The Adventist Home Educator Curriculum Guide

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:5-9

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Mission Statement:
It is the prayer and purpose of The Adventist Home Educator Ministry that all who need information, encouragement and support for Adventist home education will find it through the ministry of *The Adventist Home Educator*. Consider *AHE* to be the support group that is hard to find anywhere else ~ Adventist parents in Christ sharing with each other in an understanding that only a few have.

"Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." II Corinthians 4:5

Curriculum Guide Forward

This mini e-Book was originally part of the Adventist Home Educator Handbook. We are offering this for free for a limited time, as we work at creating a new Handbook.

This Curriculum Guide offers reviews on many items that have been used by other SDA homeschoolers. Some of them we feel are better than others. We have put a ♥ by the items that are our favorites and ones that tend to follow "true education" more closely. Other resources are included as some resources are ones that may fit particular situations or desires of other SDA homeschoolers.

To view newer reviews of products, books, or curriculum, visit our website and look under Past Newsletters. Each newsletter usually contains at least one new review.

As you go into reading this Curriculum Guide, please say a prayer so that God can lead you to what is best for your family. May God bless you as you search diligently for products that will glorify Him in the lives of your children.

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♥ AY (Pathfinders and Adventurers)
Various AY honors in the Arts and Crafts category such as glass painting, sculpturing, and drawing.

Applied Art, Grades 1-8.
(Country Garden School)
Drawing, painting, design, color, modeling, and handicraft presented separately and interwoven together. Teacher's Key available.

"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish the work of our hands."
Psalm 90:17

Other Christian/secular materials

Adventures in Art
(Cornerstone Curriculum Project)
Four-year art appreciation curriculum, with beautiful art prints in portfolios, studied from a Christian perspective.

"The Author of all beauty, Himself a lover of the beautiful, God provided to gratify in His children the love of beauty."
Education, page 41

Art with a Purpose
(Country Garden School, Rod and Staff)
Share-a-Care Publications. Includes drawing, coloring, lettering, paper cutting, and project making. *Artpac* number identifies grade level 1 - 8.

Developing Motor Skills in Art
(Rod and Staff), For grades 1 and 2.
Focus on paper and craft projects, including coloring, cutting, folding, pasting, tracing, drawing, painting, and project making. *Teacher's Manual* and *Student Packets* ordered separately.

Draw Books
www.drawbooks.com

Build your drawing skills with a step by step approach.

Draw –Write-Now
(Timberdoodle, Borders)
The eight-book Draw-Write-Now series has step-by-step drawing instruction and short sentences for writing practice. Each book is a complete unit study for exploring history, geography, natural science, and social studies.

♥ Drawing Textbook
(The Sycamore Tree)
Bruce McIntyre. Step-by-step approach to the seven basic elements of drawing. Even if you "just can't draw," you will learn easily with your child with this course. Uses ordinary pencils and paper. Inexpensive and fun! Early elementary to adult.

Drawing With Children and Drawing for Older Children & Teens
www.monart.com
Mona Brookes. A creative teaching and learning method for children that works for adults, too. Assumes no prior knowledge of art or special talent, only requirement is the desire to learn and ability to recognize and reproduce the five basic shapes that combine to form all objects.

Face and Body Paint
Two tablespoons solid shortening (Crisco), one tablespoon cornstarch and 4-5 drops food coloring.

Feed My Sheep
(Timberdoodle)
Two plus years of information by Christian artist Barry Stebbing containing 200 lessons of drawing, acrylic painting, nature studies perspective and more. Ages 10 – adult.

How Great Thou Art
Box 48, McFarlan, NC 28102; 800/982-3729; www.howgreatthouart.com
Books, video's and Christian art program for ages 3 through adult.

For Your Home Art Program: Provide plenty of blank newsprint, large and small crayons, unscented markers, paints, glitter, play dough, scissors, glue sticks, tape, and an area in which your child can "do school." Don't forget carpentry, needlework, sewing, and whatever else your child can imagine.

Meet the Masters
866/686-4278; www.meetthemasters.com
40,000 discounted art supplies including, art history CD-ROM's, and art projects and programs.

Play Dough

Here is our favorite recipe for homemade play dough with natural coloring. It turns out even nicer than the commercial kind, plus it's a lot of fun to make with your children:

1 C water (or 1 C naturally colored liquid* see below)
1/4 C salt
2 t cream of tartar
1 T vegetable oil
1 C white (bleached) flour

In medium saucepan, stir salt into the liquid. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture sticks together and forms a large ball. Remove mixture from saucepan onto surface protected with waxed paper. Knead to a smooth consistency. Store cooled play dough in covered, airtight container.

*Natural colorings:

Red–juice from canned or fresh beets, add water to make 1 cup
Yellow–1/2 teaspoon turmeric dissolved in 1 cup water
Brown–1 teaspoon instant cereal beverage or coffee in 1 cup water
Melon–1/4 teaspoon paprika in 1 cup water
Purple–boil red cabbage in water, use 1 cup of the liquid
Green–pureed spinach, amount varies with intensity desired
Blue–crushed/pureed blueberries or juice from canned

Sidewalk Paint

A half cup cornstarch, half a cup of water, six drops food coloring (or one tablespoon poster paint). Have fun being artistic on the driveway or sidewalk and it will wash away.

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Bible

Adventist Materials and Resources

> "As a means of intellectual training, the Bible is more effective than any other book, or all other books combined."
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> *Education, page 124*

Adventist Correspondence Courses

Several courses are available for children and youth from various publishers, such as Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today. They can make a good basic Bible doctrines course for Adventist children. Ask your pastor or ABC about what is available.

- **Adventures in the Holy Bible**
  Your Story Hour, www.yourstoryhour.org

- **Discover Bible Correspondence Course**
  Available from Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles, CA 90053

Adventist Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies

(Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, Earliteen, Youth, Collegiate) Sabbath School web page: http://sspm.gc.Adventist.org/ss/

♥ Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, and Primary quarterlies contain not only the Bible story for the child but suggested activities for the parent to do with the child. Custom-designed Bible curriculum for homeschools can very nicely be built around the Sabbath school lessons, especially those dealing with Bible stories. Supplement with *My Bible Friends, The Bible Story*, and other similar books. Mother should study the Spirit of Prophecy recommended reading because this enhances her teaching of the lessons. Audiocassettes such as *The Bible In Living Sound* are great supplements. You could also use the memory verses set to music, using available printed music and cassettes. (See Music).

Junior, Earliteen, and Youth quarterlies should be thoroughly screened by you for content before your child uses them. Recently, there have been issues discussed in the Junior quarterlies that many parents feel should be only discussed in family situations such as dating, sex education and values clarification. This has led many parents to choose *Young Disciple* as an alternative.

The *Collegiate* quarterlies (CQ) follow the adult lesson in content, yet are made relevant to a younger audience (youth, ages 16 to 29). A student following this lesson should be able to join an adult class and still understand the discussion. The reverse is also true; a parent can study the adult lesson and be able to discuss the lesson with their child.

♥ AY (Pathfinders and Adventurers)
(ABC, Advent Source, or local church)
Required Bible Year reading can be part of the Bible or reading curriculum or family worship times. (Check *Adventurer Manual, AY Instructor's Guide,* and *AY Honors* book for specific requirements.)

Arrabito Videos
LLT Productions, P. O. Box 205, Angwin, CA 94508. 707/965-2786; www.lltproductions.org

- *Captain's Treasure Chest*. The story of creation with the late James Arrabito and children. James paints pictures and captivates the children as he tells and illustrates the creation story.
- *Inroads of Spiritualism*. An overview and history of spiritualism and the New Age movement. Covers secret societies, rock music, flying saucers, and Satan's use of the media.
- *Legacy of Halloween*. Search through history with James Arrabito and a live college audience and learn the religious origins of modern Halloween celebrations.
- *Young Folks History of the Sabbath*. Tracing the Sabbath from Eden to Eden with James Arrabito and children. An educational tool to acquaint the young and old with the rich heritage of Adventism.

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
2 Timothy 2:15

♥ The Holy Bible
Your own Bible should be readily available as you teach Bible to your child(ren), from birth on up. When your child begins to read, make sure he/she has a nice large-print Bible. The little children's Bibles with novelty covers and pictures are "cute" and easy to carry to kindergarten Sabbath school, but generally not too practical for Bible reading and study because of their small print.

Here are the reading levels of the various Bible versions:

- NIV-7.8
- NIrV-2.9
- KJB-12.0
- NKJV-9.0
- NLT-6.3
- NASB-11.0
- NRSV-10.4
- Message-4.8
- CEV-5.4

Read Education "Bible Teaching and Study," pages 185-192 regarding the study of scriptures.

The important thing is to get your child into the Word of God on a daily basis. Having a Bible version your child can read and understand is an important step to a daily relationship with Jesus.

We believe in putting a great deal of emphasis on Scripture memorization, which can be taught as soon as children are able to speak. In fact, they are better at memorizing before they can read, because they don't depend on the written words for a crutch. We also believe that Scripture memorization is very effective when the verses are set to music (see Music for resources), because it makes the words "stick" in their minds, and they find themselves singing the verses when going about their everyday activities. When children sing their Sabbath School memory verses at home during the week, there's never any problem with their repeating them in Sabbath School!

♥ Bible in Living Sound

Box 234, Nordland, WA 98358-0234; 800/634-0234; www.BibleInLivingSound.org
The entire Bible in dramatized form on audiocassettes. A treasure of 450 stories from Genesis to Revelation. Available in cassette or CD. May be purchased separately, in sets, or in a monthly collectors club. Contact them for a complete brochure, please mention *AHE*.

- *Life and Times of the Old Testament* (240 stories, 40 cassettes, four binders)
- *The Life and Times of Jesus* (120 stories, 20 cassettes, two binders)
- *The Life and Times of Paul* (90 stories, 15 cassettes, two binders)
- *Complete Bible in Living Sound Set*, (450 stories, 75 tapes, in eight binders,)

There are Activity Books workbooks, entitled *Exploring God's Book*, in four volumes, to accompany the cassettes, with a puzzle or other activity for each story.

Use to supplement Sabbath school lessons, or just for listening instead of watching TV.

♥ The Bible Story
Arthur S. Maxwell (ABC)
Nowhere else can you find such a complete and accurate account of Bible events written for children of all ages. Each story is told with such brilliant simplicity that it is a pleasure for adults to read as well. Uncle Arthur goes beyond telling the story, and helps children learn lessons in obedience, honesty, and reverence that they can apply to their own lives. Almost as soon as we are done with the last one, we are starting over again at the beginning.

Also available: Audio CD library of all 400 chapters in the classic Bible Story, narrated by Uncle Dan and the late Aunt Sue of *Your Story Hour* radio program, with sound effects.

It takes about 20 minutes each day to read the entire Bible in a year. Teens can do this during devotions. You can do it together as a family. For small children you can divide this into two 10-minute sessions.

♥ Bible Story Videos
Search Productions, The Quiet Hour, 630 Brookside, Riverside, CA 92373-4699
If you do not object to religious drama, these Adventist-produced videos are available:

- *For Such a Time*, the story of Esther. At the end, brings up the topic of religious liberty.
- *Mary's Song*, from the acquaintance of Mary and Joseph to the childhood of Jesus, with a focus on the rabbis' harassment of Mary because she taught Jesus at home.

These videos are tastefully done and are reasonably true to the Scriptural accounts. The child Jesus is portrayed in the latter video, the scenes are very brief and the young actor has no spoken lines.

Bible Time Line
(The Sycamore Tree)
Colorful chart presents major Bible characters and events in a chronological sequence. For Bible class, Sabbath School, and Social Studies.

Champions of Faith (formerly Bible Pageant)
Merlin L. Neff, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1947 (ABC)
This is an *old* set of Bible storybooks that are the children's versions of the Conflict of the Ages Series. They have been reprinted in recent years and have

been available in the ABC. The Bible stories are interspersed with the everyday adventures of Bette, Dick, Roy, and Captain Tim (the dog). The five-volume set titles are: *Brave Pioneers*; *Conquering Heroes; Kings and Queens; The Mighty Prince;* and *Warriors of the Cross*.

♥ Character Sketches From The Life of Daniel
Ellen G. White, compiled by Steven Wallace. (American Cassette Ministries and some Adventist Book Centers)
This book consists primarily of a series of articles written on the life of Daniel, published in the *Youth's Instructor*. An inspired commentary of one of Scriptures' most illustrious examples of what constitutes a sanctified character, it is a wonderful addition to any homeschool library.

♥ Conflict of the Ages series
Ellen G. White. (Available at Adventist Book Centers)
A great set that will take you through history as well as a wonderful Bible study. This classic set spans time from before the earth's beginning to the fulfillment of God's plan for His people. Various study guides may be available. A great set for high school Bible (study one book per year).

- **Patriarch and Prophets**
- **Prophets and Kings**
- **Desire of Ages**
- **The Acts of the Apostles**
- **The Great Controversy**

FAST
(www.fast.st)
"Behold I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast" Revelation 3:11, 30 Scripture memory, Practical Discipline and Spiritual Multiplication.

Felt Sets
(ABC, Country Garden School, The Moore Academy)
Bible Story Set (large or small size), and various backgrounds, Books of the Bible, Christian Armor Set, Creation Set, Ellen White Set, Sanctuary Set and Human Body.

Following Jesus
Monte Church (your pastor or the ABC)
A junior baptismal workbook of ten lessons, covering basic Adventist doctrines. Reasonably large print and attractively laid out, with illustrations. Published by Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Available in English or Spanish. Uses the NIV Bible for filling in the blanks.

♥ God's Show and Tell
(Barbara M. Weimer, P. O. Box 5337, Woodridge, IL 60517-0337; www.GodsShowAndTell.com)
A 52-lesson illustrated workbook designed for ages 10 and up to help youth understand how God uses the sanctuary to teach us about salvation. A companion book, *Build a Model Sanctuary*, is an illustrated step-by-step instruction book on how to do just what the title says.

Great Moments in the Life of Christ
(American Cassette Ministries)
This is a set of nine audiocassettes by Elder Roger Bothwell, author of many children's books. While these sermons were not done particularly for children, they are very understandable and enjoyable. This would make a good Week of Prayer series.

♥ Heritage Attic
(Advent Source)
An Adventist Heritage Project. C. Mervyn Maxwell tells stories of Adventist pioneers to a group of children on this video.

♥ Joey Finds Out How His Church Works
(ABC)
By Miriam Wood. An introduction to denominational procedure and structure through the eyes of nine-year old Joey who attended the General Conference session in Vienna. Written in a way that is easily understood by children. It may be out of print; check with your local ABC. Maybe your church school or academy library would let you borrow it.

♥ Keepers of the Flame
(ABC)
Published by the *Review and Herald*. *Keepers of the Flame* examines the great stories of faith and controversy that have led to the emergence of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. 2 DVDs contain all 8 episodes; older sets consist of 8 videos.

Learning to Know Jesus
(The Quiet Hour, Box 3000, Redlands, CA 92373)
By Chris Griffith. This is a workbook, designed for personal devotions or a group study guide. Write for current price and availability.

♥ Living By Principle
(The Moore Academy, also Michigan ABC, Box 19009, Lansing, MI 48917; 517/485-2226)
This is a wonderful Bible course for older students. A four-year, daily plan to study the Conflict of the Ages and the Bible together, cross referencing in each. You will want to get your student their own set of Conflict of the Ages books.

♥ Margie Asks Why
(ABC)
By Laura Rocke Winn. Learn about the great controversy between God and Satan and about sin and why children still get hurt by it. Using Spirit of Prophecy and Scripture, the author helps children find a loving God who cares about them.

♥ Messiah, A Book for Today About a Man For All Time
Jerry D. Thomas (ABC)
A contemporary adaptation of *The Desire of Ages*. Easy to read format with updated vocabulary on a seventh to ninth grade reading level. The beautiful, original message still shines throughout this very special book.

♥ Michael Asks Why
(ABC)
By Sally Pierson Dillon. This is a wonderful resource written in the same style as *Margie Asks Why* with conversations between a boy and his mother. Written for children aged seven and up, it contains the great controversy for children with chapters that correspond with *The Great Controversy*. Activity book also available.

My Bible First
877/242-5317; www.mybiblefirst.org
E-mail: sales@mybiblefirst.org

Bible lessons for Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior/Teen. Each lesson series presents the Bible stories in chronological order from Genesis to Revelation, and gives children a good understanding of Bible history. Helps children understand the plan of salvation and the great controversy, and makes Bible stories practical for every-day life. Encourages children to know their

loving, heavenly Father and devote their lives in service to Him. Illustrated with photographs and realistic paintings. Kindergarten, Primary and Junior/Teen are each a 3-year series with weekly lessons divided into daily sections. Junior/Teen includes a large section on Reformation and Early Advent History.

Excellent for family worship, home school, Sabbath school, and child evangelism. Also available: Teaching helps with reproducible activity sheets, nature object lessons, Bible games, Bible story picture books, memory verse cards, posters, Bible timeline, illustrated songs, and more.

♥ My Bible Friends
(ABC)
By Etta B. Degering. 5-volume set. Each book tells four Bible stories in words simple enough for a preschooler to understand, written for ages 1-8. Rich, full-color artwork covers every page. Also available: Audio CD's narrated by *Your Story Hour* cast, containing all the stories in the five volumes; a DVD, 135 minutes long, stories told by Uncle Dan and Aunt Sue, combined with video treatment of the beautiful scenes from the books; *My Bible Friends* coloring book, pictures drawn from all five volumes of the set.

Revelation Seminars
Write or call to request a price list and order form from Seminars Unlimited, P. O. Box 66, Keene, TX 76059; 817/641-3643 or 800/982-3344 for orders only.

Other great resources for older children are the *Revelation Seminars* materials. They consist of very attractive worksheet pages to be filled in, some with colored pictures, which fit in a small ring binder or folder. You can buy just the lesson sheets, or a complete pack that includes a Bible, binder or folder with the lessons, pen, and ruler. Available are:

- *Bi-Level Revelation Lessons* - 24 lessons with 16 supplements (all text, no colored pictures)
- *Home Series Lessons* (set of 24) - easy English
- Original Series Lessons (Bible Prophecy Adventure) - 24 lessons and 37 exhibits
- *Prophecy Seminar* - 32 lessons and exhibits (their most popular and most complete series)
- *Seminario de Revelaciones* - for Spanish-speaking students (also available in French).

The Religion Class Curriculum for Adventist Schools
Pacific Press publishes the curriculum currently used in Adventist church schools. It is available through the Adventist Book Center, online.

This is typical textbook type curriculum designed for the Adventist schools. You might like to use this because you enjoy textbook learning, or maybe you want to use it because your child is only going to be educated at home for a year or two and you want them to use the same curriculum. See if you can look at this curriculum at your local school and then check the availability through the conference or ABC.

♥ Sealing Touch, End-Time Ministry
Rt. 1, Box 160M, Thomas, OK 73669; 580/661-3837
Memorization cards, Spirit of Prophecy, KJV Bible texts for children and adults.

Sonlight Education Center
Based on Spirit of Prophecy and other Adventist books. The original books are used with a teacher's study guide prepared by SonLight. Materials used are:

- *Best Stories from the Best Book* (kindergarten, and grade 1)
- *Patriarchs and Prophets* (grades 2 and 3)
- *Prophets and Kings* (grades 4 and 5)
- *The Desire of Ages* (grades 6 and 7)
- *Acts of the Apostles* (grade 8)
- *The Cross and Its Shadow* (grades 9 and 10), sanctuary studies
- *Daniel the Prophet* (grade 11)
- *The Seer of Patmos* (grade 12), study of Revelation

♥ The Way of Baptism
Empowered Living, P. O. Box 820, Kalispell, MT 59903;
www.empoweredlivingministries.org
Written by three young Adventist homeschoolers who share their experiences of preparing for baptism. Spirit of Prophecy and recommendations for further study.

