

Lemonade Computers

The Principle to Learn	In God's Word
When starting a project, count the cost.	Luke 14: 28 – 30.

Preclass



- Review the goals of ComputiVerse
- Review the Class Tips
- Review the Gospel Message

Provisions

Water pitcher, water, one pack of Lemonade, small package of paper cups, a cook's hat (if available), a cap that has a grocery store name on it, a large simple cardboard sign saying "**Get Your Lemonade Here**". Have cleanup materials handy in case of accidents.

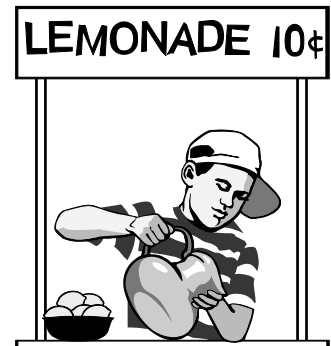
Process

[Include throughout the lesson, the steps of the Gospel so while the students' attentions are fresh, the real lesson is being planted.]

Begin with prayer.

Wrong way skit

[Start out with a miniskit as though you've decided to have your lemonade stand today. Your manner should be carefree and casual as you begin and carry out the process.]



1. Pretend to call friends announcing the sale. (commitment without planning)
2. Have a student in the grocery store hat, sitting at a table with a pack of Lemonade, a "pretend" bag of ice, a small package of paper cups and a box of sugar.
3. Beforehand, put oversize price tags on each "grocery store" item.
4. Go to the "grocery store" (table) and make purchases for your Lemonade Sale.
5. Make sure you only have enough money to purchase the lemonade, cups, and the bag of ice.
6. When you see you can't purchase the sugar, you say, "Oh, well, I'll just have to make do with what I've got."
7. Change the table into your lemonade stand by adding the lemonade sign.
8. Prepare before hand an unbreakable pitcher of the lemonade and water with no sugar in it.
9. Have someone pretend they're walking down the street to the lemonade stand and buy a glass of lemonade.

10. Make very distasteful face gestures and noises because the lemonade is awfully sour.
11. Stop the skit and ask the class what things could have been done to prevent the embarrassment of the yucky lemonade.

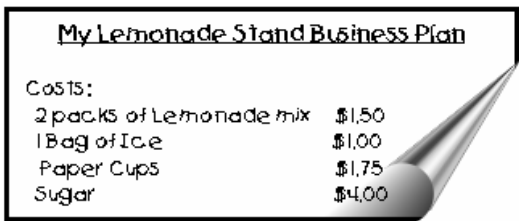
The main principle that should be discovered is to PLAN AHEAD. “Count the cost” of the lemonade stand project before you commit yourself.

[The following can include a computer and printer if available, but must not distract from the flow of the lesson. If a student is the one to type the list on the computer, give them instruction before class and caution them against being distracting.]

God’s Way

Whether contemplating opening lemonade stands or doing projects on the computer, we need to plan properly. The Bible teaches us to make an accurate survey of the things we’ll need to accomplish any project that’s important. In fact, the Bible even tells us what will happen if we don’t. Let’s make a list of things we’ll need to make a successful lemonade business.

Since computers are good at remembering things, let’s put the list on the computer and print it out.



My Lemonade Stand Business Plan	
Costs:	
2 packs of Lemonade mix	\$1.50
1 Bag of Ice	\$1.00
Paper Cups	\$1.75
Sugar	\$4.00

Some things need to be done before other things. We can rearrange our list to help us to put first steps first.

Would it be a good idea to print out the list of things to get at the store and give it to Mom? Sure. Writing down what we plan makes it easier to show others how they can help us. (And we can show them what good planners we are.) <grin>

I sure hope I can design and print out 10 posters to hang on trees to advertise my lemonade stand. If I save the poster on the computer, I only need to change the date and the price the next time I sell lemonade.

ComputiVerse

God's Word, the Bible, teaches us all the important things we need to know in everything we do, including using a computer or starting a lemonade business. In the Bible the valuable lesson of planning ahead or "counting the cost" is demonstrated using a tower not a lemonade stand. Watch as the Bible even tells us what will happen if we don't apply its principles.

Open your Bible to Luke 14.



The Bible includes many uses of towers. Towers were used to protect crops against poachers, for watching the enemy, for sending signals, or for making a lighthouse for ships.

You and I want to make our mistakes without others knowing. We don't want others laughing at us. If I do something stupid, I don't want others to see it.

But God's illustration goes far beyond my private mistakes. Building a tower involves the labor of others also. In the construction of a tower, all workers must follow safety rules and specify only top quality materials and methods. Danger of serious injury or fatalities could occur.

Most often if a tower isn't completed, it's worthless; it has no purpose. An unfinished tower would definitely be an eyesore. It would become a visible "sign" that says, "See what you get when you don't plan well." That's what we learned with the first attempt at our lemonade stand. Determine how much the cost will be in money, labor, materials, and time. Then determine if you have those resources. Interestingly, planning is most often not done because the goal of the project has not been defined clearly in the minds of ALL the workers.

Read Luke 14: 28 – 30.

[This lesson addresses those folks who want to follow Jesus Christ but only with a half-hearted willingness. This scripture presents concepts for many areas of our lives.]

Most everyone I know would like to build a tower in his life--a tower we can point to and say, "With God's help, I've made a difference. I've made a tower to be used by man in his service to Jesus Christ."

