

Electronic Spiders

The Principle to Learn	In God's Word
We are identified by what is inside us.	I Samuel 16:7

Preclass



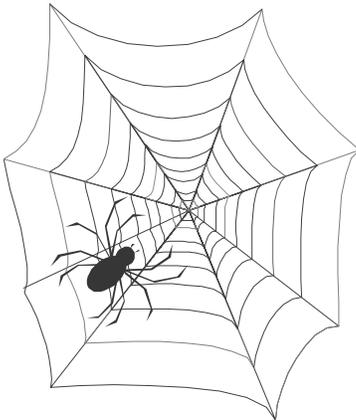
- Review the goals of ComputiVerse
- Review the Class Tips
- Review the Gospel Message

Process

Include the steps of the gospel throughout the lesson; so while student attention is fresh, the real lesson is being planted.

Pray first.

Every one of the more than 30,000 varieties of spiders in our world has eight legs... except one. It has none at all. A bug is called an insect if it has six legs or less. If it has eight legs, it is referred to as a spider. Spiders can be smaller than the head of a pin, or larger than a man's hand... except one. It has no legs and no physical size. That's because it is electronic. Spiders that crawl are feared by man, and for good reason. Some of them are deadly, but most are harmless unless you happen to be an insect (six legs-- remember?). The electronic spider doesn't eat anything, but it does move very, very fast and never slows down.



This electronic spider is actually a computer program that runs all by itself, and never stops. Its job is to electronically travel from web site to web site on the Internet, and send back information about the web pages to a **search engine**.

What in the world is a search engine? In computer language, a search engine is a big fat Internet dictionary that can be used to learn all kinds of things. The best-known search engine is Yahoo. Another is Alta Vista.

If you type the word SPIDER in the search window, you'll probably learn about Scooter. He's the spider program that searches out information from three million new web pages each day. He then sends the information back to be put in the AltaVista dictionary. Now Scooter and his electronic friends dig 'way down deep inside the parts of the web page which we don't usually see, to learn things about that web page. Those deep-down things that Scooter looks for are called "Meta-tags". Can you find some of them in this portion of web page code?

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Technology</TITLE>
<META NAME="description" CONTENT="internet news management
marketing infrastructure ISP marketing e-commerce development">
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internet web sites and e-commerce">
</head>
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Scooter and his friends are reminders of two important principles concerning computer use and us. First, we must create things on our computers that show our hard work, not just on the surface, but right down to the core. If we have created a picture for someone else, we should not only choose colors that are pleasing, but try hard to make every part of it just right. If you are creating a book report, it is important to make sure that all your facts are correct, and that all of the words used in your report are spell-checked. Choose small, but meaningful graphics that help to explain your report.

Secondly, and even more importantly, we must always remember that God doesn't see just our outside appearance or actions, but He looks 'way down deep into our hearts and knows why we do the things we do. Nothing can ever be hidden from Him.

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ComputiVerse

Good decisions are always at the foundation of our success and happiness. The more we know about a person or a thing, the better equipped we are to make that good decision. We need to learn what to look at, or what to watch for, in judging someone. God's Word gives us some very good principles to help us with decision-making.

The decision to be made was the choice of a new king for Israel. God told the prophet Samuel

"Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature..."

I Samuel 16:7 also tells us not to make important decisions based only on first impressions. Some folks say, "Don't judge a book by its cover". That is especially important when your decision is going to affect others. We can get some idea of what is inside a person (we call it "a person's character") by listening to what comes out of his mouth, and observing how he acts. The Bible also teaches us that also.

But the most effective method for making decisions about other persons, objects and websites is to ask God in prayer to guide us.



Suppose you are about to take a long trip on an airplane. You certainly hope the engine mechanic did his best work down in the hidden parts and not just on putting the covers back.

The last part of the verse says,

“...for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”

He does that with you and with me, as well as with others. So in all your computer projects, put great effort in the “deep down” part that no one might ever be able to look at. Because God does.

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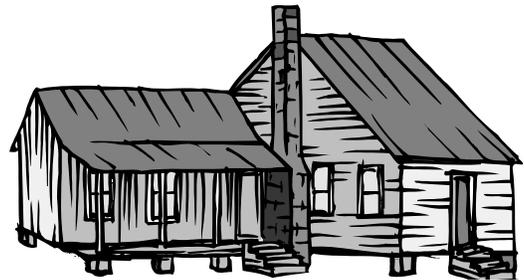
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His teeth were chattering so bad. Bob could not remember when it had been worse. No. It was not cold and he was not scared. It was the railroad tracks. He said, “Todd. I am never going to let you take this shortcut over the train tracks again while I’m riding on your handlebars.” When Todd doubled back under the train trestle and down the embankment, Bob thought he was a goner for sure.

