

Homeschool
CURRICULUM
ONLINE SUMMIT

APRIL 7-11, 2025



EVENT *Playbook*

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Homeschool CURRICULUM ONLINE SUMMIT

Choosing the right curriculum from a gazillion options (give or take a few) can be seriously mind-boggling AND expensive. Where do you even start?

Enter the Homeschool Curriculum Summit! This all-new, exclusively online, and free event, coming April 7-11, 2025, will bring you practical guidance from Christian homeschool speakers, curriculum creators, and authors through video sessions on math and science, history and civics, literature/writing and arts, and homeschooling tools.

You'll learn to evaluate your curriculum options with a Christian worldview to choose the *right fit for every subject*, for every child, so you can homeschool with confidence. Get ready for your best year of God-centered homeschooling!

Is this a new event or a 2.0 or a replay?

It's new! But for some history ... back in 2017, we launched Homeschool Summits with our very first event, The Homeschool Curriculum Summit. But a lot has changed in eight years! This year, we kept the theme – helping you find the right curriculum fit for every child, for every subject, with a Christian worldview – and lined up a completely fresh schedule to bring you an all-new event that is relevant to your life now.



Let's Get Started!

❑ The Purpose of Education: Rejecting the World's Vision and Discipling Biblically

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- ☐ **A God-Centered Approach to Literature & Reading**
Generations Kevin Swanson
- ☐ **The Why, When, and How of Teaching Writing to Children**
Institute for Excellence in Writing Andrew Pudewa
- ☐ **Six Ways to Cultivate a Lasting Love of the Bible**
Homeschool How-Tos Renee Ellison
- ☐ **Practical and Biblical Wisdom for Getting Your Kids Involved in the Arts!**
Wonder Homeschool Corey & Helen Scott
- ☐ **The Fundamentals of Writing Fiction**
Perfect Praise Publishing Chuck Black

APRIL 11 — DAY 4 — FINDING THE RIGHT TOOLS

- ☐ **Growing Wiser: Preparing Kids to be Wise in the Age of “Duh”**
Summit Ministries Jeff Myers
- ☐ **How to Create a Homeschool Plan**
The Proverbial Homemaker Tauna Meyer
- ☐ **How to Choose the Right Curriculum for Your F.A.M.I.L.Y.**
Rainbow Resources Gina Burmeier
- ☐ **Customizing Curriculum for Growth: Helping Struggling and Advanced Learners Thrive**
The Handmade Homeschooler Mandy Maltz
- ☐ **Beware the Worship of Ease**
Apologia Rachael Carman

Meet Your Hosts

Your hosts for Homeschool Summits meet with each speaker over video chat right at home — essentially your own personal guides through the Summit.

We hope you'll feel like friends! Get to know them a little here:



Daniel & Megan

"We're in the throes of learning what it means to raise a family to the glory of God; as homeschool grads ourselves, we have a great burden to build on all our parents taught us as we raise our children. We're eager to take our passions for home education, discipleship, and the Church to impact this generation and the ones to come for Jesus Christ!"

Brandee

"My husband, Roy, and I are fourth-generation cattle ranchers, and I spend my days homeschooling my cowpoke sons, praying for them to be warriors for Christ and passionate learners. It's my joy to speak truth with love and laughter for other parents on the same homeschooling journey!"



Sam & Bekah

"We're second generation homeschool parents, married for 12 years and blessed to parent 7 children. We're grateful to pursue our passions for the local church, raising up the next generation for the Lord, and providing our children with a Christ-centered education, for the glory of God!"

Kickoff Keynote

The Purpose of Education: Rejecting the World's Vision and Discipling Biblically

Things to Learn:

- Understanding God's purposes vs. the world's
- What education in America looked like before the government took over
- How parents can protect their children
- Evaluating whether the government should provide tax money for people to exit the public schools

Takeaways:

- Education is inextricably intertwined with discipleship. We are to be making disciples for Christ in our own home; and if we're failing in that duty, we're fundamentally misunderstanding the nature of education according to God's standards.
- There is no reasonable interpretation of the Scripture that comes to any conclusion other than God designed parents to be the primary educators of their children.
- Since our children are made in God's image, we need to follow God's instructions when it comes to raising them, teaching them, and discipling them.
- What homeschool families are doing today will have rewards that will pay dividends for many generations and even into eternity.

