

Where Seconds Count

The Principle to Learn	In God's Word
Validating your data.	Hebrews 4:12

Other ComputiVerse© lessons deal with the classifying and the sequencing of data. This crucial lesson deals with the credibility or authenticity of the information we draw from.

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.

A fire station would be a good place to hang the sign, “**WHERE SECONDS COUNT**”, but not for the reason you might think.

Tools and equipment must be all cleaned and orderly. Pants, boots, coats, and hats are all kept in just the right place so the firemen can almost jump into them, and get to the fire seconds sooner.

But there are other “seconds” which are also very important to the firemen that you might not notice. Suppose for instance, that Jake, the fire truck driver, forgets to “second guess” the gas tank, and doesn’t confirm he has a full tank.

- A **second look** oftentimes reveals more (and more accurate) information than a first glance.
- To **second guess** means to criticize or correct an answer after it’s already known. It also refers to being able to almost always predict the outcome of an event.
- A **second opinion** from someone or somewhere else is a good idea when answers given are not always trusted.
- **Second hand** information is often not the most accurate because it depends on the interpretation of the first hearer.

You can see then, that the word “second” can refer to information as much as it does to time.

It almost blows your mind! The amount of data available to us today is actually indescribable, both in volume and change. Whether it’s details about

our inner bodies or the discovery of new heavenly bodies, we have so much data available to us today that it is almost impossible to print it by usual means.

When parents get an estimate for repairing the car, or get a toothache stopped, they often will get a second opinion from another repairman or dentist. We bounce opinions off our friends about whether or not a certain sports player should have joined a certain team, or tried to steal third base at the bottom of the eighth inning. Depending on how life-threatening or injurious a wrong decision is, tells us how many “second opinions” will be needed. Even our doctors get second opinions among themselves. And very often, it is the right thing to do.

It should be said, though, that some people really don't want the correct answer, but are seeking opinions that agree with their own ideas. Every day web pages are seen with pictures or paragraphs that are created to *appear* to be factual, but what they say are really lies. When deciding how accurate we think something is that we've just seen or heard, we need to check out the second opinions of our parents, pastor, and teachers. They are God's protective hedge for us.

[Read A 50 Gallon What?! story]

ComputiVerse

Long ago, there was a time when warriors fought with swords, knives, bows, and arrows. Today you would have to laugh at some of the sword styles. There were some swords that had two handles like a handlebar on a bicycle, because they were so heavy. Others had only a sharp point, but no sharp edges. One of the other styles had one sharp edge with no sharp point. These were actually front-line, life-saving swords... or at least they were supposed to be. Yet there was always the question: Are these the best weapons with which to defend the castle, or the king?

Then a sword was invented that had all the best qualities. It was small enough for any warrior could use effectively. It had a sharp point perfect for the task. But the most effective feature was that BOTH edges were razor sharp. It presented a sharp blade in whatever direction it was swung. The name of the wonderful sword is Macharia.

The soldiers using these two-edged swords were the victors every time; there was no second guessing about which weapon to use. It had to be the Macharia.

The Macharia is mentioned in God's Word. [JIM: Are you sure about this?] More than that, the Macharia is used to describe the ultimate effectiveness of God's Word itself, in Hebrews 4:12:

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

God's Word is always the final authority in deciding the good or bad of the things we do with our computers. It is the only true standard to use in choosing what we want to learn, and what places we want to explore.

The Bible even gives us a list of things we can trust the Word of God to be able to do. That is found in II Timothy 3:16. And like frosting on a cake, it tells us the expected result in verse 17.

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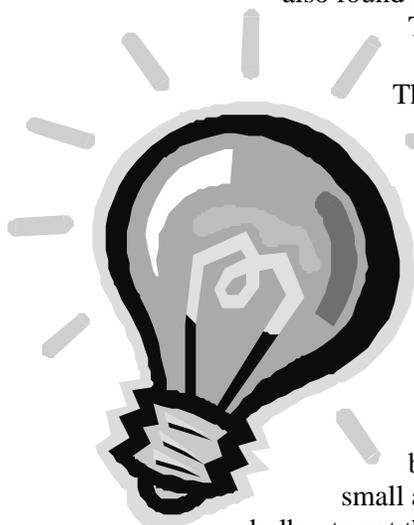
A 50 Gallon What?!

That's the nuttiest list I've ever seen, thought Al. The note next to his breakfast bowl said Mom and Dad had to get right over to Aunt Clara's this morning, so he would have to have his older sister Barb provide transportation for his errands. Saturday's nutty looking list noted:

1. Get an inexpensive light bulb from the hardware store and paint it pink with spray paint from the garage.
2. Buy 200 sturdy plastic spoons from grocery.
3. Get the borrowed outboard motor from the sports store (Mr. Hanson) with its charged battery. Be very careful not to tear the wrapping paper because the motor has been sterilized.
4. Confirm with the freezer plant that two clean 55 gallon drums will be available by next Friday.

