

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Bible Copy Work Instructions

Assignment:

1. This copybook contains the entire Gospel of John. As such, work in this book will span several years and several *Hey, Andrew! Teach Me Some Greek!* workbook levels. Do not expect to complete the entire copybook in one year.
2. Copy work should take no more than five or ten minutes daily. A young student will begin copying one word a session. With maturity and with increased understanding of koine Greek, he will advance to phrases and eventually to entire verses. If the child's handwriting is too large for the copybook lines, use a separate notebook.
3. Keep the focus on understanding. Simply forming the letters as the mind wanders here and there is unproductive.
4. Bear in mind that consistent daily work in small doses is much more profitable than infrequent longer sessions.

Procedure:

1. Begin on page one of this copybook.
2. Write the first chapter and verse number (1:1) on the first blank line labeled **Greek**. Copy the Greek words of John 1:1 (including all accents, breathing marks, and punctuation marks) to the end of that first line. Drop down to the next section of double lines. Continue copying the Greek text of John 1:1 on the upper line of the two blank lines until the end of the verse.
3. Now go back to the beginning of the first verse and write the English meaning beneath the Greek words on the line labeled **English**. Continue copying the rest of the English text of John 1:1.
4. Read aloud in Greek the verse you have just written. As you do so, think about its meaning. When you begin Greek copy work, the order of the Greek words (along with their English meanings) may seem a little awkward. However, as you continue progressing through the text, you will become familiar with the flow of koine Greek sentences and thought.
5. Continue to John 1:2. Write the new verse number (1:2) and begin copying the second Greek verse. Remember to complete the entire Greek verse before writing its English meaning.
6. The pattern to follow throughout the copybook is summarized as follows:

Write the verse number.

Write the Greek text of one entire verse.

Write the English interlinear translation of the same verse.

Read the Greek text aloud, thinking about the meaning.