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## Homeschool Planning & Routines!

Tips for Multiple Ages, Dyslexia  
and Neurodivergent Kids!

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# Welcome homeschoolers!

We're delighted to bring you a magazine filled with practical tips for homeschool planning and routines. Discover free and affordable resources to create an engaging and effective learning experience for your family.

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& the Homeschool Quest team*

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PLAN YOUR  
*Homeschool Year*  
WITH THE HOMESCHOOL  
QUEST METHOD



BY JANET DEFIELD OF  
THE HOMESCHOOL QUEST

# GET READY FOR AN EPIC HOMESCHOOL ADVENTURE!

The Homeschool Quest Method is a flexible approach that sparks your kids' curiosity by blending academics, practical skills, and their passions. It transforms homework battles into exciting learning quests, helping kids grow into confident, capable adults.

## WHAT IS THE HOMESCHOOL QUEST METHOD?

The Homeschool Quest Method combines three types of learning—Knowledge Quests, Skill Quests, and Curiosity Quests—to create a personalized, balanced education that sparks your kids' love for learning.

**Knowledge Quests:** These dive into core subjects like math, science, history, and language arts, tailored to your child's needs and interests.

**Skill Quests:** These equip kids with practical life skills, like cooking and budgeting, and work skills, like writing emails or coding. Kids also learn how to learn through skills like research and using technology.



**Curiosity Quests:** These passion-driven projects are built around what your child loves, like unit studies, creative activities such as drawing, or nature-based tasks like hiking. These quests turn interests into adventures, connecting subjects in fun, meaningful ways.

**This method has helped me to raise well-rounded kids by weaving together school subjects, life skills, and their favorite things.**



# PLANNING YOUR HOMESCHOOL YEAR

Here are simple tips to make your school year unforgettable for your family.

## 1. START WITH YOUR KID'S PASSIONS

Discover what sets your kids' hearts on fire—dinosaurs, art, or video games? Use these passions to shape Curiosity Quests.

## 2. BALANCE THE THREE QUESTS

Aim to divide your child's learning time evenly among Knowledge Quests, Skill Quests, and Curiosity Quests.

## 3. USE SHORT PLANNING PERIODS

Begin with one- or two-week plans, especially if you're new to homeschooling. Short periods let you test ideas without stress.

## 4. INVOLVE THE WHOLE FAMILY

This method shines when your family teams up. Plan group projects, like a family garden or blog, to build teamwork and create lasting memories. Discussions about history or values help kids think critically and feel connected.



# USING THE HOMESCHOOL QUEST METHOD PLANNER

The Homeschool Quest Method Planner is your trusty map for organizing your homeschool year. It's simple and flexible, so you can focus on guiding your kids' journey.

## PLAN EACH QUEST:

- **Knowledge Quests:** Set goals for math, science, history, and language arts, like “Learn fractions by baking” or “Read about Ancient Egypt.”
- **Skill Quests:** Plan life skills like budgeting, work skills like communication, and projects like fixing a bike.
- **Curiosity Quests:** Note interests, creative projects, deep-dive topics, and real-world connections, like a museum trip.

The Homeschool Quest Method is a game-changer because it's centered on your child. It customizes lessons to their interests, keeping them thrilled to learn. It teaches practical skills, like cooking or teamwork, to prepare them for life's challenges.

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# How To Build Relaxed Homeschool Routines For Multiple Ages

BY AMY MILCIC  
ROCK YOUR HOMESCHOOL

If you're feeling overwhelmed or unsure of how to make your homeschool days flow with multiple ages, I've got some tips and encouragement to help you create a routine that fits your family.




## **Why Relaxed Routines Work Even with Multiple Ages**

Instead of trying to stick to a strict schedule where every subject has a set time, a relaxed routine gives your day a gentle rhythm. It provides a framework that helps your kids (and you) know what to expect without stressing everyone out when things don't go perfectly.

### **Relaxed routines also allow you to:**

- **Adapt (or pivot)** as needed for each of your child's ages, energy levels, and interests.
- **Create moments for connection**, like shared read-alouds or snack breaks.
- **Encourage independence** in your older kids while giving younger ones space to play and explore.



## Ideas for Building a Relaxed Homeschool Routine

- **Start the day together:**

One of the best things for our routine has been our homeschool morning gathering (a.k.a. homeschool morning time). Although we don't have a specific start time, we all know that our day starts together.

- **Use familiarity:**

Instead of planning out every minute, try building your routine around natural moments that provide structure and consistency. These familiar points give your day some shape without feeling rigid.

- **Let go of misconceptions:**

Math doesn't have to last 40 minutes. And your hardest subject does not have to come first (or last). Homeschool works a lot differently than public school (or other educational experiences).



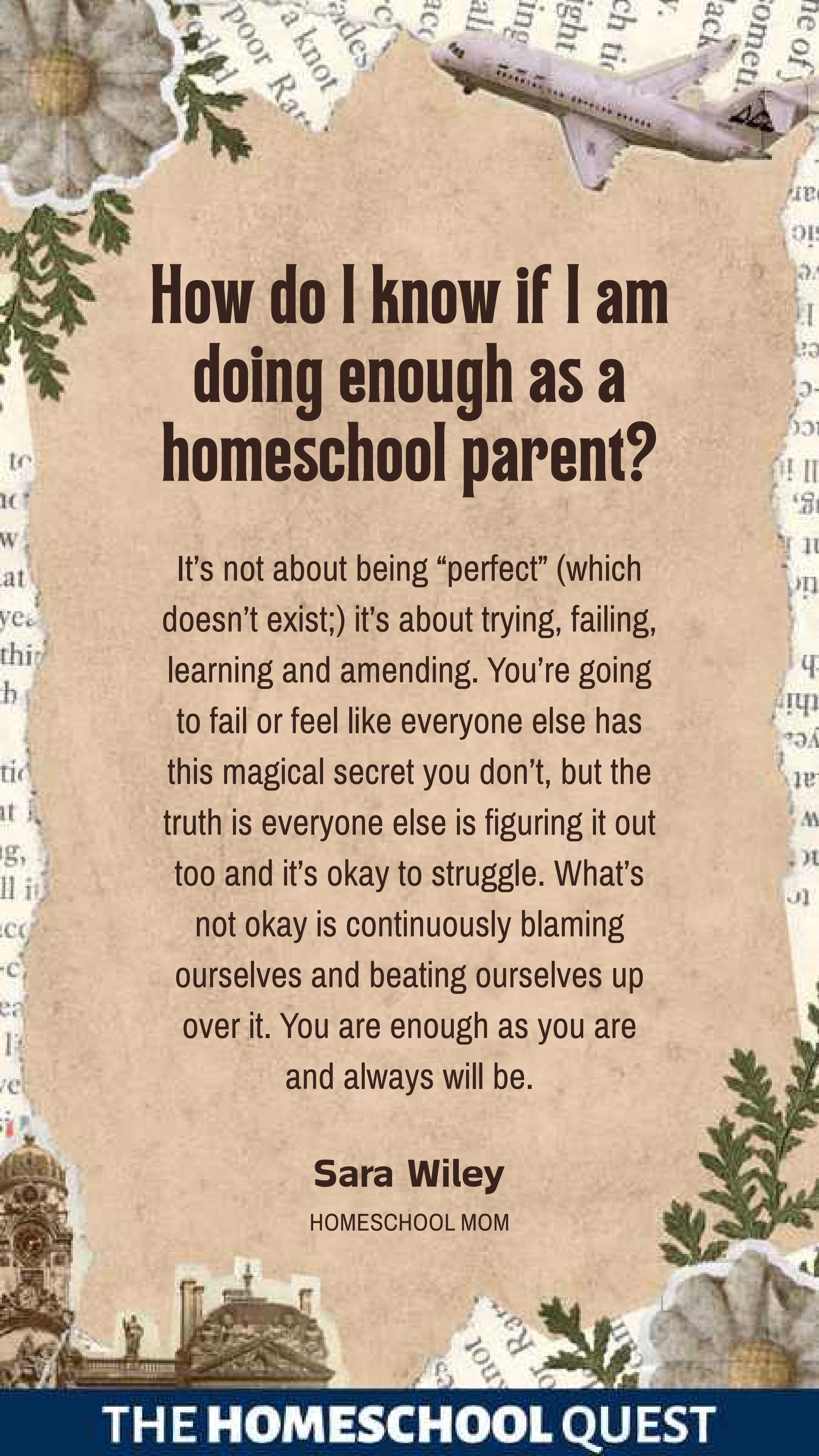
# Make Your Homeschool Routine Work for You

Creating a relaxed homeschool routine for multiple ages doesn't mean chaos or nothing gets done. It means you're building something that works for your family. It might take some trial and error and that's okay. You're allowed to adjust, pivot, and grow as you go.

Routines provide you with structure without the pressure of perfection. Believe in your homeschool and yourself- you've got this!

**[Click here to read more!](#)**





# How do I know if I am doing enough as a homeschool parent?

It's not about being "perfect" (which doesn't exist;) it's about trying, failing, learning and amending. You're going to fail or feel like everyone else has this magical secret you don't, but the truth is everyone else is figuring it out too and it's okay to struggle. What's not okay is continuously blaming ourselves and beating ourselves up over it. You are enough as you are and always will be.

**Sara Wiley**

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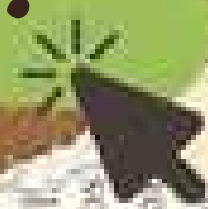


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# The Empowered Homeschool Parent: Mastering The Clock

BY TINA AROZENA OF  
BIG EASY HOMESCHOOLING MOM

Let me tell you something I have learned in  
my four years of homeschooling my daughter:  
this journey is both the hardest and most  
rewarding thing I have ever done.





**Let's start with planning – but not the Pinterest-perfect kind.**

I am talking about a real-life framework that actually works for real families.

Before each week begins, I grab my coffee on Sunday evening and map out our must-dos: those core learning blocks, doctor appointments, and the absolute household basics.

These become the anchors in our week. My daughter once called this our "skeleton schedule" – just enough structure to stand, but plenty of room to move.

## **One sanity-saving trick is batching similar tasks.**

Instead of planning each subject every night, I now dedicate Thursday evenings to mapping out the next week's lessons.

Mondays are my meal prep days – chopping veggies while listening to music makes it almost enjoyable!

And all those emails that need to be read? They get answered during my "admin half-hour" on Tuesday mornings. This approach has saved my scattered mom-brain countless times.

Prioritization became my best friend when I realized I was trying to do everything and pleasing no one – especially myself.

I now keep a simple notebook where I write down what **MUST** happen each day (usually just 3-5 items).

## **Everything else is a bonus.**

This mental shift from "I did not finish my to-do list" to "I completed my priorities **AND** did two bonus things!" has transformed my sense of accomplishment.

**Your self-care is not selfish – it is necessary fuel for this journey.**

My morning coffee, journal and prayer time before my daughter and I hit the floor running, a quick walk around the block between subjects, and my Tuesday night bath time is mandatory!

These are not luxuries – they are what keep me from becoming a frazzled, resentful mom who is no good to anyone.

Time management as a homeschool parent is not about squeezing more into your days – it is about intentionally choosing what deserves your precious time and letting go of the rest.

