Stacking Smarts

The Principle to Learn	In God's Word
Learning is best done in steps that build on lessons learned previously.	Isaiah 28:9,10

Preclass

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

Provisions

A child's puzzle and a cardboard box.

Process

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

Pray.

It seems strange sometimes, almost mystical, what happens each time the computer is turned on. Along with some pictures and colors, there are some weird words and numbers that look like a Martian from outer space has taken over the monitor.
Every time the computer is turned on, it starts reviewing its components from the beginning. The messages on the screen display as the computer reminds itself about the monitor interface, the hard drive, the mouse and on and on.

They keep making computers faster and bigger, but each starts up the same way--just like an electronic baby. This is similar to the way God has designed how people learn.

[Read Elrod the T-Man]

[Let a student hold all the pieces of the child's puzzle above a desk no higher than two feet. Instruct him/her to open their hands and drop all the pieces all at once. Pick up all the pieces and let several other students repeat the process. Ask the class if they would expect the puzzle pieces to all fit together at one time by themselves as we drop them.]

Absurd isn't it? That's often how we'd like to learn things--all at once. Take a lesson from how the computer learns. Putting the puzzle together one piece at a time teaches the importance or beauty of the individual pieces. Some people like to find all the corner pieces first, and then the edge pieces. They look at the color or lines, or shape of the piece to get clues as to where it goes in the puzzle.

Picking up the completed puzzle as one piece demonstrates that strength, unity, and beauty come from all the pieces fitted together properly.
How many different pieces of the computer system can you name?

ComputiVerse

Of all the ways to learn, the best way is from the One Who designed us in His image. Our wise and wonderful God has given us His Word written down so we can learn, dig, discover, and then share the wonderful things He has prepared for us.

David was the shepherd boy that killed Goliath with a stone and later became king of Israel. He wrote the longest chapter in the Bible, Psalm 119. Guess what it is about? It's about learning the truths in God's Word and using them. The words that David wrote in verse 27 show David's desire to know how to live God's way. "*Make me to understand the way of your precepts: so shall I talk of your wondrous works*." David wanted to talk with his friends about how God had helped David. God has given us the ability to BRAG. Bragging is to be done often and knowledgeably. But God wants us to brag about HIM. Sometimes we brag about ourselves, and regret it later. We will never regret

praising the Lord to our friends for the practicality of His Word and the incredible way He has designed us to learn.

God's Word gives simple and clear instructions about learning. His "lesson plan" is better than learning from a computer or a puzzle.

[Read Isaiah 28:9, 10]

"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."
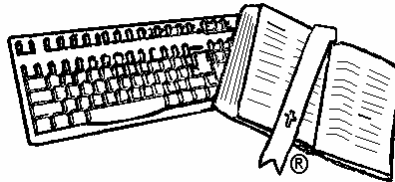
Did you notice that phrases in the verse are repeated? What do you learn from that?

We learn one bit at a time over and again how much He loves us and wants us to learn more about Him.

What have you learned about God this week that you didn't know last week? Share with your teacher! 🖰

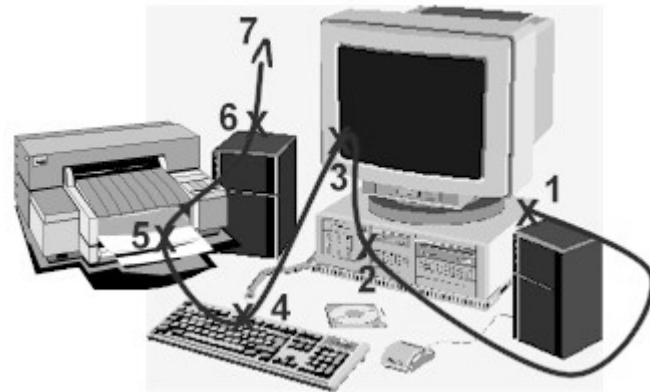| More Goodies:		Website: www.wsprog.com

Elrod the T-Man

[Theme: Learning things in sequence one step at a time]

The Becker-North housing development has just added eight new homes or is it nine?

Elrod the telephone man will install phones in all the new homes… hopefully.
The "T-man" so named by the neighborhood children, will get the list of the remaining homes at the first house he connects. Yes, I know it sounds a bit disorganized. But in the communication business you have to be ready for anything and still not leave out any tasks.

You might have guessed that Elrod won't get any help today, so he must be very careful to connect the first house. It's there he gets his get the instructions list for each house and in the proper sequence to install the phone service. We won't talk about all the bad things that could happen if Elrod the T-man forgets a house.

Now visualize your computer as being like a housing development that needs to be able to communicate with each of its houses. Think of the monitor as a house, and the keyboard as another house. The printer and the scanner are each a house.
The computer box that has all the wires going in the back is called the CPU. You can think of the CPU as being like an apartment building. It needs several phones to communicate.

But the T-man can only do one at a time. In fact Elrod lives right in the apartment box…uh … the apartment building.

Just like Elrod, the computer learns to communicate with each of its parts, and it would be disastrous if any parts were left out.
Deep inside the CPU, the CMOS[1] (pronounced, "see-moss") learns how much memory[2] your computer has.
Next the monitor[3] starts communicating and shows you the goofy list as each computer 'home' begins communicating.
Next, the other parts like the keyboard[4], printer[5], speaker[6] and lots more[7], get hooked up and start talking to each other. This process happens every time you turn your computer on.

It's important for every one of us to learn how to sequentially arrange things in the same way our computer sequentially learns and arranges things.

Scientists can't build a computer nearly as powerful as the one God put between our ears…our brain. We still have to be organized about making good connections that please Him, one at a time (sequentially) and all in His time. ☝

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What would it be like to have a computer that doesn't need a keyboard? Elijah, David, John the Baptist, Moses, Mary, all had one. In fact, this computer is far better that any made today, because the computer without keyboard is the one between our two ears that God gave each of us. But all computers, with or without keyboards should be used in a way to please God; the giver of Salvation and all good things.

Some things in life may seem backwards. But God's gift easily makes things clear.

Hold up to a mirror.

We can easily make many fun things with our computer to entertain and evangelize those around us.

God doesn't see things just the way we do. The Bible reminds us over and over to look at all He's created for us the way He does.

Slowly tilt the top of the image downward, as though you were going to lay it flat. When you're almost looking at the edge of the paper, a simple lesson becomes quite clear.

You can easily make fun treats for your friends at school and everywhere. Make a wild bookmark or book cover.

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