the eyes to the great looking glass, the Law (James 1:23-25) and studying it.

There are many natural remedies to help prevent bone disease. So God has a remedy for those who break His law—Jesus Christ.



Math



Division teaches choice. It can remind the child to be **receptive** to the principles of the Law and divide himself from the corruptness of the world. John divided himself and preached repentance and reformation. Some people were **receptive** to the message but many were not.

When the child does division problems, the upper dot of the division symbol will remind him of God, the line, of man, and the lower dot of Satan. Each person must choose between Christ or Satan, so division teaches choice. It is best to divide from Satan and be **receptive** to God.

The family will discover how division works in creation, in the kitchen, in the woodshop, bringing to their minds the Bible lesson and **receptiveness**.

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Music



Life is moving constantly. Life beats in rhythm. Rhythm means that something occurs over and over in a regular pattern. The time signature is the key to the rhythm of a song. The top number of the time signature tells how many pulses (beats) each measure gets, and the bottom number tells what type of note (quarter, half, whole) gets one beat. A pulse is a unit of measure in music. The length of a song is a certain number of pulses or beats.

John was raised to prepare a people for the Lord's first coming. The world had lost its rhythm and John was to instruct them by giving them the key (time signature) to salvation. *"For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways...to guide our feet into the way of peace"* (Luke 1:76-79). How many would be **receptive**?



Nature

The purpose of pure water is to sustain life. This lesson teaches about the hydrologic cycle. How the water is purified through God's natural system. The spiritual life can only be sustained by being cleansed from sin which, as John taught, the law points out. He then baptized those who were **receptive** and repentant in water, to fix in their minds a symbol to remind them forever of this cleansing process. John wanted all to be prepared to meet the *"Living Water"* (John 4).

When watering the garden, washing floors, washing windows, washing food, washing dishes, watering house plants, watering pets, washing the car, washing clothes, think how the law points out our need for cleansing. How we respond to that information will divide us into one of the two classes—**receptive** or **unreceptive**.



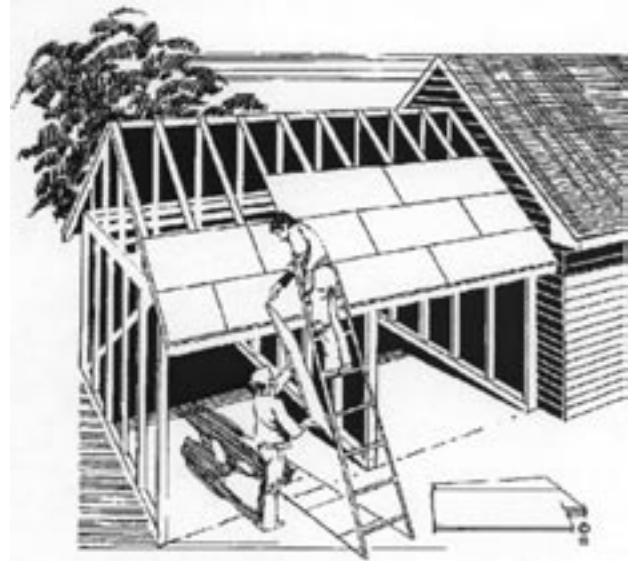
History/Geography/ Prophecy

Just as God impressed certain unique features on the continent of North America, so He has designed each person with distinctive physical and spiritual features. Like North America, you are in God's plan to further His work on the earth. You are in the process of forming your character right now. It took 30 years for John the Baptist to develop the character and sound body that fit him to be the forerunner of Christ. God sent special instructions from heaven that John might be trained for his important work. It would not have been possible for him to neglect his opportunities in childhood and youth and then have been ready when the prophetic clock struck. That is one of the important lessons of his life for us. *"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth..."* (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

History will help us to see the deep-laid plan of God for the continent of North America. Just as John the Baptist prepared the way for the Messiah, so God arranged certain things in preparation for the development of North America.... *"She hath a place prepared of God..."* (Revelation 12:6). This lesson will teach us what those plans are.



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As a building is constructed upon a foundation, so words are made from a foundation or root words.

Building houses and words can remind us that we are daily building characters for eternity. John was constructing his character in the wilderness. As suffixes and prefixes are added to develop new words, so John daily influenced the people to develop new characters by his words. Adding to God's kingdom and dividing from Satan's.

Our influence, like John's, can help people be **receptive** to spiritual values.

Discovering root words, suffixes, and prefixes in the day's Bible verses is an inspiring exercise.

