

Horizons

Penmanship

Cursive



Introduction

“Great Handwriting Spreads God’s Word”

We praise God in everything we do when we do our best. Handwriting is no exception.

During this year’s writing journey, you will be creating your own book of Bible stories from the Book of Genesis: Noah, The Tower of Babel, Abraham and Isaac, and the Story of Joseph. Each week, or series of weeks, you will write part or all of a story from the first book of the Bible. This will help you to learn God’s Word better and to “spread” His Word by creating your own book of Bible stories from the Book of Genesis.

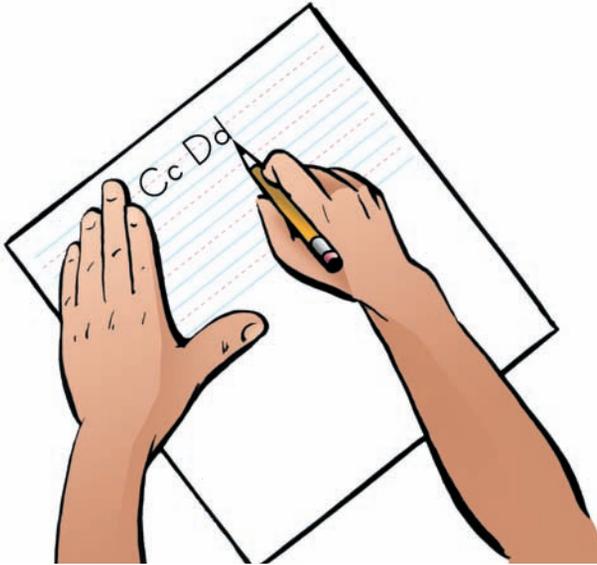
You will review your manuscript skills and strengthen your cursive writing. On the first few pages, you will review the tips for good handwriting: how to sit, how to place your paper on your desk or table, how to hold your pencil, and how to form each letter of the alphabet correctly. Come back to these pages often until you are sure you know exactly what to do.

Each day you will have a handwriting lesson. On the first day or two of each week, you will practice words and sentences from the chosen text as well as learning the definitions of some of the more difficult words. On the third day you will practice the quotation in manuscript. On the fourth day, you will practice a special quote in cursive. On the fifth day, you will use your best writing to copy the quote on to a specially designed page. These special pages will be placed in a binder. By the end of the year, this binder will become your own book of Bible stories which you can keep and share with friends to help spread God’s Word.

Remember that good handwriting is needed in all areas of your life. Writing letters to family and friends, writing school assignments, and, later, writing out job applications will all need your best handwriting.

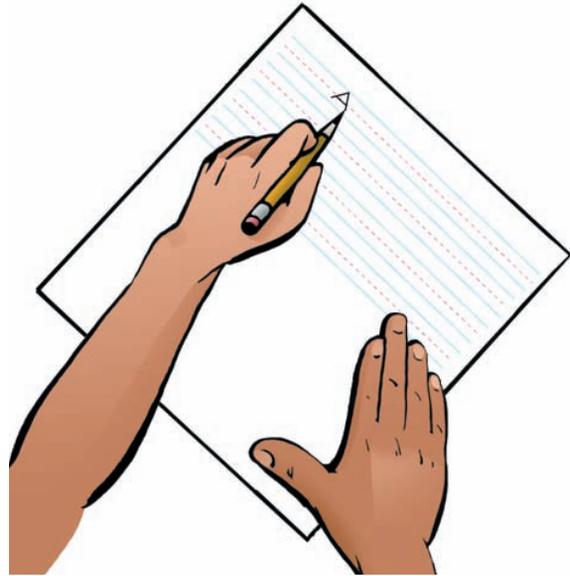
Give God your best! You are part of His creation! Do all to praise Him!





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.



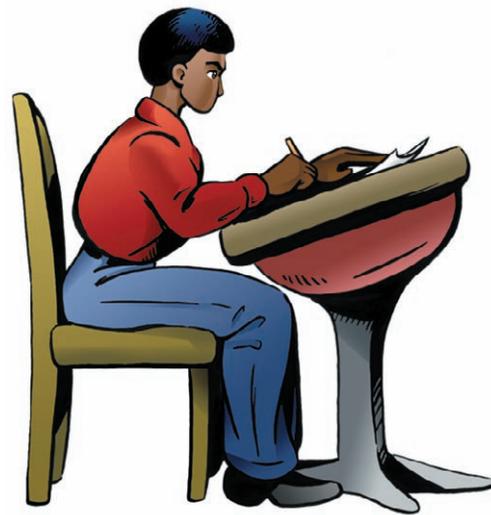
Correct Left-Handed Position

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

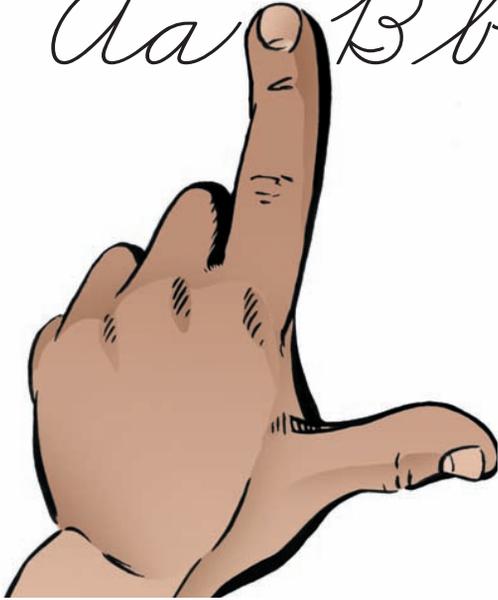
Hold the pencil loosely about $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1" above the sharpened point. Hold it between your thumb and index (pointer) finger. Let it rest on your middle finger. Do not grip the pencil tightly or your hand will become very tired. Do not let your hand slip down to the sharp point or you will have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

