

Discover the Senses



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Introduction

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When we first bring a new baby home from the hospital, we are mesmerized as we watch him discover his world. From the first taste of nourishment to the thrill of watching him learn to focus on your face, the discovery of his toes to the instinctive smile at the sound of your voice, his senses open up the world to him. God designed the human body in ways that are astounding—so complex that we can't begin to fathom the details He took care of as He created man. Of these details, our senses are the ones that enable us to interact with the world that He made, allowing us to taste, touch, see, hear, and smell. Each of these senses is a gift, and together they make a perfect topic of discovery for children.

In this study, your child will investigate a new sense each day, learning what it is and how it works, as well as what it does for him. He will learn what impacts that particular sense; for example, without light, we have no sight! He will also learn about limitations of that sense, and how modern innovation has helped overcome some of the restrictions. And he will meet some of history's heroes, such as Louis Braille, who helped along the way. Each day, your student will explore and investigate, creating and adding more learning components to his *Discover the Senses* lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

Choosing this topic for the opening title of Download N Go's *Discover the Human Body* series was an easy choice. Having raised and homeschooled our three children, I am well aware of their curiosity about how their bodies work—particularly the senses.

With Download N Go® unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week in length, having five daily lessons with lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook—a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, and crayons or markers. That's it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

Now that you are beginning *Discover the Senses* in the Download N Go series, get ready for an unforgettable learning adventure into the world of the human body. There will be science discoveries, such as learning about the way taste buds and the sense of smell work together, and discovering how the ear and nose work are always

fascinating and memorable. Take some time to explore these discoveries with your children. Take plenty of pictures, explore the learning links, and look and see what God has created!

Notes to parents: *Remember that Internet site content can change overnight. Please check the sites that you plan to use before your child visits them in the study.*

Some of the videos in this study are hosted by YouTube and include Google ads that cannot be completely avoided. Hide these ads by clicking on the X in the upper-right corner of the ad banner.



To conserve printer ink, please note that most printers have a variety of options (draft mode, economy mode, grayscale, black-and-white, etc.) that may reduce your ink usage. Refer to [this guide](#) for assistance in exploring your printer's options.

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Daily Objectives

Day 1: Discovering Touch

1. What are “senses” and why do we need them?
2. Learn about the sense of touch—what does it do for you?
3. How does touch work?
4. What affects your sense of touch?
5. Overcoming Challenges: Ludwig van Beethoven

Day 2: Discovering Sight

1. Learn about the sense of sight—what does it do for you?
2. How do eyes work?
3. Let’s take a look at an eyeball.
4. What affects your sight?
5. Overcoming Challenges: Louis Braille

Day 3: Discovering Hearing

1. Learn about the sense of hearing—what does it do for you?
2. How does hearing work?
3. Let’s take a look at an ear.
4. What affects your hearing?
5. Overcoming Challenges: Helen Keller

Day 4: Discovering Smell

1. Learn about the sense of smell—what does it do for you?
2. How does smell work?
3. Let’s take a look at a nose.
4. What affects your sense of smell?
5. Overcoming Challenges: Claude Monet

Day 5: Discovering Taste

1. Learn about the sense of taste—what does it do for you?
2. How does taste work?
3. Let’s take a look at a tongue.
4. What affects your sense of taste?
5. Overcoming Challenges: Thomas Edison

Day 1

Discovering Touch

When God created the human body, He knew that we would need to have special abilities to would help us live in and explore this amazing world. He took care of that in His awesome design by giving us incredible senses—eyes to see, ears to hear, noses to smell, taste buds to taste, and skin for touching everything around us. You are not going to believe how cool each of these senses is and just how perfect God’s design is. Let’s get started today with a few videos to get the adventure rolling:

Video: [Amazing Senses](#)

Video: [Hi-5: Senses](#)

After watching these videos, draw a funny picture of each of the five senses here:

The **5**
Senses



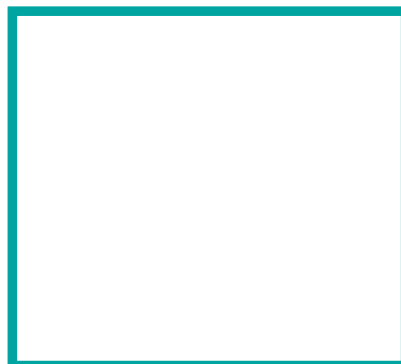
SIGHT



TASTE



TOUCH



HEARING



SMELL

So now that you know what the five senses are, it's time to dig in just a bit and first figure out what we mean when we talk about the body's senses. What exactly is a **sense**? Write your answer below.

Definition

That's interesting, isn't it? Take a minute and consider what we would be like without ANY of the five senses. Can you imagine what that would be like? Our senses are gifts from God, and there is a Bible verse that is a perfect reminder that God made you very special. Copy [Psalm 139:14](#) below.