♥ Thy Word Creations
David and Alice Meyer, Thy Word Creations, 1711 Mud Lick Rd., Glenville, WV 26351; 800/347-WORD; www.thywordcreations.com
Memorize whole Bible chapters with books containing color illustrations and accompanying Scripture songs on cassette tape produced by a Adventist homeschooling family.

♥ Young Disciple
Box 400, Inchelium, WA 99128; 509/722-4300; www.youngdisciple.com
Weekly high-quality publication for children ages 10-16, dedicated to the preparation of young people for heaven. Can be used as a supplement or alternative to *Guide* and *Insight*, especially for those families for whom the latter are not meeting their children's spiritual needs.

Young People's Sanctuary Series
(LMN Publishing).
This is a five-book set of worktexts, with activities for children of all ages, including cuts-outs and construction of an altar, priest, and various animals. May be purchased individually or as a set. Can be used as a summer Bible curriculum. Titles include:

- *The Camp Around*. Covers symbolisms pointing to Christ as seen in the encampment.
- *The Courtyard*. Jesus seen in the wall, gate, brazen altar, and laver of the sanctuary.
- *The Offerings*. Jesus seen in the sacrifices and offerings.
- *The Tent Tabernacle*. Symbolism points to Jesus' work and character as seen in the roof, walls, pillars, and furniture of the sanctuary.
- *The Holy Days and Feast Days*. Jesus as seen in the holy days and feast days.

Your Mind and Your Destiny
(Country Garden School)
A workbook, with coloring and cut-outs, for children in grades 2-8 to teach standards of Christian living, the plan of salvation, and righteousness by faith. May be used to supplement Bible curriculum, or for family worships.

Your Story Hour
www.yourstoryhour.org (Or ABC)
Audio Bible stories, from Genesis to Revelation, and character-building stories from "Your Story Hour" radio broadcast with "Uncle Dan" and "Aunt Carole" and the older stories with "Aunt Sue."

Your Story Hour Bible Studies, 52-lessons for 10-12 year old. Go to website and look under Bible School.

Adventist Out-of-Print or Reprinted Bible Curriculum

Bible Lessons Series

(Published by Pacific Press for Adventist church schools in the 1920's-1940's, now available in reprint form from Country Garden School).

These are many Adventist homeschoolers' first choice for formal Bible curriculum. They represent pure and simple Bible study, with a substance and depth that is not found in some of the more modern revisions of Adventist church school Bible curriculum. Titles are:

- *The Bible and Other Stories* (grades 1 & 2), covering selected stories from the Bible and church history, with a section which teaches the teacher how to teach the children.
- *When the World was Young* (grade 3), from Creation to Joseph.
- *From Egypt to Canaan* (grade 4).
- *The Last of Old Testament Times* (grade 5), from settlement in Canaan through the end of Old Testament history.
- *The Life of Jesus* (grade 6).
- *The Gospel to All the World* (grade 7), early Christian church, through the Reformation, and denominational history to 1940.
- *God's Great Plan* (grade 8), an in-depth review of the Bible stories and plan of salvation, from Genesis to Revelation.

Bible Series

(published by Pacific Press from 1940's-1970's)

These are the books some of us used when we were in church school. They were hardback books with accompanying workbooks. They are no longer in print, available only in Adventist colleges' teacher education curriculum libraries, or privately owned by people who kept them. If you or someone you know happens to have them—and is willing to sell or loan them—they make nice supplementary stories, or you could even build a Bible curriculum around them if you wanted to. Some have been reprinted by Country Garden School.

- *Through the Years With God* (grade 3 or 4)
- *Day by Day With Jesus* (grade 5 or 6)
- *Messengers of the Promise* (grade 5 or 6)
- *The Wonderful Way* (grade 7 or 8)
- *Witnesses for Jesus* (grade 7 or 8)
- *Life and Times of the Old Testament* (grade 9), Creation to inter-testament period.

- *Development of the Christian Church* (grade 10), life of Christ through the apostles
- *The Story of Our Church* (grade 10), Adventist denominational history to 1956
- *Principles of Life*, a Bible doctrines text (grade 11)
- *Facing Life* (grade 12), general Christian living from a 1950's perspective

Other Christian materials

Bread of Life Series
(ROCK Solid)
Using KJV Bible version you answer questions from the study guides and "get into the Bible." For junior high through high school, good readers can do it by themselves, or better yet, do it as a family together. Study Guides for Entire Bible, Old Testament, New Testament, and The Gospels.

♥ Building Christian Character Bible Study
Caring for the Heart Ministries, 1145 Atoka Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80915; 785/594-7526; www.biblical-concepts.com
Study 29 character qualities and identify how to replace specific problems with Christ-like character. Good for personal Bible study, Bible study/class or family devotional time. Optional manual is a 3-ring binder and has texts written out and additional information.

Eager Reader Bible
(ROCK Solid)
102 short Bible stories on a first grade reading level.

Early Reader Bible
(Published by Zonder Kids, available at Christian book stores)
First grade reading level "Bible" for young readers.

SanctiFinder
Providence Project, 14566 NW 110th St., Whitewater,KS 67154; 888/776-8776.
For third grade and up, *SanctiFinder* will help you learn the books of the Bible quickly.

Audio Bibles
(ABC, American Cassette Ministries, Christian book stores)
The entire Bible on cassette tapes, CDs, and even free mp3 downloads. It's available in more than one version and in other languages.

- **The Story** -
  Hosanna, 2421 Aztec Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107-4224; 800/545-4224.
  Just for enjoyable listening, this is a set of 12 tapes, which is just the New Testament read in the NIV. It is advertised as "the fully dramatized New Testament" but is just the Bible read to a background of serious contemporary classical music (NOT contemporary Christian rock) and sound effects.
- **The Word of Promise: Complete Audio Bible**
  NKJV. It is dramatized and has music, but it is word for word.

Scripture Memory Fellowship International
P.O. Box 411551, St. Louis, MO 63141; 314/569-0244.
Scripture memory books for all ages.

The Visual Bible
Local Christian book store or www.Christianbook.com
Matthew, The Gospel of John and The Acts of the Apostles are available on video or DVD. This dramatization is word for word from the NIV Bible, filmed in Morocco and South Africa; these portray life as it was in Jesus' time.

"The Holy Scriptures are the perfect standard of truth, and as such should be given the highest place in education. To obtain an education worthy of the name, we must receive a knowledge of God, the Creator, and of Christ, the Redeemer, as they are revealed in the sacred word."

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Character Development

Adventist Materials and Resources

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right…Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Ephesians 6:1, 4

♥ Bible Stories,
(ABC)
By Arthur S. Maxwell. Nearly 200 colorful, exciting, and true stories are included in these five volumes. Each character-building story is written in an easy-to-read manner and the colorful illustrations hold the attention even of the child who cannot yet read. Also available: a 3-volume set called Uncle Arthur's Storytime, with an "Exploring the Story" section following each story, with parent/child activities, and a "Story Guide" and "How-to" section with suggestions on developing the positive character traits in your child.

♥ Grandma's Stories
By Bonnie K. Tillman. A collection of stories about the lives of Ellen and James White and the background of the Adventist church. $30.

Available from:
Paloma Chalker
P.O. Box 557
Collegedale, TN 37315

"Parents, make every effort in your power to place your children in the most favorable situation for forming the character that God wants them to form. Use every spiritual sinew and muscle in the effort to save your little flock."
Counsels to Teachers, page 156

Parenting Your Child by the Spirit
(ABC)
By Sally Hohnberger. How you can be God's instrument in re-creating your child's character ages 5-12.

Pilgrims Progress
(Orion's Gate, Laymen Ministries Resource Materials, LaCelle Family)
Amplified, unabridged, audio version. Part 1 *Christian* and Part 2 *Christiana*.

Schoolhouse Gang Character Books
(The Moore Academy)
By Raymond & Dorothy Moore, members of the Schoolhouse Gang make choices that help children set standards for their own lives. Titles are:

- *Guess Who Took the Battered-up Bike,*
- *Oh, No! Miss Dent Is Coming to Dinner,*
- *Quit? Not Me!*

♥ Train up a Child
(American Cassette Ministries)
Audio tapes by a Adventist homeschool father, Steven Wallace. Strong Spirit of Prophecy emphasis.

> "One of the first lessons a child needs to learn is the lesson of obedience. Before he is old enough to reason, he may be taught to obey."
> *Education, page 287*

Other Christian/secular materials

♥ Don't Make Me Count to Three
Ginger Plowman (Timberdoodle)
"A mom's look at heart-oriented discipline." Sensible tips to address heart problems, practical application of scripture, goes beyond behavior to what is in the child's heart. Giving Biblical reproof, Biblical use of the rod, reaching your child's heart. Included – "Wise Words for Mom" at-a-glance chart for appropriate Bible verses for reproof and encouragement. $12.

♥ Polished Cornerstones / Plants Grown Up
(Doorposts, **www.doorposts.com**)
These books are full of ideas for character training and Bible study for your girls/boys. *Polished Cornerstones* has been newly revised and contains 497 pages of ideas to train your girls. *Plants Grown Up* contains 490 pages of ideas to train your boys. Geared for ages 4 to adult. These books are not SDA and may contain some errors in truth or direction. If you use this, pray that God will show you what to keep and what to leave out. Books contain so many ideas, that leaving out the few errors does not reduce the benefits you may find in these books. Unit study oriented studies. Divided by character traits, so if you are struggling on one and need ideas to work through some issues at home, this may be helpful for you.

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Computers

Is a computer necessary to homeschool? Does your homeschooled child really need to learn computers? Several factors come into consideration here. Your child's interests, your ability to provide a computer or access to one, and the time your family has available for learning appropriate computer skills, not just playing "games."

> **"Whatsoever you do, do it well."**
> Ecclesiastes 9:10

Don't worry that your child's peers in school are getting a good education in computer skills. Very few schools have enough computers, instructors or computer time. Actual computer time in many schools is limited due to the number of computers, size of the class using those computers, 40 minute class time, and the teacher's ability to teach the subject.

If you do have a computer, don't let it gobble up precious time that should be spent with God, your family, in service for others or learning through True Education. Don't over use it; let it be a tool to serve you. Mothers and fathers are much better than a computer for reading a story, playing a game, and teaching children about God.

Many schools require some computer training for all students and some states are adding it as a requirement. If computer science does become a required subject in your state, and you can't afford a computer at that time, there are ways to get computer instruction through friends or neighbors or community classes.

Educational software should be considered supplemental, rather than a main curriculum resource. Useful software includes the Bible, Spirit of Prophecy, phonics and math drills, a good encyclopedia and typing programs. Though there are several core-curriculum resources, they would still take second place to learning projects with the family. Though more and more computer software is being written for and used in classrooms. Be very careful about how much you let a child, especially a very young one sit in front of a computer screen. Physically, it's just as damaging as a television screen with electro magnetic radiation. Keep computer sessions brief! Computers are simply another resource in your True Education experience.

Adventist Materials and Software

♥ AY (Pathfinders and Adventurers)
AY honors in Basic Computers, Advanced Computers, and Typewriting.

♥ MLI Software
Rt. 2, Box 116, Elizabethton, TN 37643, 800/382-9622.
Spirit of Prophecy on CD-ROM, version 4.1. 287 titles, 55 books, 66 periodicals, 162 pamphlets, 10 AT. Jones & E.J. Waggoner, 4 EGW Early Editions and the entire KJV Bible for just $104. Search by word or phrase, create a database, export data to word processor.

Science Electronic Tutor
Lee Davidson and Southern Union Conference Office of Education, P. O. Box 1790, Collegedale, TN 37315-1790.
Science Software with an Adventist perspective to accompany *Discover God's World* grades 5-6. They are working on *Discover God's Creation* and *Exploring God's Creation*.

Other Christian Materials

Computer Science,
(ABeka)
Combines computer programming instruction, understandable prose, and Christian philosophy. Introduces student to BASIC language, with emphasis on structured programming. Student text included in Teacher's Edition. Grades 9-12

♥ The Homeschooler's Software Guide 2001
Homeschool Advisor, 13109 Penn Ave. So., Burnsville, MN 55337; 952/736-9953; www.homeschooladvisor.com $18.00
Computer software reviews by a Christian couple. 350 full-length reviews and list of 200+ titles you should avoid. Don't buy software for your children until you check the title out in this book, they and their children test it out and tell you about magic, occult, wizards, evolution, etc.

Introduction to Computers
(ABeka).
Introduces the student to personal computers and their uses. Content is applications-oriented. Does not require a computer, but would enhance the study. Student text is included in the Teacher's Edition. Include a field trip to a computer store. Grades 7-9

Using the Personal Computer
(ABeka)
A one-semester class in high school. Usable with any computer system. You need software for word processing, database, and spreadsheet. An integrated program,

such as *Microsoft Works* or something similar, could be very effectively utilized. Emphasis is on how to work on the computer. Christian emphasis using Bible verses and hymns.

Secular Materials

Computers - Usborne Young Scientist Book
(Sycamore Tree or a Usborne distributor)
Covers basic computer information for ages 10 and up.

Dummies series "A Reference for the Rest of Us"
Published by IDG (In book stores everywhere)
Start with *PC's for Dummies* and then DOS, Windows, Internet, Modems, etc. Excellent teaching aids for beginners.

Owner's manuals and onscreen tutorials
Some of the best "textbooks" for teaching computer applications to your kids (or learning them yourself!) are the manuals or helps that come with your software. If the original manual doesn't seem to be written clearly enough, there are numerous third-party-authored manuals on most significant computer programs available (just check the Computers section of a local book store).

Basic Computing A, B, C, D, E, F
Scholastic, Inc.
Box 7502, 2931 E. McCarty Street, Jefferson City, MO 65102; 314/636-5271 for information, 800/325-6149 for orders.
Grades 1-6. Introduces student to computer concepts, does not require the use of a computer. Student workbook and teacher's edition available.

Publications

Christian Computing Magazine
800/456-1868; www.ccmag.com
"Applying tomorrows Technology to Today's Ministry." $30

The Kid SmartWare Report
12254 Nicollet Ave. S., Burnsville, MN 55337.
This newsletter evaluates children's educational software from pre-K through SAT's. Reviewed by parents for educational value and kids for fun. Order a copy of *The Worst (and Best) Educational Software* for $10 or receive it free when you subscribe to the newsletter for six months for $15.

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Early Childhood

Before ordering any preschool or kindergarten program, please read and re-read the sections in *Child Guidance, Education,* and the *Testimonies,* regarding age of school entrance, and what comprises "education" in the early years.

A child must be mature and ready for learning and overwhelmingly studies show that this does not occur until: vision 8-10; hearing 8-12; cognition 8-12 sometimes 18; coordination 6-16; brain development 10-12; and socialization 12-18.

Young children need a simple curriculum to enrich their environment that includes: 1) loving parents who are willing to take the time to respond to their questions; 2) a parent who spends lots of time reading true Bible and nature stories to them; 3) observation of things in nature, plants, bugs, birds, animals, and gardening, etc. Use these object lessons to point them toward Jesus; 4) learning phonics (sounds), colors, money, counting, and telling time in fun and unusual ways in the context of everyday experiences; 5) real life experiences such as where things come from, how we get things, etc.; 6) useful work inside and outside the home; 7) time in the kitchen with mother learning about health, measurement, and helping out in the home.

Another good source of information regarding readiness for learning can be found in *Better Late Than Early*, by Raymond and Dorothy Moore which is no longer in print, however the Moore Academy recommends *School Can Wait II,* by Raymond and Dorothy Moore, in its place.

> "For the first eight or ten years of a child's life the field or garden is the best schoolroom, the mother the best teacher, nature the best lesson book... He should be surrounded with the conditions most favorable to both physical and mental growth."
>
> *Education, page 208*

Ultimately, you have to make your own decisions for your child(ren)'s education. If you decide to use more than the "field or garden" for your young child, here is what's available that we feel can benefit the homeschooling family.

Adventist Materials and Resources

Little Lambs
(Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.)
Ages 3-4. Pre-pre-Adventurer curriculum. This pre-school curriculum usually used for children whose older siblings are Adventurers.

Eager Beaver
(Advent Source)
Age 5. Pre-Adventurer curriculum. This is said to be for the "bright" five-year-old who is anxious to be an Adventurer. Requirements are listed in the Eager Beaver Manual available from Advent Source. See more information under AY (Pathfinders and Adventurers) at the end of this section.

♥ Education Before (Ages 8-10)
(The Moore Academy)
CD by Dorothy Moore on building a solid foundation of informal learning as a preparation for later more formal education.

♥ God, Creation & Me
A unit study curriculum written for Adventist kindergartens. Units are based on each of the seven days of Creation Week, integrating the subjects of social studies, science, language, arithmetic, health and safety, arts, crafts, music, around this creation theme. Appropriate for ages 5-7, preschool – first grade. It is very easy to spend several years in this curriculum, especially if you supplement it with other things, or if your child is younger when you begin. This could be expanded with writing, Adventurer honors, and mathematics to make a complete K-2 curriculum. $39.95 + $5 S&H.

Available from:
Joan Summers
25070 Tulip Ave.
Loma Linda, CA 92354
(909) 796-6075

Teaching Tip: A wonderful preschool and kindergarten "curriculum" is family gardening. Even if you live in the middle of a city, you can still have a small garden plot or container garden. Teach your children how to compost, till, plant, weed, and harvest. If you are fortunate enough to live in the country, the possibilities are endless. Additional learning experiences include growing avocado seeds, carrot tops, potato eyes and sprouts on the kitchen windowsill.

♥ Ladder of Life

Finally back in publication (The Moore Academy, ABC, The Sycamore Tree)

This is a delightful character-building curriculum that includes a *Teacher's Guide*, eight story books. Four cassette tapes to accompany books. The eight books are based on each one of the eight character traits in 2 Peter 1:5-7: *Faith, Virtue, Knowledge, Temperance, Patience, Godliness, Brotherly Kindness, Love*. The *Teacher's Guide* gives memory verses, questions and answers, suggested activities for each unit, and printed music scores of the songs. Appropriate for ages 3-7, and could even be used as readers for first or second graders. The cassettes contain the stories and songs, many of which are lovely for Cradle Roll and Kindergarten Sabbath schools.

♥ Morning-Time Devotions

God's Gifts and *I Need Jesus* are four-volume audiocassette tape sets of personal devotions, with worship talks, songs, and prayers, especially for little ones (age 4 and up). Professional quality tapes with good music, produced by an Adventist homeschooling mom.

Available from:
Janice Smith
Box 208
Kitwanga, BC V0J 2A0
CANADA

Scripture Books for Preschoolers

Many books can be found at the ABC. Also look at our reading lists for other ideas.

Other Christian materials

♥ Beechick, Ruth,

http://homeschool-books.com

Three readiness books, *A Home Start in Reading, A Strong Start in Language, An Easy Start in Arithmetic*, on introducing the "three R's" informally and without pressure.

Can You Find Me?

(Timberdoodle)

Building thinking skills for preschool and Kindergarten. Teaching reading readiness, science, math, social studies skills--not just busy work.

