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Tips, Resources, and Encouragement
for the Homeschooling Family

Teaching Multi-levels in the Homeschool



**This eBook consists of the Q & A's of the first hour of
Mommy Time: A Facebook Party for Homeschooling Mommies.**

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Introduction

In keeping with the spirit of Facebook, no grammar or spell check was done. We wanted you to have the full effect of the Facebook party :)

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A complete list of giveaways that were offered can be found in one location [by clicking here.](#)

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**Teaching Multi-levels in the
Homeschool**

Thank you for joining us for FUN, fellowship, and suggested tips in teaching multi-levels in the homeschool. Trust me, it's possible! I pray tonight that you will be encouraged in your high calling as a home educator.

If this is your first facebook party and you need some pointers, read here

<http://www.blessedbeyondadoubt.com/facebook-party-101-how-to-participate/>

I want to introduce you Barry. His wife, Elaine, created READS based on her 25 years of teaching experience, most of it as a reading specialist in an elementary school. Together they have a super FUN and effective product, READS Parent/Child Reading Comprehension System, that helps improve reading comprehensive in a gentle way. It's wonderful!

<https://www.facebook.com/OurHomeworkHelper>

I want to introduce you to Tom at Creation Illustrated. He is the editor and publisher of this informative and beautifully illustrated family magazine that will enhance your homeschool. He is a homeschool dad, too. Please welcome Tom.

<https://www.facebook.com/CreationIllustrated>

Please say hello to Rick at Math Essentials. He is the mathematician that has created all the wonderful resources at Math Essentials. He's aka the Saving Grace in our homeschool. My children finally get math.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Math-Essentials/81176636942>

Finally, I am excited to announce Carrie a sweet friend of mine. Carrie is the owner of the [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum](https://www.facebook.com/heartsathomestore) at , where all curriculum is discounted. She is a homeschool mother and business owner.

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I pray tonight that you will all be encouraged by other like-minded home educators who truly want to give God the glory in their homeschool. We will be discussing...Teaching Multi-levels during our homeschool.

This evening we will be addressing several questions that many of you have submitted on the RSVP form. Please feel free to answer any questions that are asked. This is open to everyone. Please don't be shy.

Q1 How to entertain the baby while educating the older children?

- ❖ [Creation Illustrated](#): Have the older child “supervise” or “babysit” the younger one for an hour each day. They can be rewarded in a fruitful way like getting to choose a special book from a homeschool site each month for doing the grownup “job.”
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt](#): pack n play was a life saver for me. But it takes time for the baby to get used to it.
- ❖ Exersaucer, jolly jumper. Both worked really well with my little ones
- ❖ My children are 5, 6 and 8 so my youngest child has always sat in while we were doing our school work. I gave him quiet toys to play with including blocks, Play-Doh etc.

- ❖ [Musings of a Minister's Wife](#): Depending on the age and quantity of the older children, maybe they could take some rotation in child care development :)
- ❖ Playpen or supervision a must. lots of toys for baby or toddler ...
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt](#): We also have the children babysit the younger ones during different subjects.
- ❖ I'm interested to hear what others do in this area. Right now, I mostly try to get schoolwork done while the littlest is napping, but that won't work as well next year when he starts skipping his morning nap
- ❖ Perhaps older siblings or team up with other home school moms
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum](#): Dad. haha. We are blessed to all be home together.
- ❖ Oh, I think great minds think alike. I was going to suggest a new unit called how to raise a baby where your olders learn how to change a diaper, how to feed a baby who doesn't sit still, how to bathe a wiggly baby, etc.
- ❖ [Vintage Indie Magazine](#): We're trying blanket training, but now that she's on the go, it has made it a lot harder.
- ❖ Jessica's Casserole My littlest is 6 month. We only homeschool during naptime and I sling the baby for chores during awake time
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt](#): Have you tried blanket time? I read it in the first Duggar book.
- ❖ When the babies were small, I wore them in a sling while I did the teaching part. As they got older, I would either teach during their naps or give them their own "school" to do (chunky puzzles, board books, special toy sonly for school time)
- ❖ pack n play with special toys for school time worked for us
- ❖ Sensory play

- ❖ I'm hoping to have a few montessorri inspired toys made by then, so that I can put him in his high chair and have him entertained for a few minutes at a time, at least
- ❖ My boys are so close in age (5, 2, 6mo) , I expect we'll just do most things together. Right now I'm more concerned that the toddler will hurt the baby playing too aggressively.
- ❖ Turn entertaining the baby into a lesson. Make observations and develop a creative plan for interesting things for the baby. One of your older kids can make a list another can come up with ideas and, as a family, implement them.
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum](#): Isn't that home economics, Eunice Hayes?
- ❖ [A Heart For The Home](#): playpen, swing, or older siblings rotating
- ❖ Always had a blanket or a port crib in the room with us with baby , toddler books and toys, learning little one puzzles
- ❖ When they were really little, I would wear them in a carrier. Many times my movement lulled them to sleep.
- ❖ I have been finding this very challenging this year with my two old! I look forward to everyone's input
- ❖ You can also have the olders play silly word games or music while the baby is close by. They baby will probably smile and giggle at the antics of the olders.
- ❖ We did as much school as possible while babies napped. We also used a lot of blanket/toy time.
- ❖ I'd love to hear ideas, too.... Have two in school and a 19 month old and a 4 month old...
- ❖ I try to rotate kiddos through the baby... I work with two, one plays with baby, and others work independently, and rotate.

- ❖ [Vintage Indie Magazine](#): We also don't worry about starting school in the early AM. We work around baby's schedule.
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Curriculum](#): I want to hear more about how to get dad home!
- ❖ I was doing 6th, 4th, 2nd and had two little ones under 14 months
- ❖ We left "hard subjects for naptime.
- ❖ I say include them, too...Put the baby near you and include them as much as possible in storytelling, etc. Talk to them, make faces, etc., throughout...include older children in baby interaction, as well
- ❖ My toddler is two and three months and she is out of control! Haha. We do school when she naps but I get nothing done when she is awake!
- ❖ we graduate from different stages as they grow , sewing . blanket time , play pen , but by the time there 2 there in the table with all the other 5 pretending to do school, wen your in a big family no one wants to be left out. Lol
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum](#): We both work from home. Crazy, chaotic, but since he also cooks and cleans with me...great! We have been like this for about 10 years now.
- ❖ Pack n Play! or swap teaching the kids - while the other entertains the baby :o) most days the Pack n Play works, but some days we need the distraction of another sibling :o)
- ❖ We do a mixture of it all-some days include, (play doh is super helpful then), some days/subjects the older boys take turns playing w/ him while I do the teaching or give a test. Or we have our days when we wait until the 2yo is napping.
- ❖ I'm loving these answers!