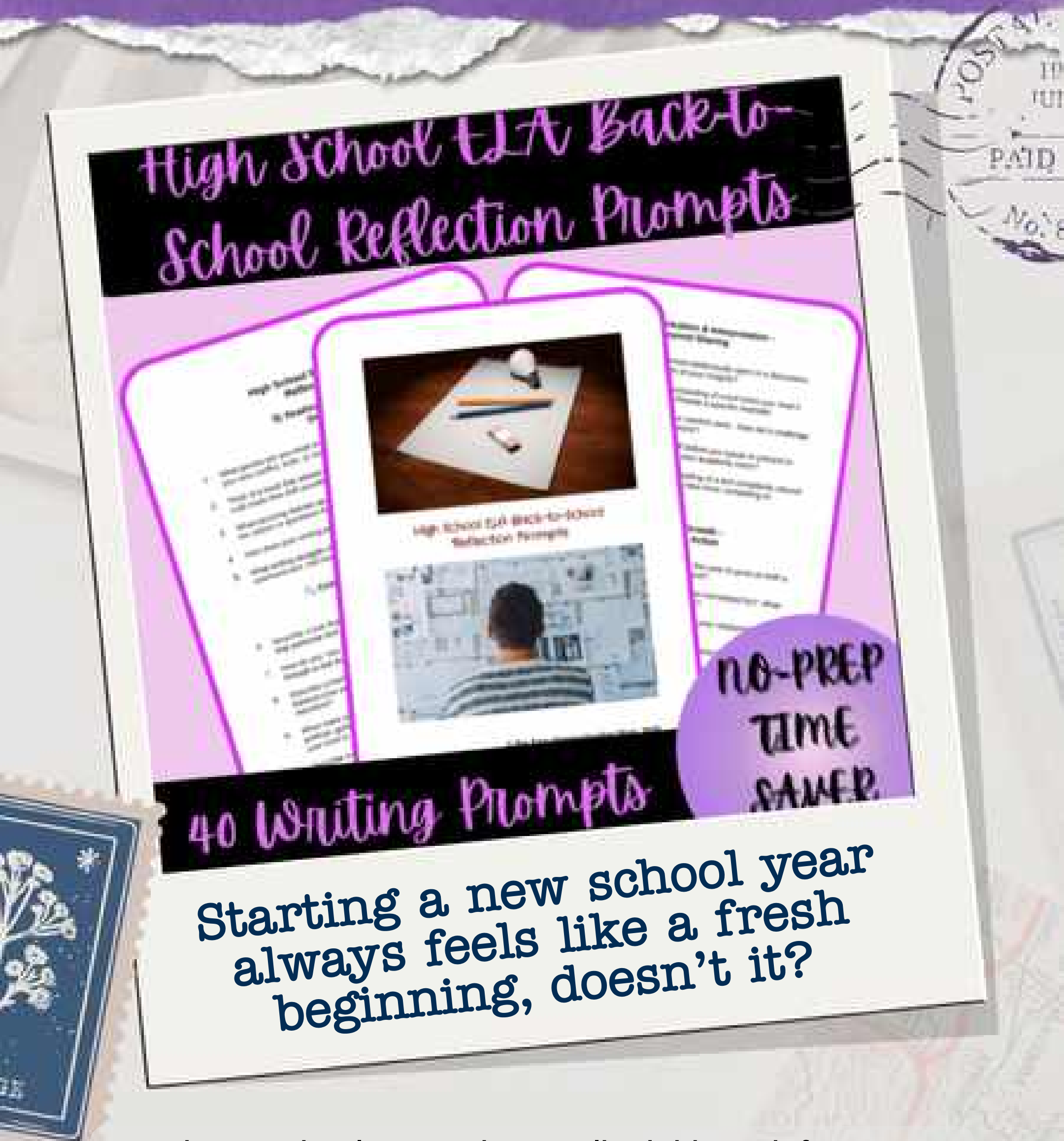
Trust me, you are doing better than you think. One imperfect, love-filled day at a time.

**[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)**





# FREE HIGH SCHOOL REFLECTION PROMPTS!



Starting a new school year  
always feels like a fresh  
beginning, doesn't it?

As a homeschool mom who's walked this path for years, I know how important it is to really understand where our students/homeschoolers are at the start of each year—not just academically, but as thinkers and learners. That is exactly why I put together these FREE 40 ELA Back-to-School Reflection Prompts for high schoolers.

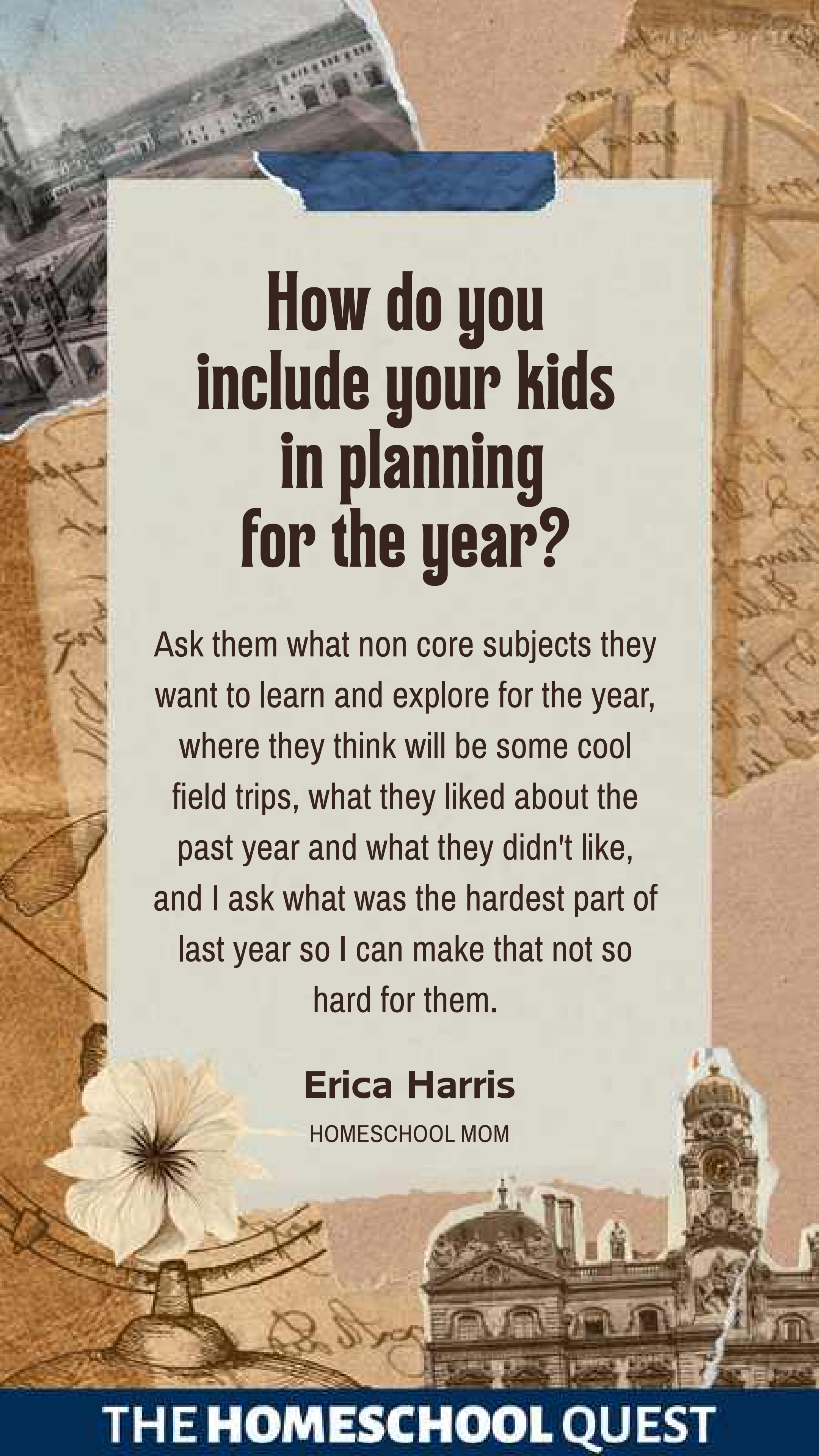
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# HIGH SCHOOL REFLECTION PROMPTS DOODLE NOTES



As a homeschool mom navigating the exciting journey of high school education with my 9th-grade daughter, I understand the importance of meaningful reflection activities that help students transition smoothly into each new academic year. These High School Back-to-School Reflection Prompts Doodle Notes combine the power of introspective writing with engaging visual elements, creating a perfect resource for teenage learners who thrive on creative expression.

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# How do you include your kids in planning for the year?

Ask them what non core subjects they want to learn and explore for the year, where they think will be some cool field trips, what they liked about the past year and what they didn't like, and I ask what was the hardest part of last year so I can make that not so hard for them.

**Erica Harris**

HOMESCHOOL MOM

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# Organizing Your Homeschool Space

BY JODIE PERRY OF LIFE UNBOXED

When your home is both a living space and a learning space, the line between chaos and calm can get blurry very quickly. Whether you have a dedicated homeschool room or a corner of your kitchen, you can create a homeschool space that works for your family.



# Bookshelves & Storage

Your homeschool space doesn't need to be Pinterest worthy. I know, some of those homeschool rooms even make me jealous. But instead of pining for the cute matching furniture, take a step back, evaluate your space, and just get a bookshelf and storage bins.

One of my favorite organizational tools that I use with my bookshelf are magazine holders. You can organize the curriculum in them, label the front, and they keep your shelf looking neat.

Storage bins are another must have for homeschool organization because you need a place to put everything when you are done.



# A Place for Everything

Whether you homeschool at your kitchen table or everyone has their own desk, creating a designated storage space is going to save you a ton of frustration throughout the year.

The key to organizing your homeschool space is to give everything a place to live. If everything has a designated space, then everyone gets in the habit of putting it back in that space. This saves a lot of time, but most importantly, it frees up your brain space.





# Out With The Old; In With The New

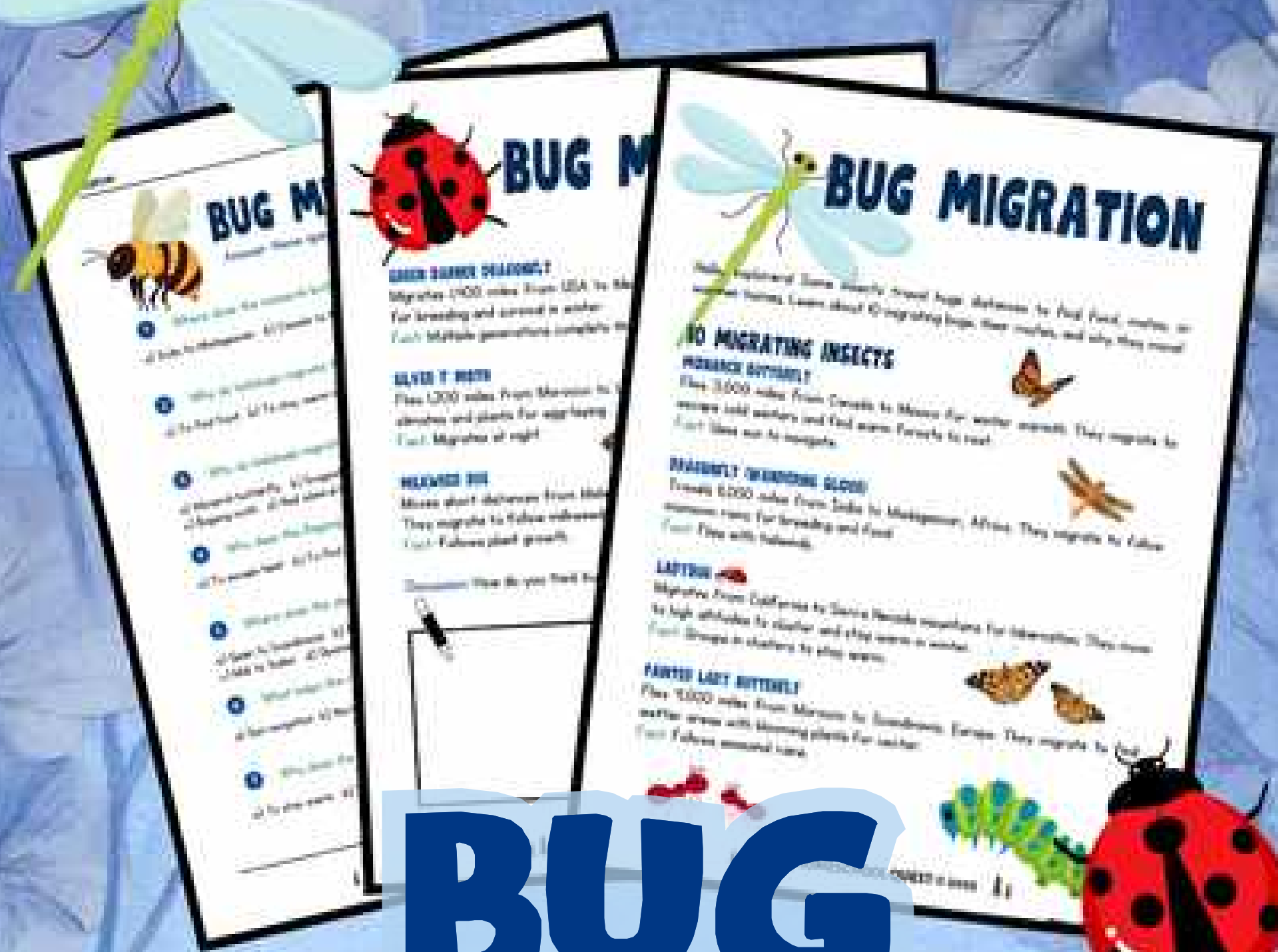
Whether you keep your old curriculum, sell it, or pass it to a friend; any curriculum that you aren't using needs a different place to live—out with the old and in with the new.

