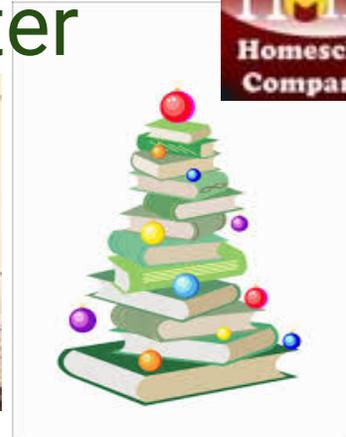


Homeschool Companion

Connections Newsletter



As we approach the end of the year, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude to all of you for being part of the Homeschool Companion community. It's been an incredible year, and we're so proud of the progress and achievements of our students and families.

The holiday season can be a busy and overwhelming time for **homeschooling families**. Here are a few ideas to help you navigate the next few weeks:

- Take a break: It's okay to take a step back from formal lessons and focus on enjoying quality time with your loved ones.
- Incorporate holiday-themed learning: Use the holidays to explore different cultures, traditions, and historical events.
- Prioritize self-care: Make time for activities that nourish your mind, body, and spirit, such as exercise, reading, or time in nature.
- Get creative: Engage in craft projects, baking, or other activities that bring joy and festive cheer to your home.

The holiday season can be a great time for **teens** to reflect on their goals and aspirations. Here are a few ideas to help them make the most of this time:

- Set New Year's resolutions: Encourage your teen to think about what they want to achieve in the coming year and set specific, achievable goals.
- Explore new interests: Use the holiday break to explore new hobbies or interests, such as learning a new language, playing a musical instrument, or volunteering in the community.

Connect with others: Encourage your teen to contact friends, family members, or mentors to build relationships and connections.



Devotional—from The Gospel Companion

Ava felt honored to be chosen. But as the production date approached, she grew very nervous. What if she forgot her lines or made a mistake on stage? What if she just wasn't good enough? But when it came time, she played the parts she was picked to play, and she enjoyed it. She learned a lot by being in the play and still remembers those lessons today.

Have you ever been chosen for something extraordinary? Maybe, like Ava, you got an important part in a play or received a special prize at school. Perhaps it was a sports team, or your parents trusted you with a critical job. Whatever it was, how did it make you feel to be chosen? Excited? Nervous? Or maybe you felt something else.

God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. Through Mary, God would bring his son into the world to be the Savior of the world. How did she feel when she first got the news? Maybe she felt scared because she wasn't even married yet. But Mary trusted God. "I am the Lord's servant," she said, "Let it happen as you have said" (Luke 1:38). She even wrote a song. You can read it in Luke 1:46-48, telling us exactly how she felt.

"With all my heart, I praise the Lord, and I am glad because of God my Savior. He cares for me, his humble servant. From now on, all people will say God has blessed me" (Luke 1:46-48).

What a fantastic response to being chosen for such a tremendous honor!

Lord, thank you for assigning Mary such an important task and inviting me to follow you, too.

How Can You Be Part of Homeschool Companion's Community?

We invite you to join us for the second semester. Our program offers a comprehensive and supportive environment for homeschooling families, focusing on academic excellence, personal growth, and community connection.

Benefits of Joining Homeschool Companion

- Personalized learning plans: Our experienced educators will work with you to create a customized learning plan that meets your child's unique needs and goals.
- Community support: Connect with other homeschooling families and students through our online forums, social events, and field trips.
- Access to resources: Use our extensive curriculum materials library, educational software, and online resources.
- Accountability and motivation: Our program provides a structured and supportive environment to help your child stay on track and motivated.



Stay Connected

We're always here to support and encourage you on your homeschooling journey. Stay connected with us through our website, social media, and email updates.

Warmest wishes for a joyous holiday season,

Homeschool Companion Team

Remember to follow us on social media for the latest updates, tips, and resources for homeschooling families! HomeschoolCompanion.org.

Dates of Note:

November 22-December 1...Thanksgiving Break

December 21.....Winter begins with the Winter Solstice, Saturday, 4:21 a.m.
Winter Arrives, Bringing the Shortest Day of the Year

December 20-January 6... Christmas Break

January 1...New Year's Day, 2025

January 6...Classes begin in 2025 for HomeSchool Companion.



Homer, our mascot, tells us parents are saying,



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Merry Christmas