### Put Joy Back in Bible Study!

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Conventions bring unique blessings. Many parents come to the table just to tell us how much The Picture Smart Bible has blessed their family. When eyes light up as they see how TPSB works, it overshadows all the pain of the trip. But the greatest thrill by far is giving the Father's blessing to virtually everyone who stops at the booth. Numbers 6:24-26 illustrated in Book I of our LWS series (see insert on reverse side) is ideal for my demo and the Father's blessing. Time after time, I watch a transformation take place. (Listen to this with your heart).



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## The Father's Blessing

The Lord Bless You. The key here is that this is GOD'S blessing. Your Heavenly Father, your Papa, loves you more than your mind can comprehend. He wants you to experience something to the depths of your soul and receive a "favor" you can carry through life. And Keep You. David assures us that God will "give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways" (Psa. 91:11). From the New Testament: "Now to Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24-25).

The Lord Make His Face Shine Upon You. What or Who do you see when you look up? YOU are pleasing to your Father. "He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing" (Zeph. 3:17). God is always happy with Jesus and that is Who He sees when He looks at you.

And Be Gracious to You. When approaching God, aren't you glad you come to a "Throne of Grace" instead of the bench of justice? Justice was served when Jesus paid for your sins. His invitation is-

"come boldly to the throne of grace that you might find mercy and obtain grace" (Heb. 4:16). It's a new day!

The Lord Lift Up His Countenance Upon You. Joy is God's countenance. He is joyful because He sees all things complete in Jesus. And He wants His joy to be our joy. Life is tough. Allowing His countenance to envelop you is like a refreshing mist on a hot day. Receive your Father's blessing.

And Give You Peace. "Shalom" (peace) which Jewish people speak to one another is more than peace. It means well being, contentment, friendship, security, harmony with God. All of this comes with the Father's Blessing. He wants to give you His blessing right now. Let Him speak this to you: "My child, I bless you. You are Mine. I will keep you today and everyday. My face is shining on you this moment and My grace, My unmerited favor is yours. I am lifting up My countenance upon you, let My joy push away your sorrows and completely overwhelm you. Be at peace. You are safe in My arms."

### K-3 NT- IN THE WORKS

By God's grace, the K-3 curriculum is meeting a need in homeschool families. Our reps are giving good reports concerning the Old Testament (being shown for the first time). "While setting up my booth yesterday, I had a lady come by. She had been studying our website and was eager to see the curriculum. After seeing the curriculum she bought it on the spot- and the show had not started. This product sells itself." (Michele our rep, went on to sell 10 copies which, for a new product is very good).

The K-3 New Testament is in work. All of the rough drawings have been completed and we are 1/3 of the way through the text. The example shown was completed by a 1<sup>st</sup> grade student. God willing, we will have this ready for next year's convention season.

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### REVIEWER FEEDBACK

With reviewers, analyzing curriculum is a full time job. They are professionals. The Social Media is booming and we are grateful for those who help us get the word out to reviewers. Here are excerpts from one report.

"A few years ago I spotted the Picture Smart Bible on someone's blog. I thought it was a lovely way to remember key verses, main point, and other things that one reads while working their way through books of the Bible. I reviewed it. What I love: my boys adore coloring and drawing. This was a perfect way to round out our Bible readings. It helps them remember more of what we've read in each book. I love that it's something I can do with the children to serve as a reminder for myself as well! What I don't like: Honestly, I can't think

of one thing I don't like about it. My kids love this. I love this. The Picture Smart Bible helps us in our daily walk with God. We call that a win-win."

Curriculum Choice

## NUMBERS 6:24-26

### FROM THE COVER

Our Goal: God's word in your heart. If you've seen our curriculum, you know our goal is to help you implant the word of God in your heart. The best way to do that is to memorize, and the easiest way to do that is draw a picture. Read Numbers 6:24-26, then draw this picture. Last: toss the picture. Let God talk to you.

### JUST IN....INDIA REPORT

"I would appreciate your prayers for my trip to India tomorrow. The tasks are very daunting, but I know God is in control.

God has been good to us and the ministry initiatives in India in spite of several major limitations in terms of logistics, finance and man power. I am really excited to see the K-3 new color curriculum and I taking a copy to India for translation."

Abhijit Nayak

Note: Our brother is working hard to bring God's word to his nation and his nation to God. With STEP in India, he oversees networking, training and fellowship among the ministry leaders in India. His work also focuses on encouraging believers in the midst of violence and persecution, and helping women regain a sense of worth.

If you would like for us to email you a complete report, please email me-dpeters 7@bibledraw.com.

### May/June Conventions

As you can see, this is our heaviest season for conventions. We need prayer. Specifically- please pray:

- 1. For our reps. They are moms with a full load at home- but love God and His word. They are willing to make sacrifices to get His word out. Pray for their health, home, safety and prosperity.
- For our fellow vendors. From the large ones to the smallest, they too are doing their best to keep Christian values solid in our homes.
   For convention directors. Putting conventions together is an overwhelming task, but they do it with grace. Pray that they may stay focused on serving the Lord.