

Student's Computer Discovers A Treasure

The Principle to Learn	In God's Word
Our computing needs are often met in surprising ways.	1 Kings 17

Preclass



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

Provisions

Have the “Missions Fair Winner” story ready if time is available.

Process

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

Begin with prayer.



Solutions to our problems and provisions for our needs are found in the most unexpected places. God wants us to know He has provided for our computing needs in more ways than we can count.

Our computer with its programs has all kinds of ways to help you get your tasks done. If you were typing a paragraph such as the one you're now reading, you could click on a menu item at the top of your computer screen that says “Help” to get more information on how to indent your paragraph or change it in some way. If your word processor program has icons (little picture buttons) on the screen, you could simply move the mouse pointer over the top of one of these and a few words would appear that explain the purpose of that button.



Every day people around us have important path ideas and suggestions that can give us more help than we can imagine. Here are some of my favorites:

1. ***The pictures, examples, metaphors, funny stories, charts, and graphs you add to your presentation or project MUST make things clearer to YOUR audience; if not, leave them out.*** I learned this from my eighty-three-year-old father-in-law who hates computers with a vengeance.
2. ***When planning a presentation or project on a computer, describe in a clear simple sentence where you want to land, before anything else. You need a goal.*** I learned this from my pastor who started learning and using computers about thirty years later than I did.
3. ***Know your audience, individually if possible, before you plan your presentation or project. Some will surprise you by how little they know about computers.*** I learned this just before teaching a class; as I asked a student to turn on all the computers, I found that he didn't know how.
4. But the most wonderful surprise of help that I have found, comes from God's own inspired Word. One of the best-kept secrets is that II Timothy 3:16 and 17 mean exactly what they say... "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." Doesn't ALL mean everything? So... unless God doesn't know what the word ALL means, I have the assurance that He and His Word have already set down MUST-HAVE guidelines for using my computer at church, home, school, and work.

See if you can discover in your Bible more computing principles to add to the list I've found. Expect God to honor His promises to help you as you dig for these. Here are a few to start your list:

5. ***Break up large projects into small logical projects we'll call "modules".***
6. ***Make a short simple statement of the goal for each module.***
7. ***If others are involved, identify each individual with his or her respective module.***
8. ***Expect and identify possible hurdles and opposition, and plan for these in advance.***
9. ***If others are involved, establish good communication between team workers.***
10. What computing lesson is taught in ***Proverbs 6:6-11*** and ***18:9***?

Read "The Missions Fair" pp 39

ComputiVerse

This is tough!!... trying to select **just one** of the many accounts in God's Word which shows His provision for us. This story about Elijah you could title, Saved by Buzzards.

God's Word in 1 Kings 17:3 says, "Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan." Oh, that'll be great! He's going camping! He's going backpacking! No, he doesn't get to take any food, cooking utensils or canteen. This doesn't sound so good.

Verse 4 says: "And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there." Is this a familiar story?

You might be surprised to learn that the raven is the largest bird of the crow

family. It can have a wingspan of up to 56 inches. That's almost the distance from tip to tip of a man's fingers as he spreads his arms out straight. What's more interesting is that ravens eat dead animals. They're buzzards!! Isn't that neat? God's man stands before an evil king and says what he is supposed to say, and then God sends buzzards to feed **him**. Wow! !

Then God's word says: "So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook."



I don't think ravens make pizza deliveries nowadays. But if that's what God wanted, guess what? Those things happened because Elijah obeyed God... even when he didn't understand everything about it. That's called FAITH. God loves to provide for those who love Him...in **HIS OWN WAY**. God wants us to trust Him in ALL the things we do.

God's own Word says, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. 2:9. ☺

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The Missions Fair

[Theme: Help comes from surprising places.]

The Missions Fair was fast approaching, and this year Brandi fully intended to come up with an entry that the church would NEVER stop talking about! As her grandpa would say, she was drawing a bead on that first place prize with both barrels. It was going to be hard though, to top last year's winner... a Christian pilot who landed his ultra-light airplane right on the church property, and challenged young people to dedicate their learning and lives to the Lord. But Brandi was determined to give it her best shot.