Observing or helping with a building project can cement in the mind how words are also often built from pieces.



Speech



What You Taught

John was only a voice in the wilderness, but what a powerful voice was his! Its echo is still heard today through the Bible. Being a prophet, John was the voice God used to speak to the people of his generation. The word “prophet” means “one who speaks for God.”

If we will be **receptive** to God like John was, God will use us as His mouthpiece too. We will know how to “*speak a word in season*” and “*out of season*” to the people we come in contact with.

John lifted up his voice in trumpet-like tones. In simplicity and plainness, he pointed out the errors and crimes of men. There was a power in his words, and reluctant as the people were to be told about their unholy lives, they could not resist them. With the aid of the Holy Spirit the people were **receptive** to truth.

Whoever receives the words of God and speaks them to the people is God’s prophet. In this sense all God’s people may be prophets. “*If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God*” (I Peter 4:11). “*Would God that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!*” (Numbers 11:29).



- John’s lifework and yours is character development.

- **Receptiveness**, repentance, and reformation—the 3Rs!

- Bones are the foundation of the body as the Law is the foundation of God’s government—the skeleton.

- Division teaches the power of choice—plus division problems.

- The world was out of rhythm with God and John was to prepare the people for the Lord’s first coming who could bring peace to the soul—pulse (beat) and time signature.

- Baptism in water is symbolic of cleansing from sin—the hydrologic system.

- Just as John prepared the way for the Messiah, so God prepared the way for the North American continent to take its place in history.

- Building houses and building words can remind us that each day we are building character for eternity.

- If we will be **receptive** to God like John was, God will use us as His mouthpiece too.

Teaching Tips	True Education
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make a practical application of the Bible lesson. 2. School is all day as you work, play, do academic subjects, or help someone in need. Make everything you do all through the day a learning experience for the student. (See Deuteronomy 6:6-7.) 3. You may find it easier to do one or two different subjects a day with a brief review of them all on Friday. Trying to do as many as four to six subjects in a single day can cause “mental indigestion” to the brain. 4. Review by practical application in the daily life. (Example: demonstrate division by dividing up one pie into six pieces. The children will enjoy this!) 5. Not only in the language lessons, but in all subjects the teacher should expect proper penmanship, spelling, and correct reading skills. (See the first grade program.) 6. Practical arts should be taught daily so the child can learn new skills and perfect old ones such as gardening, sewing, building, washing, and many others. 	<p>True education is well defined as the harmonious development of all the faculties—a full and adequate preparation for this life and the future eternal life. It is in the early years at home and in the formal schoolwork that the mind develops, a pattern of living is established, and character is formed.</p> <p>Are you giving your child an education in which the mental faculties are properly developed? An education in which the hands are skilled in useful trades is emphasized? An education which recognizes God as the source of all wisdom and understanding?</p> <p>If so, then there is placed before the student a path of continual progress. He has an object to achieve and a standard to attain that includes everything good and pure and noble. Godliness—godlikeness—is the goal to be reached.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>“Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God’s ideal for His children.” <i>Education 18</i></p> </div>

Lessons 1-13

Read this information carefully!

1. On the next pages you will find the books and their prices listed with extra items that can be purchased for the program, "*The Desire of all Nations*."
2. The first eleven lessons can be purchased as a package plan. After lesson eleven each lesson must be bought individually. The first eleven lessons may also be bought separately.
3. These lessons are designed to teach the parent and the student how to learn academic subjects by using the Bible as a primary textbook. Whenever a student desires more information on a given topic let him pause and learn about what is interesting to him. **But always draw back to the Bible for information about the subject material.** Encourage him to see how the facts relates to the spiritual life. The Bible brings this out so plainly.

(**EXAMPLE:** Learning about the solar systems, he may wish to know more about the invisible solar systems of atoms. But you should point him to a Bible verse such as in II Corinthians 4:18: "*While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*" Once he has a Biblical basis he can continue his study and incorporate scientific facts. But again, always go back to the Bible and look for those practical lessons.)
4. This program uses *The Desire of Ages* as a textbook to go with the Bible. The program is being written with the early chapters of the book *The Desire of Ages*. Lesson 1 is chapter 1 of this book. The reason we use the early years of Christ's ministry is children relate best to Christ as a child.
5. We have not completed this program as of yet so there are more chapters being written to help teachers of homeschoolers.
6. We welcome your input and ideas. Thank you for choosing SonLight materials for your homeschool.
7. See the Family History section for books to use with the study of the continents for the History/Geography/Prophecy section of lessons 1-11.