Grace Publications

(some ABC's)

Christian Learn-at-Home Series for grades K-3. Workbooks with activities for writing, art, math, science, social studies and other interests. Also Christian activity books, emergent readers, puzzles, stickers and banners with a Christian theme.

Grace Publications
P.O. Box 2853
Torrance, CA 90509
(800) 421-5565

♥ Lauri Letter Puzzles

(Timberdoodle)

Upper and lower case. A fun, inexpensive way to learn the letters: feel them, see them, match upper and lower. There are also many other topics such as butterflies, children, Noah's Ark, construction, nature and the Nativity.

"Parents should be the only teachers of their children until they have reached eight or ten years of age. As fast as their minds can comprehend it, the parents should open before them God's great book of nature...The only schoolroom for children until eight or ten years of age should be in the open air, amid the opening flowers and nature's beautiful scenery, and their most familiar textbook the treasures of nature. These lessons, imprinted upon the minds of young children amid the pleasant, attractive scenes of nature, will not be soon forgotten."

Counsels to Teachers, pages 78-80

Me Too School!
www.metooschool.com
ABC and 123 alphabet and number activity books; *On the Farm* and *Around the Town* playful introduction to math and recognizing letters. Especially for little ones who want to pretend like big brother or sister!

♥ Preschool materials
(Rod & Staff, Timberdoodle, Love to Learn, ROCK Solid)
Coloring books, storybooks, and Preschool A-B-C series, with focus on shapes and colors, Bible stories and verses, and number recognition. Inexpensive (books are $1.50 to $4.00 each). Simple activity books for coloring, cutting, pasting, learning to recognize shapes and colors. Perfect for pretending "school time" like big brother or sister.

Slow & Steady, Get Me Ready
352 pages. Has 260 unstructured, educational and entertaining activities for children birth - 5-years old. $19.95, free S&H, VA residents need to add sales tax.

Available from:
June Oberlander
Bio-Alpha, Inc.
P.O. Box 7190
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
(703) 323-6142
Email: bioalpha@erols.com

Weaver Interlock
(The Sycamore Tree, or direct from Alpha Omega Publications)
A Christian unit study curriculum for preschool and kindergarten, based on the Bible stories in Genesis 1-10, so it could be a logical sequel to God, Creation & Me. Integrates social studies, science, language, math, and art. Also can be used more than one year. Recommended by the late Raymond and Dorothy Moore and Moore Academy.

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"The languages should be studied. Before long there will be a positive necessity for many to leave their homes and go to work among those of other languages; and those who have some knowledge of foreign languages will thereby be able to communicate with those who know not the truth."

Fundamentals of Christian Education, page 537

Learning a Foreign Language

Adventist Materials and Resources

AY (Pathfinders and Adventurers)
AY honor in Language Study category. Also Sign Language. (Check *AY Honors* book for specific requirements.)

Himnario de Alabanzas
Clarion Call Music, Inc., P. O. Box 45, Keene, TX 76059. (ABC)
This is the Spanish edition of the *Chapel Hymnbook*, and a good source of hymns to learn in Spanish. It's not expensive, and is a nice size.

Revelation Seminars
Seminars Unlimited, P. O. Box 66, Keene, TX 76059.
Lessons available in Spanish and in French.

Other Christian/secular materials

A Beka
(grades 7-12)
Por Todo El Mundo A, B (Spanish 1), includes student textbook, vocabulary manual, with teacher's guide and teacher's editions, tests and answer keys, and cassette tapes:

- *Mas Que Vencedores A, B* (Spanish 2), same as above
- *Nouveaux Chemins A, B* (French 1), same as above
- *Langue et louange A, B* (French 2), same as above

♥ All-In-One Language Fun!
Computer software by Syracuse Language Systems, Inc. (Timberdoodle)

Five languages on one CD-ROM, English, Spanish, French, German and Japanese.

Alpha Omega
(High school level, worktext format)

- *Greek I*, accompanying Greek Manual, lexicon, and Hebrew-Greek study Bible
- *Spanish I*, accompanying cassette tapes

Bob Jones
(level not stated, but presumably high school or at least junior high):

- *French for Christian Schools*. Student text/activity book, teacher's manual, and cassette tapes.
- *Praktisches Deutsch: Grundstufe I, II* (German, student worktexts and cassette tapes).
- *Praktisches Deutsch: Mittlestufe I* (German, grammar worktext).

Bueno
29481 Manzanita Dr., Campo, CA 91906.
"The best in Friendly Foreign Language Learning." Resources, books, tapes, computer software for learning African, Spanish, French, German, English as a second language, Japanese, and Russian.

English to Spanish Workbook
ESP Publishers, 7163 123rd Circle N., Largo, FL 34643.
"A complete bilingual learning program for fifth grade thru high school." $24 plus $3 S&H.

Learnables
International Linguistics Co.,12220 Blue Ridge Blvd Suite G, Kansas City, MO 64030; 800/237-1830; www.learnables.com
For ages 7 and up. This Spanish course is highly recommended by a Spanish-speaking Adventist homeschool mother as one of the best available. Also available in French, German, Chinese, Russian, English, Japanese, Czech, Hebrew, and Second Language English. Prices vary.

Living Language Courses
(The Sycamore Tree)
Material includes cassette tapes, conversational manual for vocabulary, grammar, and letter writing, and a common usage dictionary. *Children's Living French* and *Children's Living Spanish* (ages 6-12), regular courses for older children and adults

in French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Portuguese. Inexpensively priced. However, they do contain some fairy tale stories.

Multimedia Spanish
Pro One Software ($13.95) and other Computer Programs on CD-ROM are excellent resources for teaching Spanish, French or German. You can actually hear the proper pronunciation.

Radio Stations
spend some time listening to radio stations, or use the Internet to find stations in other countries. Try to figure out what they are saying, it's good practice for the language of your choice.

Rosetta Stone
(Timberdoodle)
Computer programs for 24 foreign languages with step-by-step presentation with photo illustration.

Santa Biblia
(ABC or other Christian book stores)
The Holy Bible in Spanish. You should have at least one copy if you're serious about learning Spanish. You can also get it on cassette tape from American Cassette Ministries. A bilingual Bible Spanish-English edition is available from Christian Book Distributors.

Sign Language Christian Video's by Jennifer Lamp
(Timberdoodle)

Signs for His Glory
$55.00, 2-video course teaches over 500 signs, includes workbook.

Special Signs Video
$12.00, 55 of the most basic signs to familiarize your family with sign language to use with special needs children, toddlers, or those in your community.

Signing Times
www.signingtime.com
Produced by Two Little Hands Productions. There are 26 volumes of *Signing Time* available on DVD, *Baby Signing Time*—a series developed for children ages three months to three years old; *Signing Time Songs*—CDs featuring the much-loved music for the series; children's board books, flash cards, and other DVDs developed to reinforce the use of sign language in everyday life.

In only a few years, the *Signing Time* program has spread by word of mouth to all 50 states and over 20 countries. *Signing Time* is used widely by educators, pediatricians, home-schoolers, speech therapists, public schools, daycare centers, libraries and families as the most fun and easy way to introduce children to sign language.

Signing Online
Provides interactive web-based instruction in American Sign Language at www.signingonline.com

Spanish Made Fun
Beverly J. North, 1611 East 49th Street, Tulsa, OK 74105; 918/743-0737.
Beginning course with emphasis on conversation, age 4 to adult. Produced by a homeschooling mother and Spanish teacher. Parent learns along with the student. Manuscript with lesson plans, cassette tapes, activity pages, flashcards, songs, games, and other ideas. About $35.

Teach Me—Foreign Language
Using Music and Stories; 800/456-4656, www.teachmetapes.com
Books, CD's and tapes that teach 10 different languages using stories, activities and songs. One title that looked good was *Spanish Spiritual Songs*.

Video Sign Language Course
Christian Education Services, Inc., 1107 Wood Creek Circle, Flower Mound, TX 75028; 214/539-1458.
This is rather expensive, at $200 for the complete set of only six videos.

Recursos en Español
(Spanish Resources)

Adventist Book Center
www.adventistbookcenter.com
The ABC stores carry many Spirit of Prophecy and Bible resources written in Spanish.

AY Materials
(Advent Source)
Many Adventurer and Pathfinder resources are available in Spanish.

El Comendio de la Educacion en el Hogar
(The Homeschool Primer)
Available from The Adventist Home Educator and Moore Academy.
Judy y Kathie, madres veteranas en la ensenanza en el hogar por mas de 40 anos de experiencia combinadas en la educacion de sus hijos y en la consejeria educacional a otros. Este compendio ofrece ideas practices, economicas y comprobadas en como lograr que su experiencia de la educacion en el hogar sea placentera, satisfactioria y de calidad.

In most states it is a requirement that instruction be in English. For Hispanic families who want to provide some of the homeschool instruction in Spanish, or who live where English is not the requirement, here are the resources available.

El HEA Manual
(The Adventist Home Educator Handbook in Spanish)
This is currently being translated by dedicated parents in Puerto Rico. Contact me for updated information.

El Hogar Educador
Una educacion para hoy, manana y siempre, 1000 South 10th St., PMB 529, Suite G; McAllen, TX 78501; 011-52-844-483-0377 OR Apartado 17, 25350 Arteaga Coahuila, Mexico; 01-844-483-0377;
Email: vnm@characterlink.net

Internet sites:
www.multcolib.org
www.elhogareducator.org

The Moore Academy
Consultoria Educativa, para familias e instituciones educativas.
Asociado de la Academia Moore; www.moorehomeschooling.com

Rod & Staff
Textbooks in Spanish include Serie de Lecciones y Lecturas Sobre la Biblia (Bible Nurture and Reader Series) for grades 1-3. Conociendo el Diccionario and Manual de Maestro (Meeting the Dictionary). Mathematicas Para la Gloria de Dios (Mathematics for Christian Living Series) for grades 1-3. And a Calificaciones Escolars Periodicas (School Report Card).

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Handwriting, Phonics, Spelling, Vocabulary

Adventist Materials and Resources

"Oh that my words were now written!"
Job 19:23

AY (Pathfinders and Adventurers)
Various AY honors and class work requirements have lists of terms to define, which can be used for customized vocabulary and/or spelling lists. (Check *Adventurer Manual, AY Instructor's Guide,* and *AY Honors* book for specific requirements.)

Other Christian/secular materials

"The whole of this Psalm [27] is excellent, and should be placed in the reading and spelling lessons of the classes."
3 BC, page 1142

303 Dumb Spelling Mistakes...And What You Can Do About Them
(Rainbow Resource Center)
Ways to help you remember spellings of commonly misspelled, troublesome words. For junior-high, high school and even adults.

A Reason For
Concerned Communications, 800/447-4332;
www.areasonfor.com Download demos on website.
A Reason for Writing is complete handwriting instruction for grades K-6. Emphasis is placed on practice in manuscript, transition, and cursive. Uses Scripture verses exclusively. For vocabulary purpose, The Living Bible is used. The student writes finished verses on a beautifully drawn "Border Sheet" which can be colored and used to share with grandparents and/or nursing home residents which includes service outreach, handwriting, scripture, and art in one class.

A Reason for Spelling starts with a values-based story. The daily lessons build on the story's theme. Integrates spelling with reading, writing and language arts.

Originally written by Adventist schoolteacher Carol Ann Retzer for use in the classroom. Now a committee of Christian, Catholic and Protestant teachers have re-written these resources for use in schools. Homeschool packs for both series and all levels include one student workbook, one teacher guidebook. Additional student workbooks are available separately.

Alpha-Phonics
Samuel Blumenfeld, published by The Paradigm Co., P. O. Box 45161, Boise, ID 83711; 208/322-4440 (also available from The Elijah Company and other sources). Uses a linguistic approach and gets the child into actual reading as quickly as possible. Requires as little as 10 minutes a day. Does not use games, songs, and rewards to produce results. Tapes available separately.

BFH – Barchowsky Fluent Handwriting
410/272-0836;
www.BFHhandwriting.com
Manual and CD-ROM with 385 printable pages $39.95. Edit or create your own pages. Manuscript to cursive without problematic directional changes.

HEXO Academics
National Spelling Bee materials, www.hexco.com

Hooked on Phonics
(Advertised on radio, TV, E-Bay, etc.)
There are several reasons to avoid this much-advertised product. First of all, it doesn't work. Parents spend $250.00 for this course and end up with an inferior product which must be supplemented and phonics rules re-learned. It depends on the child memorizing, the letters numerical value meaning two things to learn. (Digraphs like "ou" and "ee" aren't even covered.) Second, it contains words and phrases such as Rome, Catholic, Holy Easter, etc. Third, the characters are inappropriate and disrespectful to each other. Fourth, the music is repetitive, hypnotic, rock type music. Fifth, there is a whispery voice that repeats sounds, almost like subliminal messages. Sixth, the high cost doesn't fit most homeschool budgets.

> *"To spell correctly, to write a clear, fair hand, and to keep accounts are necessary accomplishm ents."*
>
> *Councils to Teachers, page 218*

Natural Speller
Katharine Stout (Design-A-Study)
Covers grades 1-8, spelling pattern rules, dictionary skills, roots, activity ideas. About $22.

"Before attempting to study the higher branches of literary knowledge, be sure that you thoroughly understand the simple rules of English grammar and have learned to read and write and spell correctly. Climb the lower rounds of the ladder before reaching for the higher rounds." Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, page 219

Phonics Tutor

CD-ROM - www.phonicstutor.com

This is the Alpha-Phonics course by Samuel Blumenfeld as a computer software program, $85. No flashy pictures, blaring music, or jumpy cartoons, just 129 lessons covering, the 80 English phonograms, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. Actually teaches the concept, your child hears each sound, hears each word, types each word and learns capitalization and punctuation at the same time. No annoying beeps for mistakes, the computer simply doesn't respond until the correct response is entered. Rated for ages 4 and up. Good for early readers just don't do too much at a time; Good for late bloomers as there are no little kids cartoons, and older students who need more phonics and reading experience; and adults who need remedial phonics education. I highly recommend this program for the older child. There are better programs such as *Reading Lesson* for the young child. Download a 4-lesson demo on website.

Also available is a Phonics Tutor *Teachers Manual* $45 very handy for those of us who were not taught phonics. It shows each screen of the CD-ROM so there's never any question you can't answer. Teachers manual is highly recommend. Both items together $119. Review, expand and extend learning with *Student Reader*, $29.95 and *Student Workbook*, $24.95.

Rod and Staff

Penmanship for Christian Writing 1, 2, 3, 4 (grades 1-4). Cursive writing begins in grade 2.

Spelling by Sound and Structure 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (grades 1-7). Thorough Christian vocabulary.

Roots and Fruits

(Rainbow Resource Center)

A hands-on vocabulary curriculum for K-12. 15 minutes per day learning spelling, writing, dictionary and reading skills. $35

Sing, Spell, Read, and Write
(The Sycamore Tree and other sources)
(See description under Reading)

♥ Spelling Scale for Home Educators
Small Ventures, 11023 Watterson Dr., Dallas, TX 75228.
A small 12 page booklet with eight spelling lists. Follow the easy directions, give your child the test, score and evaluate, for an easy way to tell your child's spelling grade level. (Timberdoodle, $1.50).

Smart Write
(Love to Learn)
A computer program for the parent to input and print out words, sentences, or memory verse worksheets for teaching children penmanship. Uses D'Nealian, Zaner-Bloser or Italic fonts.

Vocabulary Wordbooks
(Country Garden School)
A set of eight sequential workbooks of vocabulary exercises. Requires a Placement Test before usage to determine level of student. Recommended for grade 7 and up.

"Too much cannot be said in regard to the importance of thoroughness in these lines...He who knows how to use the English language fluently and correctly can exert a far greater influence than one who is unable to express his thoughts readily and clearly."
Councils to Teachers, page 216

Winston Vocabulary
(see Language section)

Wordly Wise
(Educators Publishing Service, Inc.)
An inexpensive series of vocabulary builder books for grades 2-12, with a total of over 4,000 core words. Books for the younger children include line drawing pictures to make the meanings clearer. Student book plus teacher key costs about $5. Optional test books available for another $5.

The Words You Should Know

(The Elijah Company)

Definitions and sentences for the 1200 essential words every educated person should be able to use and define. Good vocabulary and spelling for high school students.

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Health And Physical Education

Adventist Materials and Resources

♥ AY (Pathfinders and Adventurers)
Physical fitness requirements for all levels, ages 6-15, included in *Adventurer Manual and AY Instructor's Guide*, plus AY honors in the Recreational category, including Drilling and Marching, Swimming, Backpacking, etc. Also other honors, such as First Aid, CPR, Home Nursing, Health and Healing, and Temperance for health curriculum (Check *Adventurer Manual, AY Instructor's Guide and AY Honors* book for specific requirements).

> "Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power—these are the true remedies."
> *Ministry of Healing*, page 127

Bodywise
(Concerned Communications, 800/447-4332)
Three editions are now available: *Olympic Edition, Wellness Edition* (based on the "eight true remedies"), and *Christian Family Edition*. Lessons and activities are in the format of puzzles, games, and stories. Teacher's Editions containing tests and answer keys are available.

♥ Counsels on Diet and Foods
Ellen G. White (ABC)
Proper diet, the basis of good health, is essential to a successful educational experience.

> **"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health just as your soul prospers."**
> 3 John 2

♥ Eight Laws of Health
Joe Maniscalco (ABC)
In simple language the eight laws of health from *Ministry of Healing* are presented. Many color illustrations.

Eight Sure Steps to Health and Happiness
L. H. Jones (ABC)
Each of the chapters dealing with the Eight Laws of Health is written in a story format to interest children. Illustrated with beautiful full-page colored pictures.

Fun with Kids in the Kitchen Cookbook
Judi Rogers (ABC)
Vegetarian (some vegan) recipes such as Timothy Turtle Bread, Rocket Banana Pops and Super Stone Soup for children to learn nutrition and cooking skills. Also included are fun recipes for play dough and finger paints.

Health in the Bible Coloring Books
Don King (ABC)
A set of coloring books illustrating health concepts as found in the Old Testament. Titles include:

- *Health in the Beginning*
- *The Beginning of Sickness*
- *Moses and Public Health*
- *Choice of Daniel and His Friends.*

♥ Home Made Health
Raymond and Dorothy Moore (The Moore Academy).
This wonderful book on family health and the laws of health is an excellent resource for health class and for research.

Human Body felt set
(ABC, Country Garden School, The Moore Academy, The Sycamore Tree)
Life-size felt mannequin that displays the organs and systems of the body. Revised from an older version. *I Am Joe's Body* is included with the set. A teacher's manual, *My Body Temple*, with 36 worship talks, comes with the set from Country Garden School.

Read in Education pages 207-213 about the importance of physical activity in the education of our children.

Let's Eat for Strength
Vicki and Dane Griffin, P. O. Box 67, Thompsonville, IL 62890.
A series of six professionally-produced, 60-minute videotape health/nutrition programs. Comes with a six-page "program summary." Excellent for use in a church cooking school or sharing with your non-Adventist homeschooling

friends, as well as for health class in your homeschool. Highly recommended by Dr. Agatha Thrash. Titles are:

- The Great Sugar Scandal; Fat...or Fiction?
- High Protein: Give Your Bones a Break
- Digestion: A Churning Question
- Social Drinking: Pleasure...or Prison?
- Food Fixations: Finding Freedom

More video's are planned in this series. About $30 each.

♥ Ministry of Healing
Ellen G. White (ABC)
Recommended for study in grade 8 and up, syllabus available from Country Garden School.