Recommended Resources:

- publicschoolsexit.com
- libertysentinel.org
- *New England Primer*
- *Webster's Blueback Speller*
- *Indoctrinating Our Children to Death: Government School's War on Faith, Family, and Freedom and How to Stop It*



ALEX NEWMAN
Liberty Sentinel Media

Alex Newman is an award-winning international journalist, educator, and speaker dedicated to promoting faith, family, and freedom. As the president of Liberty Sentinel Media and a nationally syndicated radio host, he has written extensively on education, culture, and global affairs for major publications like The Epoch Times and The New American. A passionate advocate for homeschooling, Alex co-authored Crimes of the Educators with Dr. Samuel Blumenfeld, exposing the failures of government schools; and his latest book, Indoctrinating Our Children to Death, is endorsed by leaders in education, media, and ministry. Alex is married to the love of his life and they have six children, so far.

Day 1: Science/Math

A God-Centered Approach to Math & Science

Things to Learn:

- Understanding how math and science lead us to worship and admire the creativity, goodness, and kindness of God
- Ways to make math and science exciting – even if you struggled with them when you were in school
- Bringing purpose, meaning, and real-life application into studying math

Takeaways:

- Our children will often perceive science and math to be boring if there is no ultimate purpose, meaning, or relevance presented.
- If we're not walking away from our math and science classes saying, "God is awesome!" – then we have not achieved the goal in Christian education.
- We have to bring a sense of the awesomeness of God, the praise of God, and the worship of God back into our homeschooling. This will make a huge impact on the world – not just in science, but also in politics and other places.

Recommended Resources:

- Generations.org
- Generations Homeschool Curriculum
- God Made Animals
- God Made Life
- God Made the World
- God Made Me
- God Made Everything
- Epoch: The Rise and Fall of the West



KEVIN SWANSON

Generations

Kevin Swanson was homeschooled in the 60s and 70s, and with his wife, Brenda, homeschooled five children out on the eastern plains of Colorado. Their greatest joy is to see their children "walking in the truth." Kevin serves as an elder in his church, and he has developed Christian curriculum for 1st–12th grade. He has also authored over 20 books on Bible study, Christian worldview, the Christian family, providential Christian history, popular culture, and Christian education.

Day 1: Science/Math

Teaching Science on the Foundation of Scripture

Things to Learn:

- Understanding why Genesis is the foundation of a biblical worldview
- Recognizing how evolution undermines the Gospel message
- Distinguishing between Christian faith and atheistic blind faith
- How to evaluate science curriculum for your homeschool

Takeaways:

- Science and scientists are not neutral!
- There is a huge difference between observational science and historical science, and we must define our terms.
- The Bible is the Word of God and so it must be the foundation for us to build the right way of thinking about everything else.
- We need to teach our children that in order to understand anything in this world, we have to start with Genesis 1-11.
- We don't know everything there is to know about everything, but we do know Someone who does know everything: God. Are we going to trust His Word first or man's teachings first?

Recommended Resources:

- answersingenesis.org
- answers.tv
- Answers Radio Program
- Answers Magazine
- *Divine Dilemma: Understanding Death, Disease, and Suffering*
- *Divided Nation*
- *Creation to Babel*
- Answers Bible Curriculum
- Answers Books for Kids
- Seven C's Curriculum
- *Climate Change for Kids, and Parents Too*



KEN HAM

Answers in Genesis

Ken Ham is the Founder and CEO of Answers in Genesis and its two popular attractions: the acclaimed Creation Museum and the internationally known Ark Encounter, which features a life-size 510-foot-long Noah's Ark – sometimes described as the “8th Wonder of the Modern World.” Each year, the two attractions host over 1.5 million guests. Ham hosts the daily radio program *Answers*, now on 1,000 stations. He's also the founder of the award-winning *Answers Magazine*. In 2020, Ham launched Answers TV, an ambitious streaming service. His website of AnswersInGenesis.org has twice won the top award from the National Religious Broadcasters for best website. A prolific blogger and author of more than 30 books, Ham's newest releases are *Divine Dilemma* (understanding death, disease, and suffering), *Divided Nation* (about today's culture wars), and the devotional commentary *Creation to Babel*.

Day 1: Science/Math

The Wonder and Excitement of Exploring Science in Your Homeschool

Things to Learn:

- Why science education matters for our children, and for parents too!
- How to teach science without turning your home into a laboratory
- Making science fun for your children, even if you don't love it yourself

Takeaways:

- God's Word is true, and science really helps us realize that as we discover the world around us and see evidence of the Designer.
- Studying science will help our children have a solid foundation and understand who they are and how God made them, which is particularly important in light of the culture they will be exposed to.
- If you don't know all the answers to your children's science questions, it's ok – learn along with them and help them to never lose their wonder at God's amazing creation!
- Every year is a new experience for us and our children, and our families' needs will change from season to season. But that's why homeschooling is so beautiful, because we can adjust to what is necessary and what the Lord wants us to do for that season. He will equip us with what we need – even in teaching and learning science!