Simplicity helps a lot with organization. If there are fewer things to organize in your homeschool space, the easier it will be to keep it organized and to find those pesky quiz books that seem to grow legs of their own.

## Remember:

You don't need to create a space that will impress anyone else, but a space that supports your family's learning and keeps you sane. You don't need perfection—you just need what works for you.

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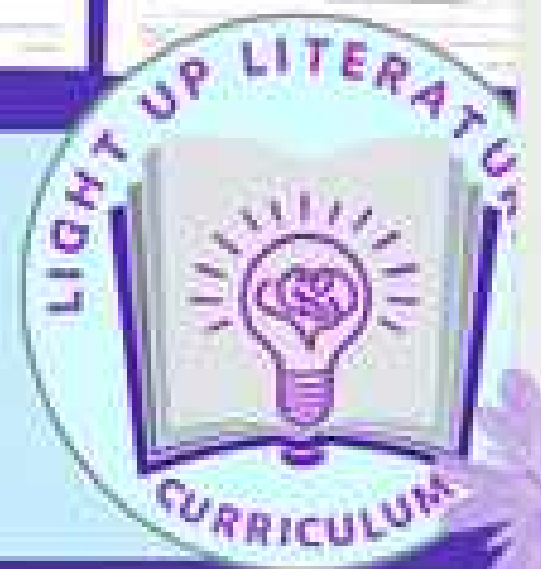
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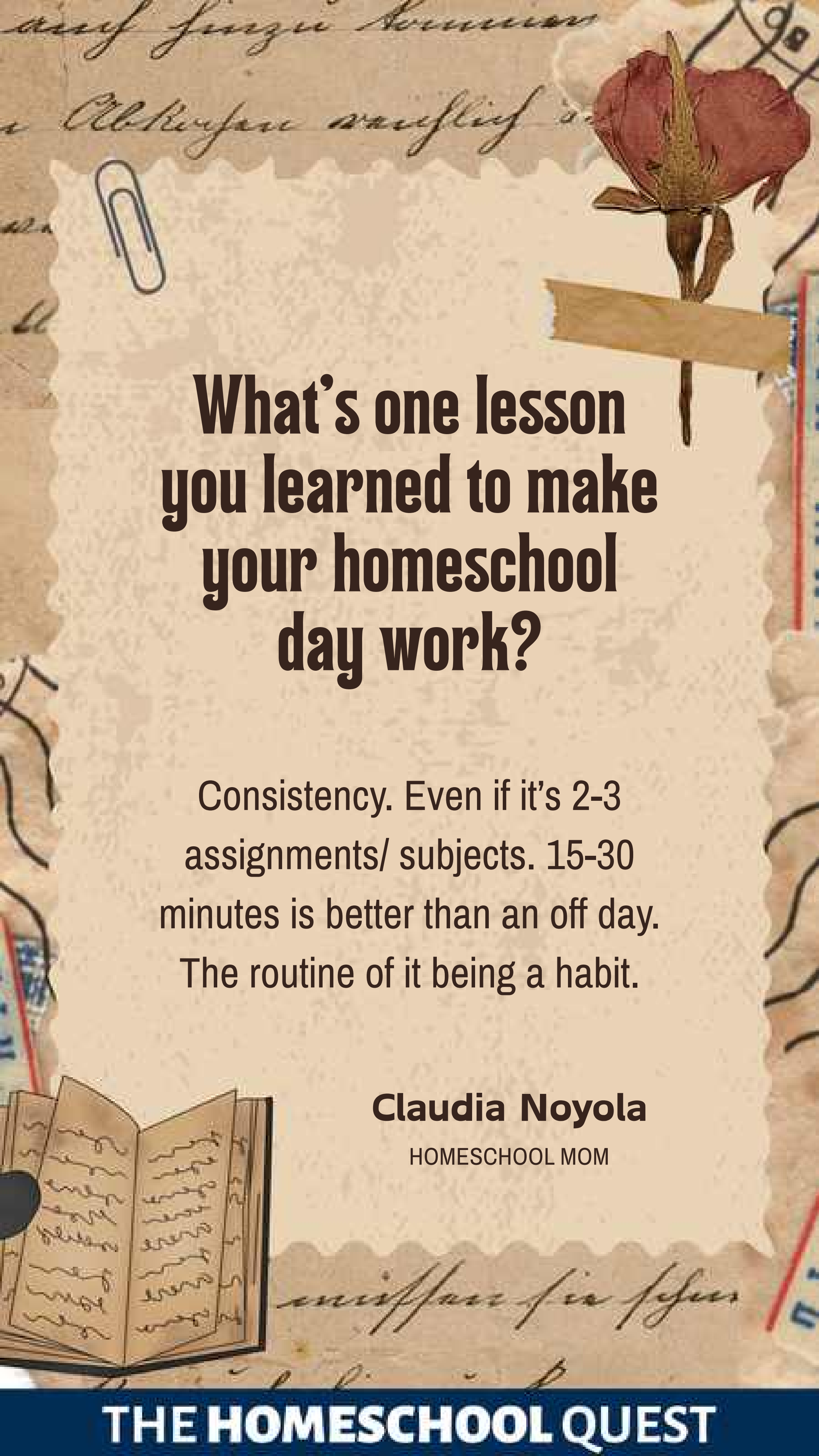


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# What's one lesson you learned to make your homeschool day work?

Consistency. Even if it's 2-3  
assignments/ subjects. 15-30  
minutes is better than an off day.  
The routine of it being a habit.

