

# Curriculum Resources

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**T = Traditional**

**C = Classical**

**CM = Charlotte Mason-see [simplycharlottemason.com](http://simplycharlottemason.com)**

**U = Unit Studies**

**E=Eclectic (A combination of the above) philosophies)**

## Box Curriculum

*Carries all subjects and everything you need in one box. Some are sold by grade/age packages.*

**Abeka:** Christian-based, video instruction available, purchase ala cart or grade packages **(T)**

**BJU Press (Bob Jones University):** BJU press homeschool. Christian curriculum for private schools and homeschoolers. Video instruction available; purchase subjects separately or in grade packages **(T)**

**Christian Light Education:** CLE, Mennonite curriculum. Open and go for the parents. Student-led in upper grades. Pre-k thru 12. **(T)**

**Rod and Staff:** The Christian curriculum was written by the Mennonite community plain and simple **(T)**

**Life Pac:** Alpha Omega Publications comes in a box with "light units," which are individual workbooks for that unit/chapter of the text. Self-paced, individual learning. **(T)**

**Christian Liberty Press:** The Curriculum itself is traditional, though some readers are used to other philosophies such as unit study and Charlotte Mason. **(T)**

**Memoria Press:** Christian based. Full Classical Christian Curriculum, Uses Rod and Staff Math **(C)**

**Well-Trained Mind:** Secular Worldview. Full Classical Curriculum. Do sell Bible Curriculum from Olive Branch Press Bible Curriculum **(C)**

**Simply Charlotte Mason:** Christian based. Full Charlotte Mason Curriculum except for math **(CM)**

**Queens Homeschool:** Christian based. Full Charlotte Mason Curriculum except for math & readers **(CM)**

**A Gentle Feast:** Teacher guides have Christian content; secular books are used. Teachers Guide, Morning Time Guide, Language Arts workbook, and Booklist are available either as a download or physical purchase. Books and math are not included **(CM)**

**Heart of Dakota:** Christian worldview. Literature based on all subjects included **(E: with CM, U)**

**Masterbooks:** Biblical worldview with a focus on young earth creationism and apologetics centered. Uses a gentle approach to learning in the elementary years. It has its own app as well as a Facebook community, which is helpful and uplifting. Authors of the curriculum are usually in the community as well to help with any questions that might arise. **(E: with CM, U, T)**

**Sonlight:** Christian worldview with a focus on missionaries. Literature based. Includes all subjects & all readers. Uses secular books, but the teacher guide supplies notes for parents to address issues in the way best appropriate for their child. Sonlight uses the Ruth Beechick approach for Language Arts. Recommendation: read her book *The Three R's* to understand this approach. **(E: with CM influences)**

**My Father's World:** Christian worldview. Literature based. Includes all subjects. TG walks parents through secular books. **(E: with CM, U)**

**Easy Peasy All In One:** Christian-based curriculum that is completely free online. You can order preprinted workbooks through Amazon if preferred. **(E: CM with Workbook-based approach)**

**Veritas Press:** Christian worldview. Literature-based curriculum. Both Teacher-led or online self-paced options. **(C)**

**Gather Round Homeschool:** Biblical Worldview. Family style learning. Teacher guides and Student workbooks are included for all subjects except for math. GR Homeschool is a newer curriculum written by a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation homeschooler. Rebecca Spooner wanted a curriculum she could use for all her children; GR has a very gentle approach to learning that is flexible enough to add on to when you want to dive deeper into any given subject. It is a unit study approach that has units lasting one month at a time. **(E: with CM, U)**

**Winter Promise:** Biblical Worldview. Literature based. **(E. CM and U)**

**GeoMatters: Trail Guide to Learning is Christian:** This is a K-8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum covering all subjects except for Math. This curriculum uses a combination of Charlotte Mason and Ruth Beechick's approach to learning. **(CM inspired)**

**\*Ambleside Online:** Ambleside is a free website that offers schedules, booklists, and resources, all to help homeschool parents who want to follow the Charlotte Mason philosophy in their homeschools. You print out the schedule and then find the books needed from your local library or used bookstore. **(CM)**

# Individual Courses

These curriculum companies tend to specialize in individual subjects.

**Bible & Character Building** (Bible/Character Building is their primary subject)

**Not Consumed Ministries:** Not Consumed is a company owned by a homeschool mom. She writes Bible studies primarily, but you can also find a hymn study, geography, and cultures study, journals, and planners, just to name a few. **(E-CM)**

**Apologia (What We Believe Series):** In addition to science Apologia also carries a Bible Curriculum for the elementary grades. It is a series of 4 books that takes you through answering the question of “Who is God?” “Who am I?” “Who is my neighbor?” “What on earth can I do?” This series comes with a textbook and a note-booking journal for each year. For ages 6-14 per the author. **(E-CM)**

**September & Co.:** September & Co. is a mother-and-daughter-owned company that focuses on educational resources centered on Biblical values. They sell things like character cards and manner cards.