The Creator's Masterpiece
(The Moore Academy) or Hope International, P.O. Box 940, Eatonville, WA 98328.
A modest, Christian course of human anatomy and physiology described by the Moores as "excellent!" for upper elementary through adult levels. Full course includes textbook, 19 taped classroom lectures, lecture outlines, examinations, objectives, 3-ring-binder, lesson-by-lesson evaluations and clarifications by the instructor, and a certificate of completion. Or you can separately order just the textbook, lecture outlines and teaching materials, and/or taped classroom lectures. Write for current prices

The House You Live In
(Country Garden School)
A worktext in physiology and hygiene. The child studies his body as God's temple, and learns to care for it as directed in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. Recommended for grade 6.

Uchee Pines Institute
30 Uchee Pines Road, Seale, AL 38675; 205/855-2380; www.ucheepines.org Dr. Agatha and Calvin Thrash present seminars (also available on video.) They are the authors of:
♥ Natural Healthcare for Your Child
This book is not on homeschooling but on having healthy children, which is essential for every Adventist parent who does not want to give drugs to their

child and/or have expensive medical care. It effectively replaces Dr. Spock for encyclopedic information on the prevention, causes, and treatment of diseases and ailments common from birth through the teenage years. Alphabetically arranged for easy reference.

♥ Understanding Body Organs and The Eight Laws of Health
Celeste Lee, Abundant Life Ministry, P. O. Box 913, Chadon, NE 69337; 308/432-4384; Email: alm@bbc.net;
Written by an Adventist homeschooling mom. A concise reference book explaining the organs of the body and their specific functions. This is combined with information on sustaining and healing the body through the Eight Laws of Health. Excellent class syllabus of 120 pages in an easy-to-read format. Large index to aid in finding specific information. $16.95 plus $4.05 S&H

Other Christian/secular materials

♥ Body Works
Software Marketing Corporation (Software distributors)
An impressive CD-ROM adventure in anatomy that covers all aspects of the human body. Allows viewing of entire systems and individual organs. Learn correct pronunciation of terms with real speech. Includes first aid, injuries, illness', lesson plans, and quizzes. Appropriate for ages 8 to adult.

"The first study of the young should be to know themselves and how to keep their bodies in health."
Testimonies Volume 3, page 142

Creative Aerobics
(Bob Jones)
Fitness video, ideal for home, class, or group workout, for beginning, intermediate, or advanced participation. One reviewer says this is advanced and high impact. Includes a wide variety of great music, from Bach to Rampal. Designed to give maximum benefits for improving blood circulation, strengthening the heart and lungs, and metabolizing excess fat. About $25.

Creative Conditioning
(Bob Jones)
A 48-minute video with conditioning exercises to light classical music. The girls demonstrating the exercises are very tastefully dressed in knit shirts and loose sweat pants. About $25.

Fitness at Home, A Physical Fitness Program for Home Schools
1084 Yale Farm Rd., Romulus, NY 14541.
Written by a physical education instructor, coach and homeschool father. Contains worthwhile goals, takes minimal time and little preparation and no special equipment.

Fitness for Life
(The Sycamore Tree)
Focus on physical fitness, strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, body composition, agility, balance, coordination, reaction time, and speed. Student text and teacher's edition. For grades 7-12.

Let's Talk About Life
Jamie Buckingham, Creation House, 1986 (Christian book stores)
This Christian sex education book is designed for preadolescents, and is one of the most tasteful books I have seen on this subject. It is firmly based on the belief "that the Bible holds the answers and that the place for sex education is in the home." A short quiz follows each chapter.

P. E. Curriculum Guide
The Sycamore Tree)
Complete curriculum for grades 1-6, includes activities for movement exploration, games, stunts, relays, lead-up games for team sports—and first aid. Also directions for equipment to make.

Physical Education for Homeschoolers
Nutmeg Publications, P. O. Box 9335, Moscow, ID 83843.
A complete and easy guide to physical education at home using a minimum amount of equipment. $10.95 + $2.95 S&H.

Rod and Staff
Paperback books in worktext format, you will have to adapt non-vegetarian sections. Titles are:

- *Proper Manners and Health Habits* (grade 2)
- *Health for the Glory of God* (grade 4 or 5) includes theology regarding the state of the dead contrary to Adventist beliefs.

♥ The Body Book
Scholastic Books (Timberdoodle)
A great reproducible book for grades 3 - 6 with easy-to-make hands on models that teach children how their bodies work. Includes skeletal, circulatory, senses,

muscles, and urinary systems. Great for use with *Wonderfully Made* learning project.

The Wonderful Way That Babies Are Made
Larry Christenson, Bethany House Publishers, 1982 (Christian book stores)
An "older" book but unique in its design, with illustrations and large-print verse to be read to younger children, ages 3-8, along with smaller print paragraphs to amplify the information for older children, ages 9-14. Also a short section on adoption, illustrated by Jesus' adoption by Joseph.

Total Health
(Sycamore Tree)
A Christian health curriculum for seventh through twelfth grades. Student textbooks, teacher's editions, test and quiz books.

Woggler
877/WOGGLER; www.thewoggler.com
Have fun with PE class while learning to coordinate right/left brain activity, improve visual perception, learn balance and develop strength. Discounts to homeschoolers.

♥ Why Christian's Get Sick, God's Way to Ultimate Health, Recipes for Life from God's Garden
George & Rhonda Malkmus, Hallelujah Acres, P. O. Box 2388, Shelby, NC 28151; 704/481-1700; www.hacres.com
Three excellent books that explain how abusing God's health laws can cause sickness and death. The books show how illnesses can be cured by following God's plan for eating and health. If you have family members who don't appreciate the special health message from the Spirit of Prophecy, they will listen to this message straight from the Bible. A free newsletter, *Back to the Garden* is a good resource and witnessing tool.

"The time spent in physical exercise is not lost...A proportionate exercise of all the organs and faculties of the body is essential to the best work of each. When the brain is constantly taxed while the other organs of the living machinery are inactive, there is a loss of strength, physical and mental. The physical system is robbed of its healthful tone, the mind loses its freshness and vigor, and a morbid excitability is the result.

Care needs to be exercised in regard to the regulation of hours for sleeping and laboring. We must take periods of rest, periods of recreation, periods for contemplation...The principles of temperance have a wider ranger than many think."

The Adventist Home, page 494

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Internet and Software

The Internet - World Wide Web - Online connects businesses, universities, libraries, homes, hospitals, etc. (essentially anyone who wants to join). It is accessed with a computer, communications software (Microsoft Explorer or Netscape) and a modem via your phone line or DSL to their website.

Children and the Internet

As you already know, there are also many inappropriate Internet sites. Several times I've been dumped on one because they buy out of date URL's (addresses). You must be with your children and know what they are doing on the Internet at all times! This can't be emphasized enough. There are no guidelines or controls on the overload of information that is out there in cyberspace. Putting blocks on accessing sex, language, or violence sites does not always work. The reason is that many sites I've looked in for health or business related topics are not rated and won't let you there without a password. This makes it difficult to get anywhere. There is additional software that will help with this. The best solution is to be with your child and make it a family learning experience.

The justice department reports that 1 in 4 children are exposed to pornography while exploring the Internet. Filters alone do not work, simply misspelling a word can take you to a site where you can't get out. The greatest danger to children is found in chat rooms where predators are lurking. 1 in 5 children have been solicited by predators in chat rooms. Monitor your child's time on the Internet, install controls and filters, keep computers in a family area (not the child's bedroom), warn children of the dangers, know the lingo (i.e. ASL = age, sex, location) and teach them to never provide personal information.

Homeschool and the Internet

Each of the main on-line services offer education sites, kids only libraries and college courses available. You can download books, search the Smithsonian, access National Geographic, visit the bottom of the ocean or the moon and many other things. Going on-line is not a necessity to successful homeschooling nor is it always the "wonderful" experience some have made it out to be. I've heard of good experiences and horror stories about children and the Internet. Life will certainly go on and most likely be less complicated for you if you are not involved on the Internet if

that is your choice. I just want you to understand that you can homeschool without the Internet. Here are some specifically homeschool Internet sites we know of, but have no experience with!

Adventist Virtual Learning Network
www.avln.org
Adventist K-20+ education.

Camp Internet
www.campinternet.net online homeschooling

Central Connecticut Adventist Virtual School
www.adventist-home-school.com
Elementary 5-10 and high school. Online schooling, personal emails and chat room sessions.

"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."
Philippians 4:8

Daily Grammar Lesson
Via email at www.wordplace.com

Edanywhere.com

E-TAP
(Teaching Assistance Program), www.etap.org
Math tutorial site for middle and high school mathematics.

FISH – Families Independently Schooling at Home
www.anobadiah.com
Hundreds of Internet links to sites of interest to homeschool families. I can't vouch for all the links but there were a lot of them!

HomeSchool Family Network
www.homeschoolfamilies.net
Unlimited internet access, $19.95 per month, family filtering protector, free family web page, seven email addresses, 24/7 customer support, domain of (your name)@homeschoolfamilies.net

NovaNET
www.nn.com/campus
Campus offers a free service with educational lessons, homework supplement, academic and vocational topics. Visit their website: to download the software.

On-line Universities
These are an innovative use of the Internet. I've heard that there are 200,000 older students spending their spare time getting degrees on the Internet. They read lectures, take tests, and email their professors receiving more one-on-one time with professors than if they were on a campus. It can be expensive, but you are paying for the convenience of staying home and doing it in your spare time. This is definitely an alternative for homeschoolers. To some of the universities offering on-line universities, check out these websites:

- www.intered.com
- www.atlantic.edu
- www.iStudySmart.com
- www.Bakeronline.com
- www.jonesinternational.edu

Willoway CyberSchool
www.willoway.com
Accredited Internet school for grades 7-12. "Teach computer-related technologies, giving homeschoolers a competitive edge in today's technically oriented society."

Work Reference
www.wordreference.com Translate words to and from English, Spanish, German, Italian, and French.

Email

If you would like to have an email address without having an Internet account, Juno is the service you need. Call them at 800/654-JUNO for a disk. To get the free service, you are sent advertisement banners that you are of course, free to ignore.

Email Lists are groups of people discussing issues and sharing their experiences. There are recipe, health, business, science experiments, word of the day, and many more lists you can join. To join the *AHE* Email List with over 200 Adventist homeschool moms, visit http://groups.yahoo.com/AHE-List

For an email address that also witnesses try Yourname@SDA.net and never change your email address again no matter who your Internet service provider is. This is an Internet based email service and you access your

email from anywhere Internet service is available. It is a free service to Adventists, sign up at: www.sda.net click -mail sign up.

Weblog or Blog

The latest thing to do on the Internet is to blog. This is a site where you share your thoughts, ideas, pictures or anything else you want to with anyone else on the Internet who cares to look. The largest homeschooling blog site is www.homeschoolblogger.com with over 5000 families' blogging their learning experiences with others. Our daughter Aarika's blog is – kittykatgirl.

Learning Software

A+ Learning System Software
(The Sycamore Tree, $69.95 each level/subject)
Reading 1-8, Vocabulary 1-8, Language 1-9, Grammar and Writing 1-9, Spelling 1-7, Mathematics 1-12, Science 1-8, Chemistry, Biology, Social Studies 1-8, Civics, History, Economics, Government.

Instructions are read to the child, so it would be good for audio learners and those struggling readers. This is computer learning and recommended for a few subject areas not as a total curriculum.

Learning 2000 Lifetime Library
www.learning2000.com
Educational software on CD-ROM with core learning skills for grades 4-12. Take a placement test, study the lesson and take the final test in reading, writing, mathematics and other subjects. Developed by McGraw Hill for the military and business corporations, who paid $8,500 per set, seeking to improve the knowledge of their employees. Includes an online dictionary (click any word and get a definition); automated record keeping; Math 1,2,3, Algebra 1, 2, core skills, reading 1, 2; spelling; grammar; sharpens skills while teaching literature, science (no evolution) and history from 111 books; 23 GB instruction; 2,200 minutes of video on 47 CD-ROM's available complete for $599.

Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing
(Software suppliers)
This is one of the most popular and award-winning typing programs available. It is suitable for all ages (5 to adult), colorful, and fairly interesting. Your current typing skill (or lack thereof) is evaluated at the beginning of the program, and learning modules are custom-tailored by the program to fit each student's individual needs. It is useful for total beginners to experienced typists who need to "brush up." The overwhelming complaint I hear is that you are given a guilt trip if you don't score high enough, or choose to discontinue a lesson.

Microsoft Encarta
A CD-ROM encyclopedia you'll probably get it with a new PC. 41,000 articles, 3,523 media pictures with captions, enlarge capabilities, sounds, and videos such as a baby bird hatching, a bee's dance, an eagle fishing,

and so many more. Other features include timelines, thesaurus, atlas, songs from other countries and the ability to print out pictures and articles. Some new age views and of course theories of evolution. Search with your children.

Pro-One Software
Available at many software dealers, or from Solid Rock Software (see suppliers).
"School type" software for Biology, Pre-algebra, Algebra, Grammar, Spanish etc.

Robinson Self-Teaching Homeschool Curriculum
P. O. Box 1279, Cave Junction, OR 97523.
Advertised as "A complete course of study for grades 1-12." This set of CD-ROM's includes: course of study, reading comprehension and vocabulary examinations, 120,000 page library in computer image format, 1911 Encyclopedia Britannia, 1913 Noah Webster's Dictionary, 6000 word Vocabulary Teacher, physical science, program and broad essential knowledge of history, literature, economics and general studies, progress exams. $195 for the 20 CD-ROM set plus coupons for discounts on Saxon math books, "the only other materials you need to provide."

You are led to believe that the entire curriculum is on the computer, in reality your children do not use the computer much at all, you print out thousands and thousands of pages of books, which your child is suppose to read for their curriculum. It is estimated that it would cost $6000.00 in computer paper and printer ink to do this. Many of these books are fiction, and as for the other books, I'd prefer to have them as regular bound books in my home library, not as computer printouts.

My concern here is that this type of teaching (one education for all) doesn't encourage creativity, it doesn't include Learning Projects, there is no one-to-one time or interaction with parent/teacher, and it doesn't take the child's individual talents and interests into account.

Sunday Software
800/678-1948, www.sundaysoftware.com
Bible-based software, study guides, lesson plans and outlines. Some of the many titles include *The Life of Christ*, *Good Sam the Samaritan* and *The Ten Commandments*.

Switched-on Schoolhouse
Published by Alpha Omega, www.switched-onschoolhouse.com

SOS is school curriculum on CD-ROM for grades 3-12. Available as a complete grade package or individual subjects of: science, Bible, history, language arts and math. Other CD-ROM's include a Health Quest unit for grades 4-7, Spanish for ninth grade, State History, and College Planner for 12th graders. Approximately $275 per grade level.

Basically students read the text, just like a textbook but with video clips, pop-ups and Internet links, then solve problems and take a test. Missed problems are repeated, skipped problems are flagged.

Here's what there is to like about it. The responsibility of choosing curriculum resources is gone, you've spent the money either use this or pay for another curriculum. Everything is computerized for you- lesson plans, record keeping, grading and even communication via email with your child.

Here's what's not to like about it. You are referred to as "teacher" and you have to be comfortable with the computer and figure out initial set up with calendars, assignments, and lesson plans along with all the settings and controls with the program. This program is really no more than a textbook with video and cartoon clips. It is still a one-size fits all education leaving no time for Learning Projects, group learning (which is what families do), and child-led interests. The curriculum contains cartoons and video clips throughout, requires reading of fiction and Internet links. It also uses communication between student and teacher (you and your child) via email, and I don't choose to communicate with my child via the computer and email regarding questions, assignments, lessons, grades and problems. If you don't like this, or think you can recoup your money, realize that you cannot resell this program to anyone as you agree not to when you purchase it. eBay will pull your listing if you try to sell this there.

For a complete curriculum I think it's too much computer time, electronic learning, and detached school type learning. To enhance one subject such as math or language arts, it's a possibility but still with all the drawbacks mentioned above.

♥ Typing Instructor Deluxe
(Timberdoodle, $12.00)
Straightforward typing instruction with no dancing animals, wizards or rock music.

Additional titles are listed under subjects.

Software for Household and Homeschool Organization

♥ Homeschool Easy Records for Windows, Data Plus Solutions
9090 Tahoe Lane, Boulder, CO 80301: 888/328-7587; www.dataplus.biz
Email: vdugar@earthlink.net
Lesson plans, progress reports, report cards, transcripts, attendance records, grade and time calculations, K-12. An easy to learn program, with in three hours I had an official looking transcript for my daughter which was accepted by Pacific Union College.

Subscribe to HER_Discuss email list at:
HER-Discuss-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Homeschool ORGANIZE! for Windows
(The Sycamore Tree)
Lesson plans, charts for chores and themes, weekly planners, menus, etc. $30

Money Matters
Christian Financial Concepts, 800/722-1976, www.cfcministry.org
Track spending through budgeting, reconcile bank statements, bill reminder, check printing, income and expense summarizing.

Quicken (Intuit)
A personal and small-business financial record-keeping program, which looks and works a lot like your personal checkbook. It will reconcile bank statements, budget, and generate personal and business reports of many kinds. It is invaluable to our household in keeping our checking account up to date. Use Quicken to teach your children to manage their finances.

SchoolBook Professional 2001
Casey Harms, 909/389-1538; Email: C2nl@family.net
Keep track of your school records with this full-featured software designed by an Adventist homeschooler. Create customized records of daily activities, books read, field trips etc. $20 + $2 S&H.

Software Suppliers

Children's Software
www.ChildrensSoftwareOnline.com Children's Technology Review

Know Play?
www.knowplay.com
Software for math, spelling, reading, foreign languages, science and music.

Learning Company
500 Redwood Blvd., Novato, CA 94947; 800/474-0431;
www.broderbund.com
Reader Rabbit, Oregon Trail, Liberty's Kids and other educational software.

Smart Kids Software
www.SmartKidsSoftware.com
Children's educational software, creativity, grammar, story books, money, science, test preparation, typing and more.

Solid Rock Software
1382 Maplewood Dr., Long Lake, MN 55356: 612/404-2563;
www.srsmall.com
Lots of school type software science, math, language, geography, and Bible.

Software 10

Language, Grammar and Composition

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue."
Proverbs 18:21

Teaching of language begins from the moment of birth. Your child grows gradually in understanding of spoken language as he matures. Your child can become an "author" long before he is able to read or write by telling stories to you and eventually dictating stories and letters for you to write down. If he has this background, it will be easy for him to write his own stories after he has mastered the mechanics of written language.

As with all subjects, use English curriculum materials as a tool to achieve your goals, and do not be a slave to a pre-designed curriculum.

"One of the fundamental branches of learning is language study. In all our schools, special care should be taken to teach the students to use the English language correctly in speaking, reading, and writing. Too much cannot be said in regard to the importance of thoroughness in those lines." One of the most essential qualifications of a teacher is the ability to speak and read distinctly and forcibly. He who knows how to use the English language fluently and correctly can exert a far greater influence than one who is unable to express his thoughts readily and clearly." Counsels to Teachers, page 216

Adventist Materials and Resources

♥ AY (Pathfinders and Adventurers)
Many AY awards, honors and class work require oral or written descriptions. These are excellent opportunities to learn and apply compositional skills. (Check *Adventurer Manual, AY Instructor's Guide* and *AY Honors* book for specific requirements such as Journalism.) There is also a Sign Language honor that is a fun and practical to pursue and can develop into service for others.

