## Welcome to Word Power 1

Our "learning to read" program is based upon the Orton-Gillingham approach to phonics. We use the Bibletoteach phonics, combining it with the latest research to provide your younger students with a firm foundation in reading. Our method is multisensory (sight, sound, and touch), and phonics concepts are taught in a logical, sequential way. Each lesson builds upon the previous lesson, but the teacher remains in charge - helping the child move as quickly or slowly as needed. We believe in teaching "phonograms" so that
no guessing is involved. Order and the beauty of language will be emphasized, with lots of opportunity for review and practice each day.

Each week's lessons include child-friendly activities such as finding sounds around the home, playing fun games, singing rhymes, and learning beginning handwriting skills. Because we are training future Bible students, we also introduce your child to the letters of the Hebrew alephbet.

## In Each Unit, Your Student Will:

- Review Flashcards - Student sees letter or phonogram and tells you the sound. Then you'll reshuffle the cards. Now you'll say the sound, and student will spell and write it.
- Practice Reading Blends and Words - Student begins with simple blends and progresses to words. Finally, he will read sentences. We transition to reading from Scripture as soon as possible. The accompanying Word Power 1 Reader is a necessary supplement.
- Learn New Sounds - You'll teach new phonograms to the student, who will write them, spell them, and read them.
- Practice Sounds - Student will use magnetic letters to spell words.
- Dictate Words - You'll dictate words to the student, who will repeat them, spell them, and write them.
- Dictate Sentences - As student's reading proficiency increases, you will dictate sentences to the student, who will repeat them and write them.
- Play Games - You will end each lesson with a fun activity.
- Earn Stickers - As student masters a sound, he can add a sticker to his Achievement Map so that he can see his progress.

Even though the units contain daily plans, we want you to help your child master a set of skills before moving on to the next unit. Practice, practice,
 practice - this is what makes a confident reader! We strongly recommend that you pace the instruction to the needs of your child rather than simply trying to complete the next lesson as rapidly as possible. Children mature at a variety of rates. Take as much time as your child needs!

## NOTES ON THE LESSONS

- The Sacred Name of the Creator has been changed to יוֹוָה throughout this book. Since your child will be learning to read the Hebrew letters, you can begin to teach him what the letters in God's name are. While the authors of this curriculum pronounce His name "Yehovah," other pronunciations are possible. We feel it is not to be a divisive issue.
- We use the male gender for your child throughout this book ("he," "him," etc.). This is done because we want to be consistent in our use of English grammar. It becomes messy to say "he or she" each time, and it is incorrect to use "they" for only one student.
- You will see that the lessons are quite repetitive. First-grade students love predictable routines, and we urge you not to skip activities simply because an adult might find them boring.
- We occasionally recommend the use of a white board. We recently read research that indicated writing on a chalkboard or large piece of paper might actually be better for the brain development of young children, simpy because the friction involved helps form brain pathways. If you only have a white board, we recommend purchasing sidewalk chalk and occasionally doing lessons outside!



## Lesson Atmosphere

We recommend short, easy lessons. We suggest keeping school subjects to 1530 minutes each. Attempt to change to a new activity before interest wanes.

Try to have your daily reading, writing, and spelling lessons at the same time and place each day. The room should be orderly, uncluttered, and without too many distractions. A predictable daily routine has been shown to create a state of mind that is conducive to learning.
(Maybe this would be a good time to have babies and toddlers spend a few minutes playing safely by themselves in a playpen or gated room. Older siblings could take turns supervising other younger children. Try to make it possible to have a few minutes of uninterrupted time with your beginning reader.)

Have your student face in the same direction each day, working at a comfortable table. This willhelporientyourstudentinspaceand in the awareness of left-right directionality.

We found the many ideas listed in this article to be of huge benefit. We highly recommend that you read it:
donpotter.net/pdf/shortcut_to_ manuscript.pdf

## Supplies Needed

- Pencil with an attached eraser
- Flashcards
- Stickers
- Word Power Reader 1
- Flashcards, stickers, and the reader are scheduled in each lesson and are available from foundationspress.com/product/word-power.

