Early Education

IN THE HOME

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EDUCATION

- When is my child ready to start schoolwork?
- How important is it to teach phonics?
- What curriculum should I choose?





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Teaching your child to read is one of the highlights of home education. But how can you know when your child is ready for this important step? How should you proceed once he is ready? Christian Light's early education program can help you answer these questions.

Beginning with Kindergarten 1, your 4- to 5-year-old can enjoy short periods of pre-reading activities a few times a week. As he matures, the frequency and duration of these lessons can gradually increase.

When you sense that your child is ready to begin studying phonics (typically at 5 to 6 years of age), he can move into Kindergarten 2, which will help prepare him for Christian Light's first-grade program.

Although Learning to Read (and its companion Reading course) was designed to provide enough material for a complete first-grade year, it may be started at the end of Kindergarten if the child is ready. Often Christian Light's first-grade math is also introduced at the same time.

As your child progresses through the Learning to Read and math courses, you will increase your expectations until he is ready for a full first-grade program including Language Arts and possibly Bible, Social Studies, and Science. By carefully observing your child's progress, you can choose the course that best fits each stage of his early education.

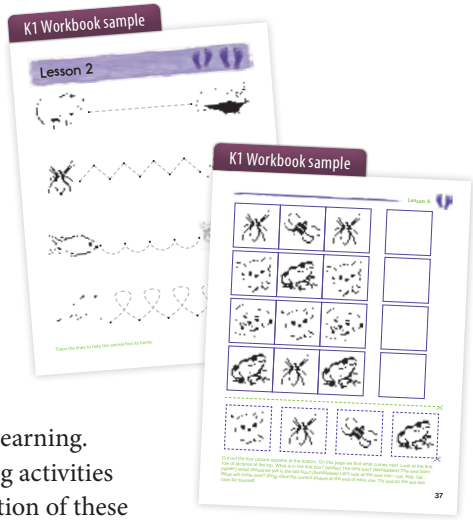
Signs that your child may be ready to begin schooling:

- *Expresses interest in schooling*
- *Likes to draw, color, or scribble*
- *Respects your authority*
- *Follows directions well*
- *Likes to be read to for increasing time periods*
- *Has a growing attention span*

Kindergarten 1

opens the door to joyful learning.





Kindergarten 1 offers an introduction to basic concepts of learning. Your 4- to 5-year-old can enjoy short periods of pre-reading activities a few times a week. As he matures, the frequency and duration of these lessons can gradually increase. Basic instructions and essential answers are included in the workbooks.

The course is divided into thirty lessons with approximately five pages per lesson.

