



Bending Twigs

Wendell Martin

“If thou wilt . . . give unto thy handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life.” Hannah’s prayer recognized a reality that all godly parents must accept: Our children are not our own, but a precious gift from God.

The psalmist says our children are a heritage (inheritance) from the Lord. These gifts come packaged with few specific instructions and are a tremendous responsibility. How many of us think as we hold our newborn child—a tiny, living, blank slate with no concepts, convictions, or creeds—that the person he will become largely depends on our stewardship of this incredible gift?

Research suggests that the most formative years are from birth through the school years. “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6). The poet Alexander Pope echoed this when he said, “As the twig is bent, so grows the tree.”

The tender tips of a tree branch are soft and pliable for only a time. Another year, another season, and those tips begin to harden. So it is with the seasons of our children’s lives. Year after year, layer upon layer, the character of their lives is formed. God has entrusted parents to participate with Him as “twig benders,” the influence that shapes and forms the people they will become.

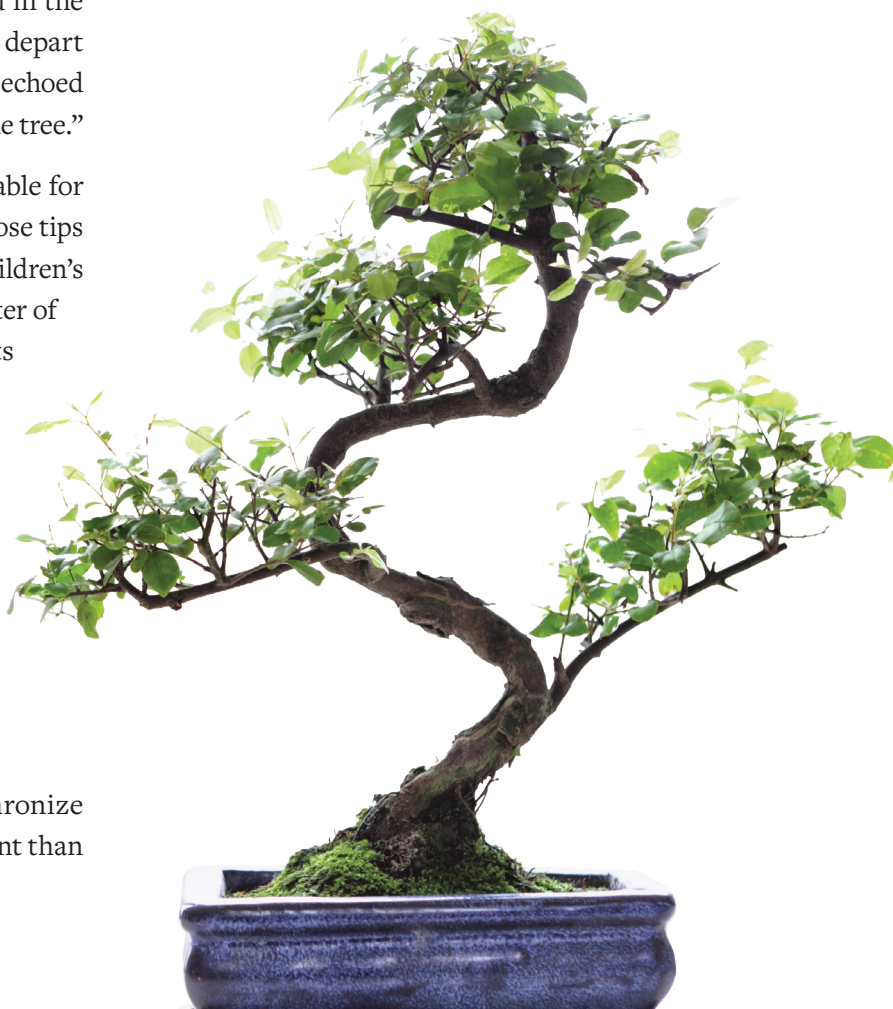
Practically, what are some ways this bending takes place? The old adage “more is caught than taught” is so true. We must model what matters and practice what we preach. We cannot bend children into shape if we are constantly “bent out of shape”!

