Learn by Doing

Choice Write Your Name in Hieroglyphs

New Church teachings tell us that Moses represents the Word. It makes sense that Moses was brought up in Egypt, one of the places where writing was first developed. Children write their names in hieroglyphs.



1. You remember that Pharaoh's daughter found Moses in an ark in the river among the reeds. These reeds were called papyrus, and they were used to make the first paper. Egypt was one of the first places to develop a written language. The Egyptian language was written down in pictures that we call hieroglyphs. Moses may have learned hieroglyphs when he was brought up in Pharaoh's house.
2. Why do you think it was important for people to invent a written language. (Encourage brainstorming, e.g. messages across distances, time, etc.)
3. The most important reason was so the Lord's Word could be written down, preserved and shared. The first five books of the Word are sometimes called "the books of Moses". Moses was told to write these books down by the Lord.
4. Hieroglyphs started out as a picture language, where a picture would represent a word or an idea. Over time, some of the hieroglyphs also came to be used like the letters in our alphabet which stand for sounds. Hand out the *Hieroglyphic Alphabet*, (p. 9) and *Cartouche* (p. 10).
5. We are going to write our names in hieroglyphs. The *Cartouche* page shows what papyrus looked like. The shape on it is a cartouche. Cartouches were put around the names of Pharaohs and other royal people. Ancient Egyptians believed that having an oval around a name helped protect a person from evil spirits. Write your name inside the cartouche, and think about how the Lord looks after and protects you as He looked after and protected Moses.
6. Help children find the symbols for the letters of their names. Practice on scrap paper before writing in the cartouche! If students finish quickly encourage them to add their last name as well.
7. Remember Moses represented the Word. He helped to write some of it down so we can read it.

Materials Needed for Each Child

copy of *Hieroglyphic Alphabet* p. 2, copy of *Cartouche* p. 3, markers, scrap paper

Prepare in Advance

Print out pp. 2 and 3. Make a sample of a name in a *Cartouche* to show.

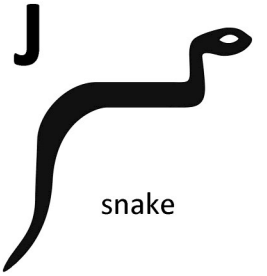
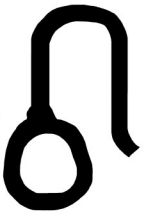
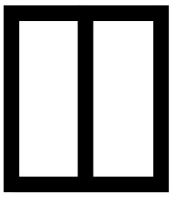
New Church Concept
The Written Word

There are many reasons why it pleased the Lord to be born...on our son was for the sake of the Word, in that it could be written on our earth, and when written could then be published throughout the whole earth; and once published could be preserved for all future



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Hieroglyphic Alphabet

				A  vulture
B  foot	C  basket with handle	D  hand	E flowering reed 	F  horned viper
G jar stand 	H twisted flax 	I flowering reed 	J  snake	K  basket with handle
L  lion	M  owl	N  ripple of water	O lasso 	P mat 
Q  hill	R  mouth	S folded cloth 	T  loaf of bread	U quail chick 
V  horned viper	W quail chick 	X  basket with handle	Y flowering reed 	Z  door bolt

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Cartouche