Recommended Resources:

- apologia.com
- Apologia's Science Curricula
- *Wonders of the Ocean Realm*



SHERRI SELIGSON

Apologia

Sherri Seligson, M.Ed., is a Christian, wife, mother of four children, 21-year homeschool veteran, marine biologist, science author, and adventure-science video instructor. Before being promoted to motherhood, Sherri worked as a marine biologist at Disney's Living Seas, publishing shark behavior research. She is an accomplished author, writing Apologia's science curricula and videos, many other books, and her newest kids' book, Wonders of the Ocean Realm. An international conference and retreat speaker, Sherri uses transparency, truth, and humor to encourage moms on their homeschool journey and to teach families and students the importance and excitement of studying God's creation.

Day 1: Science/Math

How to Teach Math from a Biblical Worldview

Things to Learn:

- How to make math interesting for your children
- What the real skills of math are (hint: it's not merely figuring out that $1+1=2$)
- Evaluating what makes a Christian math textbook/curriculum truly biblical

Takeaways:

- Math can actually be incredibly fascinating – it just has to be talked about in the right way!
- In order to make math exciting for our children, we need to help them see math in light of the story that they live in, and that story has to be driven by the Scriptures.
- Imitating someone is the most affectionate thing you can do for them; so if you love the Lord, then even math will become a tool that demonstrates your affection for Him, because you are imitating Him by doing math.

Recommended Resources:

- rentonrathbun.com
- The Renton Rathbun Show
- BJU Press Homeschool



RENTON RATHBUN

BJU Press

Renton is the host of the brand-new hit podcast, The Renton Rathbun Show. He has been a college professor for over twenty-five years. He and his wife homeschool their children, and Renton has been a keynote speaker in homeschool conferences all across the country and has been a guest on many podcasts, radio programs, and TV shows. Find out more about Renton on rentonrathbun.com.

Day 1: Science/Math

Math You See and Understand

Things to Learn:

- Understanding that your child is never “behind”
- Recognizing the role of concepts and formulas in true math mastery
- Evaluating the difference between a tutor and a classroom teacher
- Why place value is the foundation of the entire decimal system
- Making math work: the power of modeling through roadblocks

Key Takeaways:

- Teaching your children math is a chance for a do-over – to learn again what you didn’t learn the first time. Just learn along with your children and you’ll be fine!
- You and your child both have an advantage in being able to work with together one-on-one!
- If your child gets stuck, particularly in math, take a break and then model working through the problem for them; this will lower their stress level and get their brain ready to move forward again – it works!

Recommended Resources:

- buildingfaithfamilies.org
- demmelearning.com
- mathusee.com
- Steve’s YouTube channel
- Stewardship Personal Finance Course
- *Hymns for Family Worship*



STEVE DEMME

Demme Learning

Steve and his wife Sandra have been married since 1979. They have been blessed with four sons, three lovely daughters-in-law, and six special grandchildren. Their fourth son has Down Syndrome and lives with them in Lititz, PA. With God’s help, Steve has been seeking first the Kingdom since graduating from Grove City College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is the creator of Math-U-See and the founder of Building Faith Families.

Day 1: Science/Math

Bonus: The Power of Seed – Choose Your Seed Wisely

Things to Learn:

- How to plant seeds in your children's lives that will bring forth good fruit
- Building healthy community for your children
- Difference between horizontal socialization and vertical socialization

Takeaways:

- We are accountable to God to steward the seeds that are planted in our children's lives.
- Our children are the one thing that we have the hope of going into eternity with us.
- Remember that our families have room for growth, which means that we need to remain willing to change and adapt and recalibrate our lives according to God's Word when necessary.

Recommended Resources:

- masterbooks.com
- New Leaf Publishing Group
- *The Genesis Flood* by Dr. Henry Morris



RANDY PRATT

Master Books

Randy Pratt is the President of New Leaf Publishing Group and Master Books. He and his wife have been married 36 years and have 9 children aged 35 to 15. They have over 25 years of homeschool experience and have had the opportunity to help thousands of homeschooling families along the way. Randy also served as a lead pastor prior to coming to Master Books in 2015. With over 35 years of parenting experience and walking with families in pastoring in all seasons of life, he understands the power of a seed and how those seeds that are planted bear fruit in the future.

