

This Book Belongs To:

The Treehouse

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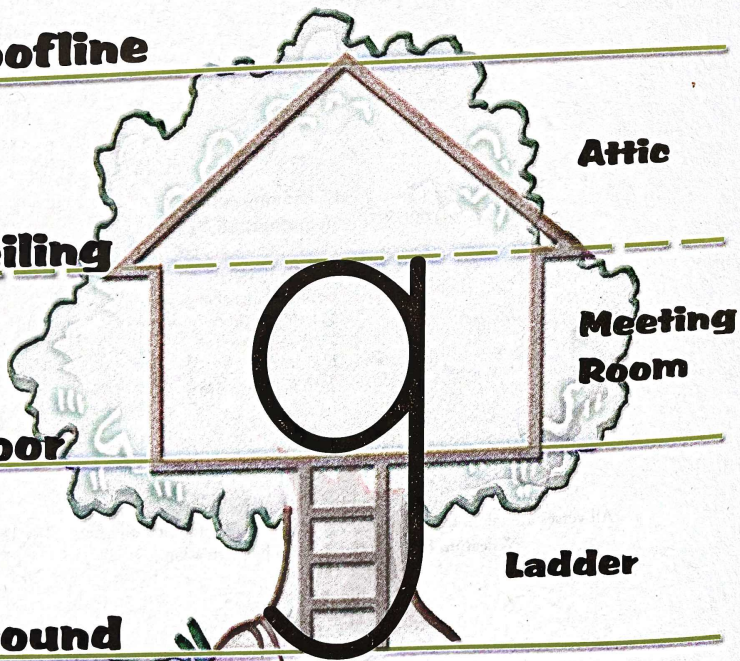
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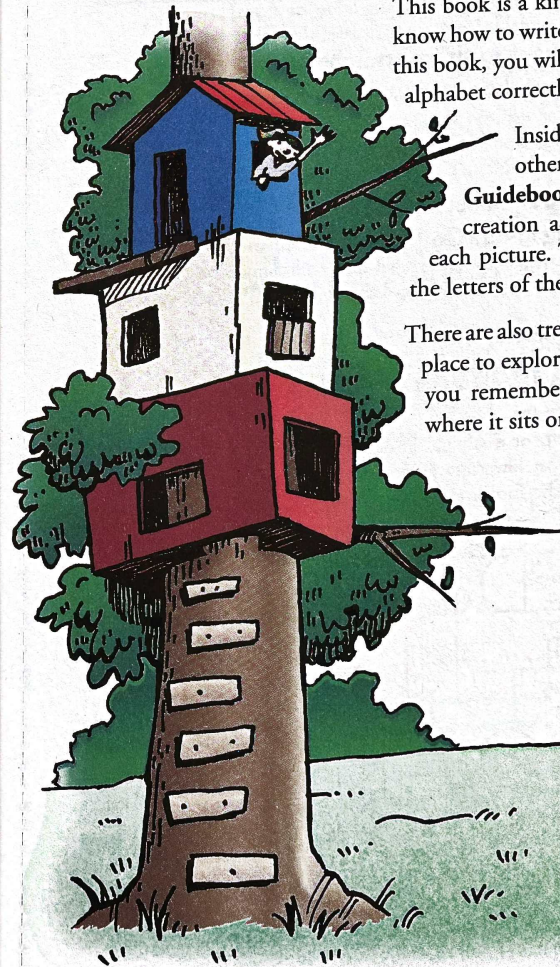
Let's Start at the Beginning

**In the beginning,
God made our world – your world!**

This book is a kind of beginning, too! You may already know how to write your name and copy words. But, with this book, you will learn how to write all 26 letters of the alphabet correctly!

Inside, you will find pictures of animals and other things God created. From the **Teacher's Guidebook**, you will learn more about God's creation and you will do a special project with each picture. These pictures will help you remember the letters of the alphabet.

There are also treehouses inside! A treehouse is an exciting place to explore. The treehouses in this book will help you remember exactly how to form each letter and where it sits on the line.



