

# The Adventist Home Educator Newsletter

Encouragement for Seventh-day  
Adventist Homeschoolers

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## AHE—The Unit Study Project

Creating unit studies at times can seem like so much work. Often times we wish someone had done all the work for us, so that we don't have to put so much effort into creating yet another one. Buying individual unit studies is not always affordable either. And some of us are new at unit studies and our attempts feel so inadequate.



We'd like to take some of the work and some of the cost out of building unit studies, but we need YOUR help! We will begin to organize monthly AHE Unit Study Projects. This way we can all brainstorm together. At the beginning of the month, we will announce a new topic. You

will have the entire month to add your two-cents into the project. At the end of the month, we will compile all of the information sent in to create a topical unit study bundle. We will post these on the website, available for free, for those that desire to use them.

For those that are comfortable creating unit studies, feel free to share ideas. For those that haven't done it, feel free to jump in, comment and ask questions. The unit studies we create will likely have many ideas to choose from. We suggest you choose activities from the compilation that fits your family, don't ever think you have to do it all, rather choose activities that fit the needs of your educational plan.

To start, we will begin with the topic "Birds", as that has already been discussed the last couple of days. We will let this run through the end of April for submitting ideas.

Upcoming months will be announced over the AHE email list, through the Facebook page, a notice in the newsletter, and a notice on the blog. Submit ideas to the AHE email list or to [adventisthomeducator@gmail.org](mailto:adventisthomeducator@gmail.org)

A brainstorming sheet is available on the website for you to pull ideas from. You will need to scroll to the bottom of the page and click the link for "[Brainstorming Sheet](#)".

## AHE NEWS

- The Curriculum Reviews have been completely loaded onto the website.
- Book and Curriculum Reviews Your help is wanted! See article on page 2 for more information.
- If you have a special talent you would like to share with AHE, please contact Melissa at:

[adventisthomeducator@gmail.com](mailto:adventisthomeducator@gmail.com)



Weimar College Days  
April 17-18, 2011

To reserve your complimentary  
room at Weimar Inn:

Contact: Cyndi Keiser  
(530) 422-7923

Come join us for college days on the lovely campus of Weimar College! Take a tour of the campus, sit in on a class, and visit with the students and faculty. You'll feel closer to God in nature while hiking up the beautiful trails surrounding our area. We look forward to seeing you!



## Curriculum Reviews/ Website Update

The curriculum portion of the Adventist Home Educator Handbook has been uploaded onto the website. It is broken down into topics, for easier loading of each section. This has not had any major editing for a couple years, so if you see any items that need updating and you can update us with current information... please share! Also, if you see new items that should be included, please feel free to share that with us as well. This is a resource guide that was compiled from ideas given by members and editors. If it fits in with the plan of True Education, we welcome adding it to the Curriculum Reviews pages.

<http://adventisthomeducator.org/ahe-resources/curriculum-reviews/>

You can send updates and new items for consideration to:  
[adventisthomeducator@gmail.com](mailto:adventisthomeducator@gmail.com)

## AHE Study Board

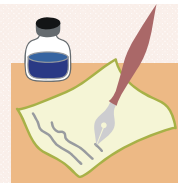
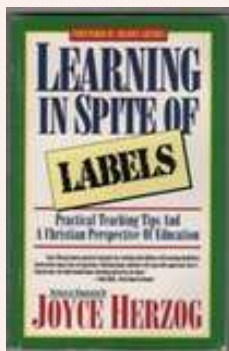
Last month we began a study of the book Education by Ellen White. We are currently studying chapter 3. It won't take long to catch up with the rest of us, so please feel free to join us. I am sure you will enjoy the insights that others are sharing and we'd love to hear from you, too. Eve and Yolanda are our moderators for the study.

You will need to register and confirm that you are Seventh-day Adventist and interested in homeschooling. To register, please go to:  
<http://aheboards.forumotion.com>  
See you there!

## Book Review: Learning In Spite of Labels by Joyce Herzog By Melissa, Iowa

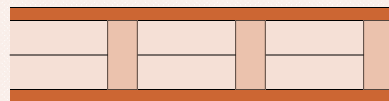
Do you have a child that seems to struggle with learning in one way or another? This book is going to be an encouragement for you. Not centered around a specific learning disorder, this book rather discusses a variety of disorders, and even some normal delays that can bring us to our knees in prayer seeking for help. Joyce shares practical advice and I was encouraged by how much Biblical advice was given in the book. This book does not give you every reason or answer for learning disorders, but it does give you, the parent and teacher, some real answers and encouragement for how to help your child who might be struggling with learning. A listing of resource books for continued, more detailed, learning is included in the back of the book. If you have a child that is struggling, or perhaps you feel you aren't getting this "teaching" thing... perhaps this book will enlighten you to some areas to look into to help your child take off and LEARN.

I would rate the book as a 5, for encouragement.



## From the Pen of Inspiration...

Impressions alone are not a safe guide to duty. The enemy often persuades men to believe that it is God who is guiding them, when in reality they are following only human impulse. But if we watch carefully, and take counsel with our brethren, we shall be given an understanding of the Lord's will; for the promise is, "The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way." Psalm 25:9. {AA 279.2}



Share with us upcoming events that would be of interest for other SDA homeschoolers.