Brandi's pastor loved to preach and teach from the Bible, especially the gospel story of how to be saved from sin by trusting in Jesus Christ as Savior. Beyond that, you would have to think of him as a talent scout. I mean, he really looked for hidden talent in his church, like grandpa with both barrels of his gun aimed right at the target. The Missions Fair was a great place to find unrecognized talent. It was a lot like the school Science Fairs that students participate in.

One Saturday, Brandi's grandparents came to visit. After the usual exchange of family news, food and fun, the excitement quieted down, and Grandma found Brandi at her computer keyboard, emailing a far-away friend. Brandi was surprised by all of Grandma's questions about how to send messages on a computer and all that stuff. Brandi finally got around to explaining about the Missions Fair and told Grandma that she still hadn't settled on a "knock-your-socks-off" entry.

That's when the conversation took a spin-around...

"Brandi, a lot of years ago when my fingers were nimble and quick, I could type pretty well. Scoot over and let me do a little on this keyboard, just to see if I still can."

Brandi did as Grandma asked.

A bulletin insert for the church became the text, and Grandma began to type. She felt uncomfortable at first, watching the results of her typing on the monitor; but she enjoyed being able to correct her errors with just the backspace key, instead of the ink eraser she had used so many times on paper.

Brandi saw talent – **lots** of talent, coming from a truly unexpected source. As she watched a retired person typing church news into a computer, it **triggered both barrels!!** Because Brandi's computer was still in the e-mail program, that clinched it in making **this** Missions Fair entry the one to set everyone talking.

In case you're wondering... No, Brandi did not win first place. **But... Brandi's grandma did**, as she demonstrated the newfangled way for seniors to maintain close church ties with missionaries who always appreciate lots of news and encouragement from home.

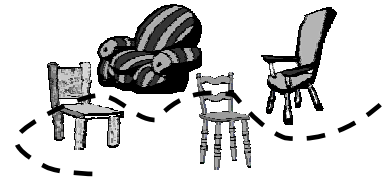
And Brandi won more than first place in the hearts of her pastor, **and** of the older people in her church, **and** of her Lord, I'm sure. ☺

Computer Help in Weird Places - Friends Fun

[Theme: Watch everywhere for helpful ideas for your computing.]

The following rainy day game will help to be imaginative in looking for ideas to help you be a better computer user.

With mom's permission place several chairs in a staggered arrangement. With a few friends in teams or otherwise, blindfold one person at a time and hands in pockets, see if they can walk through a prearranged path around the chairs without bumping them. Soon they'll want you to do the same. Since the rules didn't say you couldn't, take a long piece of



clothes line rope and lay it on the floor following the approved path. While standing next to the rope, have someone blindfold you. Next, kick your shoes off and then merely walk on the rope. The fun lesson to learn is that all sorts of things and events are around us to suggest better ways of doing our computing. You could also compare the Holy Spirit to the rope, in that He guides us through the darkness and confusion of this world and our needs.

Change anything, and you're dead!! ... might be good advice as you look in mom's recipe box and notice she has individual recipes for different kinds of cake frosting and different kinds of cakes. This allows her to be able to put lemon frosting on the angel food cake and pistachio frosting on the devils food cake YUCH! Or the other way around. This teaches us we can interchange parts of a computer picture we draw, or parts of lists (databases), or use parts of one story in the middle of another story. It's like being able to use different shirts with the same pair of pants etc.

Out in the garage, you might see dad's special light on a long cord that he can look down into the car motor when it needs fixed. Special lighting is important when computing. Don't get close to a bright window or the glare will make your eyes tired. Dad's old milk cartons with different sized nails in each one with a matching nail taped on the front of the milk carton tells us, that keeping our computer files organized and names that mean something are a real time saver when we're look in for that story we wrote last year about the ***GP-17 "Night Nailer" GAS POWERED FLY SWATTER.***

You'll probably notice mom sitting up straight at the sewing machine. Every so often she'll swing her arms over her head and breath a sigh of relief with a one time explanation to you that stretching occasionally, keeps back and shoulders from getting stiff when sitting for a long time.

Big brother Jake (thinks he knows everything) says lots of vigorous exercise circulates the blood real well and helps him think better.

But the best computer help of all, is God's Holy Word that shows us so many ways to get things done on the computer easier and keeps us from letting Satan lead us to doing and seeing things that don't honor Him. ~☪