- ❖ With my youngest at age 1 and now 2 I have sat him with us but given him his own crayons, blocks or even other teaching tools and he is able to listen in to what we are doing while keeping his hands busy. When I birth our next baby I plan to wear her or have her spend time in the swing/bouncer
- ❖ We do book work during nap time!
- ❖ I don't think we have a good system going but some things we have tried: having toys separated into bins and only getting one out at a time; keeping everyone at the table and having an activity - this became too distracting for my oldest son; currently I bounce and the younger ones sometimes watch a signing time dvd - gasp!
- ❖ I have a 6, 4 and 18 month old. I'm hoping to get some busy bags together for this coming school year for the younger one. I found a lot of examples and ideas from Pinterest.
- ❖ For part of school time next year I plan on getting an ipad and introducing educational games to my smallest so I can focus my attention one on one with the the other two. Of course she wouldn't be doing it all morning!
- ❖ [Creation Illustrated:](#) We have a new advertiser in [Creation Illustrated:](#) called Flowering Baby that offers developmental curriculum for ages newborn to 5.
- ❖ Take a deep breath & pray!...and give yourself a lot of grace. There are times in life where you just survive...this may be one of them!
- ❖ Let older kids cycle through in playing with the baby, if possible.
- ❖ My friend asked me the same question. I helped her create a schedule where she had independent time with each child to teach specifics subjects while the others rotated playing with the youngest or working together on a project. She even worked with two children at once while the other two worked together if they were within the same age range. This worked with her curriculum choices.

- ❖ I put my 10 month old in her high chair with some snacks or toys when my kindergartner is doing his worksheets. anything that isn't sit down work, we all sit in a circle and sing or I ask questions and they answer. I have a 6 year old, 3 year old and 10 month old. I ask the older two questions at their level and the baby goes along for the ride. She only takes 30 minute naps at the most.
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Q2 I have 6 kids ages 12 g, 11 g, 9 g, 7 g, 6 g, 4 b, I have gone from being able to keep things at least presentable and get school done with nothing extra left to falling severely behind in everything. How can I catch up without letting school or house suffer more?

- ❖ Prioritize – first you decide what is most important to you and then call the family together. Make a plan together so that everyone is happy, at least some of the time.
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt](#): I write 3 important things that need to get done each day. We have several 10 minute cleaning times during the day.
- ❖ I would have the kids help as much as possible. Or do like the rest of us and realize that your house will be clean during summer break and wrecked by Christmas.
- ❖ [A Heart For The Home](#): We have 7 kids and we assign a room to each child and age appropriate chores and then we do them every morning and after school
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt](#): So glad you are joining us Elaine Meyers!
- ❖ oh my. This is my dilemma, too. I too have 6 kids: 12, 10, 8, 5, 3, 1 and just this past year I have felt like my house has finally spun out of control. Please share wisdom!
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum](#): Chores! Even tots can have them.

- ❖ While I only have 2 kiddos, I also run my own home business and put in at least 40 hrs a week doing that so I feel the same way and i don't have a perfect solution but I have found that for us when things get really insane I get more done if I'll take a few hours and stop everything and get the house back "ok". Once there is some order in the chaos I'm more efficient with the other stuff.
- ❖ [Vintage Indie Magazine](#): Set up a chore schedule for everyone each week. Everyone has a different set of chores to do each day before they have their free time. Keep it different each week so each child doesn't feel like they're doing the same thing over and over. Laundry day is done in pairs here. Brothers on Tuesday, Parents on Wednesday and Baby and Towels etc. on another day. It keeps the laundry from piling up.
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt](#): Motivated Mom's is a life saver for me. I assign names to all the daily chores.
- ❖ When I feel that way, I find that I need to stop doing traditional reading and math type school and focus on life skills training and following directions.
- ❖ you have lots of hands there to help! all of them are old enough to do something as a part of the family routine. my 5 year old daughter takes great pride in drying the dishes twice a day after my 14 year old washes them. my 7 year old son sweeps the hard floors. my 3 year old can straighten and organize toys and books after play times.
- ❖ My husband and I tag team chores with our 2 kids, one night one works on cleaning, while the other helps the child with questions on their assignments
- ❖ [Creation Illustrated](#): They are “competing” for your time. STOP practicing and instilling “survival of the fittest” as they seek your attention. Help them all understand and practice to “esteem others better than himself.” Praise each child for letting the other child to go first.

- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum](#): If you assign "zones" and make them in charge of their zone and check after breakfast, lunch, and dinner, you can keep everything tidy, for the most part.
- ❖ [Musings of a Minister's Wife](#): My main areas of concern are what my husband considers a priority, which is mainly clean clothes and a happy family :)
- ❖ [A Classic Housewife in a Modern World](#): Involve the kids as much as possible! Rotate quick clean ups in between lessons. Or if one child is waiting for you to finish with another and twiddling their thumbs, send them to swap laundry or unload the dishwasher or something while you finish.
- ❖ Seriously, you need to make sure that the kids help out as much as they can for their age. That way you have time to dedicate to their schooling as well as keeping the house clean. It's never win the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval but I don't think that the PS kids' homes are any better. Just be happy that you can get what you can done. I was borderline OCD with my cleaning before my son was born....now I say it's a good day if everything is picked up.
- ❖ I try to incorporate cleaning/picking up as part of the learning and make it a game. That way the kids are helping.
- ❖ The kids need a routine and so does mom. At that age many of the children should be capable of doing a variety of chores, making meals (breakfast and lunch) and doing some independent work. You might need a get your house in order day or week- and start fresh.
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum](#): My husband is OCD about having a clean home. Think Danny Tanner. Which is difficult since he is also here all day.
- ❖ Take a break from school, catch up on the house, implement a chore system that will work, train kiddos on new chores, and make sure they can do them well. Then ease back in to school. We also have gone to a four day week, and have two days we spend a little more time doing deep cleaning and organization EACH week.