The King's English
Becky Kaylor Vermilyea, 73 HC 34, Mt. Grove, MO 65711.
This is an excellent English curriculum, a sequential order of learning, but topics and activities vary throughout the course so that the student does not get bored with a lot of one thing. Plus, there is constant review, so the student doesn't forget concepts as easily. The series consists of Books A, B, C, D, E, and F (corresponding

to grades 3-8). Sentence and paragraph material used are Bible stories, nature stories, and Ellen White stories. If you run across anyone with used copies to sell, it would be worthwhile to obtain them! Or you can order unbound photocopies of the original master copies directly from the author, contact the author for costs.

"Be sure that you thoroughly understand the simple rules of English grammar, and have learned to read and write and spell correctly." Counsels to Teachers, page 218

Other Christian/secular materials

♥ Any Child Can Write
Harvey S. Wiener. (Bantam Books, Elijah Company, God's World Books)
Highly recommended by the Moores to include writing in your child's learning experience.

Teaching Tip:
To build language, spelling, cognitive and problem-solving skills, practice spelling lists, review terms learned in your Learning Projects and by doing Word Search Puzzles.

Design your own puzzles with software from www.wordsearchmaker.com

The Blue Book
www.grammarbook.com
Indispensable tool for teachers, students, writers, proofreaders and editors. Learn grammar and punctuation. Preview contents on website.

The Grammar Key
P. O. Box 3320, Tulsa, OK
74153; 800/480-0539.
Complete grammar course for beginners, remedial, retraining, dyslexic or special needs. Sensible, logical and easy to use.

Easy Grammar
Wanda Phillips. (Timberdoodle)
Described as an approach to English grammar that "really works!" Author offers a 100% unconditional guarantee. Begins with mastering of prepositions and prepositional phrases, making the rest of parts of speech identification much easier.

Fine Writing
1245 32nd St. S. E., Auburn, WA 98002.
Receive a comprehensive report of your child's' strengths and weaknesses. Assessed in 11 skill categories.

Webster University
www.webster.edu/writingcenter/tips/index.shtml
Power Point presentations on commas and 150 other parts of grammar such as run-on sentences, punctuation, pronouns and more.

In the presence of such a Teacher, of such opportunity for divine education, what worse than folly is it to seek and education apart from Him—to seek to be wise apart from Wisdom; to be true while rejecting Truth; to seek illumination apart from the Light, and existence without the Life; to turn from the Fountain of living waters, and hew out broken cisterns, that can hold no water."
Education, page 83

♥Learning English with the Bible
(Timberdoodle)
Uses the Bible to teach parts of speech, sentence structure, composition, diagramming, and more. Set of three books, $16.25 for grades 5 and up. Great for high school review of English.

Jensen's Grammar
Timberdoodle) $25
Incremental instruction of the fundamentals for grades 7-12, 75 lessons, tests, exercises, teachers helps.

Learning English Using Punctuation and Capitalization
(Timberdoodle)
Similar to the book above, grades 4-12. $5.00

Learning Language Arts Through Literature
(Cornerstone Curriculum Project and
www.commonsensepress.com)

I am hesitant to list this resource because of the fiction literature that it is based on. It is considered "good" fiction, from a non-Adventist point of view, but fiction, nonetheless. You would have to examine the material and make the decision based on your personal convictions.

The writer claims this contains complete instruction for all aspects of language arts: grammar, spelling, copying, dictation, writing mechanics, penmanship, comprehension, as well as phonics and reading (decoding) on the earliest levels. Grade 1 – 12.

It is not necessary to follow someone else's set curriculum for English. Once your child can read and write and knows the basics of grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and word usage, the best learning experience is to just *write*—personal and business letters, journals, stories, essays, reports, research papers, large and small, daily journal, a video or book review, your own biography. Encourage your child in reading aloud and speaking—giving Scripture and prayer, mission stories, telling Bible stories to younger children, etc. Learn to take notes during a sermon or while watching a documentary.

Rod and Staff
(traditional textbooks)
This is an English curriculum for the elementary grades 1-8. A good guide to English though the workbooks tend to be tedious.

In addition, there are *English Worksheets* that can be used, as needed, for supplementary work in conjunction with any English curriculum. Each set of three books each is presented in two levels, Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8 (which has accompanying *Teacher's Manuals*), containing:

- The Eight Parts of Speech
- The Sentence
- Punctuation and Capitalization
- English Handbook, reference volume to supplement any English curriculum.

Understanding Writing
Bradrick Family Enterprises, 25 Geissler Road, Montesano, WA 98563; 360/249-2472. Send SASE for information.
Christ-centered, Bible-based language and composition curriculum for grades 1-12, suitable for teaching to several children on different grade levels, may be introduced to students at any grade level. Written by a homeschool mother for homeschoolers. Emphasizes content, style, and mechanics (must be supplemented with grammar), teaches basic types of writing: descriptive, narrative, informative, persuasive. About $65 ($85 with binder) + $6.50 S&H.

Webster's 1828 Dictionary
(The Horne Book, Landmark Distributors)
The definitions in this dictionary are thorough and complete, untainted by humanistic ideas and they frequently contain scripture references. A facsimile copy. A CD-ROM of this dictionary is available from CTI Technologies, Internet: www.christiantech.com or call 800/366-8320.

♥Winston Program
(The Moore Academy, Hewitt)
This is the grammar program recommended by Dr. Moore and many Adventist homeschooling moms who have used it. It can be used by itself or to supplement other English curriculums. The system uses colorful cards for parts of speech and sentence structure, which makes grammar easy to learn. There is a student workbook and teacher's book for each level of *Winston Grammar*. Could start at grades 3 or 4, depending on your child.

Winston Grammar covers the eight basic parts of speech and how they are used in sentences.
Advanced Winston Grammar covers more difficult concepts, such as clauses, infinitives, gerunds, and compound and complex sentences.
Usage offers a unique selection of English usage challenges designed to eliminate over 60% of grammar errors occurring in everyday spoken and written language.
Vocabulary (grade 7 and above) comes in Leves I, II, and III, covering 1200 words which are the kind are most likely to appear on the *S.A.T.*'s. Each kit contains a workbook and audiotape for correct pronunciation.
Punctuation (ungraded) includes all of the information for punctuation success.

Teaching Tip: Everyone likes to share what he or she knows. Have your children write out directions to Grandma's house, how to make…, how to do…, how to play… Write down stories that your child dictates to you then read them back. This helps children learn that our words are also thoughts.

Wordsmith
Janie B. Cheaney. Small Ventures, 11023 Watterson Dr., Dallas, TX 75226; 940/566-6123. (Also Timberdoodle) Creative writing for grades 6+, $11.

- *Wordsmith Apprentice* – ages 9-12, $16. Paragraph writing, reporting, sentences, parts of speech, opinion writing.

- *Wordsmith Craftsman* – grades 10-12. $14. Includes practical writing skills, note taking and summarizing.

Write@home
www.writeathome.net
Online writing classes for high school students, weekly feedback by professional writing coaches include weekly lessons that are challenging and creative.

♥ Writers Inc.
(Moore Academy, Great Christian Books, or book stores)
Excellent reference book for high schoolers for writing, speech making and proofreading. $10

Writer's Intl. Forum for Young Authors,
P.O. Box 516, Tracyton, WA 98393-0516.
A newsletter for young writers, featuring a stimulating method of developing language skills, manuscripts with editor's comments, open markets, how to submit stories, etc. Subscription-$24.

Writing Road to Reading (Phonics, Reading, Spelling, Writing)
(See description under Handwriting/Phonics/Spelling/Vocabulary)

Writing to God's Glory
P. O. Box 736, Lake Hamilton, FL 33851.
By a homeschool mother and former English teacher, a tried and tested method of teaching children to write. $35.

"I am the First and the Last, and the Living One."
Revelation 1:17, RSV
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."
Revelation 21:6 RSV

Writing Strands
National Writing Institute, 7946 Wright Road, Niles, MI 49120; 616/684-5375.
Challenging writing projects specifically for homeschoolers. Assignments concentrate on teaching how to write in the four major modes: argumentative, explanatory, research and report, and creative. Level 1 consists of oral work for ages 3-8. Levels 2 – 7 covers grades 2-12. Write or call for brochure and price information and about their new option of grading your child's writing.

Life Skills

"Study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands."
1 Thessalonians 4:11

You will want to custom design your own "Life Skills" curriculum for your children. This "subject" can be included on the report card, and the children get a grade in it, just like all the other subjects. You'll get additional ideas to supplement those you already have as you read *Child Guidance; Education* Manual Training, pages 214-222 and other materials on this subject.

Adventist Materials and Resources

♥ AY (Pathfinders and Adventurers)
Various AY honors in Household Arts, Outdoor Industries, Outreach Ministries, Recreational (such as Camping Skills and Wilderness Living) and Vocational categories. Also selected class work requirements as appropriate.

Gardening Workbook
(Country Garden School)
Work text with emphasis on learning gardening under guidance of a teacher. Instruction in making school or home garden. All grades.

Nature's Way in the Garden
(Country Garden School)
Compiled to accompany *Gardening Workbook* (above).

Practical Arts Outline
(Country Garden School)
Practical suggestions for useful work at home and at school.

"Practical work encourages close observation and independent thought...It develops ability to plan and execute, strengthens courage and perseverance, and calls for the exercise of tact and skill."
Education, page 22

Other Christian/secular materials

401 Ways to Get Your Kids to Work at Home
(The Moore Academy)
Motivational ideas and hints on what is good for kids to learn as they grow up. Includes goal setting, positive feedback, money management, etc.

Beautiful Girlhood
(ROCK Solid)
1920's book brought up-to-date by Karen Andreola. Covers Biblical character traits, values, preparing for adulthood, and boyfriends.

> "Many of the branches of study that consume the student's time are not essential to usefulness or happiness; but it is essential for every youth to have a thorough acquaintance with everyday duties."
>
> *Education, page 216*

Best of Sewing Machine Fun for Kids
(Timberdoodle)
For ages 6 and up with minimal adult supervision. Includes basics to proficiency of sewing and numerous projects.

Bonnie's Household Organizer
(The Moore Academy)
Tips on training children to manage the house. Easy ways to create more storage space, secrets of a professional cleaner, and conquering the dishes, mending, and laundry.

Buckles & Bobbins
(Timberdoodle)
Beginning to sew for boys. 16 projects for boys or sewing gifts for men and boys.

Childshop
P. O. Box 597, Burton, OH 44021.
Wood crafts, of simple designs using hand tools only. Plans or kits for planters, recipe box, bird feeder, tool box, clocks, and toys.

Extra Cash for Kids
(The Moore Academy)
100 money-making ideas with details on how to do the job, get supplies, advertise, impress customers, set prices, avoid problems, and when to ask adults for help.

Great Stuff: The Kit Co.
Fred & Carolyn Ellis, 622 Aldershot Rd., Baltimore, MD 21229; 410/788-3579.
Simple craft and toy kits for children, such as Weaving Loom, Tool Box, People Boat, Doll House, etc. Write for brochure and price list.

♥ Information, Please!
ROCK Solid)
A homeschool mother designed these worksheets to teach children how to use the encyclopedia, atlas, dictionary, Bible concordance, even your local telephone book, to find information. I believe that teaching your children how to find answers and information on their own is one of the most important part of a complete education.

KidsCo
Family Legacy, Suite 152, 8510N. Knoxville, Peoria, IL 61615.
A Bible-based business curriculum, uniquely designed for Christian homeschoolers. Described as "simple enough for motivated six-year-olds, yet challenging for high schoolers." Four modules:

- **W**isdom - a Bible verse memory program
- **I**nitiative - a topical application of Scripture
- **S**kills - basic understanding of business aspects
- **E**conomics - marketplace and fundamentals of business success

Stitches & Pins
(Timberdoodle)
Sewing for the older-beginner (grades 4-6). A sew-as-you-learn approach to teaching basics of sewing.

Young Man, Be Strong
(ROCK Solid)
Biblical character-building book for young men 10-17. Some chapters are Know Your God, Respectful Character, Your Recreation Time, Purity Can Make you Strong that bring back what God intended.

Mathematics

> "In the study of figures the work should be made practical."
> *Education, page 238*

Beginning mathematics is easy to teach without a textbook: Count together - Legos, stuffed animals, things in pictures, rocks, marbles, etc. Count into sets, add the sets, subtract sets, count by 2's, 5's, and 10's. Match things, mothers and babies, shoes and family socks while doing laundry. Begin teaching number recognition. Learn shapes. Learn money concepts, names of coins, count coins into dollars. Make a calendar; teach days, months and seasons. Learn measurements by sewing with mom, and using a tape measure. Learn fractions while cooking, cutting pie or pizza, dividing marbles. Plan a simple menu, purchase groceries and prepare the meal. Measure temperature, snowfall or rainfall and chart on a graph. The list is endless and very practical!

Adventist Materials and Resources

AY (Adventurers and Pathfinders)
AY honors in Stewardship, on both Adventurer and Pathfinder levels. Also selected class work requirements as appropriate. (Check *Adventurer Manual, AY Instructor's Guide*, and *AY Honors* book for specific requirements.) There is also an Accounting honor.

Fun at the Beach
(The Moore Academy)
Beautiful felt set with 182 pieces that teaches mathematical concepts of counting, shapes, size comparison, number facts, and fractions. Includes Teacher's Manual.

> **"So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."**
> Psalm 90:12

♥ Math-It series
Elmer W. Brooks (The Moore Academy, The Sycamore Tree, Weimart and others)
Highly recommended by Dr. Moore. Many Adventist homeschooling parents have used all three levels with their children and found it to be extremely helpful. It does produce the results promised when used as directed. As a bonus, you yourself may become more proficient at math and will not have to rely so heavily on the calculator!

- *Pre-Math-It: Do It With Dominoes* (Kindergarten), uses a set of real dominoes on a game board to teach a math mindset. Includes a teacher's guide.
- *Math-It* (early to mid-elementary), uses sets of cards and game boards to play Addit, Dubblit, and Timzit. Includes a cassette tape and teacher's guide.
- *Advanced Math-It* (mid- to late elementary), advances to Dividit and Percentit games. Includes a cassette tape and teacher's guide that covers all the grade levels.

Other Christian/secular materials

♥ A Blueprint for Geometry
(Timberdoodle)
Teaches introduction to geometry through realistically planning a home, floor plans, elevations, heat calculations, and building costs. Grades 7-9, $12. My son who is now working with a contractor and preparing for his contractors license used this program.

Algebra Survival Guide
Josh Rappaport, 888/308-6284;
www.algebrawizard.com
An actual guide that takes you step by step from basic facts to advanced concepts with clear, concise explanations.

Bob Jones
(traditional textbook approach)
Work text format for grades 1-3, hardbound texts thereafter. There are Activity Sheets on all levels to grade 7. Traditional approach, with some built-in review.

- *Math 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8* (grades 1-8),
- *Consumer Math* (high school),
- *Algebra I* (grade 9)
- *Geometry* (grade 10),
- *Algebra 2* (grade 11),
- *Advanced Math* (grade 12)

Teaching Idea:
Let your children set up a play store. They will learn organization, math, and cooperation. Use items you're your pantry or save empty food cartons, use real money, attach price tags, learn money management, making change, clerking, shopping and bagging.

♥ Calculadder
(Providence Project)
An excellent resource for math drills. Grades 1-6. We use it along with *Math-it* before beginning Saxon mathematics. Available in books to photo-copy or CD-ROM to print out your own as needed.

Chalk Dust Company
11 Sterline Ct., Sugarland, TX 77479; 800/588-7564;
www.chalkdust.com
Elementary through Calculus math packages, tutor on call via email, phone or fax.

Cuisenaire Rods
Cuisenaire Co. of America, Inc., 12 Church St., P. O. Box D, New Rochelle, NY 10805. (Timberdoodle and other sources)
Wooden rods in various lengths and colors provide a math manipulative with almost limitless possibilities. Offers children a tactile and visual impression of mathematical concepts. Preschool +.

• DIVE Into Math
936/372-9216; www.diveintomath.com
Instruction for Saxon math from 5/4 through Calculus and Physics on CD-ROM by a Christian Ph.D. Great for the parent who feels unprepared to teach math or the child who needs extra help. $50 per course, you also need the Saxon book, home study kit and solutions manual. I highly recommend this program. Demo $5 with sample lessons. Lesson numbers correspond with third edition books. Those of us with older editions of Saxon—just match the lesson titles and it works out just fine.

Fundamentally Math Software
800/MATH-MAP, www.fundamentallymath.com
Complete K-12 curriculum, no games, just teaching, 1+1 through Algebra. $39.95

Get a Grip on Your Money
A 13-week course on personal finances stresses mature decision-making based on Christian principles in all aspects of financial management, including writing a resume and applying for a job. Student worktext and teacher's guide available. High school level.

Making Math Meaningful
(Cornerstone Curriculum Project)
Complete math curriculum for grades K-6, using colorful manipulatives, complete with lesson plans. Some homeschoolers have used this, along with *Math-It* games, until the child is ready for *Saxon*.

Math Relief
(Algebra on Videotape) Keyboard Enterprises, 800/737-6284; www.mathrelief.com
Twelve hours of video and 275 pages of worksheets and solutions. Three phases, $59.95 each.

Mathpert
"The expert math tutor for homeschooled teens." 800/361-1011.
Algebra, pre-Calculus, Calculus. Computer learning system for college-preparatory math.

Math Tutor Computer Software
The original was from Scholastic. It has now been updated converted to eight modules for Windows and is available for download at www.teachyourchildrenwell.ca 60 hours of instruction for $19.95 each.

Math-U-See
888/845-6284, www.mathusee.com
"Seeing is understanding." K-12, manipulative based, program.

Teaching Idea: Make a clock with cardboard or a heavy paper plate, cut out hands, write numbers and use brad to connect, learn minutes/hours, am/pm, quarter hours, count by 5's, and learn to tell time.

Principles from Patterns
(Cornerstone Curriculum Project)
This is an Algebra I sequel to the *Making Math Meaningful* series described earlier in this section.

♥ Quick Arithmetic, A Self-teaching Guide
(About $18 in bookstores.)
This is an incredible book. It starts from the very beginning of arithmetic explaining numerals and digits, goes through addition, place value, carrying, subtraction, multiplication, exponents, square roots, division, fractions, decimals, and percents. It explains arithmetic so you can understand it! Not for your first grader, but for the older child or adult who "missed something" or needs a

review, your own private math tutor. Allows you to skip what you know and learn what you don't.

> "Let every youth and every child be taught, not merely to solve imaginary problems, but to keep an accurate account of his own income and out-goes, Let him learn the right use of money by using it. Whether supplied by their parents or by their own earnings, let boys and girls learn to select and purchase their own clothing, their books, and other necessities; and by keeping an account of their expenses they will learn as they could in no other way, the value and use of money."
> Counsels on Stewardship, page 294

Rod and Staff
(traditional textbook as used in the Mennonite schools)
Mathematics for Christian Living series is a straightforward, inexpensive math curriculum. Story problems use Bible incidents, moral lessons, or church-related situations.

Saxon Math
Saxon Publishers, Inc., 2450 John Saxon Blvd., Norman, OK 73071; 800/284-7019; http://saxonpublishers.harcourtachieve.com/en-US/saxonmath_home Call or write for a Home Study Catalog which has placement tests, Sampler Catalog and CD-ROM. This resource is also available from many other resources.
Grades K-3 range from $65-100 and are too much "school work" for most children of this age.