Workbooks

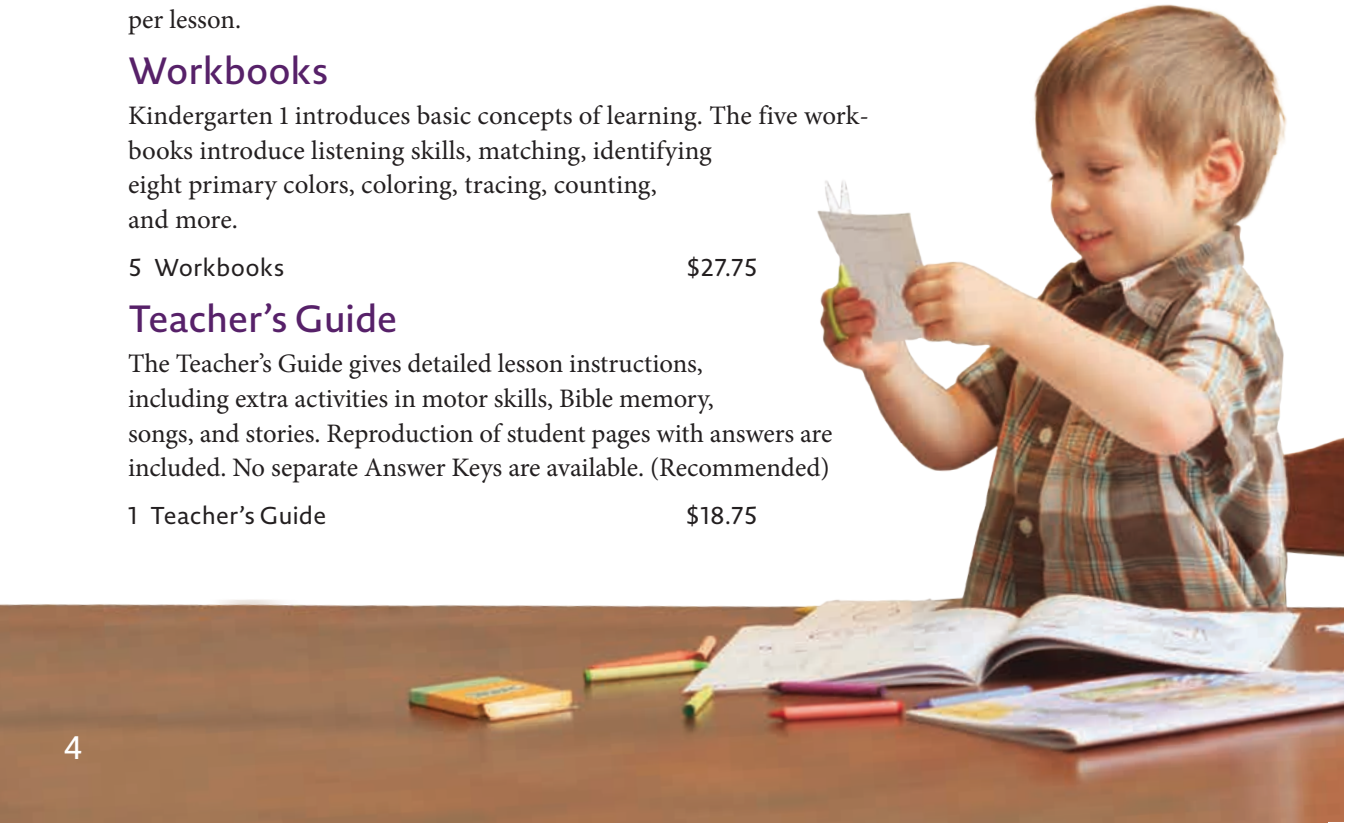
Kindergarten 1 introduces basic concepts of learning. The five workbooks introduce listening skills, matching, identifying eight primary colors, coloring, tracing, counting, and more.

5 Workbooks $27.75

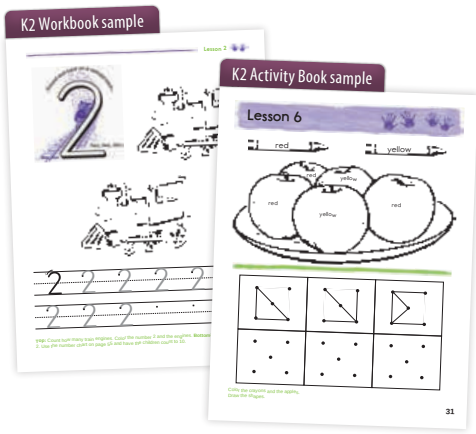
Teacher's Guide

The Teacher's Guide gives detailed lesson instructions, including extra activities in motor skills, Bible memory, songs, and stories. Reproduction of student pages with answers are included. No separate Answer Keys are available. (Recommended)

1 Teacher's Guide $18.75



Kindergarten 2 prepares children for Learning to Read.





Kindergarten 2 introduces, but doesn't aim for mastery of, sounds and numbers. Workbooks and Activity Books are to be done simultaneously. The course is divided into thirty lessons. Basic teacher's instructions and essential answers are included in the student books.

Workbooks

The five workbooks specifically prepare students for Christian Light's Learning to Read, but can be used as preparation for any reading program. Workbooks introduce sounds, letters and numbers, letter writing, recognizing and writing numbers 1-100, and more.

5 Workbooks $27.75

Activity Books

The five activity books provide matching activities, dot-to-dot, color names and coloring, cutting and pasting, listening skills, identifying, and more.