- ❖ Once a week, when we have co-op in the afternoon... we take the whole morning off to clean. We also try to have the house super clean on Sunday nights so that we start Monday on a good foot. In a perfect world, this would happen perfectly each week... but we also have learned to go with the flow and try to stay on top of things
- ❖ we all have those moments even with the best chore charts at the end of the day we most remember what is most important , and sometimes is OK to let go
- ❖ Having easy-to-use instructional programs could help to ensure that each child is learning according to their individual needs. This could take a lot of pressure off of you.
- ❖ [A Diligent Heart](#): Schedules, chore charts - so kids can help out around the home (chores are good anyhow, so it's a perk that they help Mom but also learn some responsibility). AND if a day or two things don't go well, just try again the next day. Grace. Persistence and diligence will get things on track :o) May be a good idea to take a day off from school and catch up on the housework. School work can be caught up gradually over the next week. If you're anything like me, if my house is a mess, I can't even concentrate on lessons! I've had to take a day off here and there to get things in order, it's totally been worth it.
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt](#): My husband is totally the opposite [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum](#): and it drives me crazy. Lol
- ❖ We have a "Cleaning Party" once a week in addition to regular daily pick ups. We turn on the music and roll a die or two. (You could use a spinner or whatever works for you.) Each die roll has a chore or room to clean. We spend one song worth of time doing that task. One task is a "Dance Party." We "play" until every one has had at least one turn and we've had a "Dance Party."
- ❖ not reading the other comments I would say incorporate the kids. There are alot of them & they are old enough to help in major ways!

- ❖ We have always had a chore chart to help with household tasks. I have Dad reinforce if something isn't getting done. We had to do school one summer. We lost my father-in-law and my dad was/still hospitalized so we're doing some catch up now. I map out what we have left sometimes we double up on assignments, a times we do things orally or I write to quicken our pace.
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt:](#) I think having light days on Fridays for cleaning works great for us.
- ❖ Chores for kids and once a week or twice a month hire someone to come in n help. College students work cheap!
- ❖ We use Dave Ramsey's financial peace jr program for our kiddos. It teaches them the value of work, and doing chores, but they learn money management too. It's helped us keep up with the house, with 6 kiddos
- ❖ I have 6 kids as well and well I cant even keep things presentable lol
- ❖ so your ahead of the game by my count
- ❖ I dedicate one day a week to major cleaning. We assign the kids their jobs to do for the day, and with us all doing things it gets done quickly. We usual pick a Saturday morning , then they have the rest of the day to play, or hang out with their friends.
- ❖ I agree with Susan.....we all work together on specific tasks and it makes it a lot easier. We also pick up and clean as we go to make it just a bit easier to keep the house organized.
- ❖ We like setting the timer for 10 minutes and seeing how much we can clean up in that time. It makes it a game and helps the mess from getting quite so deep!
- ❖ Sticking to a routine really helps as well as training the children to pick up after themselves & they all have jobs they're responsible for. We try to clean up right when we're done with something. for example, when you're *done* sleeping, make the bed immediately; when you're *done* drawing, put the paper & colored pencils back in

their home right then. I also tack chores together like cleaning the toilet, sink, & mirror while the little ones play in the bathtub. But this is all a work in progress!

❖ This has got to be one of my favorite poems

Mother, O' Mother, come shake out your cloth,
Empty the dustpan, poison the moth.
Hang out the washing, make up the bed,
Sew on a button and butter the bread.

Where is the mother whose house is so shocking?
She's up in the nursery, blissfully rocking.

Oh, I've grown as shiftless as Little Boy Blue,
Lullaby, rockaby, lullaby loo.
Dishes are waiting and bills are past due,
Pat-a-cake, darling, and peek - peekaboo.

The shopping's not done and there's nothing for stew,
And out in the yard there's a hullabaloo.
But I'm playing Kanga and this is my Roo.
Look! Aren't his eyes the most wonderful hue?
Lullaby, rockaby, lullaby loo.

The cleaning and scrubbing can wait till tomorrow,
But children grow up, as I've learned to my sorrow.
So quiet down cobwebs; Dust go to sleep!
I'm rocking my baby and babies don't keep.

~ Ruth Hulbert Hamilton

❖ Oh I like that poem!!!! In answer to your question. I only have two children and I have been homeschooling for 6 yrs. There have been a couple years, including this one, where we do really well up to Christmas break then getting back into routine in January just is so hard. Not to mention, my computer bit the dust and it had all their records on it and my motivation went totally out the window. I will just pick myself back up in August, and continue on. I pray alot.

- ❖ I had to tell myself that "behind" is a state of mind. This school year will just run till end of July beginning of Aug. That takes pressure off of catching up. Also break your chores up for everyday, a load or two of laundry, empty and load dishwasher at each meal. Also vacuuming more often quicker will do just as well as vacuuming in depth because things don't have time to settle into corners.
- ❖ Our kids have their chores and we do tidies throughout the day. If you want motivation to keep your house cleaner, you should become a foster parent. Nothing has helped kick my booty in gear like unannounced DHS visits!
- ❖ [Rantings Of A Housewife](#): I am working now and only have 2 kids, when you work it out let me know. I would have a spotless house, but I decided sleep was more important.
- ❖ ya
- ❖ I like Managers of their Chores. The chore card system in there takes some work to set up, but once you get it going it is a huge help. Also the Duggars books are a good read...helped me realize that having many requires thinking outside the box and doing things differently, rather than just doing more of the same. Just had my seventh...I completely relate to feeling so behind!
- ❖ Also realize that by teaching chores you are truly teaching life skills they will need!! Definitely is hands on learning! Cooking, cleaning, working outside in garden etc.you could always have them listen to an audiobook or bible verse songs,math songs while they do their chores too! we are already on a light schedule: chores, piano, Bible journal, and rotate math and language when needed. All flows well if morning chore lists are done, though right now we are unpacking from camping trip! (We have 6 under age 12 also)
- ❖ Oh and check out FLYLADY!!
- ❖ I haven't figured out how to be a domestic diva yet. if everyone is still alive at the end of the day, i feel a great sense of accomplishment.
- ❖ Check out Titus 2 ministries with the Maxwell family