Day 2: History/Civics

A God-Centered Approach to History

Things to Learn:

- Why history should be everyone's favorite subject (yes, you read that right!)
- Discovering why worldview makes all the difference between boring history and exciting history
- Understanding the difference between the kingdoms of men and the Kingdom of God

Takeaways:

- We are literally the next chapter in God's unfolding adventure story of history.
- Our children will be the next generation of leaders, and so in addition to vision and motivation, they must also have a sense of direction – which comes from studying history.
- When studying history, we must take the Lord's side as determined by His standard of what is right and wrong. God's law must be the standard, or history is meaningless.
- The stories that we absolutely need to tell our children are the stories of what Jesus has done and is doing in history.

Recommended Resources:

- generations.org
- theworldview.com
- Generations Radio
- Generations Homeschool Curriculum
- *Taking the World for Jesus*
- *Taking Europe for Jesus*
- *Taking Africa for Jesus*
- *Taking the Americas for Jesus*
- *Taking Asia for Jesus*
- *Preparing the World for Jesus*
- *America in God's Providence*



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Day 2: History/Civics

When Bible History and World History Meet Face to Face

Things to Learn:

- Recognizing how Bible history and world history fit together seamlessly
- Understanding the historical figures who appear in both Scripture and world events
- Ways to strengthen our children's faith by seeing the reliability of God's Word in history

Takeaways:

- Homeschool families don't have to create a false division between world history and biblical history.
- History has the ability to crack open our children's hearts and start conversations about important life lessons in a way that not every school subject can do.
- History reminds us that man is not "basically good" and that we are all in need of a Savior, so that we don't keep repeating the mistakes of past generations by trying to find solutions in the wrong places.

Recommended Resources:

- themysteryofhistory.com
- "Threat of Socialism" free workshop
- *The Mystery of History* curriculum – 4 volumes + audiobooks



LINDA HOBAR
Mystery of History

Linda Lacour Hobar, author of The Mystery of History, is a passionate follower of Christ, a genuine people-person, and a fan of comfortable high-heels. Through homeschooling and missionary service, she discovered a deep love for world history and a clear call to write. With 20+ years of worldwide circulation, The Mystery of History has been well received by all ages for its warmth and readability. A native-born Texan, Linda holds a Bachelor's degree from Baylor University, where she first fell in love with world history. She resides in Tennessee, where she continues to obsess over matters big and small.

Day 2: History/Civics

Generation of Giants: Raising Leaders by Studying Heroic Leaders of the Past

Things to Learn:

- Recognizing the faith and sacrifice of America's Founding Fathers
- Understanding the real spiritual heritage of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence
- Why the next generation needs to know the truth about our nation's past

Takeaways:

- If we want to be able to protect the freedoms that we enjoy, we must know where we came from and understand that they were bought with a great price.
- God blessed America because the Founding Fathers followed principles in Scripture, and our children need to know truth so that they can and rightly answer the lies that they will hear from the culture.
- We need to teach our children to serve and look for needs that others have so that they can bless those people and invest in their lives. Raising our children to engage and serve others is such an important part of their education.

Recommended Resources:

- characterconcepts.com
- characterconceptsblog.com
- Moments with Marilyn podcast
- For You They Signed
- Thompson Chain Reference Bible
- Portraits of Integrity
- Profiles of Valor
- I Was a Prisoner of the Japanese
- America's War Heroes
- Inventors and Scientists
- Extraordinary Animal Heroes
- America's Famous Spies
- Heroes of the War of Independence
- Famous Women
- Pioneers and Frontiersmen
- Famous Statesmen
- Heroes of Early America



MARILYN BOYER
Character Concepts

"She's so ENCOURAGING!" That's what moms say about Marilyn Boyer, homeschooling author and mother of 14. Marilyn's heartfelt speaking style is both challenging and comforting, her content based on over thirty years' experience in home schooling her own children. Her many years in the trenches have convinced her that the most important part of an education is the building of godly character. That's why she created Character Concepts, a Bible-based curriculum for kids from preschool through high school. Learn more about her resources for teaching character to kids at CharacterConcepts.com.

Day 2: History/Civics

How to Teach a Biblical View of Civics and Government to Your Kids

Things to Learn:

- How to start teaching your children the proper role of civics and government
- Balancing critical evaluation of political decisions/leaders with biblical submission according to Romans 13
- The end goal for applying biblical principles to civics and government

Takeaways:

- It's easy to start discussing the biblical role of government with your children when you see current real needs in society, and point them back to what the Bible says about these things.
- If we spend as much time and money and energy educating our children on the proper role of government, as we do on music and sports and other things, it would be beneficial for them and help them become a well-informed, biblically educated citizen.

