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The Adventist Home Educator Newsletter

Encouragement for Seventh-day
Adventist Homeschoolers

Prayer for AHE and AHE Families

Hi everyone,

I'm not sure if you are all familiar with the book *40 Days; Prayers and Devotions to Prepare for the Second Coming* by Dennis Smith. I am beginning this study with some ladies at church and since we do not have meetings coming up with specific people to be praying that God will reach to bring to the meetings, I instead am focusing my prayers on specific needs or requests that God is placing on my heart.

One of my Prayer Pages will be focused on AHE. I am sharing with you all for a specific reason. One, the book says we should alert those we are praying for. Two, we should ask for requests concerning this person/request.

My focus on the AHE prayer page will be in the ministry of AHE. I want to pray for the families (in general) that are homeschooling and trying to follow God's calling in this area. I want to pray for the ministry that we are reaching out in areas that God desires us to reach out. I want to pray over AHE's current ministries (the email lists, the Facebook page, the website, the study board) to be sure it is as God would have it. I have concerns that have been brought to my attention that I will be praying over, as well.

So, I am asking that you all, since you are all part of AHE (you are all Adventist Homeschoolers), that if you have concerns or thoughts concerning AHE that you feel free to bring them to my attention so that I can pray over them in the next 60 days (I give myself 2 months to cover my 40 days of prayer since I sometimes "miss a day" of the specific requests). Please send those thoughts to Melissa at: adventisthomeducator@gmail.com

Also, I am asking that if anyone wishes to join me in praying for the AHE ministry, that they feel free to join me. I know that God has blessings to impart on AHE families and on the ministry itself if we would just ask and pray for God's leading. So please join with me if God places this on your heart.

Warmly, ~Melissa



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

AHE NEWS

- If you have a special talent you would like to share with AHE, please contact us at:

adventisthomeducator@gmail.com

Advertisements

Contact Melissa at adventisthomeducator@gmail.com to place your advertisement.

Advertisements are free to SDA homeschoolers, with space availability.

Others may place an advertisement for \$5 for homeschooling related advertisements.

A Quick Thought...

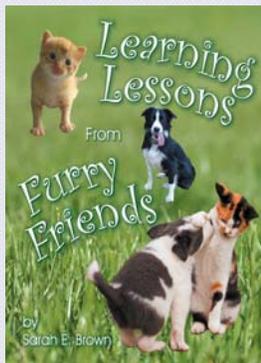
Sometimes we get so carried away with home educating and trying to meet that expectation that homeschoolers are "brighter and smarter" than kids that don't, that we put all our focus on study and books. Characters need molding, as parents we can take advantage of this time and work with our Lord in molding our children into His will for their lives.

Importance of the Home Atmosphere.--The atmosphere surrounding the souls of fathers and mothers fills the whole house, and is felt in every department of the home.

To a large extent parents create the atmosphere of the home circle, and when there is disagreement between father and mother, the children partake of the same spirit. Make your home atmosphere fragrant with tender thoughtfulness. If you have become estranged and have failed to be Bible Christians, be converted; for the character you bear in probationary time will be the character you will have at the coming of Christ. If you would be a saint in heaven, you must first be a saint on earth. The traits of character you cherish in life will not be changed by death or by the resurrection. You will come up from the grave with the same disposition you manifested in your home and in society. Jesus does not change the character at His coming. The work of transformation must be done now. Our daily lives are determining our destiny. {AH 16.1,2 }

Book Review: Newly published in 2011! Learning Lessons from Furry Friends

I am currently reading this to my 6yo non-reader and she is really enjoying the stories! The writing is interesting and captivating! Each story has a little lesson learned from the Bible connected with the story. I've been limiting us to one story a day so my daughter can ponder the lesson without forgetting because of a second story with a different lesson.



The book makes a great read aloud for elementary grades, but can also be read by the child, probably 3rd-6th grade, depending on reading ability. The pictures are black and white, but very appropriate, giving interest, but not too much to distract from the reading.

You will all be interested to know that this book was written by a 16yo SDA homeschooler! I think she did a wonderful job! It is very well written; she has a nice writing style. Congrats, Sarah, on a job well done!

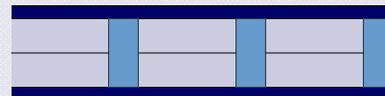
Book Rating: 5

The book is available through Teach Services. (paperback, hard cover, or ebook)
<http://www.teachservices.com/learning-lessons-from-furry-friends-brown-sarah-e-lsi/>

From the Pen of
Inspiration...