The first surprise came when the two boys rounded the last curve and spied the house. Zack and his mom lived in a house that was little more than a shack in a really remote part of the county. They certainly had no telephone and there was no evidence they had electricity either. The questions in Bob and Todd’s minds were really piling up. But the important thing was that their youth pastor asked that they visit Zack and invite him to the Computer Junk Jockeys Club next Thursday.

The first impressions by the boys were that Zack would be better not to be bothered about all this computing stuff since it sure looked like he would never have a computer let alone use it in missions and for church. But little did the pair realize the exciting revelation God had in store for them today that was to be the second surprise. Bob’s grandfather would caution both the boys, in a situation like this to, “Don’t judge a book by its cover.” Or he might also say, “First impressions are most important, but not always correct.”

Only a couple raps on the rickety screen door and Zack was greeting the boys with very few words. The three teenagers sat on the front steps as Bob and Todd told a little bit about themselves. Zack did not talk much but listened with great interest. Todd started to tell some about the Computer Junk Jockey’s Club at church with a lot of enthusiasm. Zack reached out and picked up a piece of scrap paper lying on the porch not far from him. From his ragged shirt pocket he pulled out a broken-off piece of a pencil and began doodling as the boys talked.



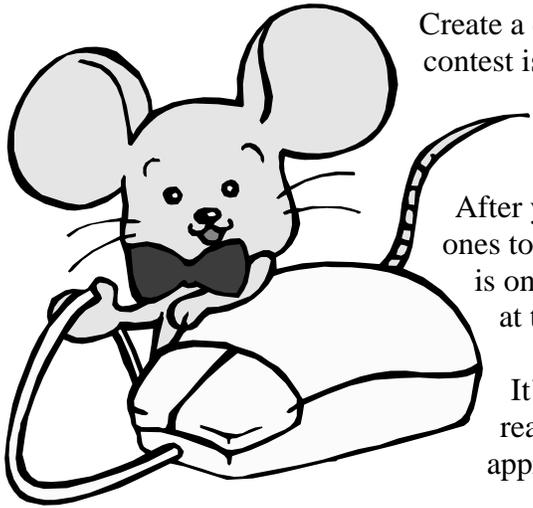
In no time at all Zack handed Bob the finished sketch he had done while listening to the boys. It was a simple drawing that included a cross, a computer, and a couple older children. They were arranged in a way you could almost make an emblem or a logo of them. Bob almost knocked Todd off the steps in his excitement over the sketch. As Zack saw the joy his creation had made, he took it back and above it wrote, “Computer Junk Jockeys Club”.

The hoots and excitement prompted Zack’s mom to peer through the cracked front window. The three boys spent more time bouncing around ideas about using Zack’s great art skills as a tiny business of creating much needed computer missions clipart.

Riding the bike back home, Bob and Todd both agreed that God doesn’t put talent and treasure in fancy packages or fancy people. They decided from now on they’d be watching everywhere for God’s provision for the club and themselves. They were even more committed to dedicating all their talent, trash equipment, and treasure to Jesus Christ that gave His life to purchase their salvation. (End)

Quick Draw Duels - Fun with Friends page

[how to do artist talent scouting in church or school then use it for the Lord in computing]



Create a contest or a “duel” that uses a simple drawing to start with. The contest is best done with pencils with fairly soft lead. Something like the two mice at the left. See who does the best in the shortest amount of time.

After you have found the best one drawing the mice then use the 5 best ones to do the computer and book. The kind of artist you are looking for is one that adds “feeling” to what they are drawing. As an example look at the ears of the mouse. See how the lines change in thickness?

It’s no wonder the computer displays a question mark in trying to read the book. The computer has no heart or feeling and loses all the appreciation for what it is doing. We certainly should not be that way.

There are all sorts and styles of doors. Ask the contestants to draw a fancy door and explain just a bit about it. Jesus described Himself as a door. Why do you suppose He did this? With a friend, look at John 10:9 and see His explanation.

The Bible explains how God sent His only Son, Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Sins are doing things we know God doesn’t like. This is a great time to tell them how God loves them and share your testimony, or show them your favorite verse in the Bible.
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