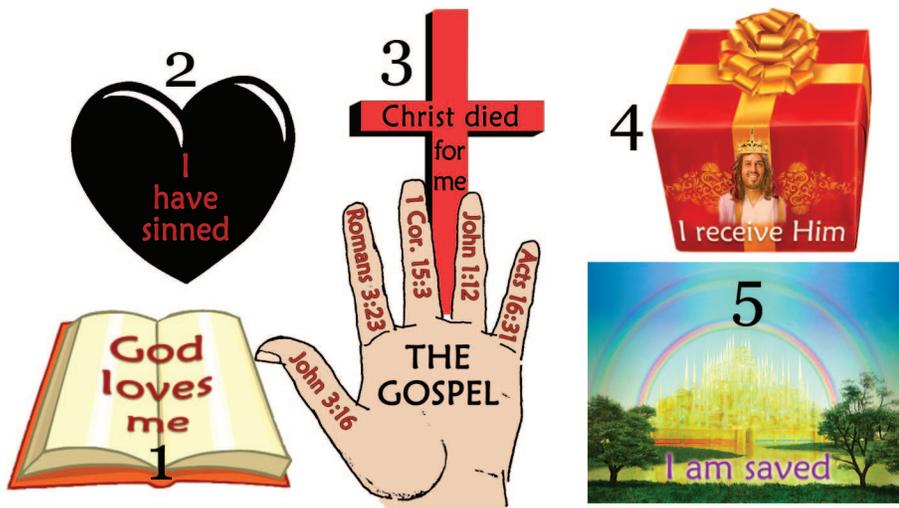


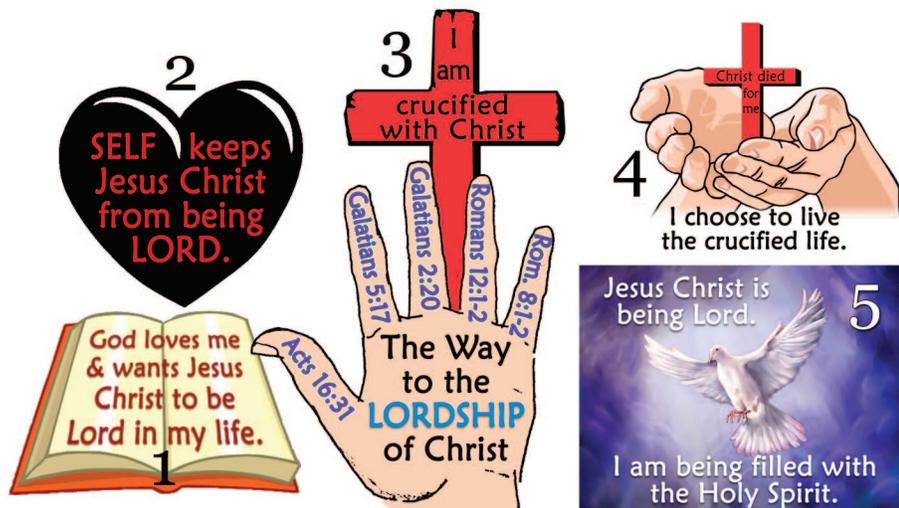
Discipleship

by Vaughan Durston

Recently I found two visuals in my archives. One was the “Gospel Hand” or the 5-finger facts of the Gospel. It was a tool like the “Wordless Book” with 5 colors, or a stairway with the “Steps to Salvation” that gave a simple presentation of the Gospel. Bill Bright of Campus Crusade had the “Four Spiritual Laws.”



These simple presentations were used to lead thousands of children and youth to Christ. They may well have been used to present the Gospel to you. We would like to give the Gospel Hand a fresh prominence in our day in order to stress the importance of what the Gospel is in our discipleship program.



Internet Report

by Brian Cummins

More people than ever are finding the 631 lessons available now at our online website. In fact, last year more than a **quarter million visitors** came to our site from well over **100 countries**. This is **triple** the volume we saw in 2010, and already this year the number of visitors is growing again by 285%.