Optional:

- Pencil grips
- Dry-erase board with markers, or chalkboard and chalk
- Magnetic letters


## Ages

This curriculum is intended primarily for children ages 4-9 who are first learning to read. You may easily use it with older children (or adults) to teach remedial reading, but you will probably be able to move much more quickly through the lessons.

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## TO the Teacher:

- Show the flashcard for $c$. Teach your child that "c says /c/ in dat."
- Can you think of any other words that start with /c/? (cab, cake, can, coat, cup, cone, cut, cute, etc.)
- Sing the Alphabet song. ${ }^{1}$

Circle all the c's. Can you find 7 ?


C says /c/ in cat. Say /c/ while you trace each letter. Always start at the top, then go around the circle to the left.


Trace the letter and write 5 more. Say the sound while you write each letter.

C

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## Trace the alphabet.



Trace the cursive letter and write 5 more. Say the sound while you write each letter.

## c

Trace the capital letter and write 5 more. Say the sound while you write each letter.


Make up a sentence about a cat. Ask your teacher to write it here. Notice that a sentence always starts with a capital letter and ends with a period.

## $I$

## To the Teacher:

. Show the flashcard for O . Teach your child that "o says /ŏ/ in olive." O is a vowel.

- Can you think of any other words that start with /ŏ/? (ostrich, ox, odd, opposite, etc.)
- Review the flashcard for C.
- Using a white board, say a sound (/c/ or /ŏ/) and ask your child to write the letter that makes that sound. After your child writes each letter, say, "C says /c/" or "o says /ŏ/" while pointing to the letter together. This procedure is in preparation for when we begin to spell words.
- Sing the Alphabet song.

Add a sticker to your path on the map!



Trace with your finger.


O says /ŏ/ in olive. Say /ŏ/ while you trace each letter. Always go around the circle to the left.


Draw black olives on the olive tree.

Trace the cursive letter and write 5 more. Say the sound while you write each letter.

Trace the capital letter and write 5 more. Say the sound while you write each letter.


Make up a sentence about an olive. Ask your teacher to write it here. Notice that a sentence always starts with a capital letter and ends with a period.
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## TO the Teacher:

- Use sidewalk chalk (or water and a paint brush) to draw the letters on cement outside.
- Make the letter shapes with play dough. Always say the sound when forming a letter.

Read Reader, p. 3.

## TO the Teacher:

] Use your finger to point under each letter, starting on the left side.
Point under the o and say /ŏ/. Slide your finger to the next letter, and say its sound. Continue sliding and saying sounds across the entire first line.
[. Now start again on the second line. When you get to the "oc" combination, say the /ŏ/ sound, then the /c/ sound. Then say say/ŏc/ slowly.
Sound out the "oc" combination again, and slide your finger more quickly this time. Say /ŏc/ quickly.

- This will be the pattern you use as you practice blending sounds together. "Say it slow, then say it fast."

Sound out the following letters:
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\mathrm{O} & \mathrm{O} & \mathrm{C} & \mathrm{C} & \mathrm{O} & \mathrm{C} & \mathrm{O}\end{array}$ O C OC O C OC


Now let's practice writing in cursive. Say /c/ while you trace each letter.

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Trace the letter and write 5 more. Say the sound while you write each letter.

Can you learn American Sign Language?


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Trace the letters and write 2 more. Say /ŏc/ while you write each letter. Notice that cursive letters reach out to "tag" the next letter.

Trace the letters and write 3 more. Say /ǒc/ while you write each letter.

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Trace the capital letter and write 5 more. Say the sound while you write each letter.


Ask your teacher to write your name in cursive.
The first letter of your name starts with a capital letter.
Copy your name onto the second line.
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Read Reader, p. 4.