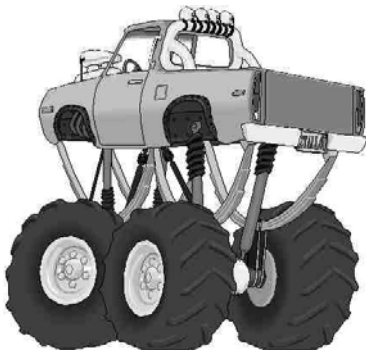
Others are always watching us, even in little things when we're not working on our "tower."

When you've finished your tower, will you feel good about hanging a sign on it with words that give God the glory?

There was a "tower" that stood on a hill. On that cross-shaped tower hung the Creator of all that we know. With that same determination, Jesus wants us to plan carefully our projects and, therefore, finish them.

John 19:30 documents a statement by Jesus Christ
as He hung on His "tower",
"It is finished".
He finished His Cross-tower
for you and for me.
You finish yours for Him.

Family Applications



What costs do you suppose Mom or Dad has in keeping the car going? Many times we're more thankful for things when we have a clear understanding of what they cost.

What thing(s) do you suppose cost the most? My pastor says the most expensive thing ever, is the Salvation I gained in inviting Jesus Christ into my heart. Why do you suppose that is so valuable? ☺

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The Moose and Nancy's Sermon Notes

[Theme: Everyone has computer skills to be used of God]

The moose peered over Nancy's shoulder as she struggled at typing the sermon notes.



This is one of those situations you had-to-be-there, to understand. If you looked real close at the moose head hanging on the lodge wall, you could never be sure what the moose was staring at. Either the monstrous snakeskin or the long banner with large black letters that spelled out “***1999 Christian Kidz 'Puter Camp***” on the opposite wall.

All during free time the previous two days, Nancy listened as most of her fellow campers excitedly talked about the CD ROM's this and the multi media that. On her first day at camp, Nancy had no idea what these things were or even if she needed them.

Today they began learning how to write letters using a simple word processor and how to print them. As the computer teacher of the camp walked behind each of the eight machines Nancy's classmates were using, the teacher noticed an odd thing not seen in any of the other classes. It wasn't that each of the eight machines looked different; only three were color, two were Apple Macintosh's and the rest were IBM clones. And it wasn't that Nancy was probably the slowest in her class, but it was what she was typing -- **Sermon notes!** She was working very hard at typing what she thought were sermon notes, so nothing was said.

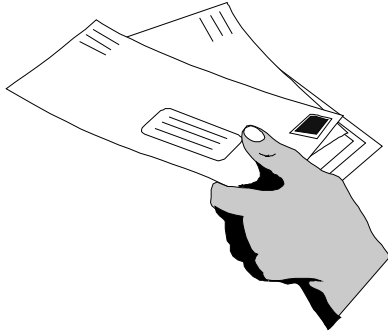
Friday was 'show and tell' day. Everyone would have an opportunity to read what he or she'd typed and maybe explain their reasons for their efforts. What a struggle it was for the computer teacher to concentrate on the presentations of Nancy's classmates and not be preoccupied with what Nancy's presentation would reveal.

Nancy started with a grateful mention that she would not have been able to come to camp if it hadn't been for an unknown person donating the funds to pay her way. But with words that would melt the heart of the toughest football player, Nancy told the little computer class how much she loved her pastor. See, he took the time to tell her over and over, how much Jesus loved little Nancy with all her imperfections and how Jesus shed His Blood for Nancy's sins and how He wanted to be invited into her heart. Nancy wasn't good at doing any of the things her pastor needed done; after all, she's just a kid. But, somehow, somehow she wanted to try to type his notes from past sermons. Even just a couple sermons typed, would show her pastor the burden of a tender heart.

That day the REAL teacher was Nancy and a God-sent burden to use this new-fangled technology for the Lord and His servants.

During the remainder of the class, it was like a beehive broke loose in the room...

...as the rest of the classmates began suggesting things they could do in their church using the things they'd learned at 'Puter Camp.



- Becky wanted to type out labels for preaddressed missionary envelopes ready to be used from the rack in the church foyer.
- David admitted he'd need help making a list of birthdays for all the kids in his AWANA group, plus the children of the missionaries.
- Barney said he'd make a list of the books and videos in the church library.
- Janie would type words to favorite hymns in big letters for the folks at

the Nursing home.

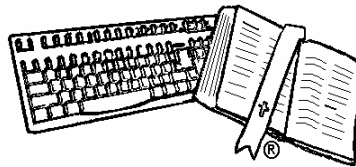
The computer instructor stared down at his pages of notes declaring the meanings of bits, bytes, and busses.

Today he'd learned **the real lesson about computers** from a little nine-year-old girl and her love for her pastor. 🎵



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Strange

...as it appears to some folks, computers and the Cross go very well together. God has given each of us a marvelous gift of Salvation through the Cross.

He has also given us a powerful gift for service as we use our computers for Him and His church.



Computer parts named in the Bible

Is 22:22
 Is 66:17
 Is 22:18
 Gen 6:16
 Gen 1:4
 Ex 17:13*
 Act 14:12



Ex 39:3
 Pro 25:11
 2Joh 1:12
 Is 41:16
 Ex 23:30
 2Joh 1:12
 Rom 1:31

* uses just part of the word

See how many words in the Bible are also names of computer parts.