5 Activity Books $27.75

Teacher's Guide

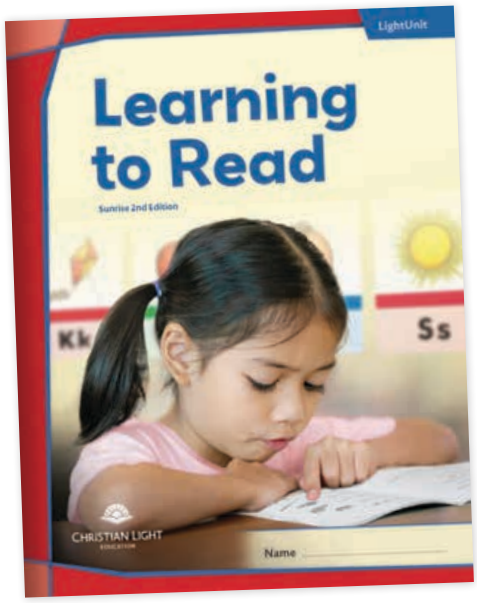
The Teacher's Guide includes answers and detailed instructions, including extra activities in motor skills, Bible memory, songs, poems, and stories. (Recommended)

1 Teacher's Guide $24.95

Creating a positive atmosphere of learning

- *Keep lessons relaxed and informal in the early years*
- *Read to your child often (while cuddled on the couch)*
- *Let him make a mess while working, then help clean it up*
- *Have lessons when he's most alert (probably right after breakfast)*
- *Allow time for creative play*
- *Watch for physical discomfort (small legs dangling from a large chair can lose circulation)*
- *Be sensitive to the child who has a short attention span*
- *Don't pressure your child to meet the expectations of others*

Learning to Read





You can find more sample pages on our website.

A phonics-based program assists the child in mastering words by individual sounds and helps them learn to decode bigger words and use dictionaries in later grades. Learning to Read, Christian Light's phonics reading program, introduces the beginning first grader to the basics of language arts. The lessons cover visual discrimination, listening, handwriting, phonics, spelling, and reading. Other subjects for first grade are coordinated with Learning to Read, which ties together the first-grade curriculum.

Sunrise 2nd Edition

LightUnits

Ten LightUnits (workbooks) provide a variety of activities—pictures to color, writing practice, drilling of likenesses and differences, and pictures to identify the consonant or vowel sound. There are also words to sound out and stories to read.

After the 35 basic sounds have been introduced, the lessons generally include a two-page story with questions to answer, a writing page, and a phonics page. The phonics page continues drill—sounding out words, marking vowels—as well as introducing more advanced concepts.

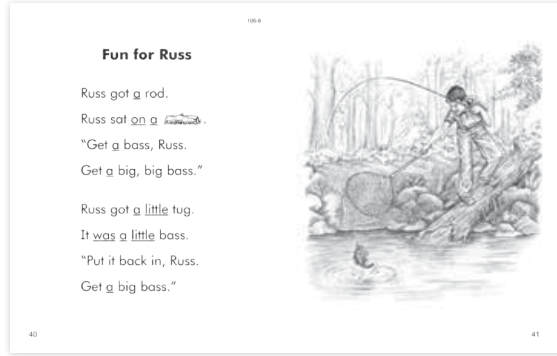
10 LightUnits *set* $55.50



Primers

Four delightful books, designed to motivate children with the thrill of reading, are integral to Learning to Read. The reading level slowly advances to match students' progress in the accompanying LightUnits. By the time your child is in LightUnit 102, he will have the skills necessary to start reading stories from the Primers. Softcover, illustrated with beautiful pencil art.

We Live (*use with* 102-103)	$7.15
We Explore (*use with* 103-106)	$7.15
We Learn (*use with* 107-108)	$7.15
We Discover (*use with* 109-110)	$7.15



Fun for Russ

Russ got a rod.
Russ sat on a [illegible].
"Get a bass, Russ.
Get a big, big bass."

Russ got a little tug.
It was a little bass.
"Put it back in, Russ.
Get a big bass."

