



# Equipping Literacy Assistants

**What is literacy?**

# What is literacy?

- Reading
- Listening
- Speaking
- Writing

# Reading: aloud to others



# Reading: silently



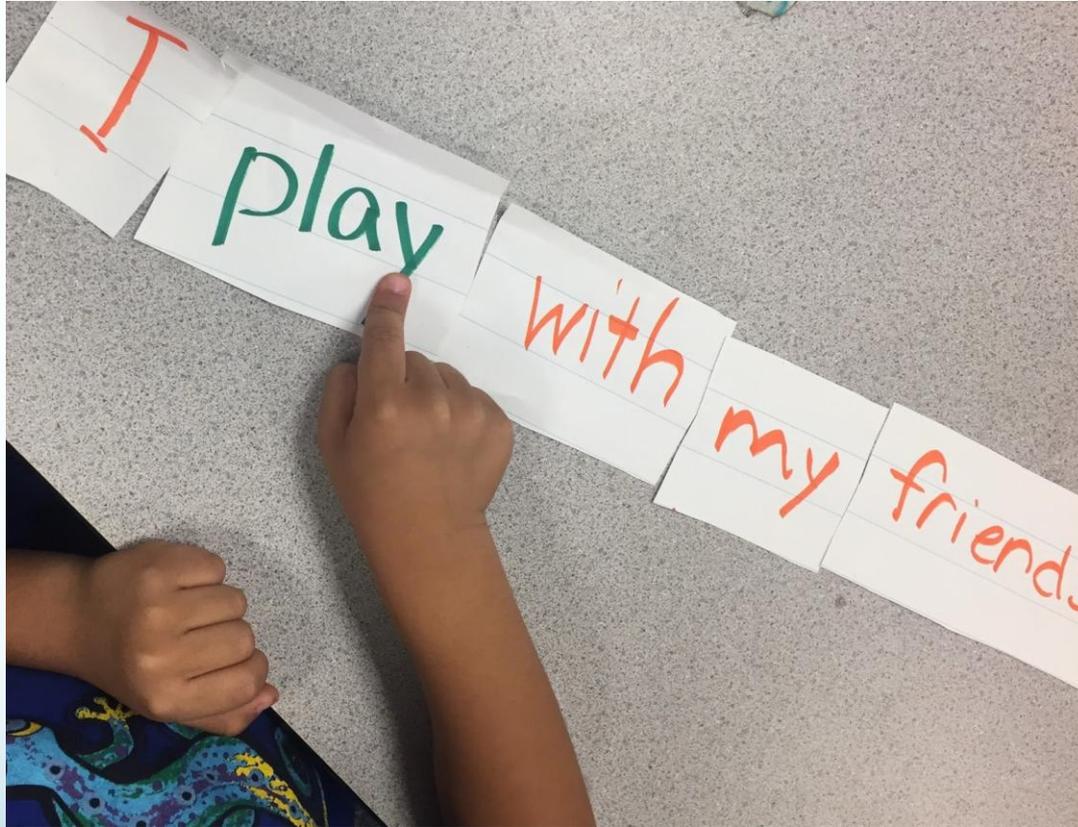
# Reading on a screen: computer or mobile phone



# Reading: signs



# Writing: putting words together



# Writing:

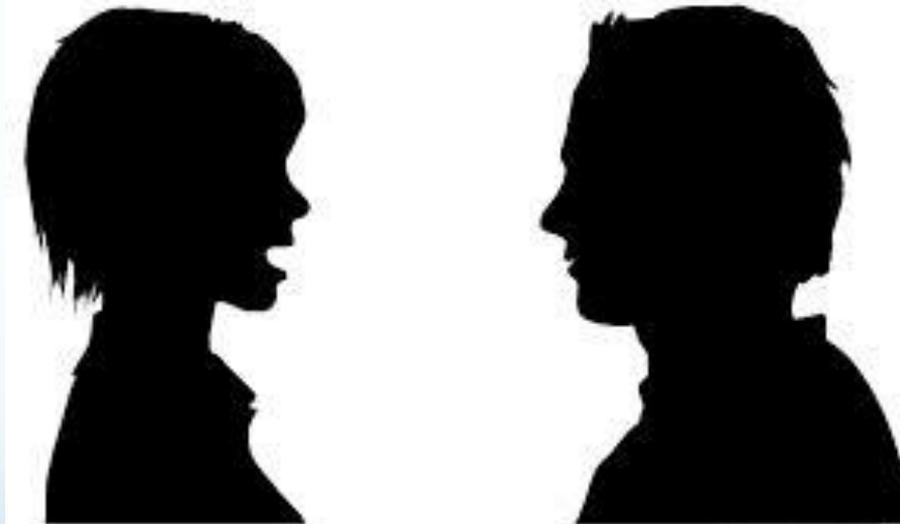
- hand writing
- writing a story or a piece of information
- sending a text message on a phone
- typing on the computer