Right from the very start, Al wondered if some of the items might be wrong. As he and Barb started working on the list, they both tried to figure out how all this was supposed to fit together. The only strange event coming up that they knew about was next Saturday's Splatter Light Youth Rally. If it's anything like the last rally, it should be a real blast! Each time Al checked off an item on the list, he'd wonder if Mom and Dad had written down the wrong things. Oh, well!

There were only two things anybody could find out about the surprise rally: who the featured speaker was to be--- a light bulb changer, of all people. So what's he going to do... show everyone how to change a pink light bulb? Barb also found out that one of the other teens was to bring three cookie sheets of squiggly gelatin. This is going to be a really weird rally!



The next Saturday, the rally started outside with the stickiest battle you ever saw. The spoons became the catapults for the blocks of gelatin – boys against the girls. Then everyone sat on a clean spot on the grass in front of some statue with a big tarpaulin draped over it.

The Christian “light bulb changer”, Dave Phillips, came out with the pink light bulb in his hand. He described his job to the kids. Many people would think his job to be an unimportant one... that is, until he described where it was.

The airport has lots of lights and bulbs to maintain, but the one at the top of the beacon tower is the most important. He told of several foggy nights when pilots of small airplanes staked their lives upon the output of that one light bulb... Dave's light bulb...to get them onto the runway safely. Dave explained how many times other people had been an inspiration to him and helped him get his life “onto the right runway”. He told about Jesus Christ and how He is our guiding light to direct us to salvation and a God-honoring life through His shed blood on the Cross.

Al's sister, Barb was listening very closely to the message of salvation and assurance. She admitted to herself that the assurance of salvation in her life was uncertain. Her feelings about decisions in her life left her guessing many times. Al saw Barb go forward during Dave's invitation to get things nailed down for sure.

While Barb and others were being counseled in another area, the “statue” was unveiled. There stood two steel drums, one on top of the other. Painted on the front of them were the words, “50 Gallon Milk Shake”. At the very top of the drums was the ELECTRIC outboard motor which Al and Barb had picked up that morning. Many large blocks of ice cream were dropped into the top of the shake while milk was added.

Then the motor was turned on and began the transformation of the ice cream and milk into milk shake. The outboard motor was designed with a fin on the very bottom of it to keep weeds out of the propeller. Tonight the fin was used to poke holes in the blocks of ice cream. No one could prove it, but the fellows holding the motor would “accidentally”

lift the motor just a little too high sometimes, and the propeller would break the surface and make the biggest fantail of milkshake you ever saw, splattering two hundred kids.

Later Barb told Al about the verse she'd learned about.

*“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may **know** that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God”. 1John 5:13.*

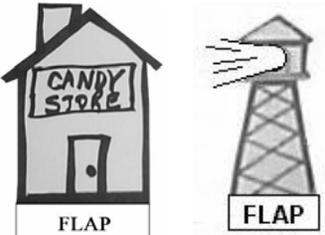
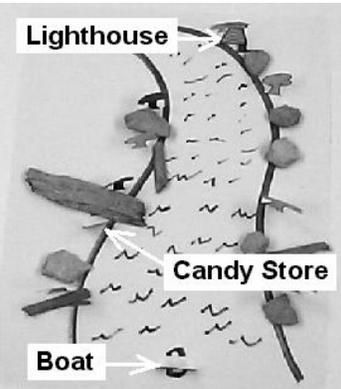
No second-guessing, no second opinion needed, and it's right there in black and white, forever. (end)

The Riverboat Kit Fun with Friends Page

This Fun with Friends Page creates the paper cutouts to be used with the 132 Fun with Friends page. Ask a friend to help you. While you both are working, talk about your favorite trees and why. Then talk about lighthouses. Talk about their purpose and how important they are. See if you both can figure out why the Bible calls Jesus the “light of the world”. Wouldn’t it be fun if your friend came to Sunday School with you and helped explain the fun things connected with this fun page? Why not give it a try.

Maybe in a few days you could invite another friend over and do it all again. Or you could create the whole scene and give it to a missionary to tell others about the Gospel.

This can all be done without a computer, though you’ll miss a bunch of fun.

 <p>Make about 8 trees total. The largest trees should be about 2” high. Make about half of them 1½” high.</p>	 <p>The Candy Store and Lighthouse should both be 2” tall. Don’t forget to add the flaps.</p>	 <p>You can copy or draw any kind of boat you wish. It has to be a BACK VIEW, 2” wide. Don’t forget to add the flap.</p>
 <p>If you can’t find clipart trees, draw your own. Then color them the way you want. Don’t forget to add the flaps.</p>	<p>DO NOT TAPE THE BOAT FLAP DOWN!</p>	
 <p>Flaps get folded back under. EXCEPT for the boat, all the rest get taped in place.</p>		
<p>Use a sheet of typewriter sized paper. Draw a river shaped like the picture above. Position the main objects in the places shown.</p>		<p>Put larger trees and stones closer to the boat.</p>

Computers, cameras, scanners, and game are always MUCH more fun when you invite a friend and also include your testimony. (end)