C. Man provided all the materials and just wrote what God told them to write (Deuteronomy 31:9, 24-26; II Peter 1:20-21).

III. _____[9] Publishing — Man took the writings and taught the people.

A. Moses took the Scripture to the people (what was required) (Exodus 34:29-32).

B. Moses taught them to obey the Scriptures (what was right) (Exodus 24:12; 35-36:4; Deuteronomy 5:30-33; 29:9; 31:9-13).

C. Moses taught them how to copy the Scriptures (what was their responsibility) (Deuteronomy 6:8-9; 11:18-21; 17:18-20; 27:1-8).

D. Joshua took them back to the Scriptures (what was written) (Joshua 1:13; 8:34; 23:6).

Conclusion: God places such a preeminent value upon His Word (Philippians 2:9-10; Psalm 138:2). He took such care and attention to see that what He gave was provided for others. What value do you place on providing God's Word for others?

LESSON ONE DEFINITIONS

Preserve : to keep alive orin existence; to keep from harm or injury

Publish: to proclaim; to speak forth by mouth; to put down in print for distribution

Preeminent: above or before others; superior

Answer Key

1. *oral*
2. *commanded*
3. *counseled*
4. *instructed*
5. *promised*
6. *called*
7. *gave*
8. *Inspirational*
9. *Educational*

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I'm sure you are familiar with the telephone game played by children. One child whispers something into the ear of a person at the front of the room and tells him to pass it on to the next person. By the time this message reaches the person at the other end of the room, it amazes everyone how much the message has been changed. Imagine how easy it would have been for people to get confused with the message God had conveyed to them. By the time it was passed from person to person, how accurate would it have been? Putting God's message in writing for people to read would eliminate this issue. They would no longer have to rely on remembering what they had *heard* God had said; the man of God could now read it to them time and time again.

God promised that His Word would be preserved forever (I Peter 1:23; Matthew 5:18; 24:35). Doesn't it make sense that He would have a plan in place in which to carry out this process? These lessons are intended to not just show this divine plan in Scripture, but also to show how that we can be involved in this heavenly work.

I. _____[1] Publishing — God Spoke it.

A. Creation (Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26, 29).
God spoke, and it came into existence.

B. Conduct of man – For a period of time, everything God intended mankind to know concerning their conduct was given orally by Him. The offspring had to rely upon their parents passing down what they remembered God had told them. (Exodus 24:3).

1. God _____[2] Adam (Genesis 2:16, 18-19; 3:8).
2. God _____[3] Cain (Genesis 4:6, 9-10, 15).
3. God _____[4] Noah (Genesis 6:13-7:5).
4. God _____[5] Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3, 7; 13:14-17).
5. God _____[6] Moses (Exodus 3:4-4:23; 19:19).
6. God _____[7] the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17).

II. _____[8] Publishing — the beginning of the written Word of God (II Timothy 3:16; Exodus 34:27-28; II Peter 1:21).

Moses is recognized as the human author of the first five books of the Bible. The Apostle John was the writer of five books, including Revelation, the last book of the Bible. Both men were eyewitnesses to the living Word of God; both heard first-hand the spoken Word of God; and both understood the potential of the written Word of God. When John wrote the book of I John, he used the word "write" seven times and the word "written" five times. He obviously knew the importance of the written Word of God. Both John and Moses were involved in God's plan for providing His Word for every generation. Will you be involved?

A. God gave it and God also recorded it (Exodus 24:12).

B. Man began to be involved in the process
(Exodus 34:4 — Moses provided the stones, but God still did the writing. Deuteronomy 10:1-4 is Moses' personal testimony of this account).