Aa Bb Cc Dd

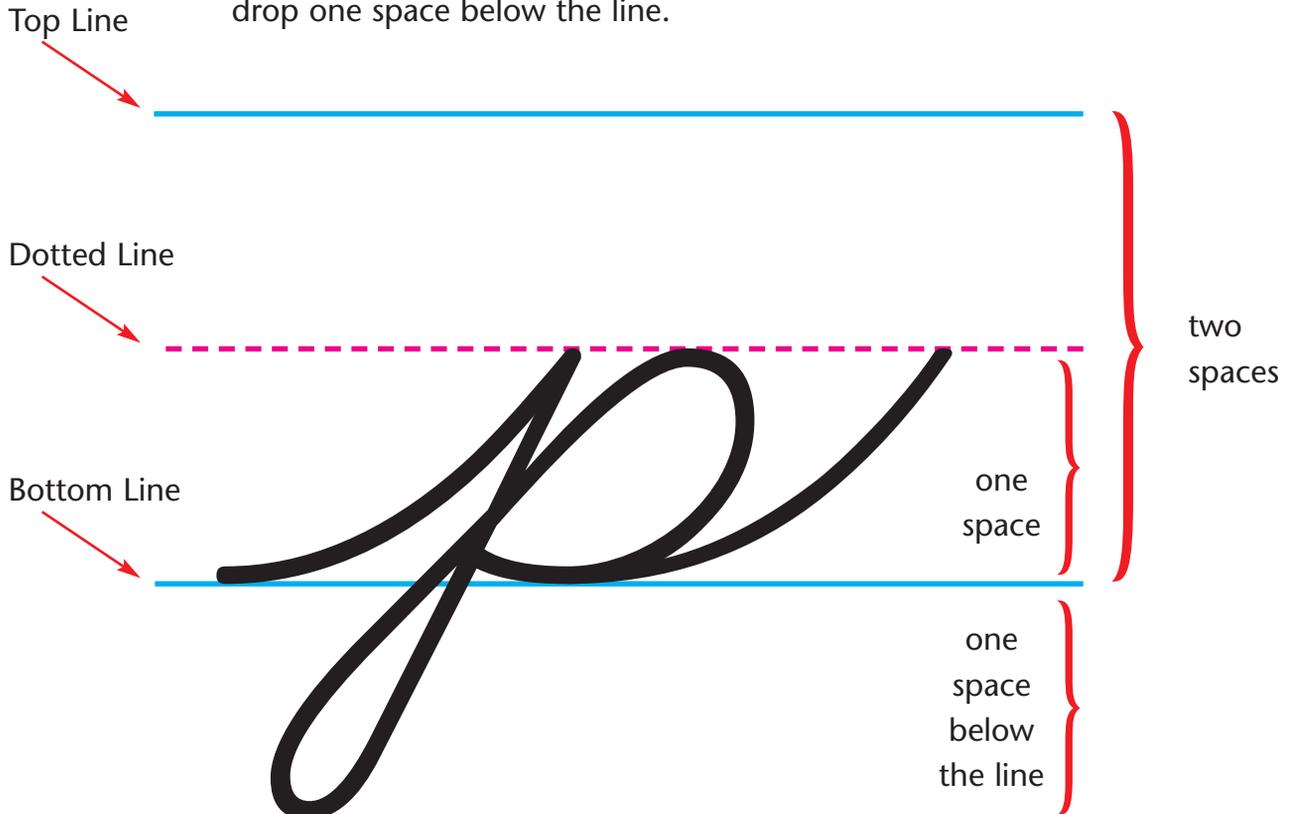


Correct Spacing

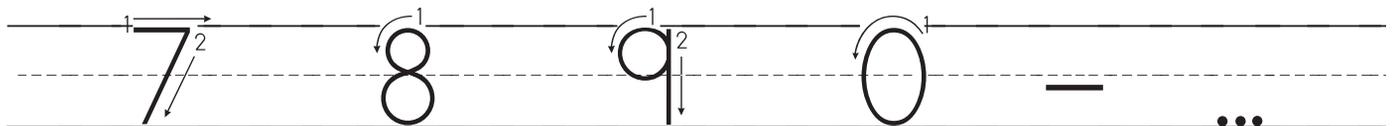
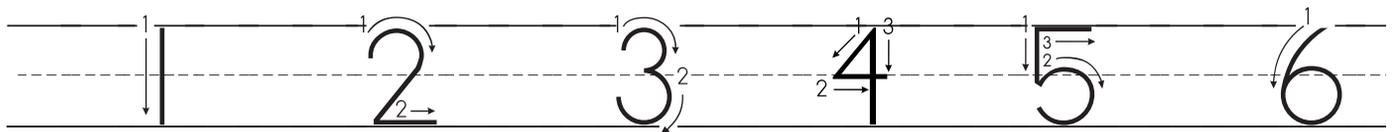
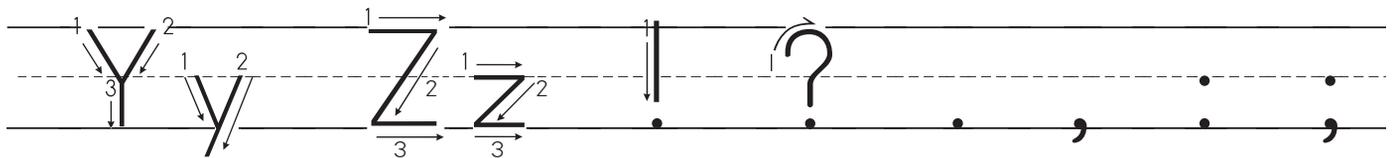
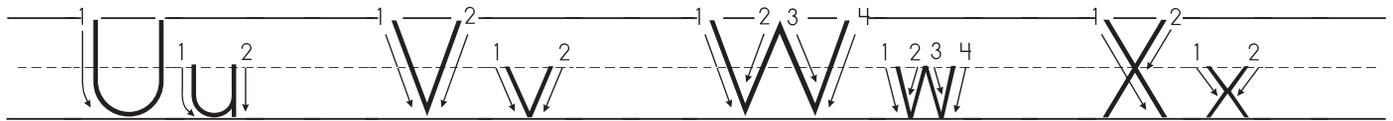
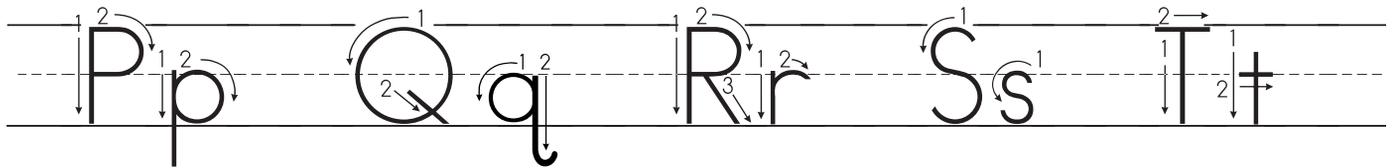
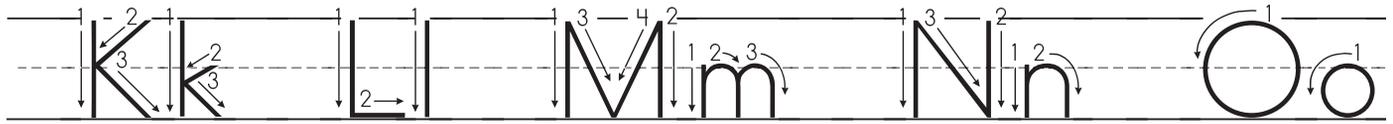
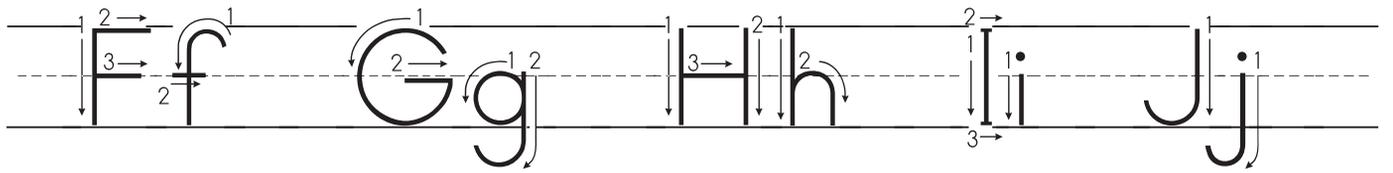
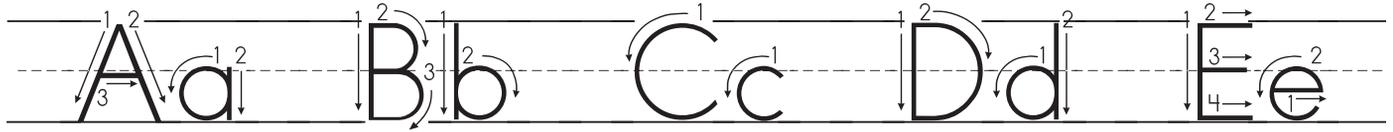
When practicing your letters separately, and later when writing your words, use your index (pointer) finger as a guide. Continue to do this until you can easily see the space you need between words without using your finger.

Guide Lines

The blue top and bottom lines and the dotted red centerline will be your guides for letter formations. Some letters are one space tall, others are two spaces tall. Some letters like **p** are two spaces tall but begin in the bottom space and drop down one space below the bottom guideline. A few letters are three spaces tall. They use both spaces between the guidelines and drop one space below the line.



Correct Formation of Manuscript Letters and Numbers



Correct Formation of Cursive Letters and Numbers

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff

Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk

Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp

Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu

Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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Practice

Name: _____

a b c d e f g h i
j k l m n o p q r
s t u v w x y z

A B C D E F G H I
J K L M N O P Q
R S T U V W X Y Z

Practice writing your name: _____