



# ABOUT THIS COURSE

**T**he images, artwork, and words used in this handwriting course are all designed to connect children to the good and the beautiful: family, faith, high moral character, and the wonders and beauty of nature and human life.

This course includes print letter formation as review but focuses primarily on cementing correct cursive letter formation and on teaching how to write cursive words and sentences with a unique colored dot system developed by Jenny Phillips. This program makes it easy for children to correctly learn cursive with little to no help from parents. This program received rave reviews from each of our pilot children and their parents.

This workbook includes 100 lessons, which is 3–4 lessons per week for a normal school year.

## PENCIL GRIP

Correct pencil grip is essential. For help with pencil grip, there are several YouTube videos and websites that display correct pencil grip. Be sure to gently and patiently correct the child's incorrect pencil grip when writing or drawing.

## DOING HANDWRITING AS A FAMILY

Handwriting time can be done together as a family. As children will not finish one page in the same amount of time as other children, you may want to set a certain length of time for handwriting each day, such as 10–15 minutes. Wherever children are at on the page, have them stop at the end of the specified time. During the next handwriting session,

they can pick up right where they left off. Some children may complete more than one page during a session, and some children may complete less than a page.

## THREE SECTIONS

This course is divided into three sections. Each section covers new principles with plenty of practice. There is also a two-part evaluation at the end of each section to give children practice with any letters they might be struggling with. All three sections review and reinforce correct print letter formation. The course also includes fun, inspiring, and beautiful drawing projects throughout.

Section 1 guides the child through the formation of each letter of the alphabet in cursive, starting with the vowels and then working through all the letters in alphabetical order. The child begins to connect letters into words by following The Good and the Beautiful cursive color dot system.

Section 2 teaches the child to write cursive words without color guides and prepares the child to write whole sentences in cursive without guides.

Section 3 teaches the child to write entire sentences in cursive while reinforcing correct print formation.

**It is strongly recommended that children who do not know how to form cursive letters start with Handwriting Level 3. If a child already knows how to form cursive letters and does not complete Handwriting Level 3, we recommend printing copies of the Cursive Letters Chart, beginning on the next page, for the child to practice with before beginning this course.**

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