Remember that character is key. Try to synchronize academic lessons with life lessons. More important than

straight A’s is a straight life, characterized by honesty, diligence, and respect for authority.

Our children are the Lord’s, and therefore the glory belongs to Him. We must guard against using our children and their education to boost our own social standing. This is especially relevant in our social media-driven society. We need to ask, “What is motivating me as a parent?”

Finally, we need to admit that our efforts are bumbling at best. We need to humbly ask the One who created our children for His help in this task. The need is great, and the time is short. We say at times, “I wish you would just grow up,” and all too soon we wake up to realize that is just what happened.



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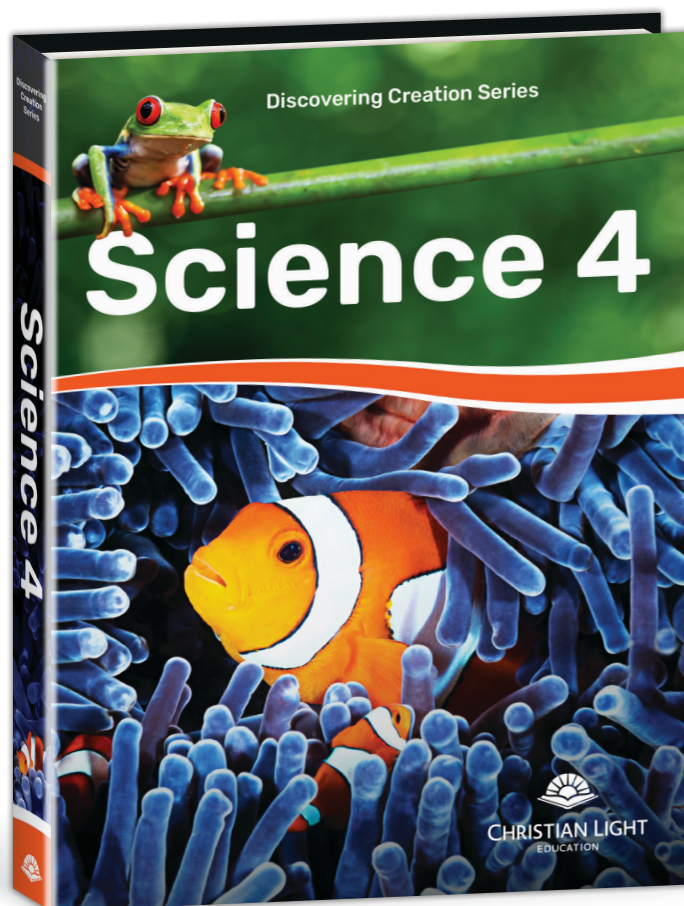
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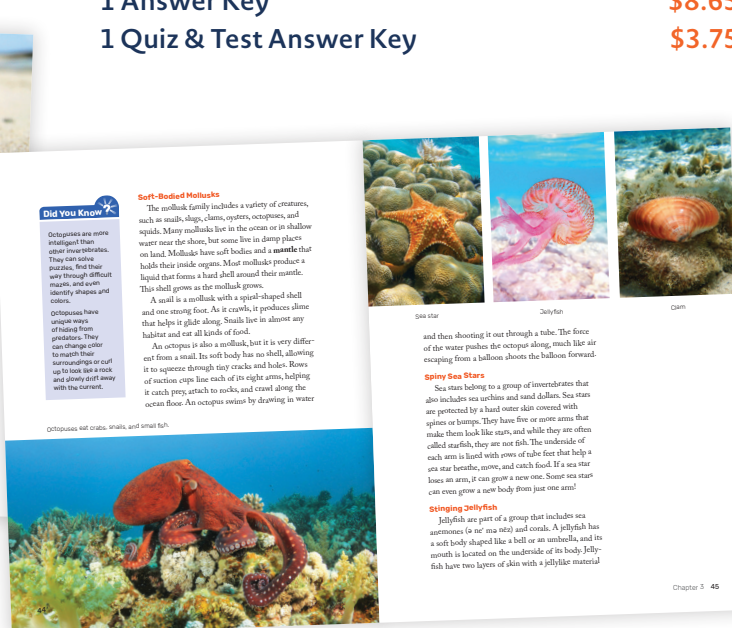
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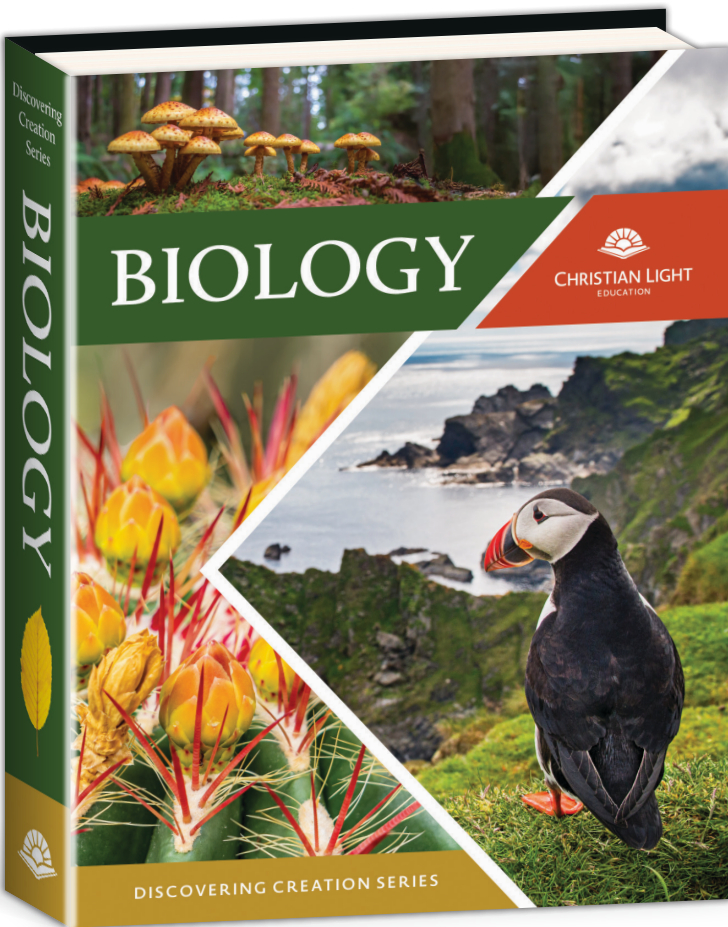
Biology is the systematic study of what we have learned about living things since Creation and how this knowledge can be used to benefit others.