Writing involves spelling.

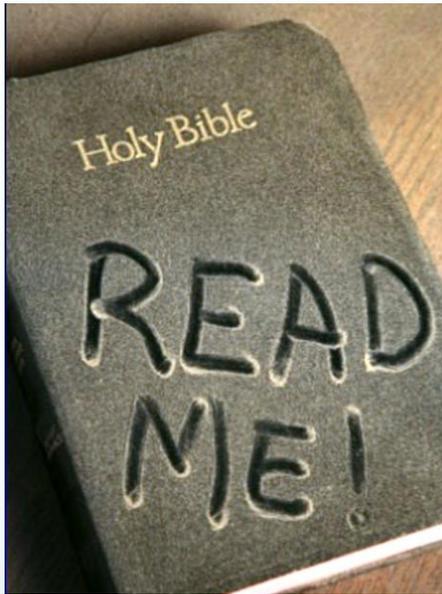


# Speaking and listening

Communicating through the spoken word



# How do we know what God has to say to us?



Reading



Listening

# Literacy helps us to learn about God and the world

- God has provided us with the written word.
- He speaks to us as we read His word.
- God tells us to learn to listen.
- To listen is to be teachable.



# How do we tell others about God?



speaking



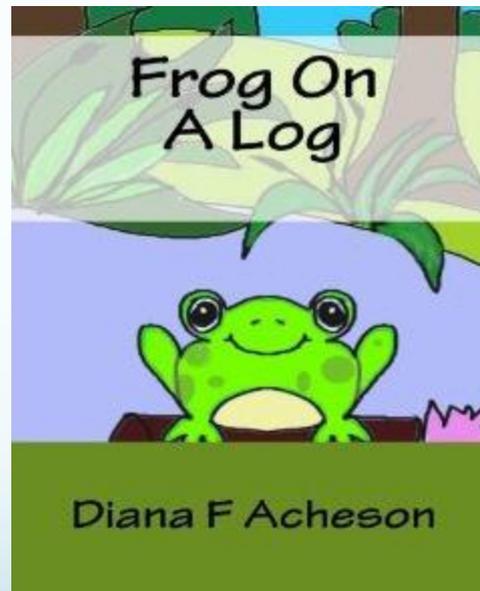
writing

# Literacy is a tool for communicating with others

- There is power in the spoken word.
- Writing is another way of communicating.
- Writing a book, an article, a blog, a Facebook message are all ways of sharing a message.

# stories

Children need to hear 1000 stories before they are ready to read.





# Reading story books to children

- develops a wide vocabulary through listening to others.
- develops an interest in books.
- develops the children's power of imagination.

# Telling stories

- There are no pictures to focus on.
- It is important for the story teller to use expression in their voice
- And to use their body, hands, face and particularly their eyes.
- You can tell Bible stories with the aid of acting out or puppets

# Be discerning

- Not all stories will be appropriate in the Christian environment.
- All literature we use in our program must measure up to what God wants for our children.
- Be aware of stories that contain witchcraft, evolution (millions of years), and values that don't measure up. Throw them out!

**What is literacy?**

**Are all literacy resources OK?**

**How does it help us communicate?**

**What do stories teach us?**

**How does it help us to learn about God?**

**Why are stories important?**

**How does it help us tell other about God?**



# Questions

1. What are the 4 elements (parts) of Literacy?
2. How does listening help us to learn about God?
3. How does speaking help us to tell others about God?
4. Why do you think it is important that children hear 100 stories before they learn to read?
5. What would be some examples of inappropriate reading material for our students?