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TO the TEACHER:
\square Review: What does c say? "C says /c/ in cat." What does o say? "O says /ŏ/ in
    olive." Review the flashcards for o and c.
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Now let's practice writing in cursive. Say /ǒ/ while you trace each letter.

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Trace the letter and write 5 more. Say the sound while you write each letter.

Trace the letters and write 2 more. Say /ŏc/ while you write each letter. Notice that cursive letters reach out to "tag" the next letter.

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## TO the Teacher:

- In Hebrew, when a small line is placed under a consonant to make a patach, it is a vowel that says /ŏ/. Another vowel, called a kamets, makes a similar sound. It looks like a tiny T.
- Hebrew is read and written from right to left.

Trace the vowels and make three more.


Read Reader, p. 4 again.

## To the Teacher:

Review: What does $c$ say? "C says /c/ in cat." What does o say? "O says /ŏ/ in olive." Review the
flashcards for o and $c$.
Sing the Alphabet song.

Practice writing your letters. Remember to say the sound as you write.

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Trace the letter and write 5 more. Say the sound while you write each letter.

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Do you remember how to make an /ŏ/ sound in Hebrew? Trace the vowels. Remember to write from right to left.


Read Reader, p. 5.

Use the shapes to draw a cat in the square.


## compound

## To the Teacher:

- Show the flashcards learned so far. The child should respond to each with the proper sound. (If the child cannot respond correctly, have him trace the letter with his finger on the card, while you make the sound and say "c says /c/ in cat," for instance.)
- Make the sound of each letter learned so far. Your child should respond to each by naming it and writing it.
- Sing the Alphabet song.
- List the 5 vowels: a, e, i, o, u.

Sound out the following words:

## sun set sunset bath tub bathtub



Now let's practice writing in cursive. Trace and then copy.

sunset

## words

## Read the following words:

sun set sunset
bath ..... tub
bathtub
can not cannot
pig pen pigpen
catnipcatnipdishpanwithindishpanwithinsuntan
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Read Reader, p. 95.

## Day 2

## To the Teacher:

- Sing the alphabet song.
- Have your child spell the following words on the lines below: bath tub bathtub cat fish catfish
bob cat bobcat

Write the words your teacher says.
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Draw a line between the two words that make up the compound word.
pigpen
cashbox catnip ramrod
inlet

Copy the missing words.

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Practice making cursive capital letters. Trace and then copy.


## To the Teacher:

- Help your child write this sentence: The den is dim at sunset.

Draw a line between the two words that make up the compound words. Read each word.

## cannot

## cashbox

hotbed
bedbug
ramrod
inlet
upset
upshot catfish bobcat within whiplash

Can you remember what the 5 vowels are? Write them here:


Practice writing your letters. Remember to say the sounds as you write.


Read Reader, p. 97.

## 17

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Practice making cursive capital letters. Trace and then copy.


## TO THE TEACHER:

$\square$ Help your child write this sentence: The shot upset the bobcat.

Sound out the following letters:
hat them rob wet
ax shed hap nip
cut wax quid rub
rod kith sun zip
shun quip when fan


Trace the Hebrew consonants and vowels. Can you say all the sounds?


## 17

Day 5
Finish the sentence.

# comes before <br> and , before the <br> other three: 

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Sound out the following letters:
ca
ke
ki
co
cu
cat
Ken
keg kit
cob
cud
cash kid cod
cup

Sound out the Hebrew letters. Write the word using English letters.


Finish the sentence your teacher dictates.
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Draw a picture to illustrate the sentence.
$\square$ Add a sticker to your path on the map!


Read Reader, p. 99.

## To the Teacher:

$\square$ Help your child write this sentence: Jim cannot sit in the bathtub.
Use watercolor paints to make a picture of a sunset.

## To the Teacher:

. Find each of the flashcards that contain vowels (a, e, i, o, u). Put them in one pile. Make the sound of each vowel.

