

# Homeschooled from the Beginning

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- I. My Favorite Homeschoolers!
- II. Huge Advantages
  - Time to think and learn
  - Time to grow into it
  - Just in time
  - Time to market
  - Time to get connected
  - An Important Time
- III. Discipleship Comes First
  - Discipling like Christ
  - A lifestyle of learning
  - A definition
  - The most important lessons
  - Laying the foundation
- IV. When Can I Start?
  - Accommodate their differences
  - Be patient
  - Try a little
  - Remember Maria Montessori
  - Watch for signs
- V. How to Get Started
  - Start making decisions
  - Get your priorities straight
  - Focus on foundations
  - Protect their love of learning
  - Experiment in history and science
- VI. Managing with Lots of Littles
  - A life skill
  - Change your venue
  - A day of school
  - The toddlers
  - Real distractions
- VII. Why Is It So Hard?

Spiritual battle

Hardest time of life

VIII. Days and Years

## Resources

Getting Ready for School:

Books and Magazines for you! Homeschooling Today, The Old Schoolhouse, etc.

The Three R's by Ruth Beechick <http://www.home4schoolgear.com/threers.html>

Devotions:

A Catechism for Boys and Girls <http://wwwFOUNDERS.org/library/childcat.html>

Divine and Moral Songs for Children by Isaac Watts <http://www.ccel.org/ccel/watts/divsongs.html> Check out "The Praises of my Tongue: Praise to God on Learning to Read" and "Let Dogs Delight to Bark and Bite"

Your Bible - read early and often to them!

Buy several copies of the hymnbook your church uses for use at home!

Science Resources:

The Nature Readers <http://www.home4schoolgear.com/nare15cli.html>

Pets in a Jar <http://www.home4schoolgear.com/pets-in-a-jar.html>

Usborne First Book of Nature <http://www.amazon.com/Usborne-Complete-First-Book-Nature/dp/0746005636>

Lyrical Life Science <http://www.lyricallearning.com>

History Resources

Greenleaf Guides <http://www.greenleafpress.com/>

Tapestry of Grace [http://www.tapestryofgrace.com/tog\\_fast/](http://www.tapestryofgrace.com/tog_fast/)

Veritas Press Their catalog alone is a great resource. You don't need scripted lessons at this age! <http://www.veritaspres.com>

Your local library :-)

Great Read Alouds and Other Fun Stuff

Everything in the Timberdoodle catalog <http://timberdoodle.com>

The Millers series by Mildred Martin (Wisdom with the Millers, Missionary Stories with the Millers, all of them) Find at Mennonite book sellers, Timberdoodle or other vendors. Fantastic character building stories. Start with Story Time...

Old and out of print treasures (look in used book stores): The Childhood of Famous Americans series; The Jungle Doctor

Books (several levels available - look for the picture books for this age); Sugar Creek Gang books. Great picture books no one should miss: Goodnight Moon, The Story About Ping, Mike Mulligan and the Steam Shovel, Katie and the Big Snow, The Little House, Make Way for Ducklings; Beatrix Potter books, the real Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne