



# Help! My child doesn't like nature walks.

Understanding the different  
homeschooling methods and resources!

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## What is curriculum?

- “curriculum is broadly defined as the totality of student experiences that occur in the educational process”
- Specifically: “a sequence of planned experiences where students practice and achieve proficiency in content and applied learning skills. It is a central guide for all educators as to what is essential for teaching and learning, so that every student has access to rigorous academic experiences”

Which definition do you like best?

# What is method?

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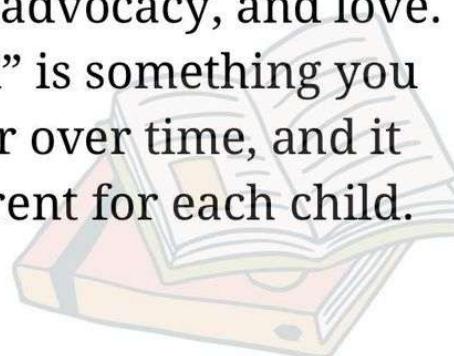
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**noun**

1. A means or manner of procedure, especially a regular and systematic way of accomplishing something.
2. Orderly arrangement of parts or steps to accomplish an end.
3. The procedures and techniques characteristic of a particular discipline or field of knowledge.

## **THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HOMESCHOOL.**

Take your time to learn about your child and what works for them. What matters is your commitment, advocacy, and love. The “method” is something you will discover over time, and it may be different for each child.



## Understand Your Learner

- *8 Great Smarts*, by Dr. Kathy Koch
- *The Way They Learn*, by Cynthia Ulrich Tobias
- Other recommendations?
- One caution about “learning styles”



Your Natural Learner | Leah McDermott  
@therealleahmcd

The same instincts that led you to nurture your newborn, care for your infant, and guide your toddler are exactly the same instincts that you can tap into to be the best navigator of your child's learning journey.

## Understand yourself, too!

- Read the previous mentioned books and analyze yourself
- Learn your educational philosophy and teaching style
  - From [eclectic-homeschool.com](https://eclectic-homeschool.com/):
  - From [homeschool.com](https://www.homeschool.com/articles/homeschool-styles-quiz/#/questions/1780552): <https://www.homeschool.com/articles/homeschool-styles-quiz/#/questions/1780552>
- *Homeschool Bravely*, by Jamie Erickson
- *Busy Mom's Guide to Daylight*, by Heidi St. John
- *The 4 Hour School Day*, by Durenda Wilson
- *The Unhurried Homeschooler*, by Durenda Wilson
- *Teaching from Rest*, by Sarah Mackenzie

## Method meets curriculum

- I promise to not define my homeschool by one and only one method for the duration of our journey.
- I promise that I will move on from a curriculum that is not working for my learner, no matter how much I paid for it.
- I understand that there is no “unicorn” curriculum or methodology that will solve all the problems in our homeschool.
- I promise to be open to the Lord refining me and revealing Himself as I home educate my child/ren.

# Traditional Curriculum Options

- Abeka
- ACE PACEs
- BJU Press
- Alpha Omega Publications
- Christian Liberty Press
- Easy Grammar
- Master Books
- Notgrass
- Saxon Math
- Wordly Wise

**Pro tip: You can buy most box curriculums *ala carte***

# Classical Curriculum Options

- Canon Press Logic
- Classical Conversations
- Grammar for the Well-Trained Mind
- Hey Andrew!
- Memoria Press
- Novare Science
- The Ordinary Parent's Guide to Teaching Reading
- Story of the World
- TRISMS
- Veritas Press
- Writing & Rhetoric

<https://homeschoolcompass.com/classical/>

**Pro tip: You don't have to submerge yourself into the classical model. You can pull elements that work in your home.**

# CM Curriculum Resources

- Ambleside Online
- Beautiful Feet Books
- Bethlehem Books
- Cottage Press
- The D'Aulaires
- Holling Clancy Holling
- Living Books for Elementary and Middle School
- Living Books for High School
- Math Lessons for a Living Education
- RightStart Math
- Sonlight