### Upcoming Events

May 2-6, 2011  
**Ultimate Homeschool Expo**  
[www.ultimatehomeschoolexpo.com](http://www.ultimatehomeschoolexpo.com)

May 16 – 20, 2011  
**Schoolhouse Expo**  
<http://thehomeschoolmagazine.com/>

June 29—July 3, 2011  
**Restoration International California Family Campmeeting**  
<http://www.restoration-international.org/article.php?id=35>

*"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

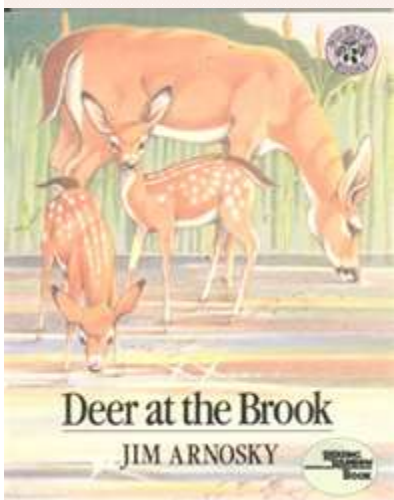
*Matthew 26:41*

## Author Review: Jim Arnosky

Review written by: Melissa, Iowa

Author: Jim Arnosky

Jim Arnosky has written many books on nature topics. The library I go to, has only a handful of these books, so please feel free to screen each book as you decide to use them. The book Deer at the Brook is a delightful picture book. The pictures are realistic and the story line is



simply a short description about deer, a beginner introduction for children. This book in particular would be nice for children ages 2yo to beginner readers. It appears some of his other books may reach an older student as well.

To learn more about Jim Arnosky, visit his website: [www.jimarnosky.com](http://www.jimarnosky.com)

I would rate his book Deer at the Brook as a 5.

### Book Review Rating Scale

Very Poor (not recommended)	1
OK (neither loved, nor hated, got the learning accomplished)	2
Average (Good resource, nice if a few changes are made)	3
Good (a good book, worthy of adding to your curriculum)	4
Excellent (enjoyed without changes)	5

## WANTED! Book and Curriculum Reviews

AHE is looking for help in offering book or curriculum reviews in the newsletter. We are wanting reviews from the point of view of a SDA homeschooler. We can't possibly read every book or look at every curriculum, so we are wanting to open this up to other homeschool parents to help review books or curriculum they have used. We may even use well-written book reports from homeschooling children.

You can contact [adventisthomeducator@gmail.com](mailto:adventisthomeducator@gmail.com) for more information. First, we will confirm the item (s) you wish to review. If accepted, we will send you a copy of the guidelines for the review. The guidelines are to help you formulate your review to cover points that are of interest to many of our readers.

The reviews will be posted in newsletters as space allows. We will not post full names of authors, but rather use first names only, or initials. We look forward to working with many of you on this new project.

***Request to review your favorite book or curriculum.***

***Contact:***

***adventisthomeducator@gmail.com***



Your children can write book reviews for the newsletter to get more writing experience.

**You may forward the  
Adventist Home Educator  
Newsletter to other  
Adventist homeschoolers.  
Please forward entire  
newsletter.**



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#### **AHE Resources:**

**AHE Newsletter** You are reading it now. Short monthly articles to encourage you with homeschooling. When email lists are too much for you, a monthly newsletter can encourage you and help you feel connected among friends. The newsletter tries to present information in such a way that it is clutter free.

**AHE Website** The website is home central for all the ministries of AHE. Find information on each of the AHE ministry arms. Also, we are trying to build our information base and as time goes on, you will find more articles on the website to encourage you with your homeschooling. Check back every so often to see what is new.  
[www.adventisthomeducator.org](http://www.adventisthomeducator.org)

**AHE Curriculum Guide** Located currently on the AHE website, the Curriculum Guide is being placed on our website to help you find resources that will fit your family while we are working on the new AHE Handbook.

**AHE on Facebook...**Search for "The Adventist Home Educator" on Facebook and click "like" to connect with us there.

**AHE Blog**, *Shaping Hearts and Hands*, is a place you can find Adventist Homeschooling applied. We'll share principles and how we apply them to specific situations, so that you can learn to do the same. Plus some warm encouragement in a more homey atmosphere. [www.aheblog.org](http://www.aheblog.org)

**AHE Study Board** Our study board is open for those desiring to study a book together. Currently we are studying the book *Education* by Ellen White. <http://aheboards.forumotion.com>

#### **AHE Email Lists:**

The **AHE-List** is a place for Adventist homeschoolers to come together for friendly and informative discussion about home education from birth through high school. With an emphasis on true education, we share our ideas and experiences relating to teaching methods, learning styles, scheduling, curriculum choices and many other homeschooling topics. This is a place where we can help others along their homeschooling journey and also learn some new things ourselves. To join, send a blank email to:  
[AHE-List-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:AHE-List-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**AHE-Living...** is a friendly place for sharing encouraging words as we work together to create grace-filled, loving homes and pure hearts for the Kingdom. This is a place to visit about child rearing, home decorating, healthy cooking, health and wellness, family relationships, spiritual growth and family worships, sewing and crafts, gardening and flowers, and other topics near and dear to our hearts. This is a supplemental group affiliated with AHE; a place where we can discuss all aspects of Christian living. You will need to be a member of the AHE-list in order to join. To join, visit:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AHE-Living/>

**AHE-Swap...**if you have curriculum to purchase or to sell, here is another outlet for getting the word out. To join, send a blank email to:  
[AHE-Swap-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:AHE-Swap-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**AHE Teens...**is a place for our teen children to interact with other Seventh-day Adventist homeschoolers. To join, parents need to send an email to Melissa at [onthefarminiowa@myclearwave.net](mailto:onthefarminiowa@myclearwave.net) with their children's names, ages, and email addresses.

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