"Books should be laid aside till their proper season, and no more study should be taken than can be attended to without neglecting the household duties. The study of books is not to engross the mind to the neglect of home duties upon which the comfort of the family depends." – {AH 88.4}



Order Necessary for a Happy Home.--God is displeased with disorder, slackness, and a lack of thoroughness in anyone. These deficiencies are serious evils, and tend to wean the affections of the husband from the wife when the husband loves order, well-disciplined children, and a well-regulated house. A wife and mother cannot make home agreeable and happy unless she possesses a love for order, preserves her dignity, and has good government; therefore all who fail on these points should begin at once to educate themselves in this direction, and cultivate the very things wherein is their greatest lack.

{AH 22.3}

“Let all things be done
decently and in order.”

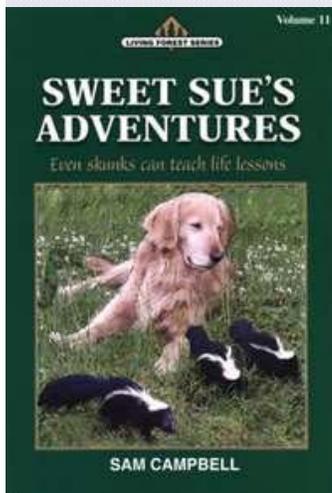
1 Corinthians 14:40

Author Review: Sam Campbell

Review written by: Melissa, Iowa

Sweet Sue's Adventures by Sam Campbell

Rating: 5



I just finished reading this aloud to my 6yo non-reader. She loved the stories in the book and I believe she imagined herself on the adventure herself. Sam Campbell's books are wonderful books to increase the love of nature in your children, especially during long winter days when you aren't always able to get out into it yourself.

I recently found that some of the Sam Campbell books are available online. If you go to <http://www.samcampbell.com/> you will be able to view some of the books online. They are complete with pictures (same as in the book we read, so you aren't missing anything by reading online). Also, many of these books are available at local libraries.

WANTED! Book and Curriculum Reviews

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

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

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

Book Review Rating Scale

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

AHE Study Board

Education by Ellen White

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Join us!

<http://aheboards.forumotion.com>

*Our AHE Study Board is in need of a new moderator. Please pray with us, that God will lead us to the person that will have time to focus and lead this study. *

Request to review your favorite book or curriculum.

Contact:

adventisthomeducator@gmail.com



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

Online Links For Education

Some links shared on the AHE Email List (January)

Nature Friend Magazine <http://www.naturefriendmagazine.com/>

All About Spelling <http://www.allaboutlearningpress.com/all-about-spelling>

SonLight Education Torrent #3 download <http://www.sonlighteducation.com/news.html>

Scholastic Dollar Deals (no longer on, but runs periodically throughout the year) <http://teacherexpress.scholastic.com/dollardeals>

Newton: Ask a Scientist <http://newton.dep.anl.gov/>

Road Trip USA <http://www.confessionsofahomeschooler.com/u-s-geography>

Light Bearers Ministry Clearance Sale, click on clearance link www.lbm.org/store

Podcast with Ellen Dana <http://adventisthomeducator.org/2010/06/16/moore-homeschooling-podcast-series/>

50 States lyrics and music links <http://www.homeschoolviews.com/resources/fiftyniftylyrics.pdf> , http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_HeLofy7IE&noredirect=1

To subscribe to the email list, find the link information on the last page of newsletter.

Recent Activity On the AHE Blog (January)

[Adventist Junior Youth Bible Reading Plan](#)

[Printable Map Resources](#)

[Daniel and his friends "Momma's Sunshine"](#)

[Prayer for AHE and AHE Families](#) (same as first article)

[The Great Backyard Birdcount 2012](#)

[Motivation Mondays](#) (look in the archives of January to find more Motivation Monday posts)

*If you subscribe to the blog, you will get notifications of each blog post as it comes out by email.

To subscribe, go to our main blog page and sign up under ["Don't Miss New Posts"](#)
<http://adventisthomeducator.org/blog>

Reading Is Fun!

Pacific Press has a reading program that you may wish to participate in. You can find a reading list of books and quizzes with answers for the books. You will need to log in as a teacher to get to the quizzes. I asked and they welcomed homeschoolers to participate.

Here is the information you need to get into the teacher information.

Go to:

<http://www.pacificpress.com>

Click on the Reading Is Fun link in the left side bar. Use the login information below to sign in.

Username: teacher
Password: read05



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



The Adventist Home Educator
3450 Quail Avenue
Manly, Iowa 50456

<http://adventisthomeducator.org>

AHE Resources:

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

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

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

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

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

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

AHE Email Lists:

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

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

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

AHE Teens...is a place for our teen children to interact with other Seventh-day Adventist homeschoolers. To join, parents need to send an email to Melissa at adventisthomeducator@gmail.com with their children's names, ages, and email addresses.

Email:
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