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blue
b g

Click the picture

bird

Are the words you hear the same or different?

Letter B: Completed
God is the Bread of Life: He will supply our needs

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A-Z Who God Is Software

What does this program do?

This software program is an introduction to the alphabet and beginning vocabulary for pre-readers. The program focuses on phonemic awareness, which means focusing on individual letter sounds. It also introduces beginning vocabulary and includes some lessons for ESL learners. The program is consistent with Virginia Pre-K through 2nd grade Standards of Learning and Pre-K Phonological Awareness Literacy screening guidelines.

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How does it work?

Each letter of the alphabet is taught with 10 lessons or slides. First, the letter and its sound (or phoneme) are introduced. Then, the student is given a few vocabulary words beginning with that letter, accompanied by an image. The student can click on the image to hear the word read aloud. Then, there are a few interactive slides where the student focuses on beginning letter sounds, rhyming words, typing, and upper and lower case. The student learns 247 words with images, 67 stand-alone words including the 50 most common words of the English language, and 26 scripture verses about the identity of God.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

What is so important about pre-reading skills?

Research shows that the best indicator of early reading achievement is accurate, rapid identification of the letters. A student will learn to associate the letter symbol with the sound, creating links to word recognition. Vocabulary is important because students build reading comprehension skills when they increase their oral and print vocabularies. Beginning sound awareness is important in building successful readers because it helps a student decode a word, sound by sound. All of these components work together to build strong readers.

What is a minimal pair?

Words that have different meanings but sound the same except for one sound difference are called minimal pairs. Minimal pairs are a good way to compare and contrast between two similar sounds that are important for meaning. They are important for training the ear to hear the difference between different phonemes. Often two sounds that create a minimal pair in English would not create a minimal pair in another language. It is important that ESL students begin to hear the difference meaningful sounds in the English language, and minimal pairs helps them to do this.

Why is this program any different from other pre-reading programs?

This software is different because of its scriptural component. We think it is not enough to help students build reading skills. Project Light aims to go further by helping students learn scripture and understand the names of God and their meaning. Our mission is for a student to walk away from using this software with not only the skills and tools to begin reading, but also the knowledge from the Bible of the nature and character of God. Carefully chosen Scriptures accompany each letter to empower our students with the truth about the identity of Christ and their priceless worth as children of a loving God.