Recommended Resources:

- principlestudies.org
- "Biblical Principles of Government" 10-week class
- *What Does the Bible Say About That?* by Kevin Swanson
- [Kevin Swanson's sermon on Romans 13](#)
- *The Establishments and Limits of Civil Government* by James Willson



MARY WINTHER

Institute for Principle Studies

Mary Winther is the Director of Education at the Institute for Principle Studies, based in Modesto, CA. Mary's late husband Mike, founded IPS in 2005 and served as the President until his death in 2021. The goal of IPS is to teach government, economics, and education from a Biblical perspective.

Mary received degrees in secondary education and political science.

She has been a strong advocate of Christian private education through homeschooling, as well as brick and mortar schools. Mary has been involved in the founding of two different speech and debate leagues; one for homeschool students and one for private Christian schools. Her current work in this area is to keep all forms of education Christian, private and free from government encroachment. Looking at the proper Biblical role of civil government has been a passion of Mary's as she continues to teach at events for IPS, as well as other Christian organizations. She has also been a speaker for adults and students at conferences and conventions.

Day 2: History/Civics

Using History as a Tool of Discipleship

Things to Learn:

- Recognizing God's hand in history, and why it matters
- Understanding how history can build our children's confidence and peace
- Ways to help children see their lives as part of God's bigger story

Takeaways:

- Focusing on God's faithfulness when teaching history will help keep it exciting!
- We need to teach history so that our children know God better and will not be derailed by the lies of our culture.
- When we bring our "loaves and fish" of our teaching to Jesus, He will multiply His blessing on it and give us the wisdom we need.

Recommended Resources:

- masterbooks.com
- angelaodell.com
- Angela's Patreon platform
- *Real Cool History for Kids* podcast
- *Math Lessons for a Living Education*
- *America's Story*
- *The World's Story*
- *For You They Signed*

Notes:



ANGELA O'DELL

Master Books

Angela O'Dell is a veteran homeschooler and best-selling author. She is known for her top-ranking podcast, Real Cool History for Kids, and her Master Books curriculum series, Math Lessons for a Living Education, America's Story, and The World's Story. Passionate about equipping homeschooling families, she helps parents teach their children through a Biblical God-view, a growth mindset, and resilience. As a Childhood Development Specialist, Curriculum Specialist, Certified Life & Leadership Coach, and Resilience Coach, Angela offers practical strategies that cultivate leadership and purpose. Through her work, she continues to support families in their mission to raise strong, faith-filled children.

Day 2: History/Civics

Bonus: So, You Want to Be a Lawyer? How to Get Started in Law for the Glory of God

Things to Learn:

- What your child should consider before considering a career in law
- Different pathways to study law and enter the profession
- Factors that matter for getting into law school
- Reasons why internships are so valuable for aspiring lawyers
- Maintaining work-life balance between a legal career and family life

Takeaways:

- If your child wants to study law, they need to see it as a ministry to be salt and light in this profession.
- Your child should pursue an undergraduate degree in an area they enjoy, and they should make sure they do plenty of reading and writing!
- Taking an LSAT (Law School Admission Test) prep course will give your child a better opportunity for earning scholarships.
- Do as much as possible to avoid taking on debt to go to law school.

Recommended Resources:

- heritagedefense.org
- Heritage Defense Law and Policy Vault
- Princeton Review LSAT prep course
- Kaplan LSAT prep course



BRADLEY PIERCE
Heritage Defense

Bradley Pierce is a homeschool graduate, homeschool father of 12, and an attorney with over 17 years of experience. From someone who's been there, done that (and is still doing it), Bradley will be talking about various paths to becoming a lawyer, pitfalls to avoid, and how you can get through school and start practicing law while doing it all for the glory of God.

Day 3: Literature/ Writing/Arts

A God-Centered Approach to Literature and Reading

Things to Learn:

- Understanding the battle in the field of literature
- What the Bible says on the topic of literature and what we fill our minds with
- Realizing the difference between “great” books and the “best” books
- Six tests for choosing books for your children
- How to know if your child is mature enough to handle secular worldviews in literature

Takeaways:

- The wrong kind of literature takes our children’s hearts and minds away from Jesus and becomes the exit ramp off the Christian faith for so many.
- Instead of the “classics” written by unbelievers, our children’s treasured manuscripts should be the Word of God.
- Give your children the good reading material first, rooted in Scriptural truth, so that they will be well-grounded in that before they have the need to discern the counterfeit worldviews in secular writing.