**Princess and the Kiss/ The Squire and the Scroll by Jennie Bishop:** Though this is not an actual curriculum, it consists of two books focused on purity. One book is for young girls, and one is for young boys. Both teach about what purity of heart means. A workbook can accompany it, allowing you to turn this beautifully illustrated picture book into a heartfelt discussion and activities. For ages 6-12.

## History Curriculum

**Notgrass History:** Biblical Worldview. Notgrass combines Bible, History, and Literature. They have two geography courses available for grades k-4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. They have blended the different philosophies together nicely. **(E, T, CM, U, C)**

**Mystery of History:** Biblical worldview. This is a world history curriculum for all age groups. History is taught in chronological order. This curriculum is family-style learning. K-12**(C)**

**Biblioplan:** Christian worldview, though it does utilize some secular resources. This curriculum is family-style learning. K-12 **(C, CM)**

**Truthquest History:** Christian worldview. This is more of a resource than an actual curriculum; it utilizes real books to teach history, just like other literature-based curriculums, except with Truthquest, you get to pick and choose which books you want to use. If you prefer to set up your own history course, Truthquest can help you find the resources you need to do just that. **(CM, C)**

**History Revealed:** Biblical worldview. Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> touch on four different learning styles. History is taught in chronological order with this curriculum. It does use a mix of both Christian and secular resources. **(E, CM, U)**

**Drive Thru History:** Drive Thru History teaches history from a Christian worldview through DVD and streaming videos. These videos are done in a documentary style and come with discussion questions. This is not a full curriculum but can be a great resource or be used as the spine for history, and you can add on to it as you like. Grades 7 through 12.

## Science

**Apologia:** Biblical worldview. Taught from a young earth, creationist viewpoint. In the elementary years, each year will cover one subject (land creatures, astronomy, flying creatures, etc.) Takes an immersion approach to learning, diving deep into the subject for the whole year. **(CM INSPIRED)**

## Math

**Math U See:** Teaches from a mastery approach, focusing on one concept a year, diving into all aspects of the concept. The manipulative pack is a requirement for this curriculum. Videos are available for the parent to watch to know how to teach the lesson. Math U See does teach multiplication in a different manner, so switching over to a higher level might be a little confusing. K-12 **(E)**

**Teaching Textbooks:** Online curriculum with a spiral approach. This curriculum does not start until about 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level. All lessons are taught through video, and lessons are done online. Teaching Textbooks grade. The company also offers free tutoring if your student runs into a concept they get stuck on. Grades 3 thru 12 **(T)**

**CTC Math:** Online math program that teaches from K-12 courses. CTC Math is set up in more of a mastery approach, but you can tweak it into a spiral approach. The videos are set up into sections so you can jump around if a more spiral approach is needed. **(T)**

**Horizons Math:** This is a traditional math curriculum that runs from K-6 grades. It is a workbook style with colorful pages. It has a teacher handbook to help the parent teach the lessons and uses a spiral approach to learning. **(T)**

**Life of Fred:** Life of Fred takes a very different approach to math. Instead of the traditional workbook, it uses stories to teach math. It runs K-12.

**Math Mammoth:** This is a mastery and understanding approach to math curriculum. Math Mammoth offers download links with its curriculum to generate hundreds of worksheets by topic. If your student needs to review previous topics, these worksheets can be used for review.

**Rightstart Math:** Rightstart teaches using a multi-sensory approach for K-8. This hands-on curriculum utilizes various manipulatives.

## Language Arts

***All-Inclusive Language Arts Curriculum. These companies specialize in Language Arts and include all or most of the areas of Language Arts.***

**IEW:** Institute for Excellence in Writing is a curriculum company that includes all aspects of Language art, except for readers and read-aloud books; however, they do include suggested readers in their guides. They offer online video courses for their writing courses, along with teacher-led courses through their themed-based curriculum. They offer a few courses, one for writing and one for teaching literature, for the parent as well to learn how to teach their method of instruction. IEW has been a favorite for homeschoolers as well as private schools. They also offer the following: Grammar, Poetry memorization, Spelling, Cursive, Public Speaking, Literature Analysis, and Study Skills. For grades K-12 **(E-C, CM)**

**Jackris Publishing:** Covers all language arts with Growing with Grammar, Soaring with Spelling, and Winning with Writing programs. These are workbooks written to the child for grades 1-8. **(T)**

**Total Language Plus:** TLP is a curriculum that utilizes a literature-based discovery style of learning through novel study guides to teach all areas of language arts from a Christian perspective. You would choose the book you want your student to read, and they work through the novel guide hitting on the different areas of language arts. Grades 3-12. **(E, C)**

### ***Spelling & Vocabulary***

**Spelling You See:** SYS uses a different approach to spelling. Your student will not go over lists of words each week. Instead, they will color code through chunking and different spelling patterns, then utilize copy work. At the end of the week, you “test” your student through dictation. SYS is set up by skill level and not grade or age level. SYS is built on research that follows the five developmental stages for spelling. **(C, CM)**

**Natural Speller:** Natural Speller gives parents everything they need to teach spelling themselves for grades 1-8. This is not a student workbook; it is a resource for the parent to teach. It includes 78 pages of spelling rules, including suffixes and prefixes, along with phonics and writing rules. It also includes basic spelling lists with similar pattern groups.

