Clear & Legible Penmanship

Develop cursive writing skills that support clear, effective written communication with Handwriting 4. Students will develop proper techniques that support the habit of polished handwriting. They will practice forming cursive letters, participate in guided practice, and take a pretest, handwriting evaluations, and a posttest. Throughout the course, students will learn to communicate clearly in a way that brings honor and glory to God.

How We Teach It

Teacher Modeling and Direct Instruction

Students learn by watching the teacher demonstrate correct techniques, such as posture, paper position, pencil grip, and how to form cursive letters. Teachers also give verbal explanations of stroke formation to guide students step by step.

Guided Practice with Models

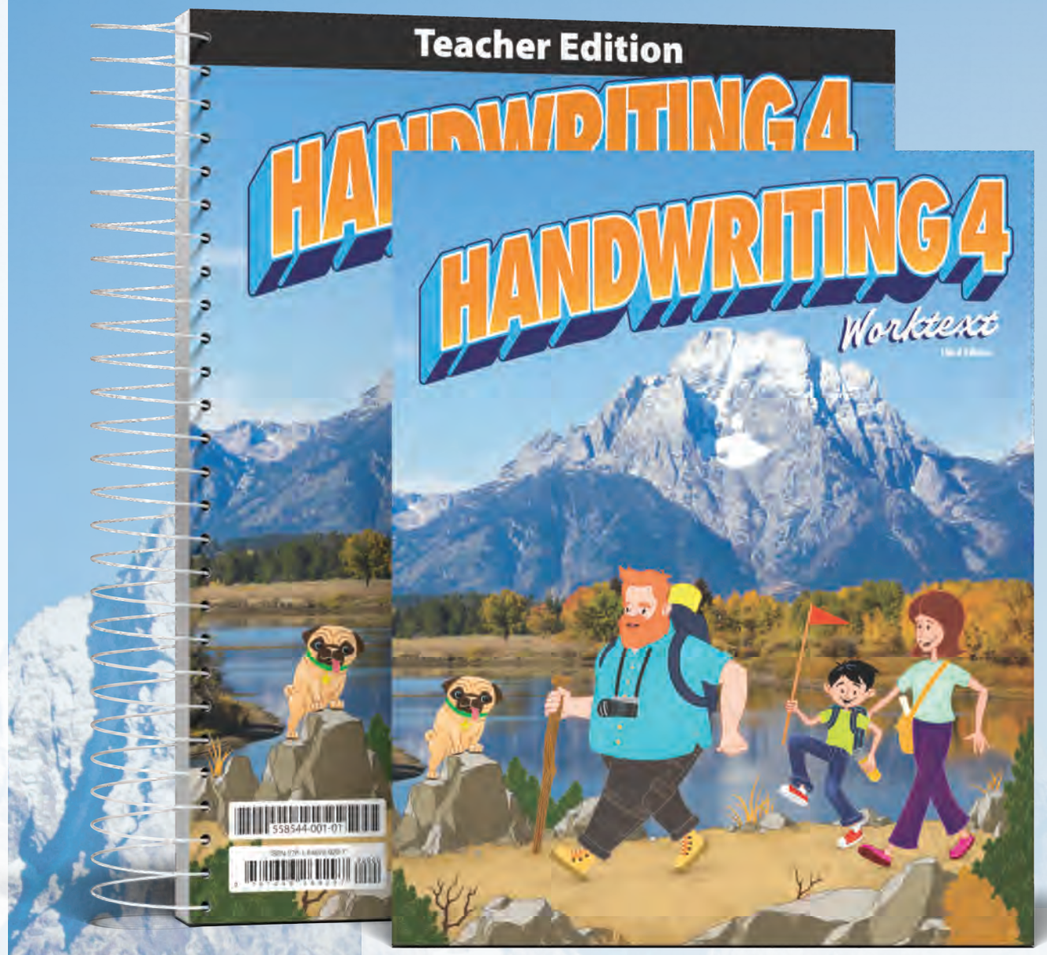
Students regularly practice cursive writing using examples and models, allowing them to build skills with support. This includes forming letters, copying text, and completing structured handwriting exercises.

Skill Application Across Activities

Students apply handwriting skills in a variety of tasks, such as writing cursive letters and sentences, writing state names and labeling, using punctuation correctly in cursive, and writing out numbers, outlines, and lists.

Assessments and Progress Tracking

Students take a pretest and posttest as well as handwriting evaluations throughout to measure improvement. These assessments help track growth in legibility, spacing, alignment, and overall writing fluency.



eTexts of student and teacher materials, along with resources referenced in the Teacher Edition, are available in BJU Press Trove.

Materials

Worktext

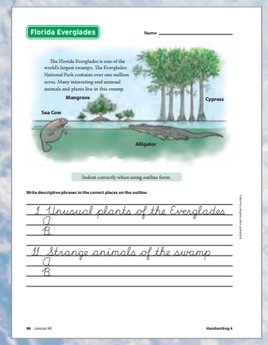
Handwriting 4 helps students develop fluent, legible cursive through structured practice in letter formation, spacing, punctuation, and alignment. Across 119 lessons, students build handwriting skills through guided exercises such as writing numbers, copying cursive passages, outlining, and completing state-related activities. A pretest and posttest track progress, while consistent practice strengthens fluency and confidence. This course encourages students to develop clear, orderly handwriting for effective communication.

Teacher Edition

Handwriting 4 Teacher Edition delivers clear, step-by-step support that makes teaching cursive both simple and effective, equipping teachers to confidently model essential skills such as posture, pencil grip, letter formation, and stroke direction. Each lesson is structured with guided instruction, vocabulary development, and consistent practice using the Worktext, to help students steadily build accuracy and fluency in handwriting. Teachers guide students as they develop legibility, spacing, alignment, and strong writing habits. Ongoing practice—including a built-in pretest, posttest, and handwriting evaluations—helps teachers track progress and reinforce handwriting skills.

Also available are Cursive Wall Charts (grades 2–6)

Outlining



Copying Cursive