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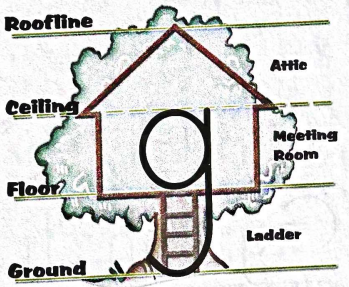
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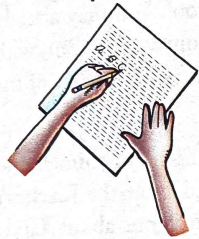
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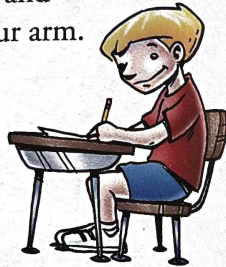


Learning to Write

When we start any project, we want to do it right! Learning the correct way to hold your pencil will help you write your very best.



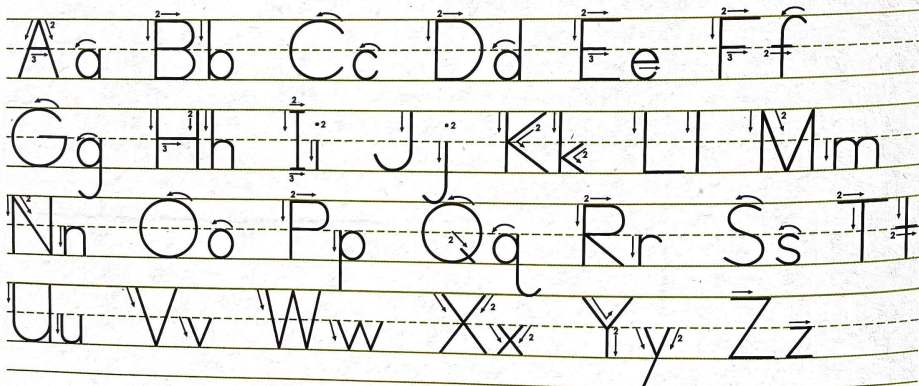
It's also important to sit up straight, and slant your paper the same way as your arm.



As you write the alphabet letters this year, you'll also discover that learning about God's world is fun! Enjoy this book and do your best every day!

The Alphabet

Most letters are made with a circle to the left, or a straight stroke down. Strokes should always be made top to bottom, not bottom to top. Most lowercase letters are formed without picking up the pencil. Learning strokes correctly will make the future transition to cursive easier and more natural.



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to *A Reason For Handwriting*!

As your child begins this school year, it's important to recognize that *you* are a very important part of the learning process.

What can you expect to see this year?

Every lesson in your child's handwriting book is based on God's creation. Children not only learn to write alphabet letters, but also discover many interesting things about the natural world.

Manuscript handwriting is not just a beginning point—it's a skill for life! Computer screens are all in Manuscript. Traffic signs are all in Manuscript. Books are all in Manuscript. And, think of how often you're asked to "print" on an application or similar document. Learning correct letter formation can impact a child's handwriting for life.

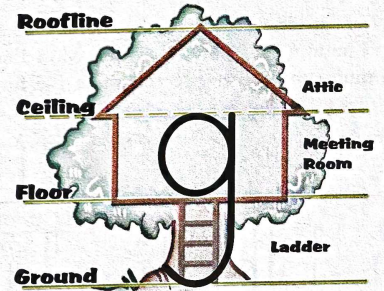
Letter formation is taught using the parts of a treehouse — roofline, ceiling, floor, ground, etc. This helps students visualize correct placement on the line. A model of the treehouse is found on many of the instruction pages.