- ❖ 6 sons and I feel the same don't have it figured out
- ❖ We have 6 children as well. 13g, 12b, 12b, 5b, 4b, 2b. With three olders and three littles we use the buddy system. The 3 older kids are each in charge of a public area. One has the living room , one has the dinning room, and one has the kitchen. They each have a daily checklist to follow in each room and rotate rooms each season. They also are expected to keep their bedrooms/bathrooms picked up daily. They follow a daily chores and schoolwork checklist. The checklist helps them to know what is expected and shows what they have accomplished without being asked. My 5 year old has a variety of mini chores to do as well. The 2 littlest boys work with a buddy (an older sibling) to keep their bedroom & play area cleaned up.
- ❖ If we take 15 minutes clean ups, a few times a day, the house is manageable and the burden is light on the kids, too.
- ❖ It has taken us a lot of years, many different strategies, and lots and lots of prayer to figure out a plan that works for our family. My suggestion is to take a few days to pray about your situation, and ask God to show you and your husband the best plan for your family. God Bless.
- ❖ First of all, cut yourself some slack! Everyone falls behind. For me personally, I would have to get the house in order before moving on with school. The 3 oldest can help tremendously. Are they washing & putting away their own clothes? They could each take a younger child's laundry as well. Enlist the 12 year old for some help with dishes & all of them should be picking up. Those are the 3 biggies that can get you overwhelmed. Take a deep breath...it's ok!! Take some time out to get chores in line, then get back in the school routine.
- ❖ We play a round of cards and whoever wins doesn't have to work for 10 minutes or whatever time you choose.
- ❖ please say more about easy to use curricula.
- ❖ Pick your battles. The kids are not going to be there forever and you will only get to see them today at this age once. I would choose being

there... really there for my kids with a cluttered house than a spotless house and miss even one moment of them growing up. Just the same, it is your duty as a parent to teach them how to clean and make things presentable too.

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Q3 How do you get the older two (7 & 5 year olds) to sit while the younger two (3 & 10 months) cause distractions?

- ❖ practice, we did a study on self control it help allot
- ❖ Just redirect them back to task...helps build their focus
- ❖ in our home, we solve this by looking at it the other way around "how to stop the littler ones from causing distractions".
- ❖ [Musings of a Minister's Wife](#): Talk about the importance of setting an example as the older kids. I go through this a lot in mixed Sunday School groups.
- ❖ [A Heart For The Home](#): if you have an older responsible child, it's best to take them to another spot in the house or if it's nice maybe outside (if they can handle that young of a child) or wait to do certain subjects while they are napping
- ❖ [Reading and Homework Helper](#): Make it a learning project. Let the older kids keep a record of the distractions that the little ones are

creating. They can write/draw about how it made them feel. So now you're teaching reading, writing and the importance of collecting data.

- ❖ They need to just learn to do it... learning concentration isn't easy but it can be done
- ❖ I have seen older children wear headphones as they work if the distractions are bothersome. I wouldn't do this all the time. They'll need to learn how to work with distractions as well.
- ❖ We had to start setting a time limit on subjects and if my older one didn't finish in that amount of time it becomes "homework" that has to be put away until the end of our school day. Then instead of the free time she would get, she had to finish any unfinished work. It helped her focus on finishing instead of paying attention to what others were doing.
- ❖ I have had them all at the table doing different things but that could be distracting as well. Sometimes I have one of the olders go and play with the youngers with 1 bin of toys (ex kitchen stuff, tools, cars, etc) while I work with the other and then they switch. I am also finding the more independent items I can find for my olders to do for the basic subjects the better they like it. Then we all can read books and do projects for the content subjects.
- ❖ I planned focused Mom-time with the 2 olders during the babies' naptimes, and planned out smaller increments of time during busier awake times. I used a carrier or swing or bouncy seat for the infant at times, and had a school-only toys available for older babies and toddlers that we rotated often.
- ❖ I don't, not really. We break learning into blocks with lots of breaks of fun time
- ❖ That sounds fun!
- ❖ Pinterest had some great ideas on keeping toddlers busy while teaching. I have a 11 year old that requires alot of my attention and then a 2 year old and 6 month old that demands attention. Sometimes we have to wait till nap time to sit down and teach.

- ❖ Just an idea. Google the needs and interests of the 2 year old and the 6 month old for the older kids to find out. Don't know if that would work out good or not but it might help the older kids understand the younger ones and what they could do (during break times) for the younger ones? We had to go to the hospital once with my son and later we looked up what triage meant. It was quite interesting. I heard making life your classroom makes children into geniuses. Maybe it makes them think about life too?
- ❖ I must admit, I have not had older ones and babies at the same time though:)
- ❖ I found that my oldest works best in his own room with the door closed, he is too easily distracted but my 5yr old can focus very well despite what the other two are doing around him. My kids are a little different in age to the OP - 7, 6, 4.5, almost 3. So I usually give the younger two coloring sheets or learning pages in page protectors with dry erase markers and crayons. They love "doing school". I've also been known to pop on leap frog on netflix for the younger two while the older two do their work. Honestly, it's a lot of trial and error. Figuring out what works best for each child and waiting for the youngest to get to a better age to join in. Ooh, stickers on the high chair tray - I saw that on pinterest. You put stickers on the tray and it keeps the baby busy trying to peel them off. Pinterest has been a great resource with my toddlers too.

Are you interested in teaching your gang about Creation? Check out how we are digging [Creation Illustrated:](#) in our homeschool? Tom wants to give away 3 subscriptions!

Does this look like a resource that will bless your homeschool?

<http://wp.me/p1NjQX-3Hn>

- ❖ [Vintage Indie Magazine:](#) : My children would love this!
- ❖ That would be amazing!
- ❖ Is this Science?
- ❖ My own would love to get this...
- ❖ I would love a magazine that focuses on creation.
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt:](#) Yes, it's nature, science, Erica Kucharski-Rawson!
- ❖ I would love this, too. So much more interesting than the traditional books...
- ❖ [Creation Illustrated:](#) Yes. We include a balance of Parables in Nature, Creation Science, and Scripture.
- ❖ Wow - looks great!
- ❖ Creation Science is passion of my husband's and is a core subject in this household! I would love to bring this beautiful magazine into our home.
- ❖ My son would love this and me too
- ❖ No evolution - right?
- ❖ [Creation Illustrated:](#) Even an Instructional Guide in each edition for Homeschool study of each article.