<https://homeschoolcompass.com/charlottemason/>

**Pro Tip: Charlotte Mason inspired booklists are fantastic for quality literature**

# Unit Study Curriculum Resources

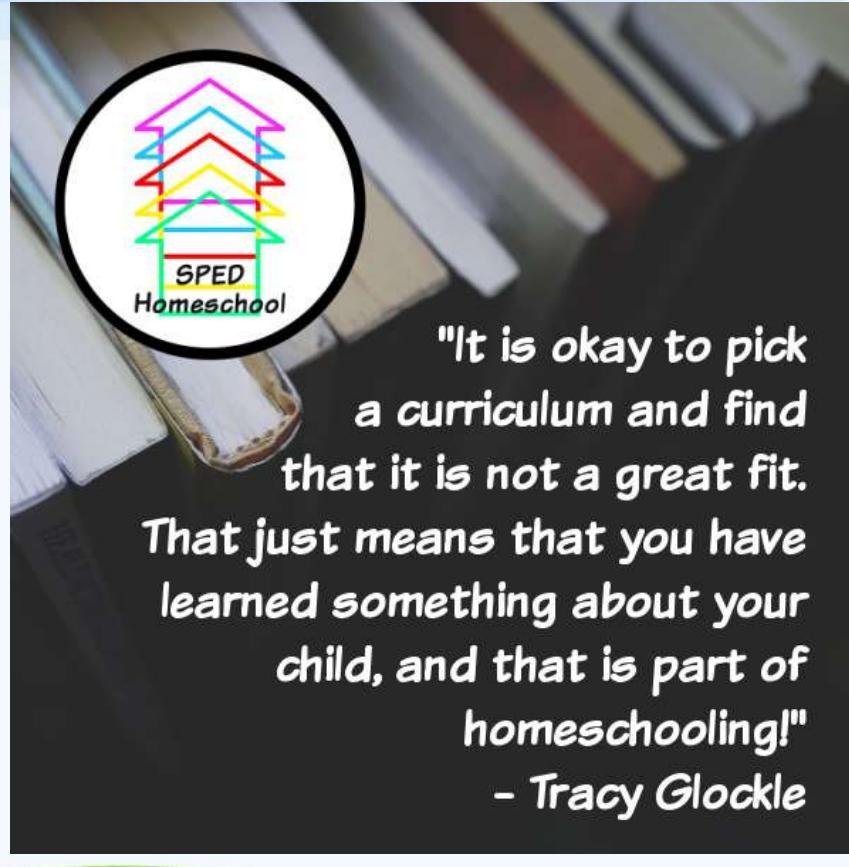
- The Homeschool Daily Planner for Unit Studies
- Abigail Adams: A Woman Ahead of Her Time: A Cross- Curricular Unit
- Answers in Genesis Pilgrim's Progress Study
- The Appalachian Trail: A Unit Study
- Further Up & Further In: A Unit Study Based on the Chronicles of Narnia
- Heart of Dakota
- Homeschool in the Woods
- KONOS
- The Prairie Primer: A Literature Based Unit Study Utilizing the Little House Series
- Weaver Unit Studies

<https://homeschoolcompass.com/unitstudy/>

**Pro Tip: Consider developing a seasonal unit study or two that you use return to and expand each year**

# Unschooling Parent Resources

- Books for Further Reading:
  - *The Brave Learner* by Julie Bogart
  - *How Children Learn* by John Holt
  - *God Schooling: How God Intended Children to Learn* by Julie Polanco
  - *The Unschooling Handbook: How to Use the Whole World as Your Child's Classroom* by Mary Griffith
- Unschoolers to follow:
  - Leah McDermott at Your Natural Learner
  - Kay at The Mom Trotter
  - Karla at The Unschooling Mama
  - Sara at Happiness Is Here
  - Kaleena at Five Hour School Week





So what is the best  
approach for you?

**Eclectic!**

A combination of what works best for your family!



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