

Ready to Homeschool — Six Month Countdown

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WEEK 14: WISDOM'S WAY OF LEARNING

Storytime!!

This is our family in the Spring of 2011. My dad died in December 2009, I delivered a still-born son in October 2010; I was usually very overwhelmed, and unsure of myself most days.

This is when God brought WWOL into my life. I decided to ditch all formal curriculum for the school year 2011-2012 (with kids in 8th, 7th, 3rd, 1st grades, and two preschoolers).

I needed someone's permission to step away from the super-structured, and try something new, and that's what I gained from Marilyn Howshall's message.



The Point

- God has an individual plan for each child, no need for generic curriculum
- Be willing to receive education yourself, as you lead your child.
- All of life offers educational opportunities. Develop TOOLS (research skills) for lifelong learning by using what is already at hand, and interests your child.
- Invest in quality materials that will encourage PRODUCING useful items or information. Instead of spending money on expensive curriculum.
- View education as a series of SEASONS, and don't rush through them.
- Read aloud as a family to steer conversations, as a backdrop.

Her methods are unusual, and require attentive parents as teachers. When Nathan started high school, we did go back to a more structured curriculum so I could develop a transcript. So thankful for that year of relative freedom. (Bible Instruction, plus 2 hours of reading, 1 hour of math, 1 page of writing)

For Week 19, we will be discussing *You CAN Teach Your Child Successfully* by Ruth Beechick. This is a classic homeschooling "how-to" book with several editions available. Use this link to purchase the book, and I will benefit as an Amazon affiliate: <https://amzn.to/3KIO4Am>