- Put all the consonants and blends in another pile. Make the sound of each consonant.
- Use the charts on pp. 260-261 to review the sounds of all the vowels. Page 260 shows all the vowels' short sounds. Page 261 shows the sounds each vowel makes when it "says its names."
- Be ready for this week by watching Anne teach how to make vowel sounds at https://youtu.be/71jRuN2ke60.

Write the vowel that goes with each picture.

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Sometimes a vowel "says its name" instead.
Write the vowel that says its name inside each of these picture words.


Circle all the vowels in the words below.


## TO The Teacher:

- The concept of "silent e" can be difficult for children. They have learned the short sounds of the vowels. Last week, they learned that vowels can also say their names. This week, they will learn that sometimes vowels can be silent. Thankfully, learning "silent e" will open up a whole world of words that your child can read.
- Write the following words in big letters on a white board. Show your child that when you place a "silent e" next to each word, it suddenly changes the word. A small pin becomes a great pine, a kit becomes a kite, a pal becomes pale, and a little bit of candy becomes a great big bite.

| pin | pine |
| :--- | :--- |
| kit | kite |
| pal | pale |
| bit | bite |

Circle the vowel. Add a silent E to the end of each word. The silent E will help the first vowel "say its name." Read each word.


Read Reader, p. 155.

Let's practice writing syllables. Trace the syllables. Sound them out as you write.


## To the Teacher:

- Sing the alphabet song.

Day 2
Sound out the following open syllables. Each vowel says its name.

# pa pe pi po pu ba be bi bo bu 

 la le li lo lu na ne ni no nuLet's practice writing words. Watch for silent E .


Write the sounds your teacher dictates.
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## To the Teacher:

Help your child spell these words. When pronouncing syllables with consonant blends, say it "normal," and then slowly say each sound so that the consonants and vowels are obvious.
rid ride
tap tape
plan plane

Copy the missing words.

## 7175: God made the earth and the

## heavens.

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earth
heavens.

## TO THE TEACHER:

- Review:

F, L, S,
Don't make a mess!
Double the final consonant
For F, L, S
Zzzzzzzzz... (snore loudly!)
$\square$ Sing the alphabet song.
$\square$ Use the charts on pp. 260-261 to review the sounds of all the vowels.
Let's practice writing words. Trace the word, then write it again. Sound it out as you write.

## wade

## dome

## mite

## stole

Trace the sentence. Remember to say the sounds as you write.


## TO THE TEACHER:

Help your child make up sentences using the three words on each line.

Trace the words. Remember to say the sounds as you write.

## ride go bike

man king he
she name hi


Write your first name. Write your last name.


Read Reader, p. 157.

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## To the Teacher:

] Review:
F, L, S,
Don't make a mess!
Double the final consonant
For F, L, S
Zzzzzzzzz... (snore loudly!)

- Sing the alphabet song.
- Use the charts on pp. 260-261 to review the sounds of all the vowels.

Let's practice writing words. Trace the word, then write it again. Sound it out as you write.

## not

 note
## mope

## mope

## bit



Circle the vowels. Underline the phonograms. Cross out the silent E's. Point to the C-V-C syllables. Now point to the C-V syllables. Good job!
sing
swept

## trum pet

chil dren
he
rate
kite
thing
in sect
I rish
me
go
pine
Sam

## To the Teacher:

- In Hebrew, two small dots are placed under a consonant to make a tsere, the vowel that says /ay/. The two dots looks like two balls bouncing on the bay.
] To read in Hebrew, first say the sound of the consonant, and then read the sound of the vowel under it. Remember to read from right to left.

Sound out the letters as you trace and copy.


Read Reader, p. 158.


## 27

## Day 5

Let's practice writing words. Trace the word, then write it again. Sound it out as you write.

## hide

## plane <br> shame

fane
Sound out the Hebrew letters. Write the word using English letters.
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Finish the sentence your teacher dictates.
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Draw a picture to illustrate the sentence.

Add a
sticker to your path on the map!


