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This LIFE PAC® contains stories about prayer, the first Christmas, and other stories about the birth of Jesus. You will complete exercises to help you understand what you read.

You will also learn to write different kinds of sentences. You will learn to write a special kind of letter and you will learn how to take notes on important subjects.

Finally, you will learn how to spell many new words as you practice your best handwriting.

OBJECTIVES

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you should be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFE PAC.

When you have finished this LIFE PAC, you should be able to:

1. Select the main idea of a story.
2. Choose details from a story.
3. Relate what is happening in a story even though it is not stated.
4. Decide what is likely to happen next in a story.
5. Group words according to subject.
6. Follow written directions.
7. Tell if a story is fact or fiction.
8. Define new vocabulary words.
9. Spell new words.
10. Identify nouns, verbs, and adjectives in sentences.
11. Identify words that show possession.
12. Choose the correct adjective to compare nouns.
13. Use punctuation marks correctly at the end of sentences.
14. Add the suffix *-ful* to nouns to form adjectives.
15. Use adverbs in sentences.
16. Match the subject and verb correctly in sentences.
17. Name the tense in which a sentence is written.
18. Write letters of invitation.
19. Write study notes.

VOCABULARY

Study these new words. Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFE PAC.

abroad (u brôd'). Outside one's country.

Alps (alps). High mountains in Europe.

Bethlehem (beth' lē um). Birthplace of Jesus as well as King David.

blessing (bles' ing). A giving of God's favor.

Caesar Augustus (sē'zur ô gus' tus). First Roman emperor.

cripple (krip' ul). A lame person; one not able to walk.

decree (di krē'). To order by law.

espouse (es pouz'). To marry.

exception (ek sep' shun). Something that does not follow the rule.

exclamation (eks' klu mǎ' shun). Act of exclaiming or crying out.

fiction (fik' shun). The branch of literature which consists of stories imagined, invented, or made up.

Galilee (gal' u lē). A region of northern Israel at the time of Christ.

generous (jen' ur us). Giving freely; not selfish.

glory (glôr' ē). Brightness or splendor.

Gospel (gos' pul). The story of Christ's life and teachings.

haste (hāst). Trying to be quick; hurrying.

index card (in' deks kǎrd'). One used for taking notes, usually 3" x 5".

invitation (in' vu tǎ' shun). The act of asking or inviting, either in written or spoken form.

Jerusalem (ju rü'su lem). Largest city in the Holy Land.

lineage (lin' ē ij). Family, ancestors.

manger (mān' jur). A box in a stable from which horses eat.

margin (mār' jun). The blank space around the printing on a page.

multitude (mul' tu tūd). A great number of persons gathered together.

Nativity (nu tiv' u tē). The birth of Christ.

Nazareth (naz' u ruth). Childhood home of Jesus, located in the northern section of the Holy Land.

novel (nov' ul). A fictional story long enough to fill one or more books.

ponder (pon' dur). To think about deeply and carefully.

popular (pop' yu lur). Something approved of or liked by the general public.

salutation (sal yu tā' shun). The opening of a letter, such as "Dear Sir."

scheme (skēm). The plan of things; the way things are arranged.

source (sôrs). Person, book, statement, etc. that supplies information.

St. Nicholas (sānt'nik' u lus). A church leader who gave many gifts.

swaddling clothes (swod' ling klōz). Narrow strips of cloth used to wrap a baby.

Swiss (swis). People who live in Switzerland.

tax (taks). The payment of money for use of the government for the benefit of the public.

tense (tens). The form of a verb that shows the time of action; past, present, or future.

tidings (tī' dingz). News; information. "Good tidings" would be good news.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFE PAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ōrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /TH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

I. SECTION ONE

God answers prayers in His time and His way. Read about Heidi and her talk with the **crippled** girl, Clara. Reading this short part of a chapter from Johanna Spyri's *Heidi* will help you become a better reader.

In this section you will review some of the things you've learned about sentences. You will have many chances to improve your handwriting, too.

Review these objectives. When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

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4. Decide what is likely to happen next in a story.
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11. Identify words that show possession.

Restudy these vocabulary words.

Alps blessing cripple Swiss



HEIDI (Adapted from Heidi by Johanna Spyri)

The story of Heidi has been a favorite of many people. After you have read this section, you may want to check out the book from the library.

The Background. Heidi was a little **Swiss** girl, whose father and mother were dead. She was brought to her old grandfather, who was living alone on the side of a mountain in the **Alps**. Heidi liked her new home in the mountains. After she had been there awhile, she was sent to a rich home in the city as a companion to a girl who was a **cripple**.

Heidi grew ill from homesickness. She could not sleep well. She returned to her home in the Alps. Sometime later, the crippled girl was brought to the mountains to live with Heidi.



The story. The girls lay in bed that night looking out at the stars. Heidi said, "I have been thinking all day. What a happy thing it is that God does not give us what we ask for if He