- ❖ I think it might--my kids love science.
- ❖ [Creation Illustrated](#): Correct. NO evolution!
- ❖ My oldest loves science! This would be great!
- ❖ would love it.
- ❖ That sounds like a neat idea.
- ❖ Sounds great!
- ❖ That sounds intriguing. I will have to check out the website again. I have been there a few times this year, but for quick glances since life has been crazy this year.
- ❖ We just subscribed to this! Rec'd our first issue--very nice!
- ❖ Sounds great.
- ❖ That looks so cool.
- ❖ Interesting that I handled this magazine in my previous work life but was much too busy to even pause and see what it was about. Now that I have stopped working and am home, with my focus on teaching my children, it's something that's right up my alley! Glad I came across it again...
- ❖ It is a fantastic resource! I love [Creation Illustrated](#): and Answers in Genesis.

Q4 Homeschooling is one of the hardest things I have to do. One of my son's is also special needs. How do I homeschool 2 kids of different ages and special needs?

- ❖ I teach at the older kid's level and then break it down for my younger kids. You would be surprised at how much they actually do pick up!
- ❖ Try unit studies - they will be able to learn together even if they aren't at the exact same level. I'm in the same boat with my boys and it works for us.
- ❖ And I agree with Christine - my 4 year old daughter picks up so much more just by listening to us than I ever would have thought she would!
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt:](#) I agree Christine Cline or sometimes I do the opposite and have the older kids do reserach on their own to furthur thier study.
- ❖ I have Multi-needs. It is tough, but ask God what to do. Use programs meant to be used by different ages. Take it slow and know you are not alone!!
- ❖ [Meet Penny:](#) I am not sure what type of special needs you are referring to but I have one with Autism (PDD-NOS) and two with ADD and a toddler. You just learn to relax and do what you can.
- ❖ I would love to know I'm starting this year with the same dilemma!
- ❖ I like unit studies because you can extend and differentiate the lessons to meet the needs of your children. I agree with the ladies the younger children do absorb a lot more than some people think. Independent study is a definite way to differentiate the learning for older kiddos as mentioned.
- ❖ My son has autism and he is my oldest. We decided to put a main focus on the things that he struggles with the most. Everything else will fall into place. I also have to remember that he doesn't always learn like I think he should and I sometimes have to come at it in a different way.

- ❖ Me too...my son with special needs is a year younger and he is at the same level as my older son...and he is advanced!!!
 - ❖ My daughter has AS & I find it difficult some days to figure out another way of teaching her a specific topic Bc of the way I learned it. Also outside commentary by some doesn't help either. I had To explain she will never be on a schedule like outside schools are & there maybe times where she is ahead or behind depending on her personal difficulties. What unit work do you use? I'm looking for anything that can help. We will be doing school year round Bc she loses too much during long breaks.
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Who's having FUN?

- ❖ me!
- ❖ My first time.
- ❖ So many interesting things, so much fun!
- ❖ Me!
- ❖ Learning lots...considering taking the leap into homeschooling.
- ❖ Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum: My 3 year old is way overdue for bed and she is tearing up the house and screaming. Where is my husband now? LOL

- ❖ I am looking forward to going through and reading these great comments again.
- ❖ Homeschooling was the best decision I ever made. I used to teach second grade and remember saying I could never homeschool. Things change for me. I'll pray that you make which decision is best for your family.
- ❖ I feel slightly overwhelmed thinking about it all. I homeschooled in the past and will be starting up again. So much to think about.
- ❖ Sanders I am!
- ❖ my kids are running around yelling, but I am having fun
- ❖ I am having too much fun. I should be working but it is nice to have a little time with other homeschool families.
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum](#): OMG Goodness! Next time I must put my tot to bed first. She is crazy wacko right now.
- ❖ im starting in August with 11 year old and a 3 year old, i need this, thanks
- ❖ Hearts at Home, me TOO!!! My kids are going bonkers over here!

Q5 Should I do pre-k (letter of the week type stuff) for my 3/4 year old or just let her tag along with units and k-level work with my 5/6 year old?

- ❖ [Reading and Homework Helper](#): Do both!
- ❖ i let my 3-year-old have his own work. he wants SO badly to be big like his brothers, so i make up little worksheets and games and things for him to do to participate.
- ❖ I would let her have her own curriculum. I know my littles loved it and now they are ahead for their grade:)
- ❖ I think pre-k should be about learning to share and be in a group with more informal learning. I am a big fan of teaching to the older ones and letting the littles pick up things naturally.
- ❖ Let her tag along!! Our 4 yr old is catching on to a lot of what we are doing in All About Reading and Spelling!!
- ❖ i have done both the first time it did not work out, this time is working wonderfully , so i would say it depends on the kid try it you can always change things.
- ❖ In our family I had my daughter tag along with my son. She was ready and wanting to learn about what my son was learning. If it was my son who was younger and my daughter older I would have separated them.
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum](#): I vote tag along.
- ❖ I'm in a similar situation with my boys and decided to do letter of the week using the free tot school stuff from 1plus1plus1 and then do unit studies for the tot and K-level together.
- ❖ Let her tag along. Mine did great and learned a lot.
- ❖ We are doing Easy Peasy for our 3/4 year old. It takes just a little bit of time and keeps her occupied coloring her page while my 8/9 year

old and I do some of her school work. My 3/4 year old begs to do "school work" though. I say take the child's lead.

- ❖ I was amazed how much my 3 year old picked up from watching my almost 5 year old. There were several things they could do together, like coloring, painting, "writing," and practicing with scissors. The older likes to teach the younger her letters and they sing songs all day long together. It's really not worth it to me to do separate work for them at this age. I do additional work for the older when the younger gets bored, but that's the only separation for us.
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt:](#) I do about 5-10 minutes 3x per week and let her tag along.
- ❖ there are so many curriculum's that work well to tag along like Betty say
- ❖ tag along.....it makes it easier on you and she gets used to picking up what she can at any level.
- ❖ I have a 4 year old for next year that I will be doing letter of the week stuff with and then have a 1st and 2nd grader. So with a larger stretch I would separate the basics but combine on the content subjects.
- ❖ we are letting our 3 year old tag along, when my oldest is doing independent work I read or play with him.
- ❖ I have a blank mead notebook that we wrote one letter on every other page and we cut out pictures from magazines or the bigger worksheets they're done with a few minutes a day we pull cut outs out of the bag and glue them onto the correct letter page in his "alphabet book". It has surprised me how much of a connection this makes to letters, sounds and "real" things.
- ❖ Tag along, busy work, make it fun
- ❖ Absolutely let her tag along! After a while my 5 year old pretends she is the teacher and teaches her younger brothers aged 2 and 3