Read Reader, p. 159.

## To the Teacher:

- Help your child write this sentence: Can you save the lame dog?

Read Proverbs 12:10 together. How does a righteous man treat animals? How does a wicked man treat animals?

- Use the charts on pp. 260-261 to review the sounds of all the vowels.


## Oa in soa

## Day 1

Add a sticker to your path on the map!


Let's practice writing words. Sound them out as you write.


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oe in toe
to s foe
noe hoe
woe doe
boat toast
groan moan
goal coal coat throat
croak cloak soak loaf soap goad coast boast road toad noe doe

Write the sounds your teacher dictates.
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## To the Teacher:

Help your child spell these words. Let your child know whether you are using the on or oe phonogram. goat boat
oak oat
toe hoe

Copy the missing words.

## I will never forget your precepts, for with them, you have revived me.

hour
$\square$, for forget
$\square$ you have

## To the Teacher:

- Review:

F, L, S,
Don't make a mess!
Double the final consonant
For F, L, S
Zzzzzzzzz... (snore loudly!)

- Sing the alphabet song.

Draw a line between syllables. Read the words.
billboard
cocoa
oatmeal doeskin toenail
steamboat
crossroad
oboe
tiptoe
pekoe


Let's practice writing syllables. Trace the words. Sound out each syllable as you write.

## steamboat

## crossroad

## bilbboard

 oatrneal
## TO the Teacher:

When reading a sentence, show by the raising of your tone whether the sentence should end with a period (.) or a question mark (?) or an exclamation mark (!).

- Your child might enjoy using a different color to write punctuation.

Trace the sentences.

## - can hear the

toad. If you stand on tiptoe, you will see it.

Learn to write the name of your country.


Read Reader, p. 193.

The boat is made of oak. Fe left the boat on the beach. See the sun on the shells.

## TO THE TEACHER:

- Play "Word Squares" Start in any box and move from one letter to another to make a word. Horizonal, vertical, and diagonal moves are all okay, and letters may be doubled. Do not jump over any letter. Write the words on the whiteboard. Give one point for each letter.


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| $\theta$ | $\int$ | $\dot{\vartheta}$ |
|  | $\leftarrow$ | $10$ |

## To the Teacher:

The Hebrew vowel cholem says /ō/. It looks like this: $\boldsymbol{\chi}$
[] The Hebrew phonogram cholem vav also says /ō/. It looks like this:
Sound out the syllables. Copy each one below.



Read Reader, p. 194.

Write any 4 Hebrew consonants. Add cholem or cholem vav. Sound them out.

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Day $5 \quad$ Trace the sentences.

## elt is a spill! \&oak the coat

## in soap.

Sound out the Hebrew syllables. Write the sounds in English letters.

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## Finish the sentence your teacher dictates.

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## Draw a picture to illustrate the sentence.

Add a sticker to your path on the map!


Read Reader, p. 195.

## TO THE TEACHER:

- Help your child write this sentence: He will demonstrate how to make oatmeal.

There are several large words in this sentence. Help your child break up the words into individual syllables and sound them out.

- Show your child how to make oatmeal. What are your favorite breakfast foods?


## Reading Hebrew in Reader 1

For parents who are new to Hebrew, here is an answer key to help as you and your child read. Remember, Hebrew is read from right to left, so we have written the English transliterations from right to left also.
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לِ לָ גָ 入ِ Ț la la ga ga da da ma ma לַ ַַ לָ Tַ Ț Dِ la ga ma la da da ma ga
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לِ רַ la la ga ga da da ma ma
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nַ רַ ma la da ga ta ha ta ha מָמ הָה לַג God log hot mom
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 la la ga ga da da ma ma
 la ga ma la da da ma ga
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לַ la la ga ga da da ma ma

ה הת ת הת /h/ /h/ /t/ /t/ /h/ /h/ הַהָ תָּ תָּ גַ דָ לָּ מַ ma la da ga ta ha ta ha
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