Recommended Resources:

- generations.org
- Generations Homeschool Curriculum
- *Apostate: The Men Who Destroyed the Christian West*
- *Great Christian Classics series*
- *God’s Big Story*
- *John Bunyan’s Pilgrim’s Progress*
- *Worldviews in Conflict*
- *Sir Gibbie*



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Day 3: Literature/ Writing/Arts

The Why, When, and How of Teaching Writing to Children

Things to Learn:

- Recognizing why teaching writing still matters in the age of AI
- Understanding when and how to introduce writing
- Overcoming common obstacles in teaching writing
- Raising strong, confident communicators for life

Takeaways:

- Language is one of the most significant ways in which we are made in God's likeness; and at best, AI machines can only imitate humans – it cannot write from the heart like real people can.
- We should learn to utilize the gifts God has given us and then, on that foundation, we can cautiously use technology to accomplish more.
- We need to bring education back under the authority of the Christian faith so that our children will be able to communicate writing, art, and music that shares the goodness and beauty of Jesus and the Word with a culture that is hostile to the truth.
- Trust that your children are doing their best, take joy in that, and be delighted with their efforts – and then they will want to work harder.

Recommended Resources:

- IEW.com
- andrewpudewa.com
- *The Arts of Language* Podcast
- "Reaching the Reluctant Writer" free workshop
- "The Four Deadly Errors of Teaching Writing" free workshop
- "Cultivating Language Arts Preschool through High School" free workshop
- "Nurturing Competent Communicators" free workshop



ANDREW PUDEWA
Institute for Excellence in
Writing

Andrew Pudewa is a homeschool dad of seven (now all grown!), grandparent of 18, and director of the Institute for Excellence in Writing. His seminars for parents, students, and teachers have helped transform many a reluctant writer and have equipped educators with powerful tools to dramatically improve students' skills.

Day 3: Literature/ Writing/Arts

Six Ways to Cultivate a Lasting Love of the Bible

Things to Learn:

- Multiple ways to help children “clutch” God’s Word
- How to get your very young children attracted to the Scriptures
- Ways to move beyond rote Bible memorization
- How to use the Scriptures for real-life application and character training
- Making hymn singing a meaningful (and lasting) part of your family’s life

Takeaways:

- Remember that you are raising a holy child – not that academics are unimportant, but don’t get hung up on merely the academic training of your child.
- Start your children out when they are very young by getting them “hooked” with the pictures in a good children’s Bible. The pictures will grip their heart and make them want to progress and learn more.
- As your children get older, teach them to use their Bible as a “personal workbook” and encourage them to “expand their horizons” in prayer.
- Set a good example and leave good impressions of God behind you – starting in your own family!

Recommended Resources:

- homeschoolhowtos.com
- Homeschool How Tos YouTube channel
- Zoom-Type
- Fast Phonics
- Quick Piano
- Children’s Golden Bible
- Egermeier’s Bible Story Book
- Catherine Vos’ *The Child’s Story Bible*
- Ethel Barrett Stories
- Teaching Bible Doctrines
- McGuffey Readers
- Arthur Maxwell’s *Bible Stories*
- Arthur Maxwell’s *Bedtime Stories*
- Character Traits Coloring Book
- 101 Hymn Stories
- 101 More Hymn Stories
- Tyndale’s *One Year Book of Hymns*
- *Teacher’s Secrets and Motherhood Savvy*
- *Beyond Discipline*
- *Launching Your Homeschool*



RENEE ELLISON
Homeschool How-Tos

Renée Ellison has been teaching and training educators insightfully for four decades. Check out her Homeschool How-Tos YouTube channel and homeschoolhowtos.com for hundreds of blog posts and over a hundred products to relieve stress, cut to the chase, and add meaning to your homeschooling life. Her courses include Zoom-Type, Fast Phonics, and Quick Piano.

Day 3: Literature/ Writing/Arts

Practical and Biblical Wisdom for Getting Your Kids Involved in the Arts!

Things to Learn:

- Recognizing creativity as a gift from God and a tool for discipleship
- Understanding the role of music in biblical worship and family life
- Ways to introduce music and the arts, even if you're not "musically gifted"
- Encouraging children to use their artistic gifts for God's glory

Takeaways:

- The Bible is full of examples of normal people doing creative things, so we don't need to convince ourselves that creativity is only for children or people who are advanced geniuses. God has given each of us a gift for creativity!
- Music and art is a wonderful way to pour goodness and truth into our hearts, and to fill our homes with things that glorify the Lord.
- Exposing our children to quality, God-honoring music and art will develop their tastes in a good way so that secular music and art will be less likely to meet the standards they have grown to enjoy and appreciate.