**Sequential Spelling:** Sequential Spelling was originally developed to help students with dyslexia and other learning challenges; however, it became popular with other students as well. Sequential spelling has a unique approach to spelling. Word lists are created in “relationships” both vertically and horizontally.

**Spelling Power** is a multi-sensory, multi-level program that will help your students master the rules of spelling in just 15 minutes a day.

**All About Spelling:** AAS was developed by a mom who wanted to help her son who struggled with dyslexia. It is a multi-sensory approach that focuses on encoding skills and spelling rules. The magnet tiles and word cards are a requirement for this curriculum, and an app is available for purchase instead of the magnet tiles.

**Wordly Wise 3000:** This is a vocabulary workbook that covers grades K-12. The workbooks utilize a variety of exercises to help students learn the words. Wordly Wise has partnered with Quizlet to use it as a tool for quizzes online. **(T)**

**English from the Roots Up:** This is a vocabulary curriculum that focuses on Greek and Latin words as the foundation for the vocabulary study.

**Vocabulary from Classical Roots:** Specializes in studying vocabulary with Greek and Latin roots. This curriculum is intended for more upper elementary through high school.

### ***Reading & Phonics (Learning to read)***

**Explode the Code:** The Explode the Code Series is a phonics-based workbook series that is simplistic in its approach but effective. It starts out with “Get Ready for the Code” for the Prek-1 grades, depending on your student’s skill level. They also have “Beyond the Code,” which accompanies the first 4 Explode the Code books as a comprehension and thinking skill workbook. **(T)**

**All About Reading:** Like *All About Spelling*, this program was developed to help students with dyslexia and other learning challenges. However, it works so well that other children excel with it as well. It utilizes a multi-sensory approach with magnet letter tiles, word cards, and games for the student to play. It comes with delightful readers that are engaging and beautiful. It has levels starting at Pre-Reading through 4.

### ***Literature & Reading***

**Progeny Press Study Guides:** Progeny Press utilizes novel study guides to teach literature from a Christian perspective. You choose a chapter book or novel for your students; they work on the study guide after they have finished the book. Guides for grades K-12.

## Parent Resources:

A list of books and resources that can be incredibly helpful with your homeschool journey.

***Books: Some are education philosophy-specific, and some are just great reads.***

**Teaching From Rest** by Sarah Mackenzie

**Read Aloud Revival** by Sarah Mackenzie

**For the Children's Sake** by Susan Scheffer Macaulay

**Honey for a Child's Heart** by Gladys Hunt

**Educating the Wholehearted Child** by Sally and Clay Clarkson

**Awaking Wonder** by Sally Clarkson

**Mom Heart Moments** by Sally Clarkson

**Homeschool Bravely** by Jamie Erickson

**Teach Them Diligently** by Leslie Nunnery

**Education: Does God Have an Opinion** by Israel Wayne

**The Three R's** by Ruth Beechick

**Charlotte Mason Companion** by Karen Andreola

**Pocketful of Pinecones** by Karen Andreola

**The 4 Hour School Day** by Durenda Wilson

**The Unhurried Homeschooler** by Durenda Wilson

**The Well-Trained Mind** by Susan Wise Bauer

### **Podcasts**

Mom to Mom Podcast

At Home with Sally

Read Aloud Revival

Homeschool Snapshots

Your Morning Basket

The Mason Jar

Brave Writer

A Delectable Education

Joyfully Homeschooling

### **Blogs**

Sally Clarkson

The Unlikely Homeschool

KristiClover.com

Cathy Duffy Reviews

They Call Me Blessed

Intentional Homeschooling

Confessions of a Homeschooler

Not Consumed

Read Aloud Revival

Proverbial Homemaker

### **YouTube Channels**

Grace and Grit

Rooted in Rest

The Handmade Homeschooler

Our Thrifty Homeschool

Full of Wonder Momma

Joyful Noise Learning

Tauna Meyer

Seven In All

Living With Eve

Our HOMEschool Plan

Simply Living It

Educational Roots

Everyday Homeschooler

Kim Sorgius

Erica Arndt

Awesome Science Media

Momma on Mission

Pennies and Salt

Kristi Clover

Simply Charlotte Mason

Pam Barnhill