

Ready to Homeschool — Six Month Countdown

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WEEK 13: RECRUITING YOUR SUPPORT TEAM

Even though homeschooling isn't difficult, it is time-intensive, and you are probably in it for the long haul. You need a support team to...

- Bounce ideas off
- Analyze blind spots
- Give you a break now and then
- Take over teaching a subject
- Pray for you and your family
- Hold you accountable

Who should I ask??

- Your spouse
- Your parents or a sympathetic aunt/uncle/grandparent
- Other homeschooling parents
- Close friends who understand (non-judgmental)
- Facebook Friends
- Former teachers or tutors
- Musicians/ artists/ coaches
- Local homeschool group

What do I say??

- I'm thinking about homeschooling. I noticed you _____
- Would you [meet with me/ watch my kids/ teach this subject/ pray for me]?
- Please think about it and I'll check back with you. No pressure.

Follow up two weeks later. If they are open to your ideas, hash out some details and do a trial run once or twice. If it's going well, book six weeks or so. If it's not working, put it on the back burner. Thank them, pay them, show them appreciation for their willingness to serve. NOT A FAILURE!!

Watch for opportunities. Meet like-minded individuals. Pay close attention to your child's response: if it doesn't get less awkward, bow out graciously.

For Week 14, we will be discussing *Wisdom's Way of Learning* by Marilyn Howshall. This is a set of four e-books that you can order and download immediately. Use this link: <https://lifestyleoflearning.org/wisdoms-way-of-learning/>