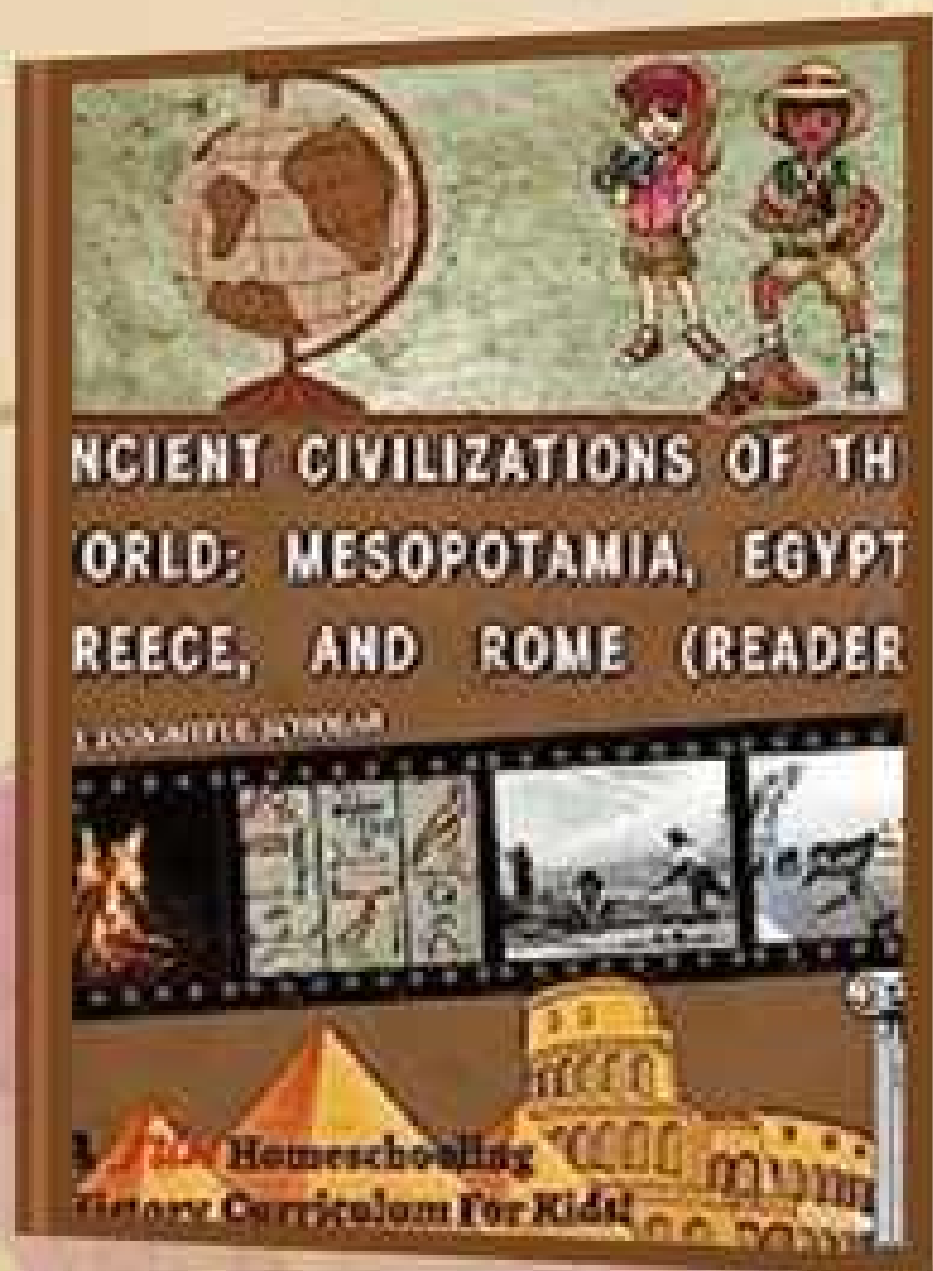


**Claudia Noyola**

HOMESCHOOL MOM

**THE HOMESCHOOL QUEST**

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# Cute Circus

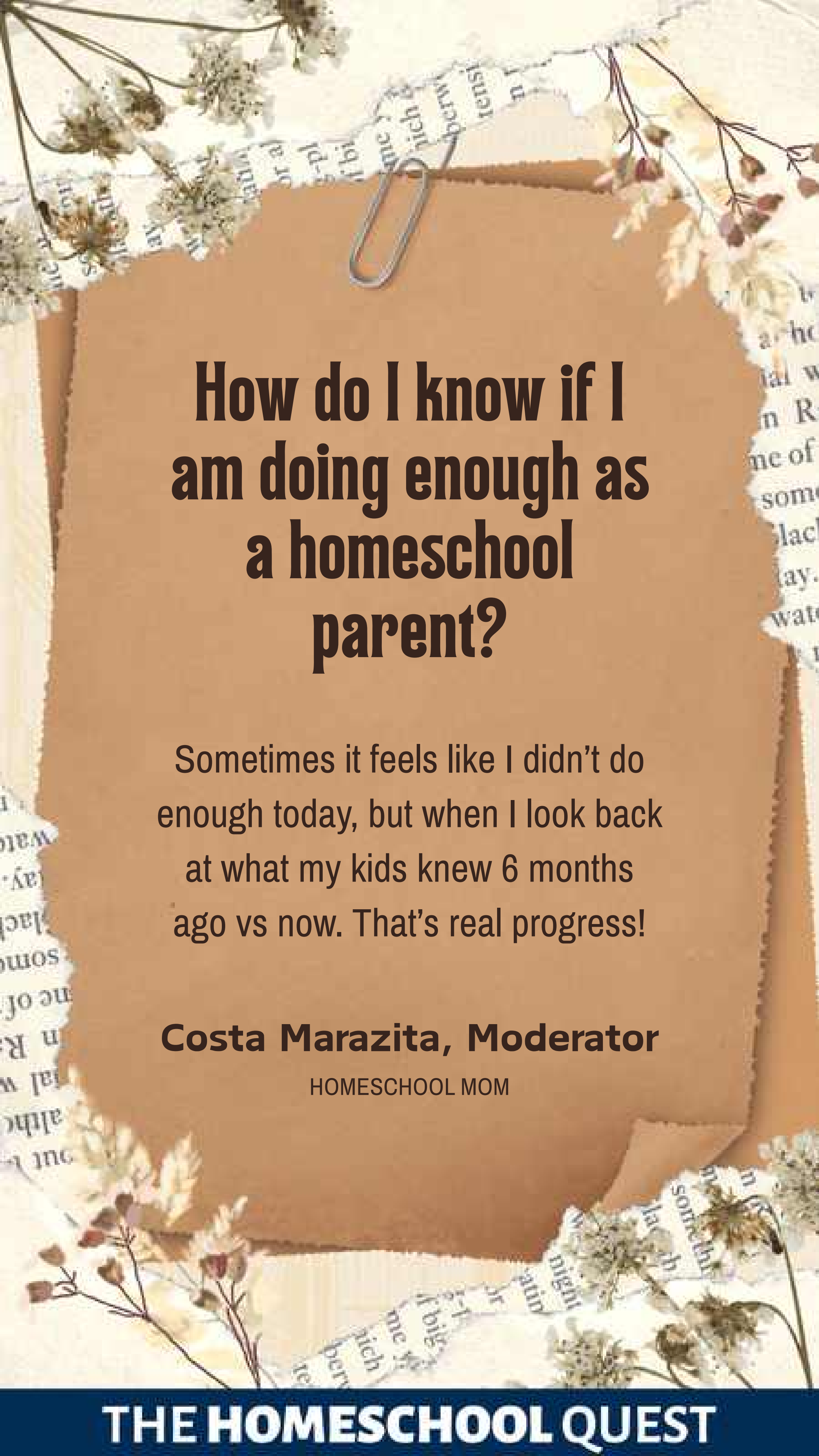
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# How do I know if I am doing enough as a homeschool parent?

Sometimes it feels like I didn't do  
enough today, but when I look back  
at what my kids knew 6 months  
ago vs now. That's real progress!

**Costa Marazita, Moderator**

HOMESCHOOL MOM

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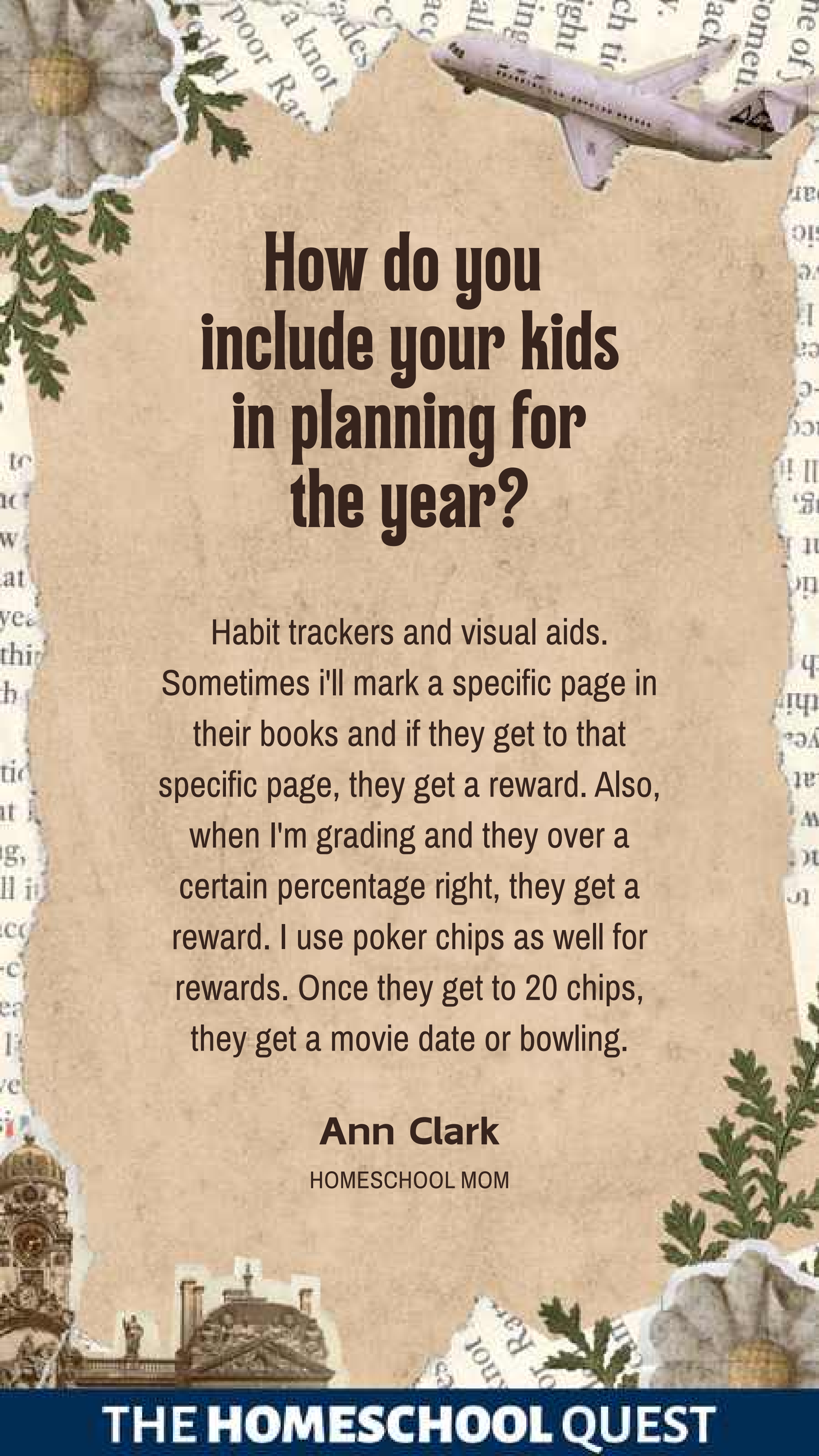
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# How do you include your kids in planning for the year?

Habit trackers and visual aids. Sometimes i'll mark a specific page in their books and if they get to that specific page, they get a reward. Also, when I'm grading and they over a certain percentage right, they get a reward. I use poker chips as well for rewards. Once they get to 20 chips, they get a movie date or bowling.

**Ann Clark**

HOMESCHOOL MOM





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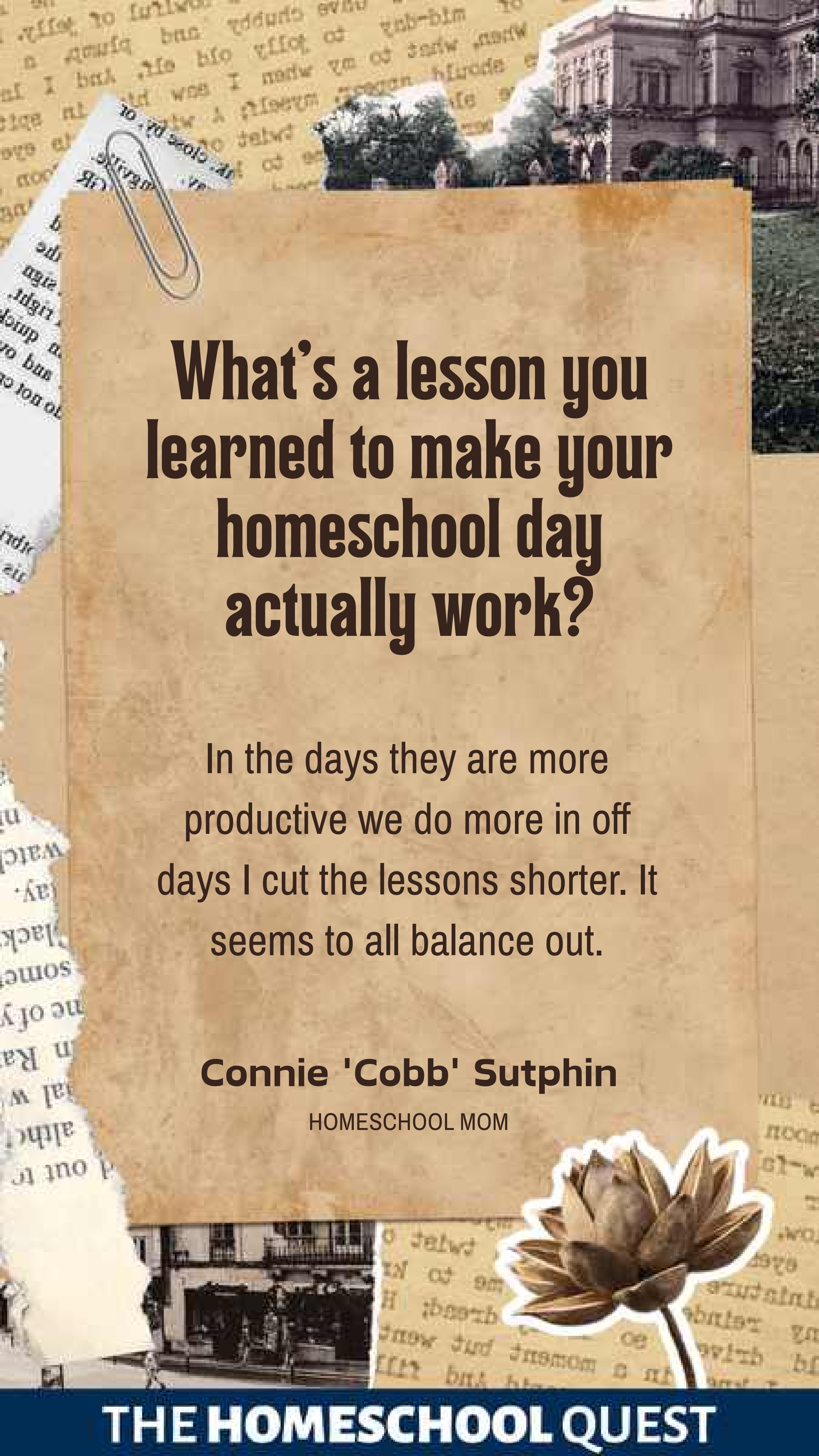
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# What's a lesson you learned to make your homeschool day actually work?