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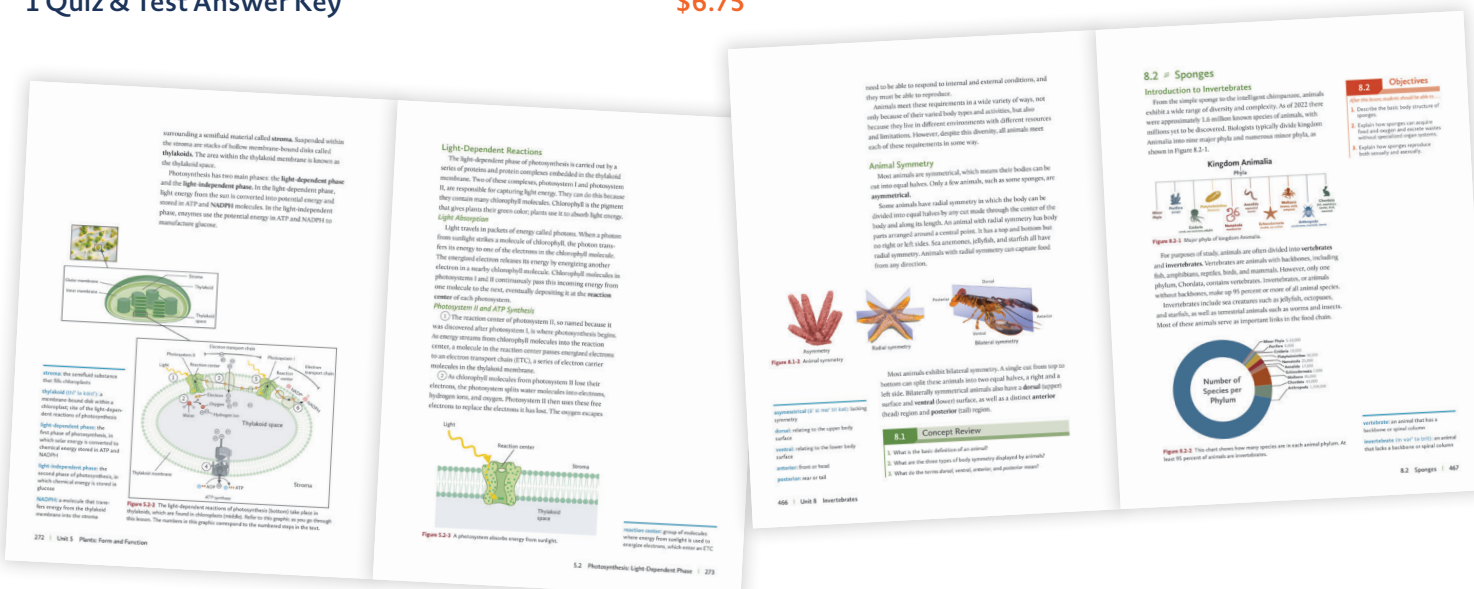
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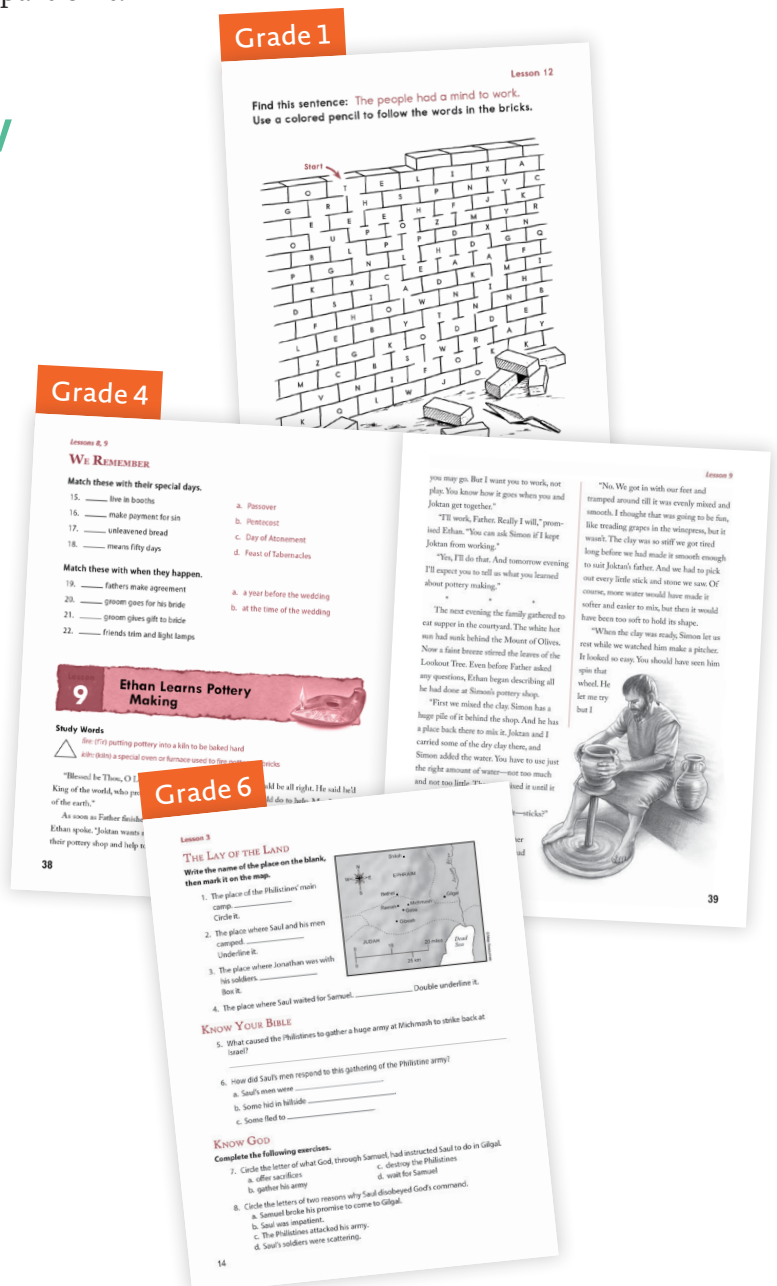