Recommended Resources:

- letswonder.org
- fourfringes.org
- Rocky Mountain Homeschool Conference
- Handel's Messiah



**COREY AND
HELEN SCOTT**
Wonder Homeschool

Corey and Helen Scott have been married since 2005 and are homeschooling parents of seven children. In 2020, Corey and Helen founded a ministry called Wonder, which also has one of the largest privately-funded faith-based homeschool music, arts, and enrichment programs in Colorado. Wonder serves over 60 homeschool families and more than 150 homeschool students every year. Helen and Corey are also directors of Four Fringes, a ministry whose most recent initiatives, Make The Church Great Again and Make Education Biblical Again, are to equip, educate, and mobilize men and women of faith to revitalize the Church and their role in society.

Day 3: Literature/ Writing/Arts

The Fundamentals of Writing Fiction

Things to Learn:

- Five fundamental keys for writing good fiction
- How reading the right books help our children learn to write well
- Things to avoid as we teach writing to our children
- Biblical principles to keep in mind with our literature selections
- Principles that writers should keep in mind when writing God-glorifying fiction

Takeaways:

- Writing wholesome fiction is a good way to help your young adult fulfill their God-given desire for creativity.
- We need to make sure our children understand that everything we fill our minds with has a certain message, and we need to help them become a discerners of those messages and realize which ones are God-honoring and which ones aren't appropriate.
- Our reading selections and our own writing need to have a message that honors the Lord and aligns with the biblical principles that He has established.

Recommended Resources:

- chuckblack.com
- Kingdom Series
- Knights of Arrethtrae Series
- Wars of the Realm Series
- Starlore Legacy Series
- Call to Arms: The Guts and Glory of Courageous Fatherhood
- Douglas Bond books
- G. A. Henty books
- Edgar Rice Burroughs books
- Sherlock Holmes
- The Happy Hollisters
- Elsie Dinsmore Series
- Childhood of Famous Americans
- C. S. Lewis books
- "Young Writers Workshop" by Brett Harris
- John Christopher's Tripod Series
- Pride and Prejudice



CHUCK BLACK
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Day 4: Finding the Right Tools

Growing Wiser: Preparing Kids to be Wise in the Age of “Duh”

Things to Learn:

- Recognizing that the goal of our culture is to confuse our young people's thinking
- Ways to fill your home with godly wisdom and shut out worldly foolishness
- How to balance exposing our children to real-life experiences vs. overexposing them to the world's foolishness

Takeaways:

- It's important to teach our children wisdom because the world seeks to confuse them so they don't understand what is true or right. The culture is intent on turning our children into fools because it wants something from them.
- Wisdom is the ability to know things, and also to know what to do with those things that you know, so that you can bring flourishing and blessing to your life and other people's lives.
- It's important for us to not just teach our children what to do, but also how to think so that every situation has the best possible outcome.
- Wisdom leads to leadership because our world always needs people who know what to do and how to prioritize it.

Recommended Resources:

- summit.org
- *Abolition of Man*, by CS Lewis
- *The Question Habit*, by Mandy Pollack
- *The Life of Samuel Johnson*
- Focus on the Family
- Legacy Coalition



JEFF MYERS
Summit Ministries

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Day 4: Finding the Right Tools

How to Create a Homeschool Plan

Things to Learn:

- Recognizing that homeschool planning evolves over the years
- Understanding where to start when planning feels overwhelming
- Ways to confidently choose curriculum without second-guessing
- Making a realistic plan that actually works for your family
- Creating a backup plan for the hard homeschool days

Takeaways:

- Successful homeschool planning will look different for different families because it's really about what is working best for you in your particular season of life.
- Our planning needs to be serving us and helping us move in the right direction; they should be a tool to help us reach our goals, not a slavemaster.
- Don't automatically try to copy what other families are doing; pray to the Lord for wisdom and guidance to discern what planning will look like in your own homeschool.
- Remember that your plans will change – and that's ok because you're a family, not a machine, and your plans will adapt as your family's circumstances and interests adjust.
- Be sure to keep your eye on the end goal of homeschooling, which is raising your children to be disciples of Jesus!

Recommended Resources:

- proverbialhomemaker.com
- Homeschool Successfully Facebook group
- *Sound Words for Kids: Lessons in Theology*



TAUNA MEYER

The Proverbial Homemaker

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Tauna is a homeschooling mom of six who speaks to women with encouragement that is relatable and tools that work in real life!