Teacher's Guides

The two Teacher's Guides are essential to the program and provide answers and easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions for each lesson. They include a comprehensive outline; a summary of sounds, markings, and phonetic rules; teaching tips; activity ideas; games for reinforcement; and more. Also, they provide daily and yearly schedules to assist in planning. Teacher's Guides contain reproduction LightUnit pages with answers. (Required)

2 Teacher's Guides	$31.90

Christian Light's Learning to Read program has been a game-changer for us. The ease of teaching and the joy it brings to our homeschooling experience is truly remarkable.
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Flash Cards

A letter card, story, and rhyme are used to introduce the 21 consonants, four consonant digraphs, and long and short vowel sounds. Each full-color picture card illustrates the sound of the letter. The story and rhyme relate to the key picture and contain many words with the new sound. Students learn the rhyme and repeat it frequently to rivet the sound in their minds. The story contains a moral or draws the child's mind to the greatness of God's creation or care for him. Students develop listening comprehension by answering questions about the story.

Word and phrase flash cards are an integral part of the program. Word cards improve word recognition and speed. Phrase cards develop the skill of reading sentences quickly.

Full-color sight word cards help to speed up recognition of sight words taught in Learning to Read.

Letter Flash Cards	$17.95
Word Flash Cards	$18.95
Phrase Flash Cards	$23.95
Sight Word Flash Cards (optional)	$23.95



Ideas for adding spice and variety to learning:

- *Assemble jigsaw puzzles*
- *Trace and color pictures*
- *Look at picture books*
- *Make an ABC book (cut & paste pictures for each letter)*
- *Illustrate a story or event*
- *Drill with flash cards*
- *Begin and label a nature collection (leaves, rocks...)*

Teacher Training Book & CD

For teachers new to phonics, we recommend our training LightUnit that introduces Learning to Read methods and procedures. The CD gives the phonetic sounds.

Set $19.25





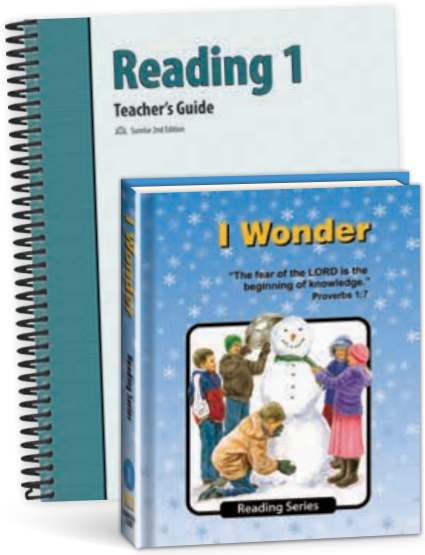
Manuscript Alphabet Strip

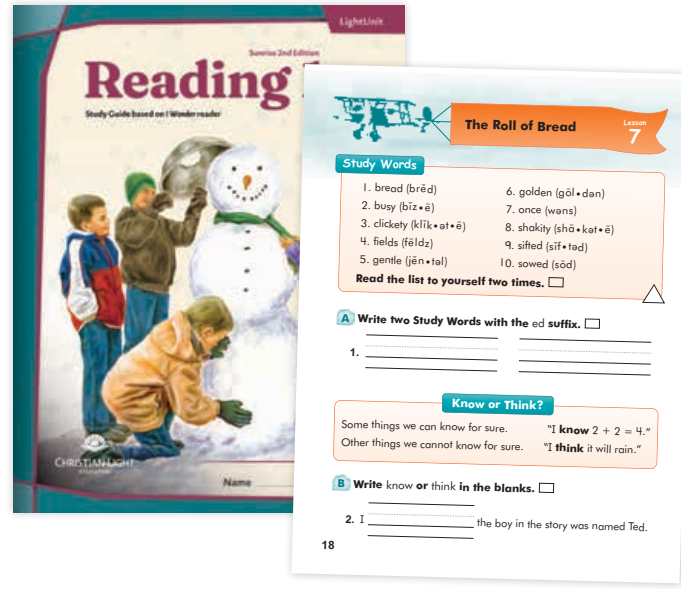
This self-adhesive strip can be applied to students' desks to show correct letter formation using directive arrows. 2" x 17½"

Manuscript Desk Strip (single) $2.00

Reading

begins where Learning to Read ends, providing review of phonics and mechanics and majoring on comprehension and analytical skills.





