

S.I.M.P.L.I.F.Y Your Homeschool

Thursday, June 16th



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Seek first the Kingdom of God.

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Invite others on the adventure.

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Mission Statement: Plan with the end in mind.

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Put HOME back into your homeschooling

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Less is more and simple is better.

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Ignite their passions and whet their appetites.

F₄

Flexibility & Fun

Y₄

Yet!

Recommended Books & Resources

1. *The Call of the Wild and Free: Reclaiming Wonder in Your Child's Education* by Ainsley Arment
2. *Mom Heart Moments: Daily Devotions for Lifegiving Motherhood* by Sally Clarkson
3. *Awaking Wonder: Opening Your Child's Heart to the Beauty of Learning* by Sally Clarkson
4. *Homeschool Bravely: How to Squash Doubt, Trust God, and Teach Your Child with Confidence* by Jamie Erickson
5. *10 Ways to Destroy Your Child's Imagination* by Esolen
6. *Last Child in Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder* by Richard Louv
7. *Better Late Than Early* by Raymond Moore and Dorothy Moore
8. *The Successful Homeschool Family Handbook* by Dorothy Moore and Raymond Moore
9. *Teaching from Rest: A Homeschooler's Guide to Unshakable Peace* by Sarah Mackenzie
10. *The Read-Aloud Family* by Sarah Mackenzie
11. *Get off the Bench & on to the Battlefield Podcast* with Heidi St. John
12. *Read Alive Revival Podcast* with Sarah Mackenzie

Coffee With Carrie Resources

1. *Just Breathe (and Take a Sip of Coffee): Homeschool in Step with God* by Carrie De Francisco
2. *Coffee With Carrie Podcast* with Carrie De Francisco
3. Coffee With Carrie Website & Blog (coffeewithcarrie.org)
4. Daily Devotions & Encouragement on Instagram @coffeewithcarrieconsultant





Coffee With Carrie

Three questions to ask yourself before you start homeschooling:



Why do you want to homeschool or why do you think God is calling you to homeschool?



What is your ultimate goal(s) for your family, your children, and for you?



What do you like your homeschooling lifestyle and homeschooling days to look like?

Homeschool Mission Statement





Bible Verse Vision

Day of Dedication

Lord, I dedicate this year to you and rejoice in your faithfulness to us.

We stand on the promises you made to Abraham, Issac and Jacob and on the promises you have given us through Jesus Christ, our savior.

As we begin a new season of educating, training, and preparing our children to serve you, we ask you to crown this year with your goodness. Pslam 65:11 says our path will drip with abundance, Lord. May your peace that surpasses all understanding fill our lives and guard our hearts and minds this year.

Thank you fo calling us to educate our children at home.

We accept this mission humbly and with a sense of eternal purpose.

We know as your children, we have been set apart, declared holy.

We know this is a chosen generation.

I stand on your promises that our children will fulfill what you have planned for them.

Father, use this year to work in their lives for your glory.

We declare this year to be a season of great growth- physically, spiritually, emotionally, academically.

Lord I claim the promises in 1 Corinthians 2:9 for my children _____,

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived – the things God has prepared for those who love him."



Day of Dedication (Continued)

I pray your heavenly plans far exceed my earthly vision for each of my children.

I also stand on the promises made in Daniel 2:22, that this will be a year of revelation, "Lord you give wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. You reveal the deep and hidden things; To You, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, because You have given me wisdom and power." I pray you will continue to make known to me what we have requested and what we need to know to train and teach our children.

I pray, Lord, that we will be strong in you and in your mighty power.

I stand before you and put on the full armor of God, so that we can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore Lord, remind me to put on the full armor of God each and every day, so that when the day of evil comes, we may be able to stand your ground.

I pray Lord that as we delight in your Word each and every day, that we will be like a tree planted by living waters, ready to bring forth its fruit in due season. I pray our leaves shall not wither and all we do this year shall prosper and be successful. I humbly pray we will follow your plans for the year.

Above all, Lord, we want to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. As a deer pants for the water, may our spirits long for you in a new way this year.

In Jesus's mighty name,
Amen.



First Day of School

Lord, we celebrate this special day and we dedicate this school year to you. We know there is a season for everything. The season of "schooling" is upon us again, and we ask you to crown our year with your goodness and to make our path drip with an abundance of joy, learning, relationships, godly character, peace, and truth.

Before battle, Joshua exhorted his people: "Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." Lord, we echo his words; we sanctify ourselves as a chosen people fully expecting you to do wonderful things in our home and in our family this year.

Our children, _____, are young, yet I know you are laying a foundation in their hearts that will bring glory to you later. Remind me Lord, that this season of raising and educating our children at home has eternal purpose. Help me to plant seeds you desire in their hearts this year. Make each day count for your kingdom. Assure my heart that nothing is wasted and that even rain is profitable for growth.

Lord, I give you this day, a tithe of the days to come. Fill each one with joy, peace, and a thirst for learning. Give us many teachable moments. Help me to resist the temptation to measure our progress by any standard other than yours. Thank you for walking beside us and with us on this homeschooling journey. Give us the endurance and patience needed to see this school year through. May everything we do and say be for you honor and glory.

In Jesus' Mighty Name, Amen



Daily Prayer

"My purpose is... they may have the full riches of complete understanding in order that they may now the master of God, namely, Christ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:2-3

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Thank you that your mercies are new every morning! I leave yesterday behind and chose to start this day rejoicing in your love that covers a multitude of sins and your grace that is sufficient for me. Thank you that you have a fresh dose of grace today for me and for my children,

Fill me with your grace; work through me to accomplish what you have called me to do in my home as I train my children, teach my family, and as I seek to do what you have called me to do this day. Lord help me to focus on those things you deem important. I pause right now and seek you first. Calm my anxiety. Search my heart and reveal to me any attitudes that are not pleasing to you. May all I do, say and think bring you glory today.

Lord, I bring my thoughts, worries, and concerns to your throne and leave them there. Your Word says I have the mind of Christ. I lay hold of all that entails- including peace, understanding, insights, and an eternal perspective. May that eternal perspective become my normal way of thinking. Help me to grasp the bigger picture when it comes to teaching and training my children.

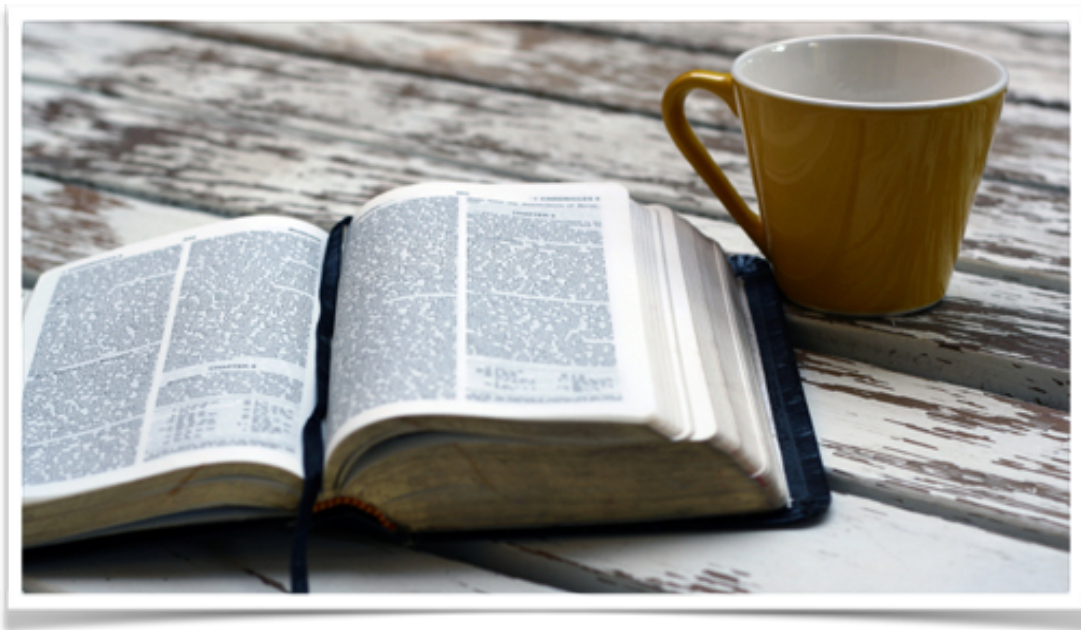
Father, order my day. I lay down my goals and plans and ask you to direct my steps. Let me not get so caught up with plans, agendas, schedules, and "schooling" that I forget to enjoy my children. Remind me that it is fitting for me to enjoy my labor and to rejoice in my work. Remind me that my children are a gift from you- a blessing direct from your hand. I give this day to you and ask your favor, blessing, and above all, peace upon it.

In Jesus' Mighty Name, Amen

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Just Breathe Book



FINAL WORD

In the end, it really is all about Jesus! The most important *subject* to learn about is God's love, the most important *information* to teach is God's Gospel, and the most important *textbook* is God's Word.

Like the author of Hebrews commands and the old hymn encourages, just keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. *"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth"* (Colossians 3:1-2). He has called you to homeschool so He will guide you. On the good days, praise Him for His blessings and provisions. On the bad days, praise Him for His mercies and grace. When you begin to run out of steam, you are feeling like a failure or you are losing hope, remember the author of your faith (and the faith of your children) and the Creator of this universe, is also the ultimate teacher of your children. *"All your children will be taught by the LORD, and great will be their peace"* (Isaiah 54:13). Before you start your homeschooling, during the journey, and each and every morning, give it ALL to the Lord. His Word promises you peace. His plans may not look like your plans. His timing may not be your desired timing. But His plans and thoughts are higher, better and eternal. *"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him"* (1 Corinthians 2:9). Walk in the confidence that God's plan for you and your family is exactly what your family needs in this season and step out in faith that home (with your kids) is exactly where you are supposed to be. WELCOME HOME!