In the days they are more productive we do more in off days I cut the lessons shorter. It seems to all balance out.

**Connie 'Cobb' Sutphin**

HOMESCHOOL MOM

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A collage of vintage items including a pocket watch, a postcard with a mountain and the word 'Greetings!', and a floral postcard at the bottom left.

# How do I know if I am doing enough as a homeschool parent?

I have forced myself to give up the concept of “enough”. My goals are:

- Teach them to read.
- Teach them to write.
- Teach them how to do math.
- Read to them often.
- Provide the means to learn every day.
- Have good discussions, follow rabbit trails, take it one day/week at a time.

**Marissa Casas**

HOMESCHOOLMOM

A floral postcard and a book spine with the words 'read know grow' are visible at the bottom right.

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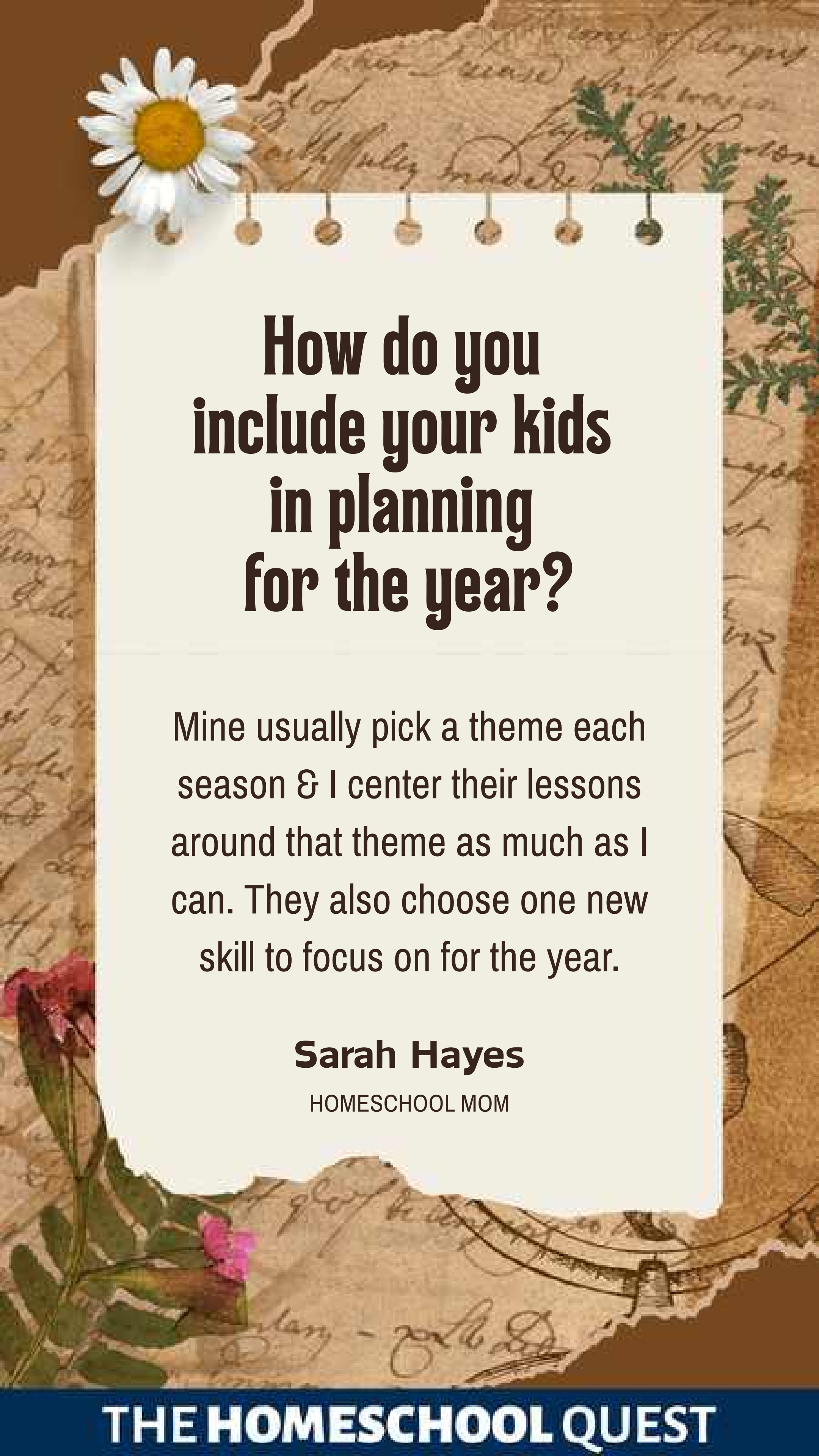
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# How do you include your kids in planning for the year?

Mine usually pick a theme each season & I center their lessons around that theme as much as I can. They also choose one new skill to focus on for the year.

**Sarah Hayes**

HOMESCHOOL MOM



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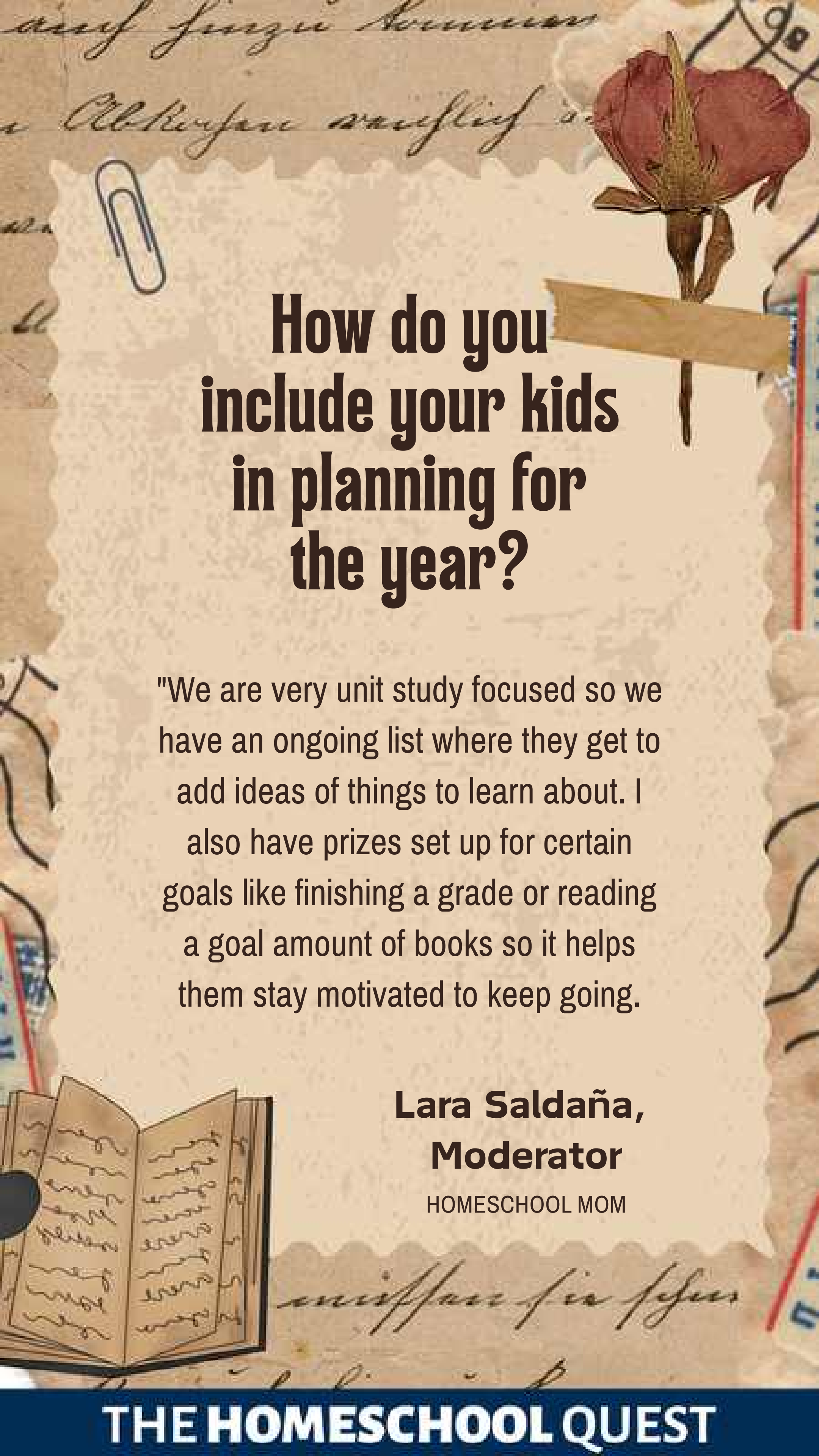
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# How do you include your kids in planning for the year?

"We are very unit study focused so we have an ongoing list where they get to add ideas of things to learn about. I also have prizes set up for certain goals like finishing a grade or reading a goal amount of books so it helps them stay motivated to keep going."



**Lara Saldaña,  
Moderator**

HOMESCHOOL MOM

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# **Fitting Self-Care & Healthy Options INTO YOUR HOMESCHOOL DAY**

**BY JULIE BROW-POLANCO  
OF JULIE NATURALLY**

**It took me a while to find ways to satisfy my own needs for solitude, movement, healthy food, and balance while still meeting my children's needs. But, I did figure it out and now I am sharing some of my best tips with you!**

# Rethink Self-Care as “Built-In” Moments

If we limit our thinking to indulgent moments, we end up resentful and burned out. We have to be more creative than that!

**Try these built-in ideas:**

**Morning pause:** Before breakfast, take five quiet minutes for prayer, breathwork, or journaling.

**Read aloud + recharge:** While the kids listen to a book or audiobook, do a quick stretch, sip tea, or lie on the floor with your eyes closed.

**Quiet time for all:** When my kids were small, I had a mandatory quiet time. You can start with 20–30 minutes after lunch and gradually increase it.

**Outside time:** Sit in the sunshine while your kids play or explore nature. Even 10 minutes in the fresh air can lift your spirits.

**Remember:** self-care isn't selfish. It's stewardship of the body and mind God gave you.

## **Start the Day with Movement**

Begin with a 5-minute stretch or dance break before starting school.

## **Movement Breaks = Focus Boosts**

Build short bursts of activity between subjects or integrated into them:

- Jumping jacks after math
- Animal walks before reading
- A “recess” walk around the block
- Hopping or jumping games to teach spelling, math facts, vocabulary, and more

## **Turn Chores into Workouts**

Crank up the music and clean together, racing the timer. Squats while folding laundry? Lunges to put away toys? This was an easy way to both teach life skills and make the most of something I was already doing.

## **Keep Healthy Options Simple**

Healthy eating doesn't have to mean prepping elaborate meals or battling picky eaters. The first thing I did was keep junk food out of the house.



# **Building Healthy Choices into Your Routine**

Fitting in self-care, movement, and healthy options doesn't mean overhauling your life. It means weaving wellness into your homeschool lifestyle in ways that are sustainable, joyful, and rooted in God's grace.

Small choices—stretching before school, prepping simple snacks, walking after lunch—add up to a healthier, more balanced homeschool for both you and your children.

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# How do I know if I am doing enough?

I know I am doing enough if:

- My daughter is growing academically and personally
- She has good mental health
- She is socially active
- She is learning life skills
- We have meaningful conversations on what she is learning
- She is becoming independent and is a self-starter

**Tina Arozena, Moderator**

HOMESCHOOL MOM

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YOUR KID SHINE!**





# Neurodivergent-Friendly HOMESCHOOL ROUTINES

**BY VENESSA DUARTE HOMESCHOOLING MOM**

My name is Venessa and I am an autistic adult who homeschools an amazing autistic child.