She has a passion for helping moms overcome the hurdles that keep them from homeschooling successfully, all while pointing themselves and their children to Christ. She and her husband, Aaron, also serve as leaders with OCEANetwork, the Oregon Christian homeschool organization that works to protect and expand homeschool freedoms in Oregon.

Day 4: Finding the Right Tools

How to Choose the Right Curriculum for Your F.A.M.I.L.Y.

Things to Learn:

- Recognizing what makes your family and homeschool unique
- Ways to filter through overwhelming advice and make the best decisions
- Evaluating what are the most important things for your family's homeschool
- Making curriculum work for your family – not the other way around

Takeaways:

- The rewards of homeschooling far outweigh the challenges; in other words, there are more pros than cons!
- Before you can choose the best curriculum for your children, you need to determine what's important to your family and what your priorities are so that they can set you on the right path to making those curriculum choices.
- When you have a good grasp on how your child learns, you will be able to meet their needs better and help them connect with and love what they are learning.
- Stay joyful! If your children see you enjoying your homeschool, they will enjoy it too.

Recommended Resources:

- rainbowresource.com
- *The Way They Learn*, by Cynthia Tobias
- *Reclaiming Education*, by Cynthia Tobias
- *History Pockets*



GINA BURMEIER
Rainbow Resources

Gina and her husband Carl have been married for 37 years. They homeschooled their three children that are now adults and have careers of their own. When she began homeschooling, she recognized the need to reach out to other homeschoolers to encourage them and also be encouraged. She started a support group with monthly get-togethers, field trips, and library days that quickly grew to serve multiple families from surrounding areas. She and her family also had an opportunity to travel as a family every spring and summer to homeschool conventions. This gave them a perfect occasion to work as a family and meet other homeschoolers from all over the country. She realized we all have unique circumstances, and there is no right or wrong way to homeschool. The common bond is that we deeply love our children and have a conviction to accept the responsibility of educating and helping them reach their full potential. Gina now works in the office at Rainbow Resource as a curriculum consultant to serve homeschoolers with their needs.

Day 4: Finding the Right Tools

Customizing Curriculum for Growth: Helping Struggling and Advanced Learners Thrive

Things to Learn:

- Ways to adapt when your kids learn at different speeds and levels, or are even polar opposites
- Evaluating family-style learning and independent work for your homeschool
- Finding the right curriculum that works for your child – without breaking the bank
- Learning how to assess if a curriculum is truly working or not

Takeaways:

- “Family style learning” in certain subjects is a great way to be flexible, teach multiple children at one time, save money on curriculum, and build sibling relationships.
- Teaching your children how to work independently is a game changer in your homeschool.
- Involve your children in picking their curriculum and they will be more likely to enjoy working through it!
- You do NOT need a teaching degree to effectively homeschool your children!

Recommended Resources:

- bymandymaltz.com
- bymandymaltz.com/freebies
- Handmade Homeschooler Youtube channel
- *How Jesus Built His Church*
- *Taking Europe for Jesus*
- *Generations' Family Worship Guides*



MANDY MALTZ
Handmade Homeschooler

My name is Mandy Maltz, and I am first a Christian, saved by grace through faith in Christ alone. I'm dedicated to showing moms that they are equipped by God to teach their children at home. I quit teaching after 8 years to be a mom and homeschool my own kids. I run the youtube channel, The Handmade Homeschooler, where I talk about curriculum and give encouragement to moms who want to homeschool or who are homeschooling. I'm a Marine Corps wife to my husband of 19 years, Daniel, and we have two teenage boys. We live in eastern North Carolina. I love being a wife, mom, and homemaker. When I'm not homeschooling, I'm usually somewhere reading a book. Soli Deo Gloria!

Day 4: Finding the Right Tools

Beware the Worship of Ease

Things to Learn:

- Understanding that the Christian life was never meant to be easy
- Ways comfort and convenience can keep you and your family from experiencing God's best
- Evaluating whether ease is holding you back from God's calling
- Making God's glory, not ease, our ultimate goal in life

Takeaways:

- Ease is totally contrary to what we are called to as followers of Christ! Scripture records no examples of anyone who was called by Jesus to do something "easy." The Christian life is hard, but it is definitely worth it.
- In all our weaknesses and needs, God is always right there with us!
- We will never have the "perfect" curriculum that a mindset of ease desires. The most important question when evaluating curriculum should be, "What would most honor God and best serve our family?"
- The difficult experiences that we usually want to avoid often end up being so transformational for us and our children. God is in the business of redeeming the hard moments in our lives.

Recommended Resources:

- apologia.com
- rachaelcarman.com
- *Let's Talk Homeschooling* podcast
- *Real Refreshment* podcast





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