During a two-week period recently we received requests for additional materials by pastors and missionaries who had found the website. Two of these requests came from **South Africa**, including a pastor of a deaf congregation who had found the graphics and Flash animation lessons to be especially helpful for his people. Others came from churches in **England** and the **USA**, plus missionaries in **Peru, India** and **Indonesia**.

The 149 Spanish lessons continue to attract lots of students. Half of the top 10 countries in terms of visitors are Hispanic nations and 12% of all our visitors are Spanish-speaking.

But statistics are only a small indicator of the real value of this online ministry: connecting people with the Lord Jesus Christ. Here's a recent email for your encouragement:

"It was so refreshing to find your website. I direct a ministry working in north India and often want to find a quick Bible study online to use with our young disciples, children's home kids, and adults who have had little formal education and are just learning English. I have been frustrated and amazed at the dearth of Christian materials geared for young readers until I discovered your website."

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Genuine discipleship involves not only making Jesus Christ our Saviour but also the *Lord* of our lives. Many children and youth have made a decision to receive Christ but they have never made Jesus Christ their Lord as they did not know what the Lordship of Jesus Christ is. The result is that the flesh has not been dealt with in a practical way, and therefore is running wild in their lives, creating havoc and heartbreak. Over 70% of the comments we receive from students have to do with this subject of the Lordship of Christ and the need to die to self. For example one student commented: *"The believer must die daily. It is not a one-time thing."* He got it right. And we want all our students to understand and live out this truth.

Club DJ Report — from Jerry Durston

The other day, I heard a speaker at a children's conference refer to the "Greatest Generation", those born between 1901–1924. Tom Brokaw who coined the term said, *"It is, I believe, the greatest generation any society has ever produced."* He believed this because they did what they did, not for fame or recognition, but because *it was the right thing to do.*

In the world of Christianity, it was this generation that started up ministries to reach the lost and trained others to go out and do so—ministries like Campus Crusade, Youth for Christ, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and many others too numerous to mention, including most Bible Schools. It is said that that this generation started up Bible schools almost every year for over 20 years across the Prairie Provinces from 1929 to 1949!

In **Club DJ**, our motto is **"Hearts that Desire to Please God"** and my prayer is that God would raise up another generation that would do what is right and would make decisions based on the Word of God. That is why we are seeking to partner with churches across Canada and the USA to reach, win, and disciple the children across our nations to have such a heart. My prayer is that in Canada alone we would have opportunity to partner with at least 100 churches in each province, where the children could come to learn about God and surrender their lives to Him. If your church would like more information about how you could partner with us through **Club DJ**, please look us up on the web at **clubdj.com**.

Our mission through **Club DJ** continues to be committed to:

Developing Hearts That Desire to Please God

2 Chronicles 16:9

Testimony

"I really like this book, the pictures helped me visualize the story better. My favorite part was when David defeated Goliath. I learned that if I believe in God, he will help me so I don't have to worry and can trust in him. David and Jonathan were really good friends and Jonathan helped David when he was in trouble. I want to be able to know how to help my friends when they are in need." (pre-teen)



CAMPS (Darren Froese)

What a great adventure this has been so far! Thank you so much for upholding me in your prayers as I settle into my new role of Director of PR in Camp Discipleship and Church Ministry. In the past months I have been blessed to be able to talk to camp directors and staff from all across Canada. It is great hearing the stories of how the lessons are impacting the camps.

In the next while I will be working on a lesson series that we are hoping to use this summer called, **"Higher, Stronger, Faster."** This lesson is timely with the Olympic summer games happening this year. My prayer is that these lessons will be engaging to the campers and that through the lessons many of them will come to know Christ and grow in their walk with Him.

Please continue to pray as I serve and build my support team. If you would like to partner with me in prayer I would appreciate hearing from you.

TEXAS

Everyone has a story... Some people's story does not include church. For some reason a teen girl's family stopped attending. She writes, "I'm doing this lesson from my Kindle and am so happy that I can be in touch with Jesus." A 10 year old boy who is

Our Mission

*"developing young people
after God's own heart"*

interested in knowing God has hardly ever been to church. A friend of his mother's who used to do lessons years ago has asked for lessons for the boy.

