For the Teacher

The primary goal of phonics instruction is to help the student become a strong reader by teaching him the *sounds* made by individual letters and combinations of letters. This will enable him to sound out an unlimited number of words. Emphasis should be placed upon teaching the *sound* of each letter and *not* its name. Only the *sounds* of the letters help us read words. Once your student understands the basic rules of phonics, the world of reading will open up to him. This will also enable him to be a good speller.

It is important for teachers to follow the instructions located in this Teacher's Manual as a preparation for the daily lessons in Adventures in Phonics Level C. A home school teacher is able to have his student read drills from this Teacher's Manual. Keep in mind that each student learns at a different rate of speed depending on his previous schooling, his maturity, and the difficulty of the lesson. If your student has completed Adventures in Phonics Level B, many of the lessons will serve as a review and reinforcement of that workbook. If Adventures in Phonics Level C, however, is the first exposure to learning the sounds of the letters and to reading, the student may need extra drill and review. This workbook may be helpful to the older student who has not had a phonics background during his younger years of school. Many new words will be taught. Spend as much time as you feel necessary to help your student understand each lesson.

In the student's workbook, the pages have been perforated so that they can easily be removed to help the student in completing his work. All the student's work should be carefully saved for review purposes. The instructor may choose to have his student do the work in the workbook, keeping it all together.

As new work is introduced, it is recommended that the teacher go over the entire lesson with the student, making sure he understands the directions and knows what the pictures represent. The student should also give the answers orally; this is not a test, but a time of teaching and learning. Finally, he should neatly complete the page independently. The teacher should correct the student's work as soon as possible and have him rework any errors he makes. Before beginning the next lesson, a short time should be spent discussing the previous lesson.

The two most important attributes of a phonics teacher are loving patience and caring perseverance. May the Lord grant you, the instructor, an abundant supply of both.

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Purpose

To review the sounds of consonants and vowels through reading words.

To review printing the capitals and small letters of the alphabet.

Lesson

Listen as your student says the sounds of each letter in the alphabet. Discuss the purpose of capitals such as writing the name of a person (Adam), or place (Garden of Eden), or beginning sentences, etc.

<u>This</u> is the day that the <u>L</u>ord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Discuss the directions and go over the lesson as the student gives the answers orally. Give help as needed. Have him complete the lesson independently, stressing neatness as he begins this new workbook, and as he does the work on each page.

Check the lesson soon after it has been completed, and have the student make any corrections.