Homeschooling is more than doing assignments, it is a lifestyle that allows your child to be themselves, have personalized experiences, have a customized space, and establish a love for learning.

# An Organized Routine vs. a Strict Routine



An organized routine and homeschool system that is flexible and growing WITH THE CHILD is the sweet recipe for creating an effective routine.

Does your child love a particular time in the day? Do they get frustrated during a specific subject? Do they focus more with an empty table or do they like special objects around them while they learn?

Many homeschool parents think they need one long routine for the entire day, but the beauty of homeschooling is that you can put mini routines and systems in place during the day to establish a fun learning experience!



# Appreciating Special Interests

**DOES YOUR CHILD ENJOY...**



**Cooking / Baking:** Having them go to the store and pick out their own cute measuring cups to use for baking is a fun way to personalize the experience.

**Collecting Pokemon Cards:** This is a wonderful way to teach taking care of something. Adding the cards to special clear sleeves and putting them into a binder teaches organizational skills which feels great.



**Rocks and Gems:** With rocks, fossils, gems, and other pieces of nature the creativity never stops! Incorporating nature into lesson plans allows the child to learn real life skills and useful knowledge.



# Personalizing The Environment

Home feels more cozy when you can customize it so when it comes to the child's learning space, do they have a favorite plant, trinket, or pencil case that can be near their table?

Taking them to pick out their own wall calendar to have it displayed where they can easily access it establishes a functional piece to your homeschool.

Gathering information on what their special interests are as well as what makes them feel joyful and at peace sensory wise is the recipe for an amazing homeschool routine!

Enjoy your homeschooling journey!

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# 5 TIPS

## FOR HOMESCHOOLING A CHILD WITH DYSLEXIA

**By Michelle Horn, Homeschooling Mom**

**Here are five tips for homeschooling a child with dyslexia that I discovered when we were homeschooling our youngest.**





## USE MULTIPLE SENSES

It is easy to incorporate multiple senses for any instruction. Examples could be a song with clapping to remember the days of the week, hopping from number to number on a giant number line as you shout the number, tracing letters in sand, or setting skip counting to a song that's paired with a video.

## A FOCUSED PLACED TO WORK

One of the great things about homeschooling is how flexible it is. There were times when we homeschooled in the library or outside in the back yard.

A child with dyslexia often seems a little scattered, forgetting and losing things they should remember or seeming not to focus. Having a consistent place to work can help them stay organized and minimize distraction.

For example, the desk could be where you have headphones so there is a quiet place to work. You could hang a bulletin board with an alphabet strip on it above the desk to remind them how to form a letter.





## CLEAR REWARD FOR EFFORTS

The praise sandwich—honest praise first, constructive criticism second, honest praise last—empowers them to see what they do well and how they can build on it beyond a simple grade.



## USE READING TECHNOLOGY

There are many reading tools today, such as text-to-speech readers that are embedded in Word processing programs (like Microsoft Speak) or in apps (like Speechify).

If a child with dyslexia has an official diagnosis, they may qualify for free audiobooks (including textbooks) from [Bookshare.org](https://bookshare.org/). You can also get free audiobooks from your library, and Amazon offers them with print books and through Audible.





## HAVE A CONSISTENT SCHEDULE

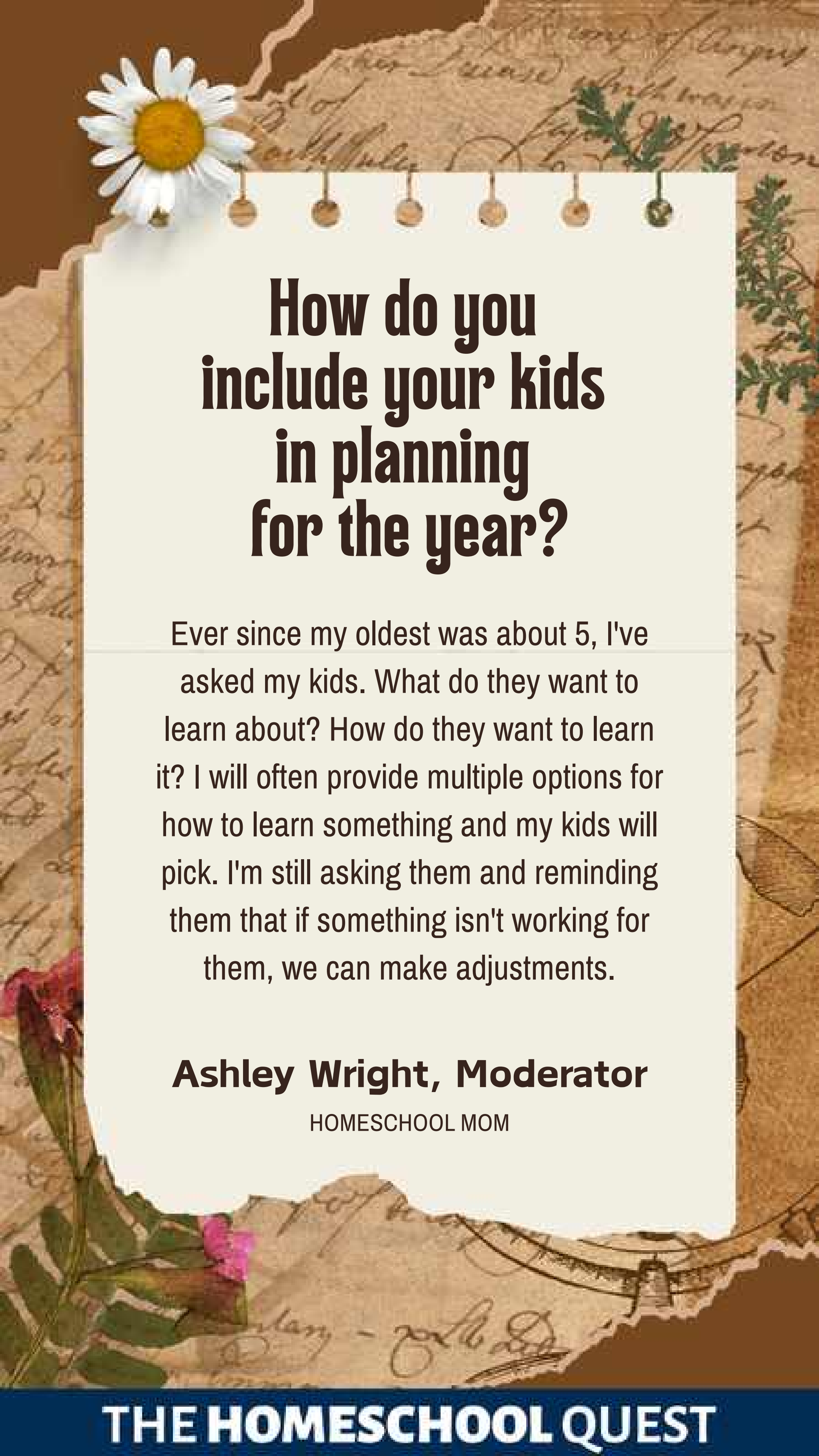
While flexibility has to be part of your day when you're homeschooling a child with dyslexia, it is important for them to have a simple, consistent schedule they can count on.

Using a visual schedule with pictures or colors that correspond to an event above their workplace can reinforce what's supposed to happen when, giving time structure.

Homeschooling offers a lot of flexibility in how we interact with a child and teach them. We have many choices and can soften some of the things they struggle with in a school setting.

Dyslexia can be challenging if you don't know what to expect or how to help, but it is incredibly rewarding to make this journey with your child.

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# How do you include your kids in planning for the year?

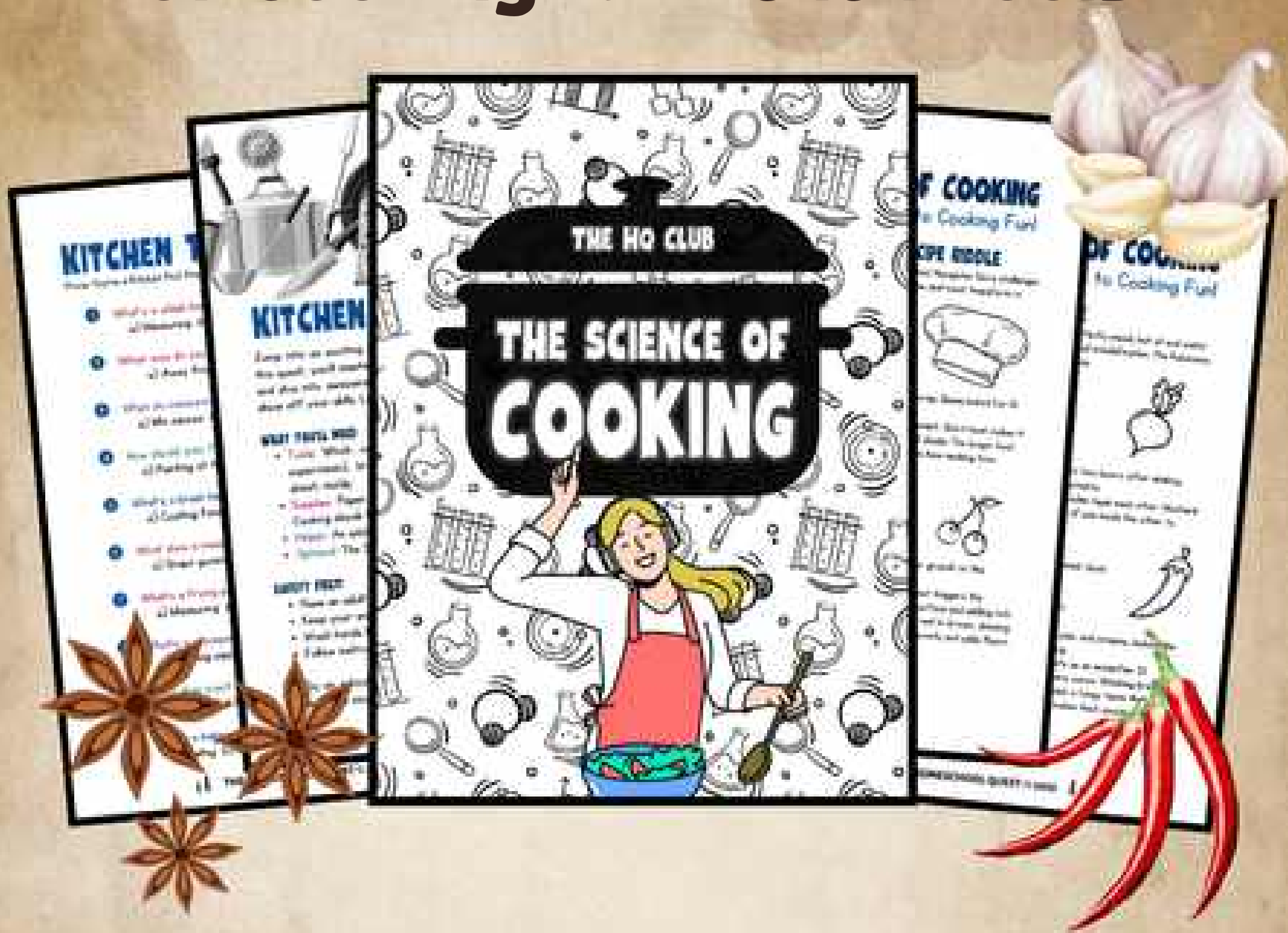
Ever since my oldest was about 5, I've asked my kids. What do they want to learn about? How do they want to learn it? I will often provide multiple options for how to learn something and my kids will pick. I'm still asking them and reminding them that if something isn't working for them, we can make adjustments.