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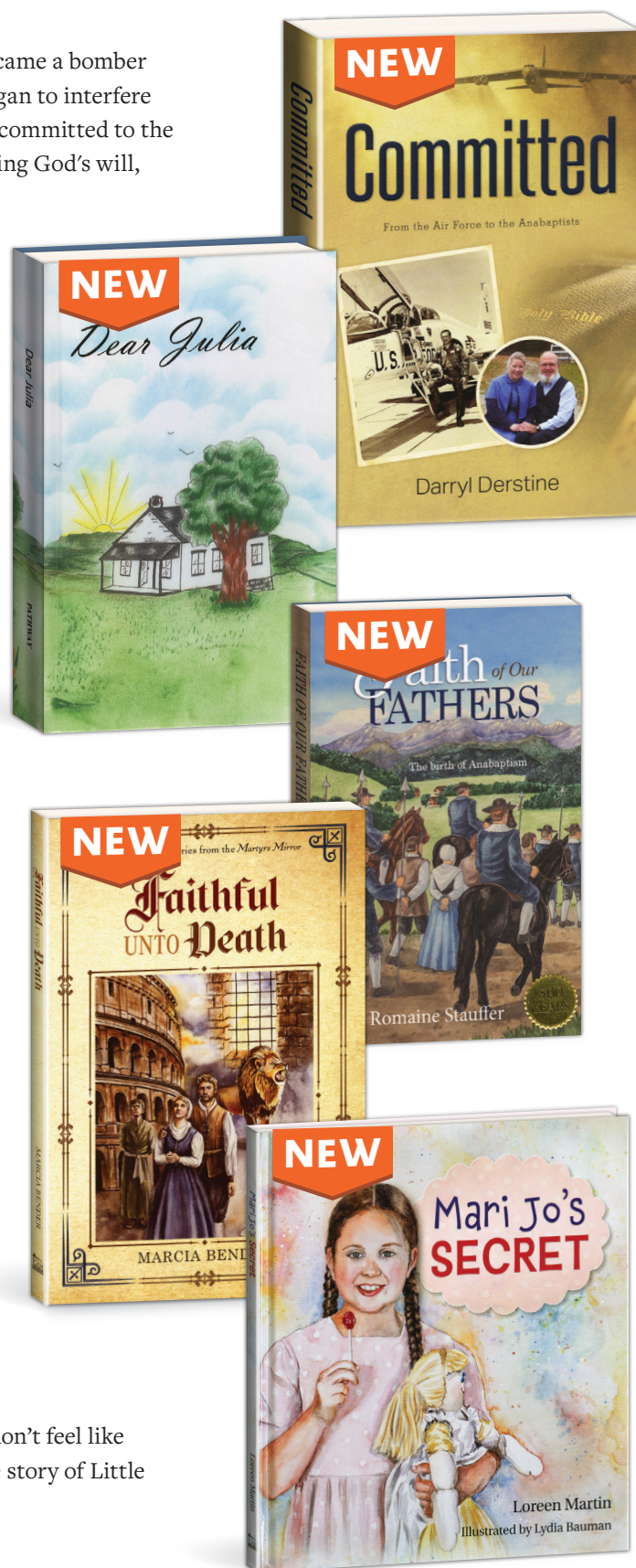
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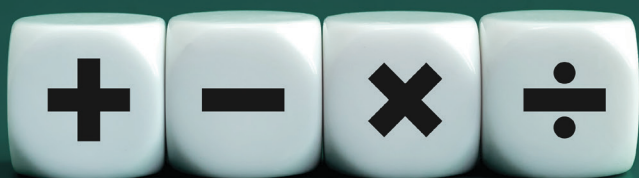
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