- ❖ I did letters with my youngest and he also sat in our other course work per his interest level i.e. story time, art etc.
- ❖ can I vote for both? I had my pre-k tag along where she could but still did some of the fun pre-k stuff with her.
- ❖ [A Classic Housewife in a Modern World](#): We did letter of the week stuff with our preschoolers. We also got them some fun preschool workbooks so they could sit at the table with the big kids and "do school." That would often occupy them for a little while and give me time to focus on the older ones.
- ❖ [Vintage Indie Magazine](#): Mine was ready for preschool type stuff at 3, he was reading by 3 but only because he was begging to read and learn. He's not super way ahead or anything now, he's on track but we didn't squash his excitement to learn alongside his brother then.
- ❖ in my experience, the 3-4 year olds pick up an awful lot just being exposed to what the olders are learning. BUT, 15 minutes of 'preschool' time first thing in the day fills the Mama-Love-Tank, and they are better behaved the rest of the day. So, I would do both.
- ❖ we do some of both
- ❖ I let mine tag along
- ❖ My plan is to have a binder with her own stuff to do.
- ❖ the set if 7 ABC series.
- ❖ with my 4 year old, I did about the same as what's in a K-5 curriculum, but I will probably just do letters and numbers and such with my others once they reach 4

Q6 Can I teach multiple ages all subjects or are there certain subjects that are easier to teach? How do you start teaching as a group?

- ❖ use read alouds! and then do age appropriate activities/assignments as follow up for each child
- ❖ Science, history, Bible are easy to teach as a group.
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum](#): History and science are good to teach together. I think most subjects other than LA and math can be taught together.
- ❖ we teach everything except language arts (reading in the earlier years) and math together. the kids are always on different levels in math.
- ❖ I teach Science together with my 3rd, 5th, and 10th grader. A friend of mine teaches English together with her 4 girls of all different grades...
- ❖ I think science and history are the easiest to teach across age levels. I just dove right in with history this year for my grades 5/6 and 8/9 boys. They use the same books and are loving it!
- ❖ English - I teach the younger2 together but the curriculum I use I felt was too menial for my tenth grader
- ❖ Looking for help on this too
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt](#): Read a louds and notebooking. I have my older ones do more extensive research. I am a big advocate of teaching them all at once. I can't imagine teaching 6 children all at different times.
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum](#): I notebooking!
- ❖ we do science, bible, history, read alouds together and sometimes I do certain parts of math together

- ❖ Subjects like history, science and bible lend themselves well to teaching multiple ages. Math and language arts can be more difficult to do together, depending on how big the age gap is.
- ❖ Some things like math are just going to have to be taught individually, but things like history and science lend themselves well to being taught in a group format.
- ❖ My children are 8, 6 and 5 and we teach Science, Art and History together. The activities are tailored to their skill levels. All other course work is done individually.
- ❖ Math is the one subject I teach for each individual child separately. Most all other subjects I have had at least 2, many times more, covering the same topic/material
- ❖ I agree with Annette we do those all together then math i do by teams , they go solo until 5 grade , and English i have 2 sets older and little so like k to 3 grade and 4 to 6
- ❖ [Reading and Homework Helper](#): Where do you start?" It's all in the delivery. It's not what you teach but how you teach it. Let each child have a level appropriate reading book, fiction, nonfiction, anything. Assign a question like "what did you think was most interesting?" Have them support their answers with at least 2 details.
- ❖ Science & History!
- ❖ We are combining for the content subjects - bible, history, science, art, music, etc. Everyone has there one level for math and language arts. I am curious how to have enough time in a large family (5 kiddos) to get everyone covered with their individual subjects???
- ❖ Can someone explain how notebooking works?
- ❖ [Creation Illustrated](#): Field trips, crafts, and gardening can be done together.
- ❖ We do Bible and history together

- ❖ I choose a book that is multi age level and if not explain it good for younger to get...
- ❖ [Vintage Indie Magazine](#): We do Bible and some science together, read alouds, audio books, field trips etc.
- ❖ We do Bible, history, science, and arts together. Math, reading, and spelling are separate. Our writing is usually, just on different levels.
- ❖ I was going to homeschool but I rather will do online school for my high schooler...
- ❖ Student of the Word is an awesome curriculum for that.
- ❖ Mine weren't too far apart in age...but I did science n history n bible tghr...my baby at the time was 5 n he wud answer the questions orally n I wrote it down for him n signed it was dictated by him n the date.....he was a delayed reader too.....so just bkuz he kudnt read doesn't mean he cant understand or cant b taught.....we also did spanish tghr
- ❖ april....my friend had 10 children homeschooling and I thot the same thing...but she had the oldest ones help the nx oldest it helped to cement those concepts for the older one...when u can teach it...u truly get it....n gave her time w younger ones...

Q7 I would like to do more projects and hands on learning but it never seems to fit in our schedule. I would love to see what other moms are doing, what their days/weeks look like, how much "school" is done each day.

- ❖ Me too! We school 9-12 and by then I'm ready to be done.
- ❖ we didn't do any "school" today, but the day was full of learning!
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt:](#) Have you tried lapbooking?
- ❖ life is school
- ❖ Most days I am THRILLED to get a solid lesson in math and spelling done! We do so much hands on and life lesson stuff! I think kids are hardwired to learn better when they can get up to their eyeballs in something!
- ❖ I'm working on a mommy check-list to see how I'm doing at adding these very important features. Hands on learning is so important at all ages... or then you are just "doing school" instead of experiencing it. I leave one day a week for messy or time consuming projects and that day is also the "fun" or field trip day if one crops up. That's how we fit it in.
- ❖ My girls are 5, 3, and 1. I like the ideas on Easy Peasy. They help me do more hands on things that aren't just "Here's some paper. Draw me a picture." We make a dog paper bag puppet or a toilet paper beaver and actually use those cutting and gluing skills. We go on field trips a lot too.
- ❖ I feel the same way! I have all these grand ideas on projects and such but never seem to get to them! Sometimes school ends around 1 sometimes later, it really depends on the kids, sometimes they play around and it takes longer to finish their work...and by that time im too tired to play lol