- *Math K* (kindergarten),
- *Math 1* (grade 1),
- *Math 2* (grade 2),
- *Math 3* (grade 3)
- *Saxon Manipulative Kit*

The Manipulative Kit is for Grades K-3 and required for use with the above *Saxon* programs. Contains student clocks, 100 pattern blocks, balances, geoboards, charts, tangrams, color tiles, multilinks, counters, and dominoes in a handy tote box. $59.95.

For many years this was the only advanced curriculum available and had been our first choice in math curriculums, and recommended overwhelmingly by homeschool moms everywhere as the best math program available to homeschoolers. Some are hesitant to try it at first, because the student does all work on paper (we prefer a spiral notebook) rather than in a workbook. But those who have used it can strongly testify that it is well worth the effort. Grades 4 and

up are not expensive, with the entire homeschool packet of student soft cover textbook, tests, solutions manual and worksheets around $35-65, depending on grade level. The tests are reproducible, so the entire packet can be used with your next child or sold intact to someone else when you are finished with it. It ends up being very affordable.

Lessons include: 1) warm-up activities including facts practice and problem solving, 2) daily lesson, 3) lesson practice, 4) cumulative practice, 5) cumulative tests.

These books are based on the incremental approach and are usually self-instructional, especially for the mid-elementary student who has mastered the number facts (through a program such as *Math-It*). The lesson explanations for the student are clear, which gives *Saxon* a big edge over other programs. Users consistently report that standardized test scores in math have improved after using *Saxon Math*, and many Adventist homeschoolers can verify that claim.

- *Math 54* (grade 4)
- *Math 65* (grade 5)
- *Math 76* (grade 6)
- *Math 87* (grade 7)
- *Algebra ½* (pre-algebra for grade 8) Transition from arithmetic to algebra.
- *Algebra I* (high school algebra) Signed numbers, integer exponents, scientific notation.
- *Algebra II* (sequel to algebra I) Uniformmation, chemical mixture, 3-linear & non linear.
- *Advanced Mathematics* (geometry, trigonometry, algebra III) Logarithms, trigonometric identities, infinite series, matrices & determinants.
- *Calculus* (with trigonometry and analytic geometry) In depth coverage of all topics required for the *Advanced Placement Calculus Exam*.
- *Physics* students will be prepared for *Advanced Placement Physics Examination* when they have completed this book.
- *Saxon Math Solutions Manuals*. Every problem is worked out in these solutions books, step-by step which is wonderful for those of use who do not remember or who flunked advanced math when we were in high school. Also take advantage of their 800# to get help if your child needs it.

I highly recommend using **DIVE Into Math** (found on the previous page) with Saxon math especially Algebra on up.

Singapore Math
(Sonlight Curriculum in Colorado)
Students in Singapore came out first in international Math tests so of course this curriculum is a popular resource with homeschoolers. This has a cultural flavor, early editions teach Singaporean money and was designed for institutional schools. Definitely nothing magic or new here, because learning math takes a lot of work and that is exactly what the students in Singapore did to get good scores.

Surviving the Money Jungle
(The Moore Academy, The Sycamore Tree)
A 13-week course on managing personal finances according to Biblical principles, to prepare your student for the responsibilities that accompany an income, including principles of proper credit use, good stewardship, and budgeting. Student worktext and teacher's guide available. Junior high level.

♥ Teaching Textbooks
www.TeachingTextbooks.com
This mathematics program was written with homeschoolers in mind. It combines a teacher and a textbook into one. Designed for independent learners the program contains more explanation than any other math program on the market. Textbook comes with answer key and text bank. Accompanying CD-ROM's contain step-by-step multimedia instruction and solutions for EVERY problem in the book. An additional CD-ROM with step-by-step solutions for every test problem is also included in the sets.
Math 5 – Fractions, Decimals, Percents and More
Math 6 – Instruction for 6th grade mathematics
Math 7 – one level below pre-algebra
Pre Algebra – 8th grade students not quite ready for Algebra 1
Algebra 1 – The best Algebra program on the market
Algebra 2 – College prep curriculum
Geometry – College preparatory geometry for home educators
Pre-Calculus -
Available textbook only, CD-ROM's only or complete sets. View sample lessons, take placement tests and free shipping online.

Times Tales
www.timestales.com
Learn upper times tables in one-hour by turning abstract multiplication problems into easily remembered stories children 6-12 years old can relate to. $14.95

Working With Numbers Consumer Math

(The Sycamore Tree)

Grades 8-12. Students learn money management, household budgeting, financing a home and calculating taxes. Grades 8-12, teachers manual also available.

Music

We haven't used very many of the materials listed here but they were recommended by Adventist homeschooling families who have.

The purpose of music is to praise and glorify God so use your music to improve your skills, witness to others, and worship God; if you don't play an instrument, use your voice.

> "Music is...a precious gift of God, designed to uplift the thoughts to high and noble themes, to inspire and elevate the soul." *Education*, page 167
>
> "There are few means more effective for fixing His words in the memory than repeating them in song." *Education*, page 167

Adventist Materials and Resources

AY (Pathfinders and Adventurers)
AY honor in Music. Also selected class work requirements as appropriate. (Check *Adventurer Manual, AY Instructor's Guide,* and *AY Honors* book for specific requirements.) Some have had their Pathfinder and Adventurer club members learn their memory verses set to music.

Companion to the Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal
Wayne Hooper and Edward E. White (ABC)
This is a resource "to enable to make a wise choice of hymns." A commentary on each hymn in the *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal*, including information about the author and composer, photos and biographies of major hymn writers.

Hymns Alive
Prophetic Audio & Visuals for Eternity, 3767 Allenwood Dr., Warren, OH 44484.
The *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal* is available on CD. Piano and organ accompaniments on split channels. Call 800/35-HYMNS.

Little Sabbath Songs for Cradle Roll, and Little Songs for Living With Jesus, Memory Verse Songs for Cradle Roll
Janet Sage (ABC, Sabbath School Productions)
These books are a collection of beautiful songs you can use in Sabbath school and at home with infants through preschoolers.

Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal

(ABC)
Every Adventist homeschool should have a copy of the current Adventist hymnal. There is a wide variety of music here that will appeal to every taste. "Throughout the hymnal, gospel songs and great hymns stand together in topical clusters."

"Now therefore write down this song for yourselves and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me."
Deuteronomy 31:19

Singing With Understanding
Edward E. White (Country Garden School)
A companion to the "old" *Church Hymnal*, with biographical notes and stories about the hymns.

Other Christian/secular materials

A Guide to Hymn Playing
Bob Jones University Press, Greenville, SC 29614.
Syllabus for intermediate and advanced pianists, teaches skills like congregational playing, hymn transcription, solo accompanying, and prelude and postlude construction. Self-teaching.

♥ Allegro Music Online
888/564-9537, www.allegromusic.com
Music books - Thompson's *Teaching Little Fingers to Play* series, Suzuki method, hymns, classics and much more. Great, quick service.

Beginning Guitar for Children Video
(The Sycamore Tree) $19.95
Beginning chords, strumming, singing, playing and note reading

Color the Classics
P.O. Box 4400, Silver Springs, NY 14550. $12.95 plus $2.00 S&H per volume.
Biographical coloring books and accompanying cassette tapes for 4- to 11-year-olds. Reproducible for home use. Volume 1: Great Composers, Volume 2: Hymn Writers

♥ Davidsons Music
6727 Metcalf, Shawnee Mission, KS 66204; 913/262-4982;
www.davidsonsmusic.com
Books, music courses and music supplies.

Learning to Read Music
(The Sycamore Tree)
Gives you the basics or reading music, notes, staff, time signatures, etc. Includes cassette.

Madonna Woods Complete Piano Course for Christians
(Sycamore Tree & Davidson's Music)
This Christian course can be used by a piano teacher, or a parent teaching the child (a little music background would help). Preparatory book and cassettes, Levels 1 – 5 with cassettes. ($17 - $27)

Miracle Piano Teaching System Software
The Software Toolworks, (Tiger Software)
A computer and MIDI keyboard become an interactive, learn at your own pace, piano teacher.

Music education can begin at birth (or before). Listen only to the best music in your home, on the car radio, etc., and your child will be less likely to be attracted to the wrong kind of music later.

Music and Moments with the Masters
(Cornerstone Curriculum Project)
A four-year curriculum, utilizing the Music Masters cassette tapes (described below). Excellent course if you want to learn music appreciation with your children.

Music Education in the Christian Home
Dr. Mary Ann Froehlich. (God's World Publications)
Written for parents who feel under qualified to teach music to their children. Presents an overview of music history, music in worship, and how to encourage your child musically.

Music Is Fun
by Marion Kurtz, by Kenworthy Educational Service (Sonlight Education Center).
A three-volume course in music history and fundamentals for middle to upper grades. Teacher's manual which covers all three books.

Music Masters Audiocassettes
(Cornerstone Curriculum Project)
This is an excellent resource for teaching music appreciation to all ages, and a valuable addition to your basic music library. A narrator discusses each composer's life, interspersing with samples of his music. Professional quality. Tapes come in three sets of six tapes, or may be purchased as a complete set. Available from The Sycamore Tree, NAM Enterprises, or other sources.

Piano (or other music) Lessons

One homeschooling mother who is a professional piano teacher can positively verify the Moore's philosophy of "better late than early." From her own experience and observation, the students who started piano lessons at age 5½ were no farther advanced by age 12 than the ones who started at age 8½. The main difference was that their parents had paid for three additional years of piano lessons!

In *Better Late Than Early*, the Moores quote a study which found that the best progress in music lessons was made by students who started at age 11½. Although this mom taught music to her own children since birth (she likes to think even *in utero!*), and she sat down with her son for short daily "piano times" when he was 5½, she did not begin him with formal piano lessons (once-a-week lesson, practice-every-day—still with Mother, however) until age—you guessed it—11½.

In her piano-teaching years, her best beginning piano students were the 8- and 9-year-olds. Many of the older students had started piano too young, had become burned out, and had developed bad habits and bad attitudes. Those younger were just too young, lacking physical coordination and necessary self-discipline for serious music study.

If you want your very young child to learn piano, she recommends that you teach him or her yourself in 5- to 10-minute daily lesson-practice times. If you do not play the piano well enough to do that, it would be much better for *you* to take the piano lessons and then teach your child. For a school-age child, you could take the lessons together. In no case should you expect a child younger than 10 or 12 to be able to practice effectively without your direct supervision. As with all of homeschooling, you only need to keep "one step ahead" of your child in order to teach him/her the basics. Homeschooling parents, with sufficient preparation, can teach beginning piano just as well as they can teach reading or math or English.

Piano Theory

Mary Elizabeth Clark and David Carr Glover (available from your local music store)
This is the theory course to accompany the *David Carr Glover* piano courses. However, as a programmed text, it makes an excellent theory course for children. It can supplement any piano course or can be used by itself. The only disadvantage is its rather small print. 3 +.

♥ Randy Potter School of Piano Technology
541/382-5411.
Considered the best Piano Tuning Correspondence course available. Used and recommended by Adventist homeschoolers.

The Gift of Music
Jane Stuart Smith and Betty Carlson (check catalogs)
A book about great composers and their influence. On an adult level, appropriate for older students to read. Each chapter gives a "Recommended Listening" list for the composer discussed. There are 36 composers included—study a new composer each week.

You Can Teach Yourself to Sing
(The Sycamore Tree) $24.95
Posture, breath control, articulation, resonance, etc. Book and CD.

Your Musical Friends
Christian Education Music Publishers, Inc., 2285 185th Place, Lansing, MI 60438; 708/895-3322.
This music course for grades K-4 does not require an instrument. There are accompanying teacher's guides and audiocassettes. The books are "cutesy" and fun, with music symbols made into little animal-like characters. Overall emphasis is on the use of music to praise God.

Woodwind & Brasswind
800/348-5003, www.wwbw.com
Woodwind, brass, percussion, orchestral string, music therapy and classroom instruments, plus guitars, keyboards and more.

Reading and Literature

One thing I have learned, never give up, pray for wisdom and work with your child's interests. They do learn to read, it may not be on your time schedule, but for certain on theirs!

> "Children need proper reading which will afford amusement and recreation and not demoralize the mind or weary the body...If pure and good reading is furnished them, they will cultivate a taste for that."
> *The Adventist Home, page 411*

Adventist Materials and Resources

♥ AY (Pathfinders and Adventurers)

All class work requirements include reading of several books and other materials. (Check *Adventurer Manual, AY Instructor's Guide,* and *AY Honors book* for specific requirements.) This reading can be assigned as part of the reading curriculum or extra credit (outside reading) assignments. This is also an excellent opportunity to teach writing of book reports and how to make correct bibliographical entries.

> **"Give attendance to reading."**
> 1 Timothy 4:13

♥ The Bible

For your information, the reading levels of various Bible versions are: NIV-7.8; NirV-2.9; KJV-12.0; NKJV-9.0; NLT-6.3; NASB-11.0; NRSV-10.4; The Message-4.8; CEV-5.4.

> The Holy Bible is the greatest piece of literature written. Use it for handwriting practice, spelling words, poetry, prose, allegory, history, parables and Bible study. Make it the first priority in your learning experience.

Bible Stories for Early Readers

(The Moore Academy, ABC)

Set of ten books. Colorful artwork, musical rhyme, and simple phonetic text. Young children enjoy the pictures and stories before they are able to read them.

Felt letters

(ABC, The Moore Academy, The Sycamore Tree, teacher supply stores)

Large letters and numbers printed on felt of various colors, to be cut out and used in any way you want—bulletin boards, Sabbath school displays, and, of course, teaching the letters and numbers.

♥ Gospel Primers
James Edson White (LMN Publishing, Hartland Publications, ABC)
Paperback facsimile reprints of these three primers which use the Word Method to teaching reading, through the use of Bible stories.

♥ Gospel Reader
James Edson White (LMN Publishing, Hartland Publications, ABC)
Paperback facsimile reprint, tells the story of the great controversy from Creation to the New Earth.

♥ Messiah, A Book for Today About a Man For All Time
Jerry D. Thomas (ABC)
A contemporary adaptation of *The Desire of Ages*. Easy to read format with updated vocabulary on a seventh- to ninth-grade reading level. The beautiful, original message still shines through out this book.

Moore-McGuffey Readers
(The Moore Academy)
The Moores selected the best stories from the early *McGuffey Readers* of 1836-1853 and added new full-color illustrations (in Books 1 & 2). There are four volumes, which retain the emphasis on character-building, family values, and morals. Each story is followed by a list of words which can be used as vocabulary and/or spelling words, and comprehension questions on the material read. They span a reading level from first grade to high school.

SDA Readers: Life Series

(Contact the Review & Herald for a local distributor.

This series replaces the older (1960's) Adventist versions of the "Dick and Jane" books that you may have used in church school. Levels 1 & 2 consist of a student work text and teacher's edition. Levels 3-15 consist of a student textbook, student activity set (two workbooks), and teacher's edition with answer keys, and test booklets. Available for grade K-9:

- *In the Beginning* (kindergarten)
- *A Time to Play* (grade 1, 1st quarter)
- *Seek and Find* (grade 1, 2nd quarter)
- *Who Will Come In?* (grade 1, 3rd quarter)
- *God Made It So* (grade 1, 4th quarter)
- *Wheels In a Wheel* (grade 2, first semester)
- *Love Your Neighbor* (grade 2, second semester)
- *Windows of Heaven* (grade 3, first semester)
- *Seedtime and Harvest* (grade 3, second semester)
- *A Time to Weave* (grade 4)
- *Miracles and Milestones* (grade 5)
- *On Eagles' Wings* (grade 6)
- *Of Morning Stars* (grade 7)
- *Who Is My Brother?* (grade 8)
- *Visions and Dreams* (grade 9)

The workbooks are okay but definitely optional. While they attempt to teach a lot of important study skills, much of it can be done using real-life situations: for example, dictionary and encyclopedia skills using the real books, not just a picture of an encyclopedia set in the workbook. There is much more material given than one could possibly cover in one school year. It is designed so the teacher can be selective according to her students' needs. Some object to the use of historical fiction stories. On the other hand, there are many good denominational history and mission stories and nature documentaries throughout the books. These are hardback books and moderately expensive, but many times you can find used copies to buy.

Reading Aloud: Read to your children from birth until they leave home! Always be reading a book together, the titles are endless. Many children listen better when their hands are busy. Let them illustrate the story, color a picture of the same topic or build the scene with Legos. I still have the precious illustrations my children drew while we read *The Story of Redemption.*

♥ Stories of Little Ellen
(Country Garden School)
Reprint of a lovely little book that we treasure. Reading level at about grade 1 or 2. Stories of Ellen Harmon as a child.

The Abaddon Conspiracy
Raymond S. Moore (Bethany House Publishers, 1985). May be out of print; request information from The Moore Academy, Box 1, Camas, WA 98607.
A fascinating dramatization of Lucifer's rise and fall, revealing his covert schemes to corrupt God's design for the universe. Imaginary yet Biblically based account written in an interesting, readable, narrative style. Good for upper grade reading/literature assignments.

♥ The Story of Jesus
Ellen G. White (Country Garden School)
Adapted for children from *The Desire of Ages*, with accompanying Study Guide. Recommended for grade 3.

♥ The Story of Redemption
Ellen G. White (Country Garden School, ABC, Moore Foundation)
Covers from the fall of Lucifer to the New Earth and major Bible stories in between. Accompanying Study Guide, recommended grades 4 to 7.

Also available, the Easy English Edition which is easier for children to read and understand. We greatly enjoy reading it together for family worship.

> "In the colleges and universities thousands of youth devote a large part of the best years of life to the study of Greek and Latin. And while they are engaged in these studies, mind and character are molded by the evil sentiments of pagan literature, the reading of which is generally regarded as an essential part of the study of these languages."
> Ministry of Healing, page 443

♥ True Education Reader series
(Leaves of Autumn)
On July 20, 1899, Sister Ellen had a vision in which a heavenly messenger asked, "Why has not appropriate matter for reading books and other lesson books been selected and compiled?" (*Counsels to Teachers*, page 458) In response to this directive, in 1907 three Adventist educators began to release several volumes, which were "entirely free from myths, fairy tales, and all that tend to undermine

Instead of a Book Report:
~Write a letter to your best friend recommending that they read the book.

~Tell the story to your family.

~Design a book jacket (cover) drawing pictures and writing a short synopsis.

~Make a map of where the story took place.

~Make a flyer to advertise the book.

~Make an illustrated timeline of the book.

~Write a letter to the author, tell them what you liked and what you would have changed.

~Record your favorite parts of the book on a tape recorder.

~Make a crossword or word search puzzle using terms, characters or places found in the book.

~Make models of characters, places etc. from clay, soap, wood or plaster.

faith in the sacred Word." They contain stories, poetry, Scripture selections, nature lessons, and biographies, in various compositional styles and modes of expression. They "make the relation of reading, spelling, language, and composition close and vital." Variety of reading matter in stories, poetry, selections from the Bible, nature lessons, biographies, in various compositional styles and modes of expression. This series was used as the basic source of instruction in Adventist church schools for approximately fifty years. Eight levels: *Primer* and *Book One* through *Book Seven* grades K-6.

Available in black and white photocopies of the historical *original* volumes from Country Garden School. Leaves of Autumn has reprinted these wonderful little books, 8-book set $57.00.

Other Christian/secular materials

At Last! A Reading Method for Every Child

$29.95; Pecci Educational Publishers, 440 Davis Court #405, San Francisco, CA 94111; 415/391-8579; www.onlinereading.com

Teaches reading from beginning to remedial with step-by-step instructions. Author also has a *Word Introduction List* that coordinates with the Adventist readers which she highly recommends.