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# Utilizing Notebooks

## AS A LEARNING TOOL



**BY JEANETTE WHITTAKER  
OF PILGRIM INSTITUTE**

Notebooks offer flexibility, are effective for any learning style, accommodate multi-level learning, encourage enjoyment in learning, and involve your student in taking ownership of their education.



# Utilizing Notebooks

## How Does Writing Help Learning?

Studies show that writing by hand helps us remember and improves our thinking skills.



## How Should I Begin?

Ask your kids to write about their experiences: what they see and hear in the backyard, favorite parts from books they are reading, what they learned by visiting a park or museum, interesting animals they saw at the zoo, or special take-aways from a place they visited.



# Utilizing Notebooks

## Use Notebooks To Remember

Does it seem helpful to refer back to your notes in order to complete assignments, review, and reinforce learning? Definitely!

Are you teaching multiple ages? Adjust the notebook to the age and capacity of your students.

## What about young learners?

Early learners can be encouraged to make drawings about what they are learning. This is a great way to involve them alongside your older students, so that you are teaching multiple levels at the same time.

## Advance With Practice

As your students grow, their skills will develop further. In time they will write two or more sentences. Then they will write paragraphs, summaries, sketches, and more.

By middle elementary, your kids should be ready to copy the sample notes suggested above in the course of one lesson.



# Utilizing Notebooks

## What Subjects Should We Choose?

Perhaps you are reading aloud or studying a literary work together. Use the notebook to write about individual characters, along with descriptions about them, obstacles they face and overcome, how they grow and develop through the challenges, and the valuable lessons to be gleaned from their story.

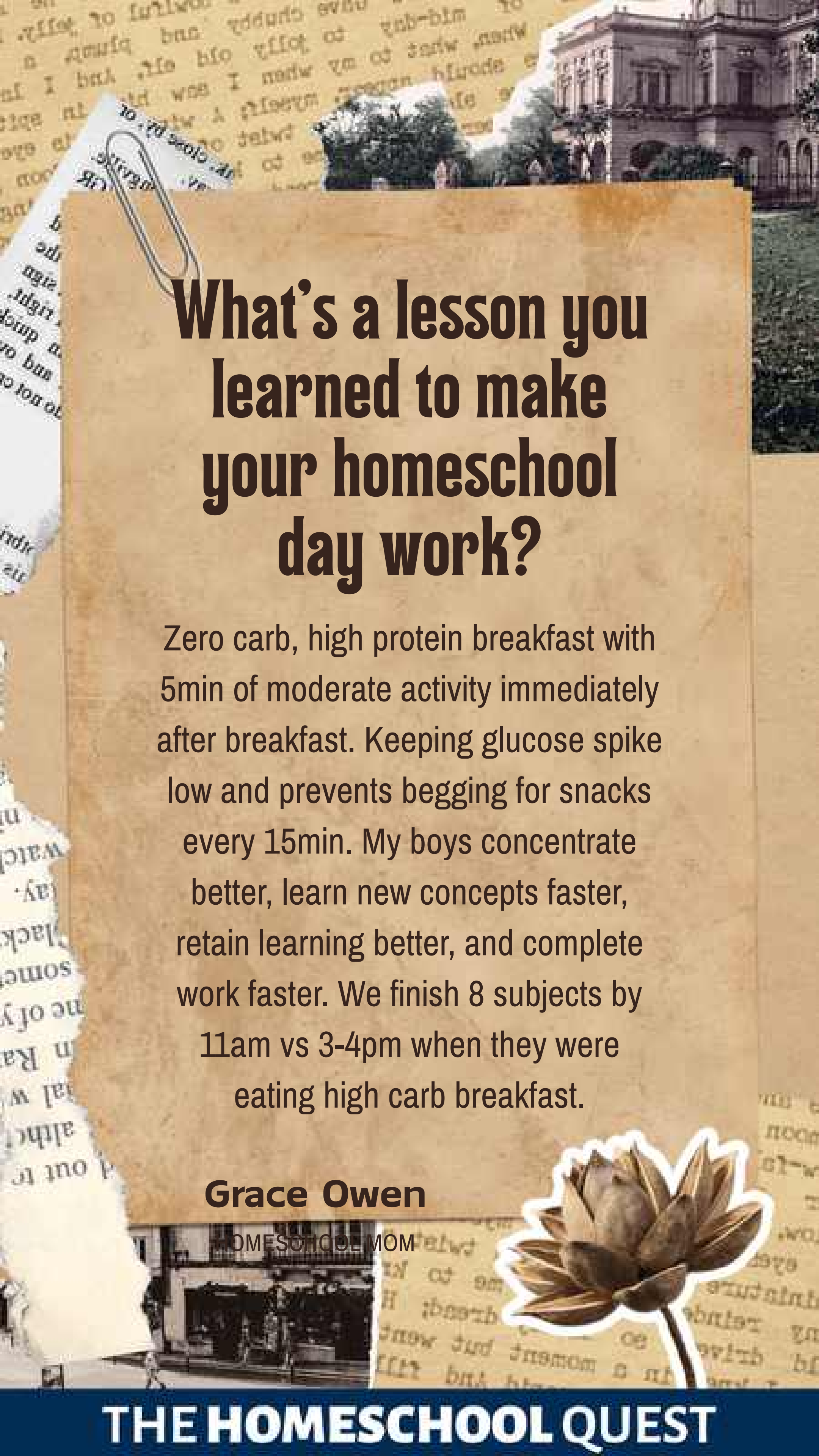
As you learn history, use the notebook for timelines, maps, documents, and notes about important individuals and events. Find speeches, newspaper articles, or letters for first-hand accounts from the time period.

## A Versatile, Learning Tool

However you choose to incorporate notebooks in your home, be assured that your students will benefit. Watch for their writing skills to develop, their enthusiasm for learning to grow, and their individual gifts to blossom!

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# What's a lesson you learned to make your homeschool day work?

Zero carb, high protein breakfast with 5min of moderate activity immediately after breakfast. Keeping glucose spike low and prevents begging for snacks every 15min. My boys concentrate better, learn new concepts faster, retain learning better, and complete work faster. We finish 8 subjects by 11am vs 3-4pm when they were eating high carb breakfast.

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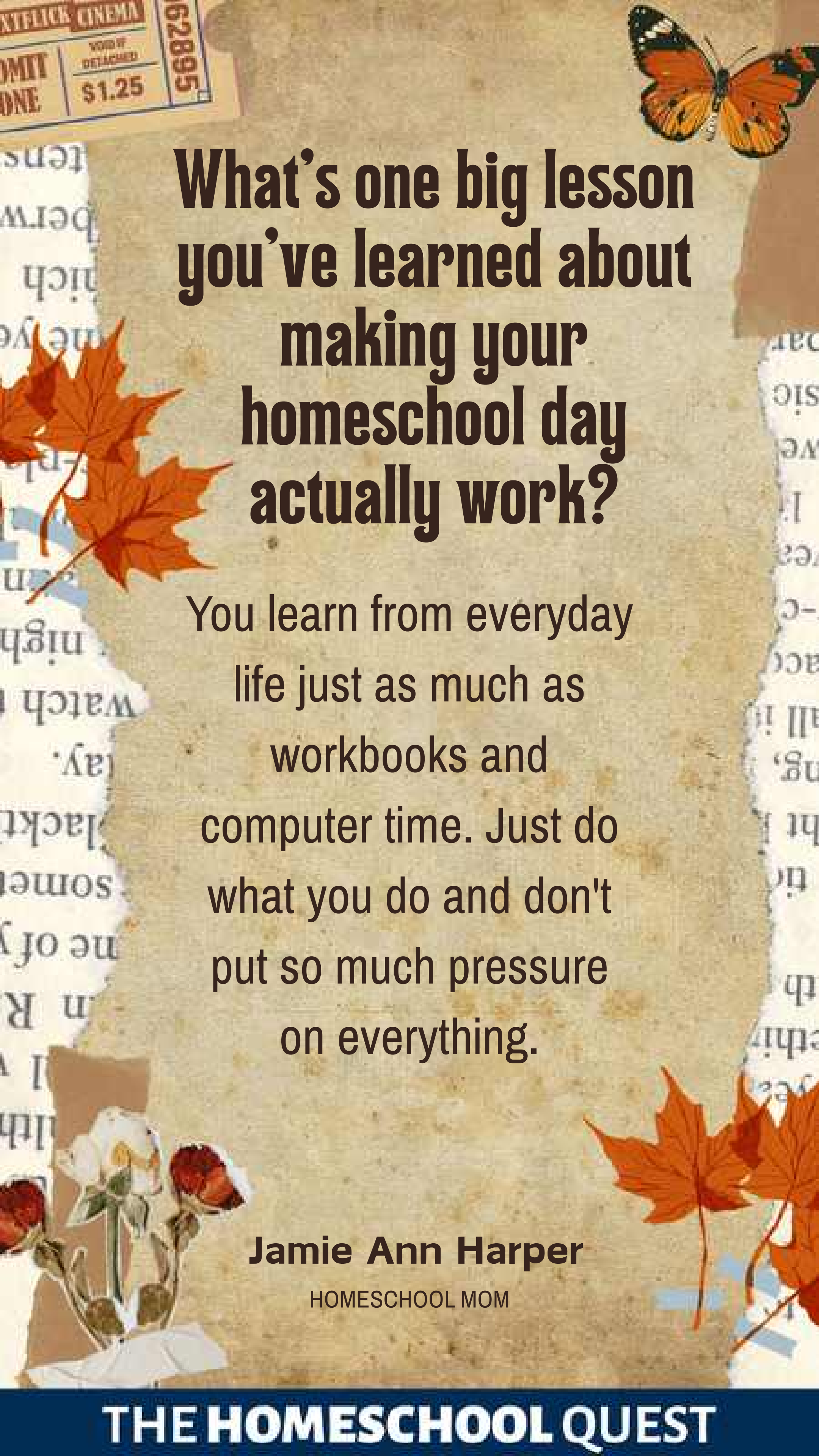
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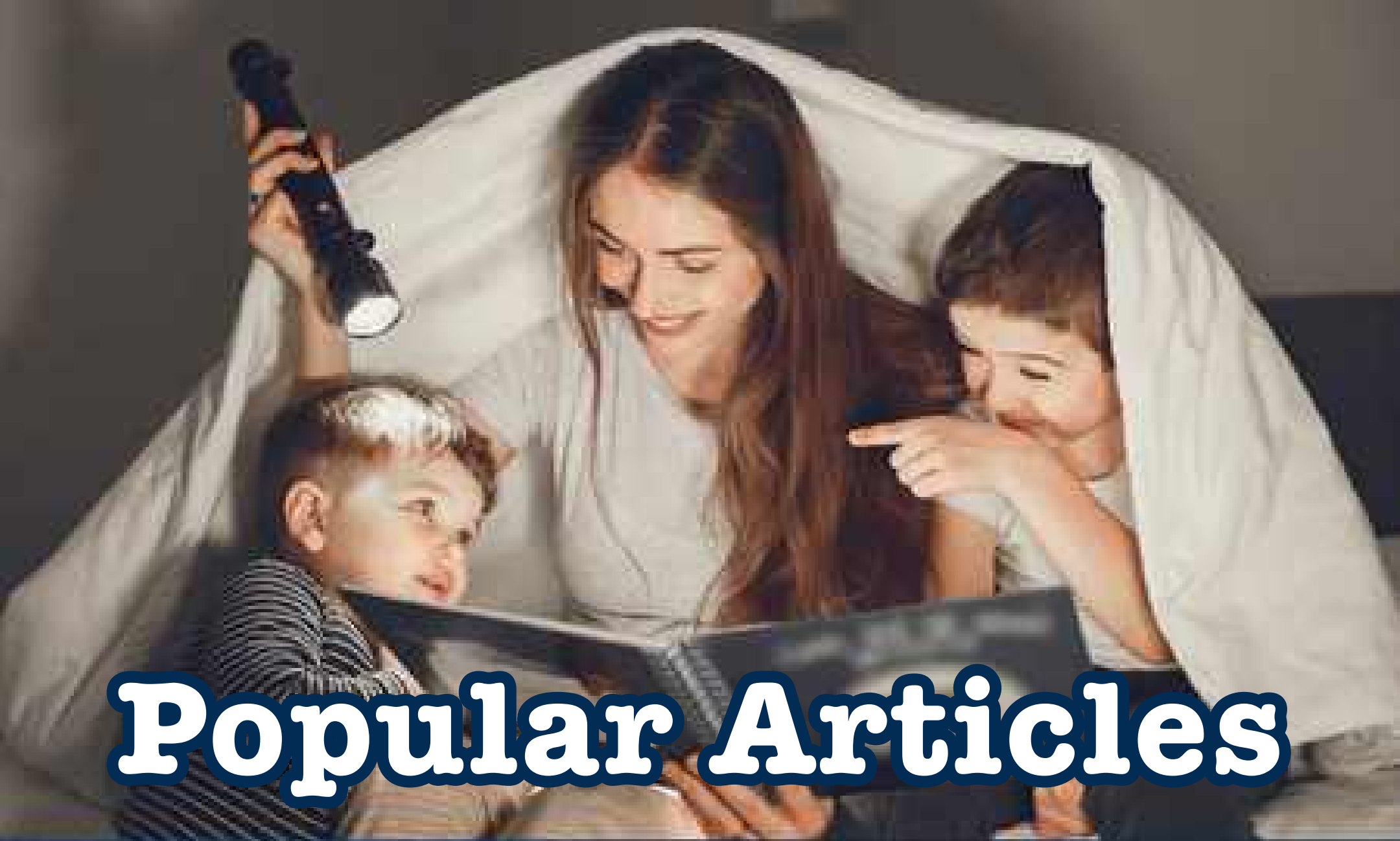
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# EMBRACING MODERN TOOLS *for Homeschooling*