- ❖ i think is important to fit it in , in brings balance to the school , our school year maybe be a little longer and my husband works on Saturday so we do have day ,
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum:](#) We did lapbooking the younger years and transitioned into notebooking. Since I am not crafty, it made me feel like a success to see a finished project that looked like it took effort.
- ❖ Are lapbooks just a one time use, or can they be reused?
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum:](#) I mean a lot of effort.
- ❖ [Creation Illustrated:](#) Children can be put to constructive tasks while you help another student, like counting out baby carrots on each plate for lunch, washing the apples, making sure everyone gets their share of cornchips, etc. Voila! Lunch is served.
- ❖ [A Diligent Heart:](#) Lapbooking has been a wonderful addition to our homeschool this year! It's learning and craftiness - all in one :o)
- ❖ Lapbooking and notebooking are loads of fun for some children and a great way to make learning hands-on while reinforcing other subjects or topics.
- ❖ We've been able to include projects and fun hands-on learning through co-ops we participate in (Book Club, Science co-op, etc.). That helps make up for when we don't include that type of stuff in our daily homeschool
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum:](#) One at a time, but most things you print and can use again later.
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum:](#) I mean one time use.
- ❖ I also like lapbooks - making one together based on a book you've read, or the solar system, the habits of a favorite animal or the parts of a flower are easy ways to try it out.

- ❖ our lapbooks contain games we made about the topic, so we like to go back and play them again.
- ❖ [Vintage Indie Magazine](#): Without a schedule even a light one at that we tend to not get done what we need to. With a light schedule we loosely plan things fun to do or time away from the "school desk".
- ❖ [A Classic Housewife in a Modern World](#): We recently made one day of the week "sewing day" (Wednesday) and one day "art day" (Thursday.) We don't always get to it, but most of the time we try to get around to that about mid afternoon because we know it's THIS day. I want to add in music the same way, too.
- ❖ I am thinking about having each day be a different subject focus for a hands on activity. We would most likely do it in the afternoon or in a sense after "school" hours. It is all I can do with little ones to get in the basics by lunch time. I read numerous books from the content subjects at lunch time along with a bible story and devotional. So projects would be after rest time. OR possibly just on Friday!
- ❖ Sometimes we take Friday's off from books and focus on crafts, games, and just being a family...
- ❖ We just raised butterflies and ladybugs. We are now working in our garden and planted a carnivorous terrarium . Also do a nature book, which is lots of fun.
- ❖ *raising
- ❖ I make sure the language arts and math happen (almost) every day. After that, we rotate the fun stuff. Science, lapbooks, art, projects. We get a couple of things in each day. My oldest is in first grade.
- ❖ I JUST started homeschooling abt 3 wks ago & we do a full day of 'school' (every subject) in abt 3 hrs.

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- ❖ wow!
- ❖ Mom of three trying to get my ged at home could really use it!
- ❖ Me!
- ❖ This is the biggest area I wanted help in!
- ❖ What grade level is this curriculum designed for?
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt](#): either 3/4 grade and up.
- ❖ We've tried almost everything. HELP.
- ❖ Pretty please?
- ❖ This would be awesome for my son who struggles in math!

Q8 How do you afford to purchase all the homeschool curriculum for all your children?

- ❖ lots of free online resources, used curriculum from Amazon, and lots of books for .25 cents from yard sales
- ❖ i don't purchase curriculum for my children. there are SO many free resources out there, prepackages curriculum is unnecessary.
- ❖ I use a lot of free online stuff and amazon

- ❖ We use our tax refund and reuse as much as possible from older grades being passed down.
- ❖ I buy used and I sale from year to year what we are done with and use the income to purchase the new. There's also a ton of free resourses.
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum:](#) You can buy it used, swap with friends, or get it on sale at my store!
- ❖ Used curriculum, and watching sites for sales and discounts!
- ❖ [Vintage Indie Magazine:](#) I haven't been yard-saling much for books, now I'll be on the lookout. Good idea Dawn ↑
- ❖ Only through the Lord's provision!! lol Seriously my curriculum for this year alone is 1200! Since I have it planned out ahead of time what i am going to use we can purchase it little by little as we can afford too...otherwise used Curriculums, borrowing if someone has what I need that they arent using and library resources! My library actually will purchase some things but then I have to share lol
- ❖ We're just starting so it hasn't been too much of an investment yet. And I won a few things at facebook and twitter parties
- ❖ Our HS group has a used curriculum sale so that is a huge help. I also try to plan for as much non-consumable resources as possible.
- ❖ [Blessed Beyond a Doubt:](#) Also, teaching as a group totally counts down on cost. You can always dumb it down for the younger or have the older ones so research on their own. My goal is to teach my children to learn.
- ❖ Ebay and we try to keep the oldest childs curriculum to reuse with our youngest.
- ❖ Set aside money from our tax return, buy used: www.homeschoolclassifieds.com, www.welltrainedmind.com/forums, classifieds; ebay

- ❖ Used homeschool curriculum, and homeschool groups, events, and activities
- ❖ <http://homeschoolclassifieds.com>
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- ❖ we try to raise it sale use curriculum , things (toys , baby items) and we pray ,God always bless us with the book we need it or with one for sale use really cheap, and now for Christmas and birthdays my kids ask for books a million gifts cards
- ❖ Used curriculum sales
- ❖ We use our tax refund for some and find free stuff on line for science and social studies.
- ❖ We snag as much of it as we can used. We also set aside the amount we will need from our income tax.
- ❖ There is a store near me that sells used curriculum. Or some of my friends have older children and I get to borrow from them!
- ❖ We are transitioning to the Charlotte Mason method. I am using Ambleside Online, which really helps a newbie to this method. Probably, all totaled, I'll be spending around \$300.00 this year on both kids. It has been about that per child in past years. Granted mine are in 4th and 2nd. I don't have illusions that it will continue to be this price, but I'm enjoying it now! We have a wonderful library and that helps a lot.
- ❖ I like to switch to used hardcover books for as many subjects that I can that way I only purchase it once for all of my kids. I also decide how much I will need each year plus a little extra for unknown costs, then divide that number by the total number of paychecks you get for the year and that will tell you what to take out of each paycheck, so you can save a little at one time instead of all at once.