Sunrise 2nd Edition

Reader

Remember when you were young and found a book you really liked, a book that transported you to new places and different times, a book in which you actually felt like you were there? The full-color *I Wonder* reader will not only captivate your children's attention and increase their desire to read, it will also reinforce the solid Christian values you want them to carry for a lifetime.

I Wonder Reader $13.95

LightUnits

The LightUnit leads students in a variety of skills. Skills include recalling facts, interpreting simple figures of speech, comparing, predicting, recognizing degrees of importance, listening and speaking, and oral reading skills. Students begin to evaluate what they read; to apply it to everyday situations and to their own lives—in short, to think. Reading 100 requires some teacher involvement because students are still learning to work more on their own.

5 LightUnits *set* $23.75

Teacher's Guide

The Teacher's Guide is essential to teaching the course effectively. It includes alternate tests, a scope, and index. Also included are reproductions of each LightUnit page with answers. There are explanations for the exercises, oral reviews, ideas for class discussions, along with silent and oral reading activities. Beginning teachers can use this manual to successfully teach reading. (Required)

Teacher's Guide $18.75

Language Arts

is for students
who have completed
the first four LightUnits of Learning to Read.

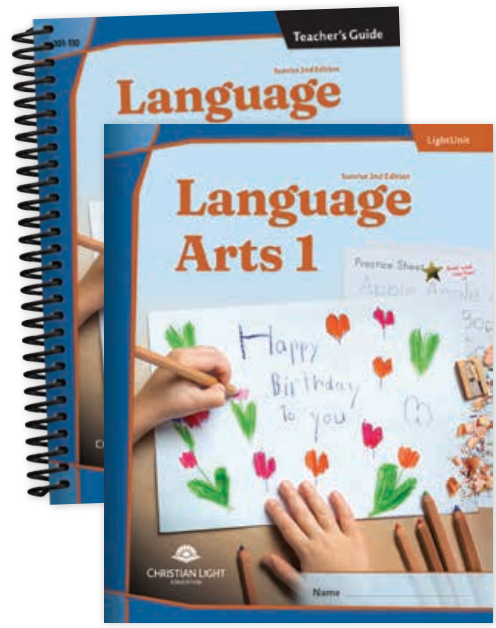
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LightUnits

Christian Light's Language Arts program is built on two key concepts: incremental learning and continuous review. The incremental approach to teaching concepts builds "line upon line, precept upon precept" as each small segment builds on what has already been taught. A new concept is reviewed often—several times before being tested and at regular intervals thereafter—to insure that students remember it.

Phonics: teaches most phonics sounds and spellings
Spelling: phonics review, word meanings
Grammar: nouns, describing words, suffixes, prefixes
Penmanship: all manuscript letters
Creative Writing: thinking, writing, sharing
Communication Skills: telephone, manners
Mechanics: capitals, periods, question marks, commas

10 LightUnits *set* $55.50



Phonics Cards

This set of 88 colorful phonics cards illustrates the phonics rules taught in Reading and Language Arts.

Phonics Wall Cards (8¼" x 10¾") $33.95
or
Phonics Flash Cards (5" x 7") $23.95

Choose your size!



Teacher's Guide

The Teacher's Guide provides easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions for each lesson including the spelling and penmanship activities. Also included are alternate tests, a scope, index, and reproductions of pages with answers. (Required)

