

The **P O W E R**

of the **BLANK PAGE** by Dan Peters

Blank pages can drive an artist crazy. Many (**many**) years ago in my college fine art classes, putting a clean canvas on my easel caused an immediate adrenalin rush. It still happens today if I am staring at a blank page and have a pen in hand. Lawyers highly respect blank pages and are careful to include the phrase, "This page left intentionally blank" on legal documents. Perhaps the most important page in the entire Picture This curriculum is a **blank page entitled, "Dialogue with God."** Here is how it works.

The "Learning the Word for Life" series is designed to help students of almost any age, memorize and meditate on Scriptures. LWL I, (Foundations) includes key verses from The Picture-Smart Bible illustrated in such a simple way that memorizing Scriptures becomes fun and easy. LWL II (Bread for the Wilderness) relates to Scriptures which help us through tough issues in life such as anger management and developing the right self esteem. LWL III (God, Your Real Dad) helps students acquire an intimate, "Daddy" relationship with God.

Lessons in the LWL book contain a Master Drawing of a key verse, a Student Sheet (ghosted version of the Master Drawing), a sequence page and a blank page. Our specific objective with the blank page is to assist the student in the process of meditation, to transfer the memorized Scripture from his head to his heart. The Japanese have an "aha" moment when a thought or concept becomes clear. Some call it "mental incubation". Mary became pregnant when she embraced or implanted the word given to her by Gabriel. Meditating is how the Scriptures become a part of who we are. This is how God's word becomes "a lamp to our feet and a light to our path" (Ps. 119:105). Paul encourages, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Col. 3:16).

Devotional books, some written by very spiritual, deep thinking, godly authors abound in Christian book stores. They represent hours of meditation, seeking and soul searching. These men and women have pressed through until they have touched God's heart. But for all of their excellence, these books represent the devotions (the meditation) of the author.

Again, our goal in providing a blank page is to encourage all Christians of every age to talk to and listen to God. There are no short cuts to revelation, but God REALLY desires to talk with us. Moses assures us if anyone seeks the Lord with all his heart, he will find Him (see Deut. 4:29). That conversation with your Father is the most important dialogue you will have all day - and it could all start with a blank page.