

## Ready to Homeschool — Six Month Countdown

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### **WEEK 19: YOU CAN TEACH YOUR CHILD SUCCESSFULLY [BOOK]**

Ruth Beechick (1925-2013) has written MANY books and homeschool articles. She is known for writing in a reassuring style to help parents learn the art and skill of teaching their own children, authoring books covering every stage and subject.

I chose this book (copyright 1988 and 1999) for you to read as a representative sample of her guidebooks. It is targeted for teaching every subject to 4th-8th graders, and gives overviews plus detailed lesson plans and approaches. It is one of those “desert island” type books, where you could use just this one guide and get a long way toward a good solid education.

She advocates for deciding on what you want your kids to learn BEFORE choosing your resources. She also suggests you learn to teach without relying solely on textbooks, in order to keep your lessons true to real-life, more exciting, and so that you hear history and other subjects from multiple points of view. She points parents to using the library as a free resource, because it was written before wide-spread use of the internet.

She also reminds her readers that individualizing your child’s education is a GIFT that you are in a unique position to give. Being able to tailor their lessons to their current ability level will help your kids thrive.

Also, she makes several important arguments for including the Bible as an integral subject, for spiritual reasons, as well as improved skills in literature, and as a “core” that unites culture (which may have been more true in the past than today).

Encourage independent thinking and take the time for deep conversations with your kids about anything and everything, to develop their critical thinking skills, and increased knowledge in every subject.

For Week 24, we will be discussing *Teaching from Rest* by Sarah Mackenzie. This is a more recent release that helps homeschool moms come to grips with the fact that they cannot do it all, and gives advice on how to get rid of worry and anxiety. Use this link to purchase the book, and I will benefit as an Amazon affiliate: <https://amzn.to/3BKTFkk>