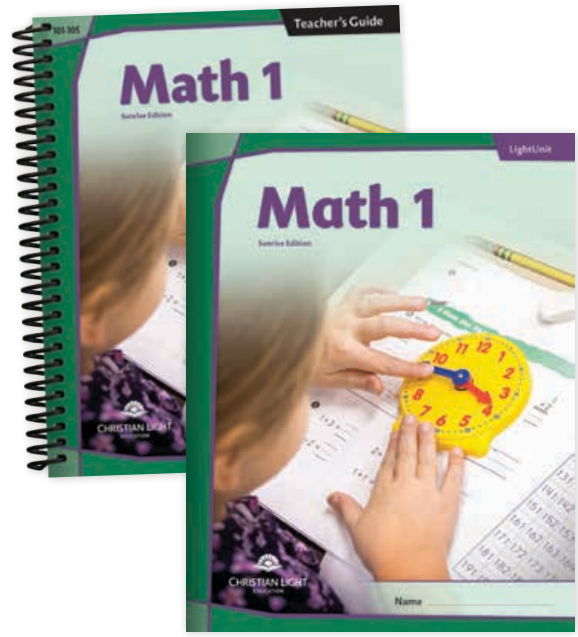
Teacher's Guide $24.95

Extra Practice Sheets

Extra Practice Sheets give specific concentrated review for new or difficult concepts. Approximately 30 pages. (Reproducible)

Extra Practice Sheets $5.55

Math



Sunrise Edition

LightUnits

Christian Light's Sunrise Math is a thorough program using the incremental learning approach. Each lesson introduces one or more bite-size concepts which are then reinforced by daily reviews. These reviews help students retain and improve skills. Students work contains exercises, quizzes, and tests—all divided into easy-to-use daily segments. Practical story problems with a Biblical worldview relate math to real life.

10 LightUnits *set* $55.50

Teacher's Guides

The Teacher's Guides are essential to teaching the course and include day-by-day instructions with suggested oral activities and flash-card work as well as LightUnit answers. (Required)

2 Teacher's Guides $31.90

Counting Chart

Circling numbers on the 1-200 Counting Chart with a dry-erase marker helps children visualize number patterns and relationships. (Required)

$2.85

My Counting Book

Children journey to 1,000 by writing ten numbers a day. Reinforces number writing, place value, and more. (Required) $3.75

My Calendar Book

This collection of supplemental enrichment activities is an excellent way to teach calendar concepts, observe weather, and introduce students to graphs and statistics. Teacher notes included. (Optional) $6.95

Flash Cards

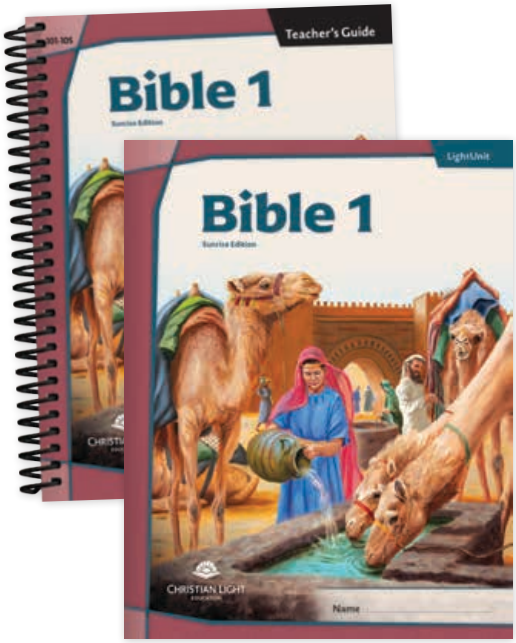
The flash-card system ensures that each math fact is reviewed often enough for complete mastery. (Required) $39.95

Clock with gears

This sturdy, durable, color-coded plastic clock is a helpful tool in teaching children to tell time. (Optional) $3.95



Bible



Sunrise Edition

LightUnits

Christian Light's Sunrise Bible course contains stories that capture the imagination and bring the Bible to life. Each lesson is a two-page spread with a simple Bible story and a corresponding activity.

5 LightUnits set $27.75

Teacher's Guide

The Teacher's Guide includes a full-length version of the story for the teacher to tell or read. This course allows the child to enjoy the Bible and learn truths from it, without a heavy workload. Includes LightUnit answers. (Required)

Teacher's Guide $18.75

I absolutely love Christian Light. I actually tried 3 other programs before I found you, and my son was struggling so much, but now he's starting to sound out words.
—Ohio

I can't say enough good things about the math and language books my older boys are using! Love, love, love them!
—Texas

We love Christian Light Math! It has revolutionized homeschool math for us and we are so very grateful.
—Georgia

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