Blackstone Audiobooks
Box 969, Ashland, OR
97520; 800/729-2665;
www.blacksoneaudio.com
Thousands of books on audiotape for rent. Increase vocabulary, attention span and listening skills while learning.

Bob Books
Scholastic, Inc. (Christian
Book Distributors, ROCK Solid)
Recommended by Ruth Beechick. Very easy, simple books that begin by presenting short vowels and single consonants and progressing forward. Short little books to supplement reading program and give your beginning reader lots of practice with three letter words. No objectionable content with simple, black-white, stick figure drawings.

First Reader System, Inc.
P. O. Box 495, Alton, IL 62002, 800/700-5228, by Phillis Schlafley.
A phonics system designed for teaching young children at home. Includes reader, workbook, two audiocassettes and two "fat" pencils. Cost is $79.95 plus $7 S&H. When spending so much on one program be sure to thoroughly check it out for your child's needs.

♥ Five Home Spun Steps for Teaching Your Child to Read
Ruth Beechick (http://homeschool-books.com or The Moore Academy)
The five steps being, pre-reading, beginning, blending, decoding, fluency. Highly recommended.

McCall-Crabbs Test Lessons in Reading
(Country Garden School)
Short reading comprehension tests that give your child practice in taking comprehension-type reading tests similar to what is given on standardized tests.

Choosing Literature:
~Teach your children right and wrong reading materials.

~Does it meet the criteria of Philippians 4:8?

~Does it have the mind of Jesus? (Philippians 2:5)

~Does it help us walk with Jesus? (Colossians 1:10,11)

~Do a study in Spirit of Prophecy regarding "false education, fiction, infidel authors, all other writings inferior to God's word."

Six booklets, each containing 60-test lessons. The student reads the selection then answers eight multiple-choice questions within a three-minute time limit. You will need the *Manual/Answer Key* that has testing instructions and answer keys for all six levels, and some preprinted answer sheets. A stopwatch is handy, but you can use a watch or clock with a second hand for timing. Scores indicate what grade level your child is reading with comprehension. Books A through F correspond to grades 3 – 8.

National Right to Read Foundation
800/READING
Offers a 15-minute reading test for you to give at home. Part 1 determines how well your child uses phonics to read. Part 2 determines grade level. Recommendations for improvement are offered. $20.

Pathway Readers
(Timberdoodle)
Amish readers for grades 1-8. No fantasy just simple, true stories about the Amish lifestyle. Black and white sketches, no flashy pictures.

Play 'n' Talk
(Some homeschooling moms sell this product.)
It contains recorded lessons on cassettes, games, flash cards, touch typing lessons, an instructor's manual and training video. It's a lot of work and expense ($250) to teach reading, which would come naturally when the child is ready, given the proper home reading environment and a little nudge with simple phonics.

Prairie Primer
(Cadron Creek, The Sycamore Tree) $45
Contains nine unit studies, one for each Little House book, suitable for grades 3 - 6. One-year curriculum. You need the Little House books and some supplementation of mathematics. Adding Learning Projects such as cooking, sewing, insects, etc. will round out this resource.

♥ Reading Lesson
Mountcastle Company, One Annabel Lane Suite 214, San Ramon, CA 94583; 925/838-4441; www.readinglesson.com You can download the first two lessons on the website.
A 444-page book with 20 lessons $27.95. "Easy to follow recipe for teaching children to read." Simple instructions for parents, with no silly stories or cartoons. Phonics based with a sprinkling of word recognition (important) with emphasis

on decoding. Takes the child with no reading skills to about second grade level. I really like this program.

Additional materials, nice, but are not necessary include: CD-ROM to accompany lesson book, $29.95; *The Story Book* with 40 simple and wholesome stories for practice $29.95; The Sounds of Letters video $14.95; *The Writing Lesson* $39.95.

Recorded Books, LLC
800/638-1304; www.recordedbooks.com
Listen to recorded books and follow along with the book. Multi-sensory approach helps your child decode words, and make sense of long sentences. Or just listen for the enjoyment.

Rod and Staff
This series of readers for the Mennonite curriculum are based on Bible stories. The workbooks contain a LOT of busywork (for their school children) that can bog you down rather quickly.

Scaredy Cat Reading System
Joyce Herzog, Ph.D.; www.joyceherzog.com
Vowels are scaredy cats, sometimes they are "brave" and they say their names like "a" in brave and "o" in coat. Other times they are quiet and they make a "scared" sound. There is also a cute story of how the letters got their sounds which makes it easier to understand how the English language is so "mixed up." Levels 1-4 available.

Sing, Spell, Read, and Write
800/321-8322; www.singspell.com
A systematically developed, phonics-based reading, writing, and spelling program. Some have found it helpful, others say there are too many complicated gadgets.

- *Pre-School Kit*, ages 4-5, alphabet and color recognition, shapes, matching, opposites, etc. $69.95
- *Winning,* a remedial reading kit for pre-teens to adult, for students with learning disabilities and special education needs. $175.00.
- Lap Desk Home Tutoring Kit, $175.00

♥ The Swift Placement Screen for Reading
(The Sycamore Tree)
A quick 10-minute, easy test to determine your child's reading level.

Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons
(Timberdoodle, The Sycamore Tree) $17.95.
Short, 20 minute, phonics based lessons, show you step-by-step how to teach your child to read. A pronunciation guide for those of us who were not taught phonics. One drawback is the silly stories given for practice reading, nothing objectionable, just nonsense.

I'd like to make one comment about **Harry Potter Books.** These books are sweeping the world and are being lauded as a great way to get children to read. They are also on the reading lists of many public schools.

I've heard the statement, "This is good magic." There is no such thing as good magic. God condemns magic, wizardry, sorcery, and divination and the penalty for participating in these things is death. For more information read: Deuteronomy 18:10-12, Leviticus 19:26, Jeremiah 14:14, Ezekiel 13:6, Isaiah 8:19, and do an Internet search.

"As an educator no part of the Bible is of greater value than are its biographies. These biographies differ from all others in that they are absolutely true to life."

"No truth does the Bible more clearly teach than that what we do is the result of what we are. To a great degree the experiences of life are the fruition of our own thoughts and deeds."

Education, page 146

Science

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
Genesis 1:1

Hands-on is certainly the best approach to learning in science. This type of science "curriculum" can begin from birth on. Science lends itself to learning projects. We have used the AY honors for an outline and expand our studies from there.

Be sure to read *Education*, Science and the Bible, pages 128-134 for more ideas on how science should be taught in relationship to the Bible.

Teaching science is easy. Use the Learning Project method for any topic your family is interested in. Or for a more methodical approach, get a good reference book such as *DK Science Encyclopedia* or *Science in the Creation Week* and begin by reading a topic. Do some corresponding experiments from *Backyard Scientist,* write a few sentences or a research paper (depending on child's age), watch a video and research further on Internet or CD-ROM encyclopedia.

Adventist Materials and Resources

♥ AY (Pathfinders and Adventurers)
A wide selection of various AY honors in the Nature category such as cats, dogs, mammals, trees, birds, amphibians, reptiles, weather, flowers, cacti, rocks and minerals, shells, sand etc., as well as some others, such as Electricity and Radio. Also selected class work requirements as appropriate. (Check *Adventurer Manual, AY Instructor's Guide,* and *AY Honors* book for specific requirements.)

"Rightly understood, both the revelations of science and the experiences of life are in harmony with the testimony of Scripture to the constant working of God in nature."
Education, page 13

Creation Science Study Guide
(The Moore Academy)
A combination Bible and Science program for grades 11-12. A unique combination of creation and science-of-salvation emphasis. Request Spirit of Prophecy supplement. $5.

♥ God, Creation, and Me
See Early Childhood section for information regarding this wonderful K-2 resource.

Living Forest Series
Sam Campbell (ABC)
The original twelve-book series is back in print. This is wonderful news for those of us who grew up reading about Fiddlesticks and Freckles, Loony Coon, Sweet Sue and Eeny Meeny, Miney, Mo and Still-Mo in these wonderful books! Excellent for science and reading out-loud to the family these books share Sam's incredible knowledge of the marvels of God's nature and His loving care of the animals He created, and touch the hearts of adults and children alike. You will enjoy these books with your family.

Take children out for "treasure hunts," talk about what you find, identify trees, flowers, small animals and insects, pinecones, rocks, leaves and anything else you come across. Have magnifying glasses, binoculars, and field guides readily available for use. Record your observations in a nature calendar or notebook.

♥ Nature Observation Chart
(Country Garden, $1.00)
Instructions for creating a chart to record, flora, fauna, moon phase, sunrise, temperature, etc. An excellent learning tool. For many years we've had one hanging in our learning room.

♥ Oceanography, by Judy Shewmake
An in-depth study of the ocean using the Learning Project method, found in *At Home with Learning Projects*.

♥ Outdoor Eduquip
24414 University Ave. #34, Loma Linda, CA 92354; 909/796-8501;
www.outdooreduquip.com
Books, videos and correspondence courses on "Educating and Equipping You to Enjoy Nature."

Natural Learning/Institute of Outdoor Ministry
P. O. Box 670, Niles, MI 49120.
Contact them to become a member of the Outdoor Ministry and receive 12 issues of the *Natural Learning* magazine with nature information, science experiments and more. $18.

Other Christian/secular materials

Acorn Naturalists
17300 East 17th Street, #J-236, Tustin, CA 92680; 714/838-4888;
www.AcornNaturalists.com
Printed and online large catalog of hundreds of fascinating science books, projects, posters, games, puzzles, models, kits, experiments, bird calls, weather stations, rock collections, puppets and so much more. I've been unable to determine any blatant evolution theories, but since books on dinosaurs are also included, you will have to check for this in a few items.

Affirmative Guide
Mike Bolinsky, 267 Hickerson Street, P. O. Box 833, Cedar Hill, TX 75104; 214/291-3345; to order, 800/742-7805.
Complete teaching kits which feature hands-on science activities with Biblically based correlating lessons. Each volume contains 12 lessons which can be extended for a year-long study. Each volume contains instructions and lesson plans, and all needed equipment (balances, exploration tools, etc.) and materials (chemicals, rocks, specimens, etc.) $145/volume.

"Go to the ant…consider her ways and be wise."
Proverbs 6:6

American Science & Surplus
3605 Ho ward St., Skokie, IL 60076: 847/982-0870; www.sciplus.com
A catalog of unusual things that you won't find anywhere else. If your children or family builds things, has hobbies, or just likes to get a good deal, you will want to get this catalog. You won't believe some of the items, yet you might find just what you've been looking for.

♥ Ant Farm
(Timberdoodle, Tobin's Lab, Target, or Walmart, etc.)
Get an ant farm. It's a great learning project and your children will spend hours observing these tiny insects.

♥ Apologia Educational Ministries
888/524-4724; www.highschoolscience.com
Christian high-school curriculum - Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

♥Backyard Scientist
P. O. Box 16966, Irvine, CA 92623; www.backyardscientist.com

A hands-on science series for ages 4-12. May be used to supplement a science curriculum or you can build your science curriculum around this five-volume series. Experiments use ordinary things that you usually have around the house.

Bob Jones
Traditional textbooks, with available teacher's editions. All hardbound and formally structured. Science-grades 1 – 6; Life and earth science, Biology, Basic Chemistry-grade 11; Physics- grade 12.

♥ Braden Road Farm
1323 Two Acre Lane, Walla Walla, WA 99362; 509/522-4253;
www.bradenroad.com
A gardening unit study where children K-12 can learn biology, zoology, weather, nutrition, botany, geography, vocabulary and crafts.

♥ Creating a Sense of Wonder
www.notgrass.com
14 unit studies for grades K-6 to learn what the Bible teaches about creation. Includes 300 activities. Use after *God, Creation & Me*.

♥ Creation Research
P. O. Box 281, Hartsville, TN 37074; 615/374-3693;
www.creationresearch.net
Books, videos and fossils that glorify God as our Creator and promote the Biblical account of creation

♥ His Creation,
P.O. Box 785, Arvada, CO 80001; 303/424-2654;
www.hiscreation.com
Publications that "Glorify Christ through His creation." Titles include: *His Creation*, *Hidden Treasures,* and *Kids Kreation*.

Eagles Wings Educational Materials
Box 502, Duncan, OK 73534.
A creative, in-depth encounter with science from a Biblical perspective. 270 pages, reproducible forms and cassette tape. For grades 2-7. $29.95 + $3.50 S&H.

Educational Activity Coloring Books with Story Cassettes
Spizzirri Publishing, Inc., P. O. Box 9397, Rapid City, SD 57709; 605/348-2479.
The only secular non-fiction coloring book/cassette packages that we've seen! The cassettes are not read-alongs, but serve to enhance the information given in

the books. Some examples are: State Birds, State Flowers, Endangered Species, Farm Animals, Space Craft, Fish, Poisonous Snakes.

Electronic Kourseware Interactive
(EKI), P. O. Box 970431, Orem, UT 84097-0431; 800/453-1708;
www.eki.com
Using "Mr. Circuit 1" lab kit, your child can assemble over 20 different electronics items using a solder-less circuit board. Appropriate for middle school and high school. About $24.

ElementO
Educational Games, Box 727, Goddard, KS 67052.
http://members.aol.com/dickwlewis/ElementO.html
An educational board game for ages 10 – adult, that teaches the elements that make up our universe. Neutron and proton certificates are used to acquire elements and pay fees as you move along the elements. Learn periodic table, element symbols and names and more. $35.

♥ Eyewitness Books
Published by Dorling Kindersley, www.dk.com or various book stores and homeschool suppliers.
This is a series of very attractively laid out books for children. Using real pictures (rather than cartoons as Usborne does). There is, however, some evolution presented in the beginning of some of the books. You can cross out errors and write in corrections, or use the opportunity to teach what you believe. Price range: $8-15.

Science topics include: Bird, Butterfly & Moth, Cat, Crystal & Gem, Dinosaur, Dog, Fish, Fossil, Insect, Mammal, Plant, Pond & River, Reptile, Rocks & Minerals, Seashore, Shell, Skeleton, Tree, Weather Electronics, Matter, Chemistry, Light, Force & Motion, Ecology, Human Body.

Eyewitness Visual Dictionaries
Published by Dorling Kindersley (various book stores and suppliers)
One two-page spread devoted to a single item or idea. Colorful, attractive layout appeals to children. Price range: $7-12. Science topics include: Animals, Human Body, Physics, Plants.

♥ Fun with Science
www.fun-with-science.com
Christian learning units and science fair projects for grades K-6 written by homeschool families. $9.99 per unit instantly downloaded. Units include bones, cells, heart, lung, moon, muscles, plants, seeds, solar system, water cycle and more.

♥ Frogs—Tadpoles—Eggs
Buy a kit (Tobin's Lab) or collect your own. Then do a Learning Project with - Read, Investigate and Do.

God's Design
R&D Education, 301 Immigrant Trail, Windsor, CO 80550;
970/686-5744; www.rdeducation.com

Teach elementary (grades 3-7) science from biblical perspective and strengthen your faith in the biblical view of creation. Three units – *God's Design for Life* includes plants, animals and human body; *God's Design for Heaven and Earth* includes planet earth, universe, weather; and *God's Design for Chemistry* covers matter, atoms and molecules. Table of contents and sample lessons are on the website.

Good Science
Institute for Creation Research, P. O. Box 2667, El Cajon, CA
92021; Dr. Richard Bliss, Director.
This is a science program specifically for homeschoolers. It comes in two big volumes, for grades 1-3 and grades 4-6, which can be purchased separately or as a set. Includes audios and experiments kits plus a year's free subscription to *Good Science* newsletter.

Home Training Tools
2827 Buffalo Horn Dr., Laurel, MT 59044; 800/860-6272.
Biology, dissection equipment and living material, microscopes; Chemistry equipment, chemicals; Physical electrical, mechanics, optical; Astronomy and meteorology, balances, scales and measurement.

Learning About Sex Series
(Christian book stores)
"An age appropriate Biblical view of God's plan for sex." A six-volume set for ages 3 through 14, and a book for parents.

Life's Story – The One That Hasn't Been Told
(Timberdoodle)
Learn how the design of creatures living today reveals the infeasibility of Darwin's theory of evolution. 56 minutes of Biblical, scientific information with fantastic photography proving that evolution is impossible. DVD $20, VHS $18.

Moody Institute of Science
820 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60610-3284.
Beautiful video's on animals, humans and plants with a Biblical perspective.

Nature Friend Magazine
P. O. Box 73, Goshen, IN 46526.
A children's nature science magazine that credits God for His wonderful creation. Conservative Mennonite flavor. Published monthly, with articles and activities for children ages 4-14. $15/year.

Pet Bugs
(Love to Learn)
Learn about 26 harmless bugs, how to care for them and other interesting facts. $12.95

Premiere Microscopes
10061 Riverside Dr. #71, Touca Lake, CA 91602; 818/848-1308; www.premieremicroscopes.com
Microscopes, prepared slides, kits, and Home School Study Page on website.

Project Feeder Watch
Cornell University, www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw
You put up a bird feeder, count the birds and then send the data to Cornell scientists. For a small registration fee, you receive a research kit, calendar, *FeederWatch Handbook,* bird ID poster and subscription to *BirdScope*. This project goes from November to April and you can sign up online.

Reader's Digest series
David Burne (various book stores and homeschool suppliers)
Every book in this series is filled with hands-on experiments and projects backed up by fascinating scientific facts. Like the *Eyewitness* books above, there are some evolutionary ideas which can be used as an opportunity to teach creation facts. Price range: $15-25. Titles are:

- *How Science Works* (biological sciences)
- *How Nature Works* (physical sciences)
- *How the Earth Works, How Ecology Works*
- *How the Human Body Works*.

Real Science—Real Fun At Home
(Timberdoodle)
Hands-on, simple experiments, no fluff, real learning for ages 8 and up. Cartoon illustrations. Titles include: *Bones and Hearts and Other Parts, Physical Forces and Chemical Changes, Fossils and Minerals and Crystals and Rocks, Wind and Clouds and Heat and Rain, Pressure and Pushes and Paper Planes.*

Science Labs-in-a-Box
PO Box 1657, Kyle, TX 78640; 800/687-5227. By Mike Bolinsky, a science teacher and NASA employee. www.labsinabox.com
Age 5 – high school, hands-on, Christian, earth science, general science, physical science, biology and chemistry, everything is included. Each month you will receive a box that will be picked up 30 days later. You will rent $2000.00 per year of equipment instead of buying it.

Science Projects, Inc. The Science Store 13440 TI Street., Dallas, TX 75243; 972/470-0395; www.scienceprojects.net
"Everything for hands-on science." Newsletter, science fair projects and ideas, chemicals, and lab equipment.

Science: The Search
(Cornerstone Curriculum Project)
For ages 6-13, creation science in two volumes, emphasizing hands-on activities.

♥ Science Unit Study Guides
Amanda Bennett, P. O. Box 33293, Indialantic, FL 32903-0293.
www.unitstudy.com
Written by a homeschool mother and engineer. Each guide includes outline, reading lists, spelling and vocabulary lists, suggested games. Computer, Trains, Oceans, Flight, and Space. $15 each +$3 S&H.

