Write Your Name in Hieroglyphs

The New Church teaches that Moses represents the Word. Moses helped write the first five books of the Word. Moses was brought up in Egypt, one of the places where writing was first developed so that we could have the Word in written form. Children will learn about hieroglyphs and then write their names in hieroglyphs.

- 1. Pharaoh's daughter found Moses in an ark among the reeds at the edge of the Nile River. The reeds were papyrus reeds that were used to make the first paper people used. Egypt was one of the first places to develop a written language. The Egyptian language was written in pictures that we call hieroglyphs. Moses may have learned hieroglyphs when he was brought up in Pharaoh's house.
- 2. Hieroglyphs started as a picture language. Each picture represented 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. We are going to write our names in hieroglyphs.
- 3. Look at the *Hieroglyphic Alphabet*, and *Cartouche* pages. The *Cartouche* page shows what papyrus looked like. The oval shape is a cartouche. The names of Pharaohs and other royal-ty were written in cartouches. Ancient Egyptians believed that having an oval around a name helped protect a person from evil spirits.
- 4. Write your name inside a cartouche. Think about how the Lord protects you, just as He protected Moses. Look at the *Hieroglyphic Alphabet* page. Find the symbols for the letters of your first name. Practice writing them on scrap paper before writing in the cartouche! If you want, write your last name as well.