BY HEATHER LEACH OF SCHOOLHOUSE ONLINE

Homeschooling has come a long way from dusty textbooks and three-ring binders that weigh more than your child. Today, we have access to an amazing array of modern tools that can make learning richer, easier, and—dare we say it—even fun.

# YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALL ALONE.

Modern homeschooling tools are designed to take work off your plate, not add to it. You're not cheating if you use them. You're not lazy. You're simply being smart.



## FOR EXAMPLE:

- Interactive lessons that keep kids engaged longer than two minutes.
- Immediate feedback on work (saving you from grading math at 11 p.m.).
- Access to subjects you're not personally an expert in (looking at you, algebra and high school chemistry).

Technology can even be used when working with multiple grades and transitioning between subjects.

Your 5-year-old is learning letter sounds. Your 10-year-old is tackling fractions. Your 13-year-old wants help analyzing Shakespeare. You try running separate classes like a one-woman school district.

Modern tools help bridge those gaps. One great “tool” is Multi-grade unit studies. This lets you teach a single topic—like Ancient Rome or Weather—across ages. Your littles might do crafts and read picture books. Your middles might write a short report.

**Truth? Modern tools make it easier than ever for homeschooled kids to connect.**

- Virtual clubs and co-op classes where they discuss, debate, and share.
- Video-based lessons with interactive discussions.
- Online forums (supervised!) to swap ideas and work on projects together.





# IF YOU'RE FEELING OVERWHELMED, REMEMBER:

Modern tools exist because homeschooling parents needed them. So use them. Lean on them. Let them take some weight off your shoulders. Because your time and energy are precious.

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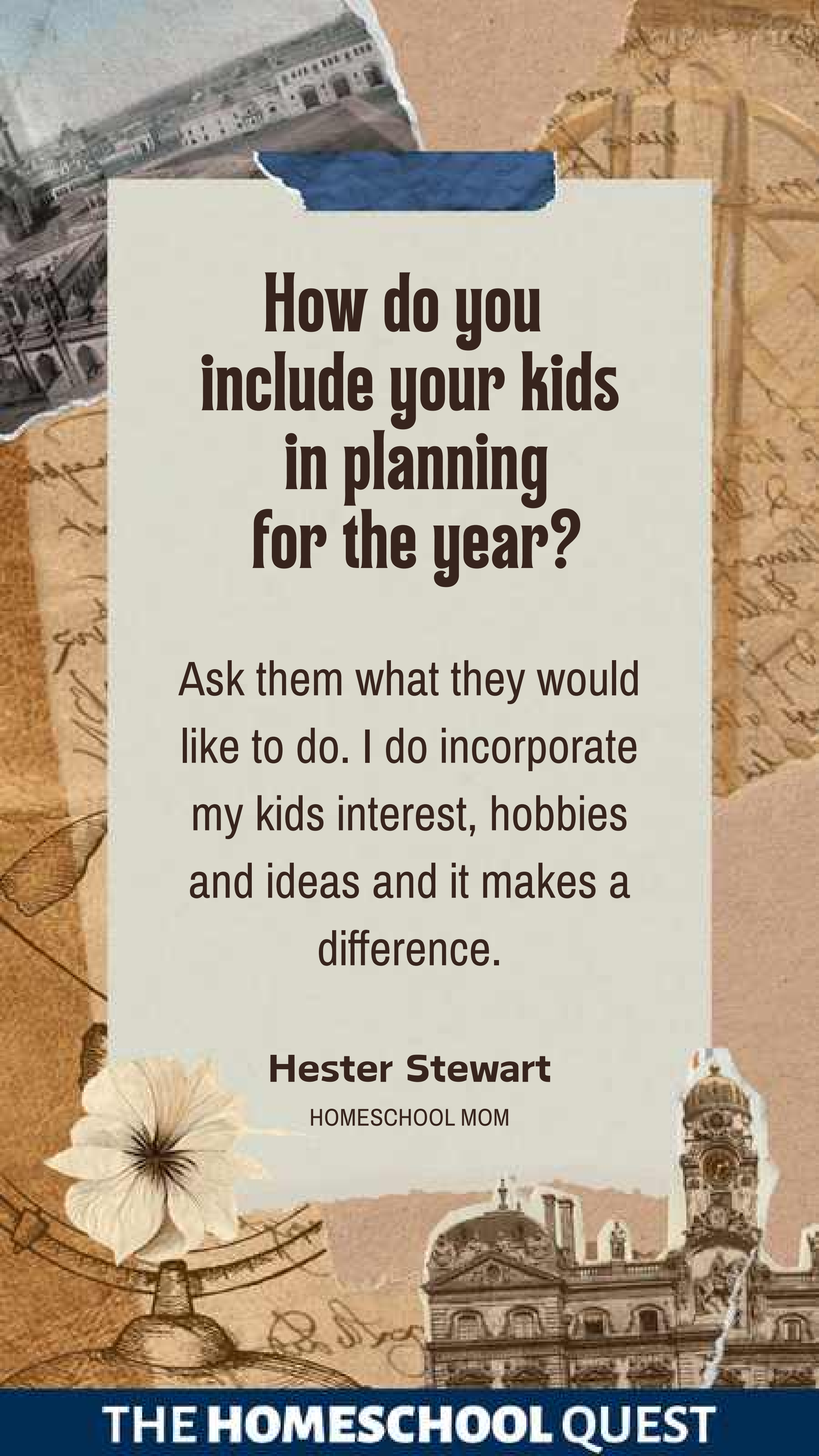
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# **How do you include your kids in planning for the year?**

**Ask them what they would  
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## Developing A Routine To Learning A Language

**BY DHANANJAY TALWAR  
OF THRESHOLD EDUCATION**

As somebody who has learnt over twenty languages to different levels, including at least nine to fluency, language learning is a real passion and source of joy for me!

Learning a language can be rewarding and beneficial in very many ways. You're learning a new way of seeing the world, a new code that allows you to connect with new people, access their way of life, discover and explore a group of people, a culture, even literature, that you would not have been able to access at all otherwise.



## Identifying Your Goals

Understanding your motivation — and your child's — for learning a language helps guide every decision that follows.

### **Are you learning a language to:**

- Connect with cultural heritage?
- Prepare for international travel?
- Strengthen academic growth?
- Encourage curiosity or a global move?

Once your motivation is clear, set some overall goals for your language learning — which languages are you focusing on?

## Creating Your Schedule

One of the greatest benefits of homeschooling is the flexibility — and that's especially helpful with language learning. While consistency is key, learning doesn't need to happen in long, intensive blocks. In fact, short, frequent sessions are often more effective.



# Choosing Resources

Here are the most common types of resources and how to use them effectively:

**Curriculum-Based Programs:** Look for structured homeschool-friendly curricula like Song School Spanish, TalkBox.Mom, or Muzzy BBC.

**Apps and Online Platforms:** Duolingo, Memrise, and Gus on the Go are engaging for different age levels.

**Books and Printables:** Use picture dictionaries, storybooks, and printable games or worksheets.

**Media and Entertainment:** Watch cartoons, listen to songs, or play games in the target language.

**Language Exchange and Tutors:** Older children can benefit from pen pals or supervised sessions with online tutors.

# Make Language Learning Fun!

**Gamify Your Routine:** Use reward systems, apps with levelling systems, or challenges like “word of the day” races.

**Incorporate Interests:** If your child loves animals, learn animal names and watch zoo videos in the target language. If they enjoy music, explore songs or karaoke.

**Celebrate Small Wins:** Did your child remember a word unprompted? Write a sentence correctly? Celebrate with a sticker, extra playtime, or even a treat.

**Get Creative:** Make skits, play pretend, or do scavenger hunts in the target language. Fun makes learning stick.

**Learn Together:** When parents learn alongside their children, it becomes a shared adventure.

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# **HOMESCHOOLING MULTIPLE AGES TOGETHER**

**If you have kids of various ages, you may wonder how in the world you could homeschool all of them at once without using up every minute of your day. Trust me when I say it is completely doable!**



**BY EMMA BEE OF PEACEFUL HOMESCHOOL**



# **Family-Style Learning**

**With our varied ages and abilities, I found that unit studies have been an excellent way for everyone in our family to learn together at their own ability level, especially for history, literature, and science. Instead of three kids of different ages and abilities working on different topics, I worked to keep everyone on the same topic as often as possible.**

## **Single Subject Curriculum**

**If you're using a single subject curriculum, you can choose something that works well for use with multiple ages. For example, when my kids were younger we used Story of the World altogether by:**

- Gathering in the living room to read the book together.**
- Listening to the CD's in the car while doing errands.**
- Finding locations on the globe and did mapwork.**
- Trying new recipes and making musical instruments with instructions from the activity book.**

# Unit Studies

Using a specific curriculum like Story of the World is just one way to adapt your learning plans to fit multiple ages. I've also had great success in using unit studies with my kids of various ages throughout our homeschooling journey.

## Layered Learning

I have seen first-hand how family-style learning can be a system of adding layers of learning the same knowledge throughout the years, and how this has given my youngest an advantage in some ways because she already had a base knowledge for many of the topics she would otherwise have been learning for the first time later in a specific grade.





# Put the "Home" Back in "Homeschooling"

**So, what is your family's style?**

**How can you manage to homeschool kids of various ages at once?**

**What works best for your family dynamics?**

**If you're new to homeschooling or just stuck in a rut, I encourage you to try family-style learning and put some of the "home" back in "homeschooling."**

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