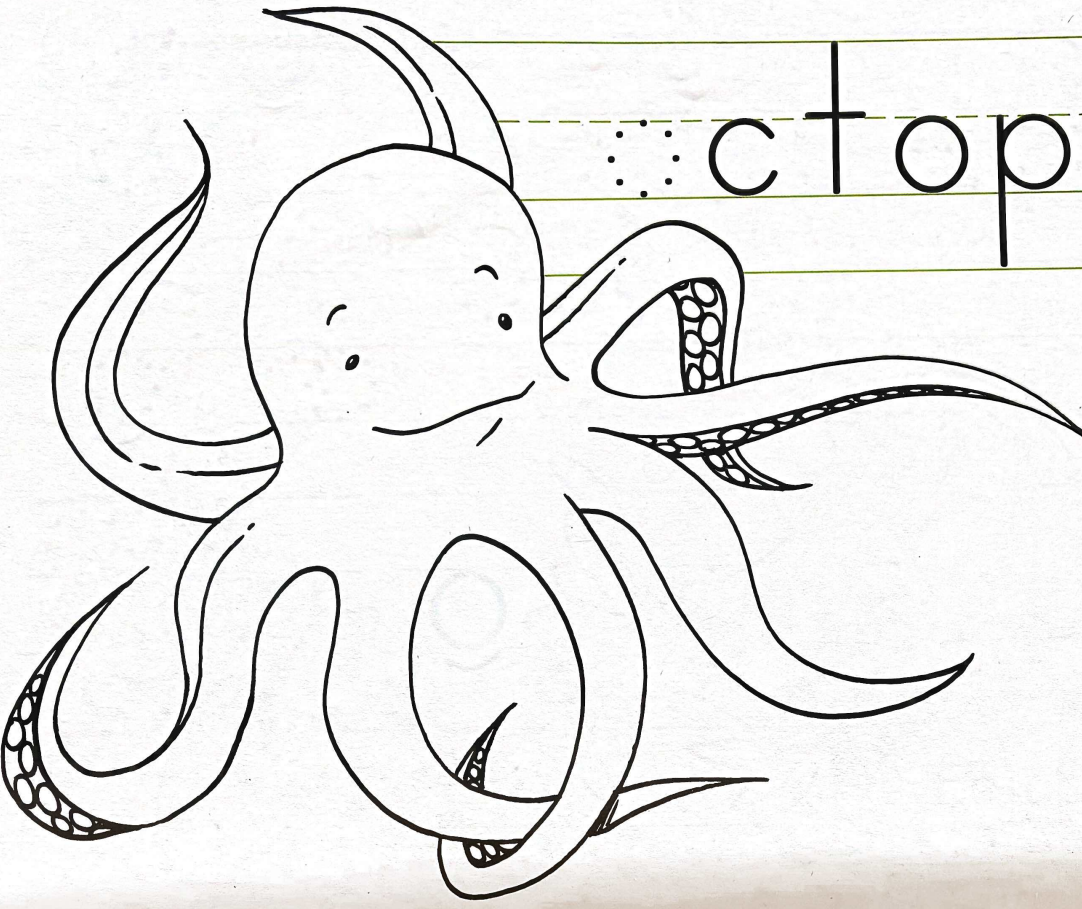
You can encourage correct letter formation by asking your child to show you how to make each letter. (You'll find a sample alphabet with directional arrows on the back of this page.)

And, because we all learn in different ways, you may have your child describe letters aloud, write letters in the air, or "feel" letters by writing them in sand or finger paint. You can enhance your child's learning by often repeating many of these activities.

Always respond positively to each page your child completes. Be sure to show excitement at any progress, however small. And remember to be patient. Good handwriting is the result of time and a lot of practice!

May this be an exciting year for you and your child as they learn to write and to enjoy the wonders of God's world!