We hear stories from other countries. A young lady in the Dominican Republic found the lessons in Spanish on "Love, Dating and Marriage" and wants to use them to start a group called "Separated unto God" for the teen girls in her church. A 9 year old boy from Madrid, Spain, writes, "Please pray for me because all the kids laugh at me."

Yes, everyone has a story... Please pray with us that for each of our students their life story will include understanding the Gospel message and coming to faith in Jesus as Savior.

ONTARIO

We continue to be thankful for the Bible lessons that come through our office day by day. We are experiencing a greater flow of lessons this season. Perhaps a few changes we have made plus the Jonathan Sperry DVD have sparked new interest.

Our desire is to be a strong support to the camps in helping them minister to their campers.

Whenever a student completes 10 lessons we send a booklet award including a book report form. One student responded with this note:

"Sorry it took so long to finish this book. At first it really bored me, but then I realized how important it is for me to know about Christian marriage. After finishing, I loved the book and all it contained. The DVD I also loved

very much too! It was sad, but felt like something I've experienced. I am glad I've chosen David & Jonathan, it's already made me a better Christian."

Please pray with us for these children and youth that their numerous distractions may not hinder their progress with the lessons and their journey with God.

SASKATCHEWAN

It has been nearly 25 years since I taught 5 Day Clubs to boys and girls here in Saskatchewan. The experience impacted my life so profoundly that it motivates me to do what I do today.

As correspondence secretary I've seen the exciting spiritual growth in the students' lives on a daily basis. I get to watch firsthand how students progress from non-Christians to new believers to deep mature believers. I recently had the extreme privilege of meeting one whose life has been transformed.

These students whose names come across my desk month after month almost become like celebrities to me. Out of the blue one evening I received a phone call at my home from one such "celebrity". "Hi Charlene, my name is ... I'm coming to Regina; could I come visit you?" With excitement I said yes. Days later she was sitting in my home and I was able to ask her how she came to know Christ. "Through the David and Jonathan lessons," she said. "I went to church but never really understood that you need to take Jesus as your Savior." The transformation in this individual has been incredible to watch as I witness the power of the Holy Spirit in her daily life.

I praise God for the power of His Word and how He has chosen to use these Bible lessons to reach, feed, and encourage students in their daily walk with Jesus. I love being allowed to play a part in the distribution of God's Word. Praise God for the lives

that are changed!

ALBERTA/BC

"Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise." (Colossians 3:16)

We continue to be blessed here in the Calgary office by the letters we receive from students regarding what they have learned in the lessons. The changes it brings in the lives of our students and their families reflects what the above scripture states.

It gives us new enthusiasm as we begin to prepare and pray for the upcoming camp season.

Pray that "the words of Christ" will continue to impact our students and change lives.



Our Vision

"to see Jesus seated on the throne of every 'David' and ruling over all the aspects of their life."

Our Method

Jonathans building up Davids
"And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking with Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."

(1 Samuel 18:1)

TESTIMONIES...

"Thank you for helping us as parents to raise our son to be a godly young man. Your lessons convey the truth of God's Word and we feel blessed to be a part of the ministry of David & Jonathan."
(a mother)

"Thank you so very much for your ministry. I am a homeschooling mother of 6 and my husband and I have tried umpteen different methods of discipleship with our children over the years... but never have we felt fully at ease or content that they were getting a solid foundation and being built up in the truest sense of the word "discipleship." The lessons you provide are so solid and so commendable. I am SO thankful to have been pointed to your website."

"Thank you for the birthday card you sent me, I like it very much. I would really like it if you continued to send me lessons."
(age 12)

"I really needed the message in these lessons."
(teen)

"I'm a Christian, and I think you will be glad to hear that!"
(age 10)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- * Pray for the camps that will order our lessons to use for their follow up.
- * Please pray for Darren Froese, Director of PR in Camp Discipleship and Church Ministry.
- * Pray that many more children, teens and adults will find our **online lessons** and that God will use this resource for their spiritual growth.
- * Pray for our **expanding outreach** through the Internet to **Spanish-speaking students**.
- * Please pray for our financial needs.
- * Pray for each of the offices as they seek to reach out to their students.
- * Pray as a mass mailing of our follow up lessons are sent out to camps across Canada.



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