- ❖ Used curriculum sales...swap/trade and watch for online sales i.e. discount/free shipping etc.
- ❖ Buy used on amazon and other places like Abe books.com
- ❖ I also buy used mainly
- ❖ [Creation Illustrated](#): Try to have a church member (a retired teacher) tutor for Free.
- ❖ <http://allinonehomeschool.com>
- ❖ free online curriculum.
- ❖ I keep my eyes open for coupons, sales, and discounts. Some companies offer the same sales year after year so I TRY to wait, but it doesn't always work because my daughter will zip through some levels. I also go to book sales (Friends of the Library). Homeschoolers donate many resources. I love finding deals at Half Price as well. Try teaching certain subjects using the same curriculum especially if it is differentiated like Mystery of the History. I also supplement with AMAZING FREE resources and online curriculum.
- ❖ If it's a workbook copy the answers in a separate notebook....that way it can be reused for other children....and there is a ton of stuff you can print for free online
- ❖ I am always looking for books at yard sales, clearance sections, and general sales. I buy throughout the year. I try to not pay full price for something if I can help it.
- ❖ Buy used off Abebooks or Amazon, and try to avoid consumables as much as possible so younger children can reuse.
- ❖ We are very blessed to have a friend who lets us use their curriculum when they are done with it.
- ❖ You can find a lot online and at the library...buy as you can - sell things/garage or bake sales, etc to raise extra money or curriculum

trades with others.... Another Great option is EasyPeasyHomeschool , Charlotte Mason and similar sites.

- ❖ When I home-schooled Megan I found a lot of good teaching material at Half Price bookstore. A lot of it was brand-new.
- ❖ ...and eBay
- ❖ We buy as we can. We don't buy everything all at once.
- ❖ Used & in small selections
- ❖ well only have one schooling now but still can be hard for us but I happen to have a friend who gave me some and I just buy workbooks after we get our tax refund. Around 200.00
- ❖ We do not buy any curriculum. I am able to find what we need at the library, used book sales, and on the web. However, we do buy quite a bit of printer ink.
- ❖ tax return
- ❖ Some curriculum can be used with multiple age groups. That is one way to save money. Apologia Early Explorer series works with K-6. Mystery of History also works with multiple age groups. Some people do not use curriculum for history and instead have the children read biographies and other "living" books. We have recently looked at Life of Fred for Math. Those books are not consumable, so they may be used over and over.
- ❖ I second homeschoolclassifieds.com, also Half Price books if you have one that carries educational materials, goodwill and other thrift stores and www.paperbackswap.com
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- ❖ It is just a must like groceries .
- ❖ I buy to use for multiple grades and get a lot free online
- ❖ We use multiple resources. Free online, low cost or sale items, used at homeschool swaps, library share, ebay, occasionally we get something spendy but we make sure its able to be used by multiple levels. Also we rarely write in workbooks so they can be used more then once and passed on when finished. I've also found amazing gently use and even new items at our local thrift stores. Books as low as 10 cents. One of our favorite way to combine multiple subjects and ages into a unit study is lapbooking. There are several free and low cost lapbooking sites available. Our biggest cost is probably printer ink and printer paper.
- ❖ I use the library & internet a lot. I also try to spread it out through the year. I don't buy just at once.
- ❖ We are a part of an umbrella school allots \$900 a year per child!
- ❖ I just buy one curriculum for all of them and copy instead of using the original worksheets and teach that to each child when they enter the grade so I only have to buy 1 new curriculum for each child
- ❖ Following
- ❖ Rose can you share more about the umbrella school?
- ❖ Following
- ❖ [Beautiful House Life:](#) We used free offerings on the internet and the library the only thing we paid for was schooling materials.

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- ❖ Oh that sounds so good, Faith would adore that
- ❖ I LOVE this...thanks for sharing!
- ❖ This is what we have decided to use for the upcoming school year!
- ❖ [Hearts at Home Discount Curriculum](#): There are other books in the series too! Find the link on the entry page.
- ❖ I wish I had access to something like that years ago. Still would be nice for my younger ones.
- ❖ I can't see where to post a comment on your blog page.
- ❖ for some reason my raffle thingy is getting confused between the giveaways. I thought I signed up for the magazine and I think it was the math. I am now trying to sign up for the composer and the reading website comes up. (???) Just FYI.
- ❖ OK, I got it to work!
- ❖ We did these. They were fun!

I want to thank Barry and Elaine for joining us tonight and introducing us to READS and your generous giveaways. Don't forget to follow them on Facebook!

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- ❖ [Reading and Homework Helper](#): Jill, thanks for having us. If anyone has any questions about READS or reading in general they should feel free to contact us at <mailto:info@ourhomeworkhelper.com> or post the question in the forum on our web site at <http://www.ourhomeworkhelper.com> Thanks again and have a blessed night.
 - ❖ Thank you for joining the party and sharing your curriculum with us all.
 - ❖ Thank you Barry and Elaine!
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Thank you, Tom, for the generous giveaway and the wisdom to help us be the home educator we all so desire to be to our children.

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- ❖ I love it when beautiful images have scripture written in them - so inspiration. I like to pin those images for all to read.
- ❖ [Creation Illustrated](#): Thank you Jill for including us!!! We look forward to uplifting our Creator to all who are interested. Our children need to understand they can be a NEW Creation in Christ Jesus. We can help them learn that through parable -- Christ's method of teaching!

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Let's head over now to [Meet Penny](#) to discuss more tips on homeschooling. Wait until you see all the prizes. It's over 900.00! See you there!

❖ jill - you did a great job with this party! Some pretty helpful responses to questions that many will benefit from.

I want to thank each of you for participating in the first hour of the Mommy Time Facebook party! I look forward to connecting with each of you. I hope tonight you are encouraged and have gleaned some wisdom, tips, and some resources that will bless your homeschool journey.

You can do this homeschool thing with His help. He never intended you to homeschool without His help.

I want to leave you tonight with a piece of His Word.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

❖ Thank you for hosting and for your encouragement!

❖ Thank you for the party. I got here almost a half-hour late.

❖ Thanks! Lots fun, and quite informative.

❖ Thank you! That is one of my favorite verses. We wrote it on the framing of our house!

❖ My favorite verse as well!

❖ God bless you and thank you for all you do!

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