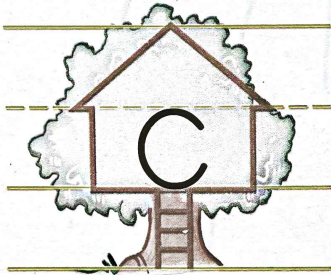




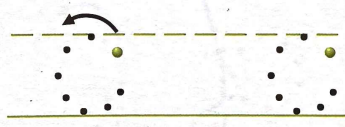
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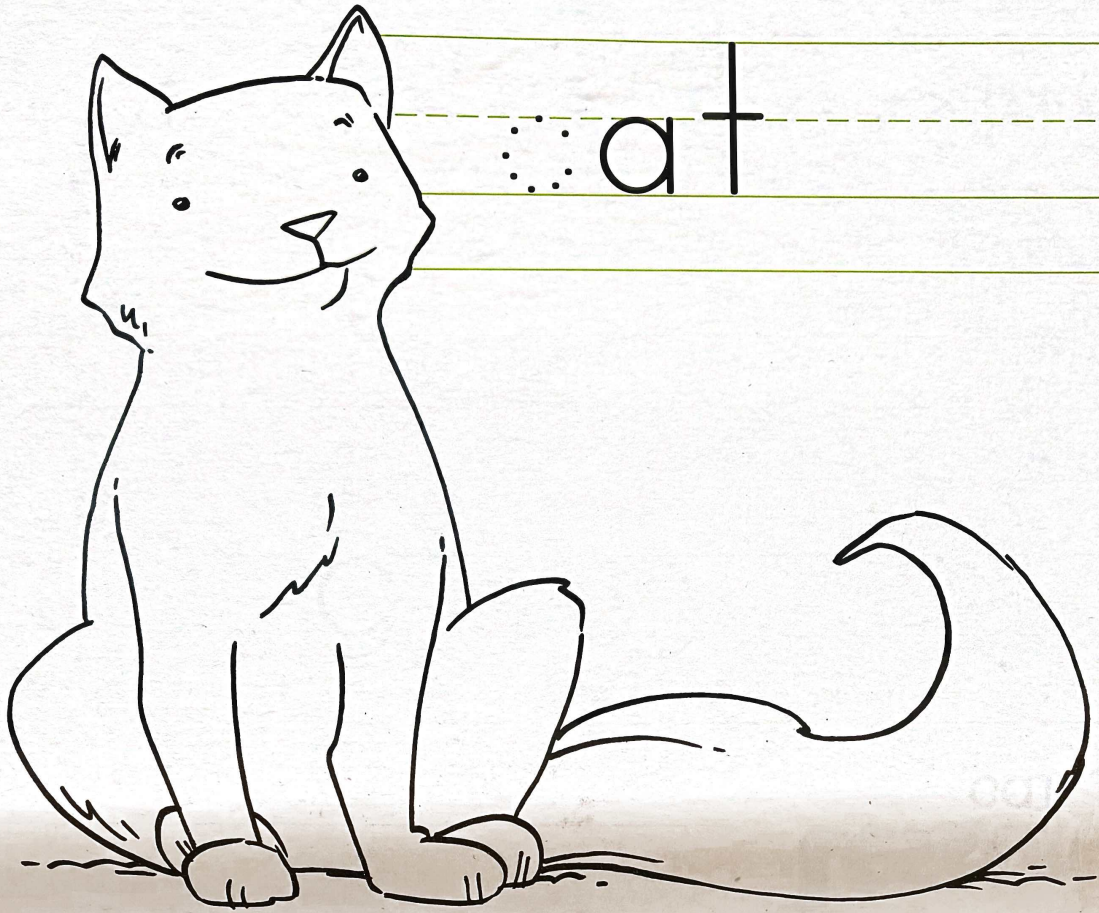
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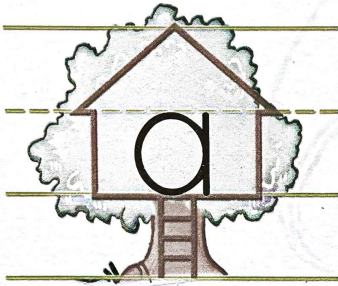




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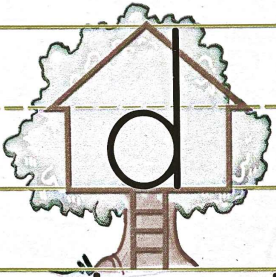
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