♥ Tobin's Lab
P. O. Box 725, Culpepper, VA 22701; 800/522-4776 orders only,
540/937-7173 local or questions; www.tobinslab.com
This catalog of wonderful science resources is arranged according to the days of creation. There are resources for chemistry; physics; light; air, weather; botany; plant & mineral specimens including frogs, sheep organs for dissection; astronomy; birds, fish; insects; humans; magnets; books; microscopes; electricity and more.

♥ Worms
Flowerfield Enterprises, 616/327-0108; www.wormwoman.com
Videos, books and activities to learn about using worms in your home to eat garbage and provide soil. Makes a great Learning Project.

"For all the objects of His creation the condition is the same—a life sustained by receiving the life of God, a life exercised in harmony with the Creator's will. To transgress His law, physical, mental, or moral, is to place one's self out of harmony with the universe, to introduce discord, anarchy, ruin.

To him who learns thus to interpret its teachings, all nature becomes illuminated; the world is a lesson book, life a school. The unity of man with nature and with God, the universal dominion of law, the results of transgression, cannot fail of impressing the mind and molding the character.

These are lessons that our children need to learn. To the little child, not yet capable of learning from the printed page or of being introduced to the routine of the schoolroom, nature presents an unfailing source of instruction and delight. The heart not yet hardened by contact with evil is quick to recognize the Presence that pervades all created things. The ear as yet undulled by the world's clamor is attentive to the Voice that speaks through nature's utterances. And for those of older years, needing continually its silent reminders of the spiritual and eternal, nature's teaching will be no less a source of pleasure and of instruction...

So far as possible, let the child from his earliest years be placed where this wonderful lesson book shall be open before him. Let him behold the glorious scenes painted by the great Master Artist upon the shifting canvas of the heavens, let him become acquainted with the wonders of earth and sea, let him watch the unfolding mysteries of the changing seasons, and, in all His works, learn of the Creator.

In no other way can the foundation of a true education be so firmly and surely laid."

Education, pages 99-101

Social Studies, History And Geography

There are many ways to study history, geography, and other social sciences, besides the traditional textbook method (read, discuss, review, and test, and then forget). Dr. Moore and other experts recommend reading biographies of important people. To Adventists, this surely should include biographies of the Adventist pioneers. I suggest that when you read biographies that you chart the individuals on a time line. By doing this, you can see what was happening in the world during that person's lifetime. Also use maps to look up geological places. Study the historical events, inventions and other things of interest as you read about them.

"And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him, and find Him."
Acts 17:26, 27

Field trips to historical places, government agencies, industries, and businesses can be very educational as well as enjoyable experiences, properly guided by the teaching parent. Social studies topics are easily integrated into learning projects that work well in this area. Use your imagination!

Read *Education*, History and Prophecy pages 173-184, and Bible Biographies pages 146-158 for information on teaching these subjects.

Adventist Materials and Resources

"To every nation and to every individual of today God has assigned a place in His great plan."
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♥ Adventist Frontiers
Adventist Frontier Missions, P. O. Box 346, Berrien Springs, MI 49103,
www.afmonline.org
We use this excellent resource for social studies because it portrays how natives of many countries live through the eyes of Adventist missionaries. Several families featured in this magazine are homeschoolers and subscribers of *AHE*. We enjoy following these missionary adventures and learning more about how they live in foreign lands. Free publication, but your donation would be greatly appreciated.

♥ Adventist Girls Series
(ABC)
Four-book series about Adventist girls. Set in 1842-1844 the first series is about Sarah who experiences the Great Disappointment of 1844. The second series is about 10-year-old Elizabeth in 1850, after her family meets James and Ellen White and accept the Sabbath truth, travel from New York to share the message with relatives living in the gold fields of California. The third series, is 1898 in Australia where Heather and her family enjoy listening to Ellen White and working at Avondale. Alice goes with her missionary family to Shanghai, China in 1925 where her physician

As you read history, ask the questions "Why did this happen?" "Did world events have anything to do with this?" When you study and read, include what, who, why, and when in your discussions.

♥ AY (Pathfinders and Adventurers)
Various AY honors in the Outreach Ministries category, such as Junior Witness, People of Other Lands, and Personal Evangelism. Other honors, such as Indian Lore and Bible Evangelism. Also selected class work requirements as appropriate. (Check *Adventurer Manual, AY Instructor's Guide,* and *AY Honors* book for specific requirements.)

♥ Ellen: Trial and Triumph on the American Frontier, Ellen White: Friend of Angels and Ellen White: Trailblazer for God
Paul Ricchiuti (ABC and Upward Way)
Stories of Ellen's amazing adventures, travels and relationships. An enlightening book about how Americans lived and the Adventist work progressed during the late 1800's and early 1900's. Throughout you see Ellen G. White as a real woman, wife, mother and prophet.

♥Global Missions
Adventist World Headquarters, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600; 800/684-5824; www.global-mission.org
Learn about foreign countries and the Adventist work around the world. Request newsletters or to be added to email list-donation basis.

♥ God's Witnesses Study Guide
(The Moore Academy)
A guide for using biographies as unit studies. Activities to encourage exemplary character qualities like those in excellent biographies. $8 each.

♥ Hall of Faith series
This is a series of 24 books about dedicated Adventist missionary pioneers, written for junior/earliteen age. Some of the biographies include Ferdinand and Ana Stahl, William A. Spicer, Anna Knight, Kata Rangoso, Leo and Jessie Halliwell, John N. Andrews, and of course Ellen White.

Into All the World series
(Country Garden School)
Activity books for the mission-minded.

Mission Quarterlies for children
(Available from your Sabbath school secretary or ABC)
Teaching the weekly mission story provides an excellent opportunity to teach world geography. You should have a large world map to use while teaching missions. If you can afford it, you can get children-of-the-world felt sets from your ABC. This is a great way to help our children, from babies on up, to be aware of our Great Commission to take the gospel to the whole world.

♥ Adventist History Curriculum
There is a real need for our Adventist denomination to write and publish history textbooks from an Adventist perspective, which would relate Bible prophecies and their fulfillment to historical events. Yet at the same time, I believe that we do have an Adventist History program. You will find this unique program in ***The Conflict of the Ages*** series.

- *The Story of Patriarchs and Prophets* covers Bible history by illustrating lives of Holy men found in the Bible.
- *The Story of Prophets and Kings* is about the captivity and restoration of Israel beginning with the reign of King Solomon to the birth of Jesus Christ.
- *The Desire of Ages* of course is the story of the life of Jesus
- *The Acts of the Apostles* covers the proclamation of the Gospel and God's purpose for His church.
- *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan* covers the destruction of Jerusalem to 1900's and includes Adventist prophetic history.

There is a wonderful resource to make the study of these books interesting. *Living By Principle* is the perfect high school Bible/History curriculum. This little book is a four-year daily plan to study the Conflict of the Ages and the Bible, cross-referencing in each.

There is also *My Covenant* published by Review & Herald Publishing. It is a one-year Bible reading guide with a five-year Spirit of Prophecy reading guide.

For the younger child there is a great set of books entitled *The Bible Pageant Series*. Written by Merlin Neff, published by Pacific Press in 1949, these are children's versions of the Conflict of the Ages. Titles are:

- *Brave Pioneers,*
- *Conquering Heroes,*
- *Kings and Queens,*
- *The Mighty Prince and Warriors of the Cross*.

These are available at a few ABC's, in church and school libraries, used Adventist book sources such as Lost and Found Books or Leaves of Autumn.

Teaching Tip: Hang up colorful laminated maps in your learning area or use desk size for the table or desk. When you read about a geographical place, locate on your maps. Use dry erase markers or grease pencils to mark the route traveled by the people you read about.

For middle children there is a new series of "Conflict of the Ages series for Kids!" Titles are:

- *Survivors of the Dark Rebellion,*
- *Exile of the Chosen,*
- *Victory of the Warrior King,*
- *Champions of the King,*
- *War of the Invisibles*

Also available at the ABC.

♥ Pioneer Stories of the Second Advent Message
Arthur Whitefield Spalding. (LMN Publishing and Harvestime Books)
Begins with Jesus' disciples, goes to 1780 and the Dark Day, and ends with Pitcairn and a chapter on the part children can play in the closing work. It is all about the history of our church and its pioneers, how they came out of other churches, and the truths (Sabbath, sanctuary, health message, etc.) that the Lord showed to different individuals. Now back in print.

♥ The Great Controversy
Ellen G. White (ABC)
For Biblical-based history of the early Christian church through the Second Coming and the New Earth. A study guide, "Pagan Rome to the New Earth," is available from Country Garden School. Junior high age and up.

The World History Series
A. T. Jones (Hartland Publications)
These were not written as children's textbooks, but are excellent reference for the teaching parent. Titles include:

- *The Empires of the Bible*
- *Lessons from the Reformation*
- *The Two Republics*
- *The Great Empires of Prophecy*
- *Ecclesiastical Empires*
- *The Great Nation of Today* (paperback)

Other Christian/secular materials

10 Days in Europe, Africa, Asia or USA
Out of the Box Games, www.oth.games.com
Chart your course, use the destination and transportation tiles and the first traveler to complete the trip wins.

A Beka
Traditional textbooks for grades 1 - 12.
These books are written from a Christian perspective. In books past sixth grade, however, there seems to be an overemphasis on the mixture of religion and politics. One textbook refers to Adventists as a cult.

A Children's Companion Guide to America's History
Catherine Millard (Book stores)
Discover the great Christian landmarks of America's History and the Biblical principles upon which America was founded. Ages 10-14.

American Adventure Series
(God's World Books, book stores)
Forty-eight books covering the time period from the Pilgrims to World War I. Events in history written from a child's perspective. Ages 9-14.

American History Notebooks for Families
800/757-9712; www.notebooksforfamilies.com
American History for grades K-12, 800 pages. Lesson starters, discussion, writing activities, study guides, quizzes, unit tests, book list for additional reading. Sample lesson, table of contents on website.

Around the World in 180 Days
(Apologia Educational Ministries)
Studying geography and history, one continent at a time. Multi-level approach. $40

Basic American Government and Basic History of the United States
American Textbook Committee, Route 1, Box 13, Wadley, AL 36276.
Written from a conservative Christian view. The book on government is rooted in the written constitution and emphasizes the role of state and local as well as U.S. government. 600 pages, $32.95.

The five volumes of basic history cover a specific segment of U.S. history from early 1600 to 1985. Upper elementary and high school. Reasonably priced at $36.50 per set. A teachers guide is available for $6.

Bible Time Line
(The Sycamore Tree)
Colorful chart presents major Bible characters and events in chronological sequence. For Bible class and Sabbath school.

Blackline Maps of World History
(Timberdoodle) CD-ROM $24
Contains over 200 maps in .pdf format. Each map is labeled and unlabeled, lesson plans, geography, four historical time periods, political boundaries. Updated in 2004.

Teaching Tip:
Write or call the tourism department and request a student package for the state or country you are studying.

Childhood of Famous American's
(Book stores, christianbooks.com)
A series of 50 biographies, reprints of the ones we grew up with.

Christian History Magazine
P. O. Box 11633, Des Moines, IA 50347-1633.
Quarterly magazine brings Christian history alive. Included are maps, charts and illustrations. Send for subscription, if you don't like the first issue, return the bill marked cancel and you owe nothing.

Eyewitness Visual Dictionaries
Published by Dorling Kindersley (various book stores and suppliers).
Colorful, attractive layout appeals to children. Price range: $7-12. Social studies topics include: Cars, Everyday Things, Military Uniforms, Ships and Sailing.

First State Map and Globe Company
3301 Lancaster Avenue, Wilmington. DE 19805; 800/327-7992; www.globeworld.com
Up-to-date desk and wall maps at reasonable prices.

♥ Geography Matters
P. O. Box 92, Nancy, KY 42544; 606/636-4678;
www.geographymatters.com
Galloping the Globe is a geography unit study for K-4 including the seven continents, including historical figures, missionaries, animals, science, vocabulary, music art and Bible

God's World Publications
Box 2330, Asheville, NC 28802; 800/951-KIDS.
This is the Christian counterpart to *Weekly Reader*. A current events paper from a fundamentalist Christian perspective. Published weekly during the school year, each edition comes with a free Teacher's Helper. Supplement for your reading or social studies curriculum. Titles and levels are:

- *God's Big World* (kindergarten)
- *Sharing God's World* (grade 1)
- *Exploring God's World* (grades 2-3)
- *It's God's World* (grades 4-6)
- *God's World Today* (junior high)
- *World* (high school)
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Greenleaf History
Greenleaf Press, 3761 Hwy 109 N, Lebanon, TN 37087; 800/311-1508; www.greenleafpress.com
Each Study Package includes a book of biographies, a Greenleaf Study Guide, and selected "real" books—no textbooks! Geared for grades 2-10. Write or call for a catalog.

History in His Hands
Joyce Herzog, Ph.D.
Intermingles Biblical and secular history into one flowing story, emphasizing profound principles of who God is, Volume 1, Ancient History, Volume 2, Early church and Middle Ages.

Life in America Unit Studies
Ellen Gardner, 1224 Ridgewood Cr., Southlake, TX 76092; 877/543-3263; www.lifeinamerica.com
This is a seven-volume series covering 1000-1950, of studies that includes art, literature, writing, scientific discoveries and historical events from a Christian perspective. Each 360-page volume covers complete semester and can be used for students K-8 with software available to expand this study for high school students.

Mapping the World by Heart
David Smith. (Timberdoodle).
For grades 5-12; a complete one-year program to teach your students to draw detailed world maps without looking at an atlas.

Peter Marshall
81 Finlay Rd., Orleans, MA 02653; 800/879-3298 credit card orders only.
The Light and the Glory, From Sea to Shining Sea, and America - Roots of our Nation, Sounding Forth the Trumpet.
Four excellent history books. Full length books for grades 7 and up. Also available children's versions for ages 7-11, study guides, and Children's Activity Book.

When you are reading a book, locate the place on a map, look it up in the encyclopedia, chart the character on your timeline and learn what was happening in history during that timeframe.

Runkle Geography
4018 Briarcrest, Norman, OK 73072; 405/329-6750, www.runklepub.com
Published by Saxon. Includes regular reviews and practical application, cultural experiences and political history from a Christian viewpoint. *Runkles Physical World Geography* $70, includes the teachers guide, student book and tests. *Map Book* is a required accompaniment $20, contains full-color maps, maps for your use and instructions etc.

♥ Storytime Cassettes

Produced by Your Story Hour, Box 366, Medina, OH 44258. (Also available from The Moore Academy, The Sycamore Tree, some ABC's, and other sources.)

Great for your late or reluctant reader. In addition to the many Bible and character-building story audio cassettes, the Uncle Dan and Aunt Sue cast have produced these two sets:

- *Heritage of Our Country*, focusing on important people in American history.
- *Patterns of Destiny*, stories of great people in various countries and times in history.

> "The Bible is the most ancient and the most comprehensive history that men possess. It came fresh from the fountain of eternal truth, and throughout the ages a divine hand has preserved its purity. It lights up the far distant past, where human research in vain seeks to penetrate. In God's word only do we behold the power that laid the foundations of the earth and that stretched out the heavens. Here only do we find an authentic account of the origin of nations. Here only is given a history of our race unsullied by human pride of prejudice."
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♥ Streams of Civilization I & II

(The Moore Academy or The Sycamore Tree which has test booklets).

Hand-picked by Dr. Raymond Moore, this is an excellent world history text for junior/high school. My older children enjoy these books. After reading the chapter they enjoy looking up the place or event in *Encarta CD-ROM Encyclopedia* for more information. Volume 1 covers Creation through 1600. Volume 2 covers 1600-1996.

The Land of Fair Play

(The Moore Academy)

For junior-high civics. Documents the workings of the U.S. government with comprehension questions at the end of each chapter.

The Civil War Unit Study, by Pat Wesoloski - DPK Productions

http://www.lamppostpublishing.com/unit-study-curriculum.htm

Centered around researching information and publishing your own newspaper.

The Mystery of History, Volumes 1& 2
(Timberdoodle) $35 each
Ancient civilizations through Christ and Early Church to the Printing Press. Written by a homeschool mom with Bible-centered approach. Activities, tests, timeline, assignments, supplemental reading. Grades 4-8 reading level or read-aloud for family learning

The Oregon Trail
The Learning Company, (Home Computer Market)
Journey back to 1848 and become a pioneer on your way to a new life in Oregon Territory. But first you must master the challenge of the hazardous cross-country trek from Independence, Missouri to Oregon's Willamette Valley. CD-ROM

The Presidents Speak
(Vision Products)
A set of 12 audio cassettes with speeches given by all of the presidents, from George Washington to Ronald Reagan. From Hoover on, these are actual recorded speeches of the presidents. Excellent supplement to a unit study on United States presidents.

The Sower Series,
Mott Media, 1000 East Huron, Milford, MI 48381; 313/685-8772. (Available from many homeschool suppliers check various catalogs).

This is an excellent series of biographies written for children, age nine and up, by various authors. Some titles that I know of include: George Washington Carver, Johannes Kepler, Isaac Newton, The Wright Brothers, Francis Scott Key, George Washington, Robert E. Lee, Abraham Lincoln, Billy Sunday, Abigail Adams, Susanna Wesley, Florence Nightingale, George Frederic Handel, Samuel Francis Smith, Samuel F. B. Morse, Noah Webster, Daniel Webster, Stonewall Jackson.

The Story of the Constitution
(Christian Book Distributors)
Origins of our country and the steps to the formation of the constitution. Eighth grade and up.

Truth Quest History
P. O. Box 2128, Traverse City, MI 49685; www.truthquesthistory.com
Guides for teaching history "that shows God's existence, power, love, truth and plans for civilization." Includes American history, Greece, Rome, Middle Ages and Age of Revolution.

Ultimate Geography and Timeline Guide
(Timberdoodle)
Just the kind of book I like—for grades K-12, Learning Project approach, lesson plans, games and activities, 100 pages of reproducible forms, scope and sequence—everything for teaching geography plus a timeline and timeline games. 350 pages, $35.

♥ Unit Study of American Civil War
www.easyfunschool.com
Integrates all subjects with field trips, crafts, battlefield recipes, recommended resources, charts, timeline, and puzzles. Fun and thorough. Several families could work together. $18.

♥ Wonders of Old
(Timberdoodle) $17.50
A blank timeline book to fill in as you would any timeline, yet this one will become a family heirloom that documents your learning experiences. This sturdy hardback book is 9x12 in. with 70# paper.

World Discovery Deluxe
(Timberdoodle) $22
An interactive software program that makes learning about geography fun. 75 maps, 12 different games to identify locations and answer questions, four levels, flags, native greetings, and national anthems.

World History Chart
(5th Edition), International Timeline, Inc., 2565 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, VA 22181; 800/543-9316 for orders, 703/281-7678 for information.
Available in two versions: *Universal Chart*, includes data compiled from documented history, archaeology, theology, and mythology; and *Secular Chart*, focusing solely on documented history and archaeology. Follows world events from 4000 B.C. to the fall of the Berlin Wall. Measures almost eight feet long by three feet high. $35 each, or $50 if laminated.

World History Time Line
(The Moore Academy, The Sycamore Tree, and other sources)
Historical events from the time of Adam to the present. Beautiful reprint of an old document, with updates. Looks like an oversized, thin, hardbound book with old-fashioned design.

Young Readers Christian Library
(Library and Educational Services)
Set of 39 books for children ages 8-12. Some titles are: Abraham Lincoln, Billy Graham, Christopher Columbus, Harriet Tubman, Jesus, Joseph, Lydia, Mary, Roger Williams, David Livingstone, Clara Barton, John Wesley and more.