

Ready to Homeschool — Six Month Countdown
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WEEK 8: FIRST THINGS FIRST

Academic learning (what we think of when we say “homeschool”) teaches knowledge. We want to start with WISDOM. Every day. Treasure it!

Proverbs 9:10

I Corinthians 8:1

Isaiah 33:6

If we have time for a _____ lesson, then we have time for God’s Word first.

Matthew 6:33

Mothers take in Scripture, digest it, and then feed it to the little ones. Like baby birds. Ask God for wisdom for yourself. Individual devotions.

James 1:5

Group devotions, with the family, led by mom or dad. When does this fit your family best?

“Three-legged stool” = Biblical Narrative, Theology/Doctrine, Application

Plan for long-term Bible intake. Curriculum? Eclectic?

- Coordinate with history curriculum
- Extension of calendar/liturgical seasons
- Bible memory — longer passages too
- Topical studies
- Bible Storybooks with pictures
- Graphic Novel Bibles

Sprinkle Bible teaching throughout the day as it is relevant.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Next week, we will be discussing *For the Children’s Sake* by Susan Schaeffer Macaulay. See the link in the comments for ordering information from Amazon, which will benefit me as an Amazon affiliate.

Resources:

For Instruction in Righteousness (Pam Forster)

This is a compilation of Bible verses organized by character traits that need taught or bad habits that need correction.

Doorposts (Jon and Pam Forster)

A company that sells LOTS of help for parenting kids with Biblical instruction: checklists, posters, booklets.

The Bible in Picture for Little Eyes (Ken Taylor — vintage copy)

This is the book that my mom read to me growing up. The older style artwork is what I think of when I picture Bible stories even now. Each story is condensed, accurate, and includes a few questions to emphasize the main point.

Veritas Press

This homeschool publishing company has several resources for timelines, relying heavily on “History Cards” — this integrates history with Bible. I just noticed they also have an online Bible program, but I’ve never used it.

Jesus Storybook Bible (Sally Lloyd-Jones)

This is a beautifully illustrated 44-lesson book that highlights the Biblical narrative, while also pointing to Jesus in every story!

Discover 4 Yourself (Kay Arthur and Janna Arndt)

This is a Bible study series put out by Precept Ministries and co-authored by Kay Arthur. Each booklet teaches inductive Bible study methods, including pages in the back where the Scripture is printed out and the kids are encouraged to use colored pencils to mark the text according to their directions. This is for upper-elementary and up. (Understanding PRONOUNS is an essential grammar skill that is a prerequisite for marking Scripture.)

Young Peacemakers (Ken and Corlette Sande)

I was very impressed with the Peacemaker Bible study books, and was so excited to find this set of 10 booklets that teaches the principles underlying Peacemakers for kids. Since much of parenting is CONFLICT RESOLUTION, these skills are so valuable.