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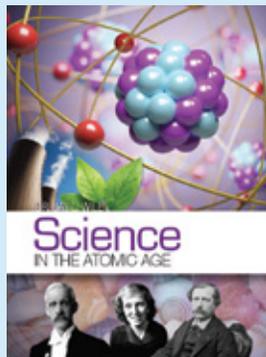
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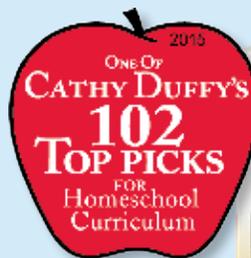
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Welcome

As we reach the traditional back-to-school season this year, very few things in life resemble our usual traditions. While most homeschool families won't miss a beat in educating their children, many activities and events outside of our home are not the same.

Our communities are also full of new families seeking answers and alternatives. Across the country, schools, organizations, and parents are rising up to meet the needs of families through creativity and innovation.

Many public and private at-home educational options have popped up overnight using labels and terms that can lead to confusion. In the face of so many educational options hastily opening their virtual doors, it's vitally important that we maintain a clear definition of homeschooling in order to ward off the threat of increased regulations. We're working directly with the Indiana Department of Education to correct the rampant misinformation across the state.

The IAHE has served Indiana families interested in home education since 1983, and even with decades of experience and wisdom, it's overwhelming. But, one thing is clear; the entire world has a new appreciation and interest in parents that take on the challenge of home education.

Our team continues to keep the homeschool community in our prayers. We know that these are difficult times for so many and we are praying for you individually, for our homeschool community, and for our country. Our dedicated volunteers are answering the questions of parents wanting information about the many options they are facing. Through phone calls, emails, social media messages, Homeschool 101 classes, and more, our team continues almost forty years of personal, dedicated service to homeschoolers.

Tara Bentley
Executive Director, IAHE

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Region 6 | Ed & Jill Wildermuth

Ed and Jill are originally from the Chicago area and moved to central Indiana in May 2018 after spending 10 years in Nashville, Tennessee. They have two daughters who have homeschooled from the start. Since their return to the Midwest, they have jumped into the northern Indianapolis suburbs homeschool scene with both feet, and they happily help homeschoolers connect with others in the Indiana homeschool community. They enjoy traveling, gathering with friends, and fishing with their daughters and two dogs. Their favorite thing about homeschooling is the freedom to travel and experience life as a family.



Region 13 | Shane & Shannon Hartman

Shane and Shannon have four children and have been homeschooling since 2013. Shane works for a camping ministry and the Hartmans enjoy serving alongside him, camping, and traveling. Their favorite thing about homeschooling is the flexibility they have to be able to decide their own schedule and what they learn.



Have you connected with your IAHE Representative?

Serving the homeschooling community throughout Indiana.

Regional Representatives are veteran homeschool parents who are here to support your family on your home education adventure. Whether you are looking for local activities,

have questions about curriculum, or want to find a support group in your area, your Regional Representative couple is available to help you!

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DAYS
TO

REMEMBER

The Star Spangled Banner | 1814

Francis Scott Key had a front row seat during the British bombardment of Fort McHenry near the Baltimore Harbor. As he gazed up at a large American flag flying over the fort, he was inspired by their fortitude and patriotism. Right then, he jotted down the notes for a poem that would later be set to music and become The Star Spangled Banner, America's national anthem.

★ Visit the National Park Service Fort McHenry website to watch an overview of The Battle of Baltimore, Fort McHenry, and the writing of our national anthem.

★ Print the lyrics, gather your family, and enjoy singing the Star Spangled Banner together.

Sputnik 2 Launched | 1957

The Soviet Union continued the Space Race by launching Sputnik 2 into space. The chosen passenger was Laika, the first dog to enter the earth's orbit. Laika was sent to test the safety of space travel for humans. Unfortunately, this first canine cosmonaut did not survive the test, demonstrating that more safety measures needed to be put into place before a human could make the trip.

★ Research the many different trips into space. How many animals traveled before the first human?

★ When did the first person go to space and who was it?

Montgomery Bus Boycott | 1955

In Montgomery, Alabama, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a civil rights protest, began. It was sparked by Rosa Parks's arrest, after she refused to give up her bus seat to a white woman. During the protest, African Americans refused to ride all city buses. This movement continued until December 20, 1956 when the U.S. Supreme Court finally ordered Montgomery to integrate its bus system.

★ Why is this civil rights movement so important to our country today?

★ Rosa Parks is a well known activist; research other activists who stood up for what is right.

September
14th



October
23rd



November
3rd



November
22nd



December
5th



First Solo Flight by a Woman | 1910

Blanche S. Scott is credited with being the first woman to make a solo, public airplane flight. While flying with the Glenn Curtiss Exhibition Team, she reached an altitude of 12 feet at a park in Fort Wayne, Indiana. There are conflicting stories about the actual flight, but there is no denying that Scott is one of the pioneers in American aviation.

★ Scott was the first woman to accomplish another feat, also in 1910. What was it?

★ While accomplishing this other feat, she noticed two brothers who were testing their airplane in Dayton, Ohio. They sparked her interest in flying. Can you guess who they were?

JFK Assassination | 1963

While traveling in a motorcade through Dallas, Texas, President John F. Kennedy was fatally shot. He was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital where he was, sadly, pronounced dead. Lee Harvey Oswald was later arrested for the murder. President Kennedy was the 35th president of the United States, and he was succeeded by Lyndon B Johnson.

★ Investigate this incident more thoroughly. Who all was involved? How did it happen?

★ What did President Kennedy accomplish while in office?



FALL ASTRONOMY DAY

— Saturday, September 26 —

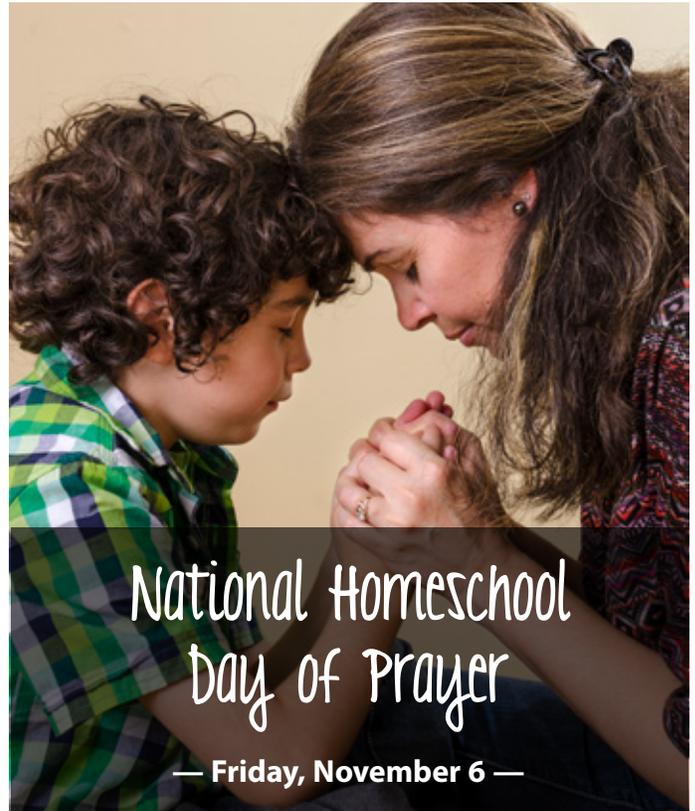
How often do we take time to stand quietly and gaze up at the blinking lights in the night sky? Fall Astronomy Day was begun with the goal of sharing the joy of astronomy with the general population. Astronomy Clubs everywhere set up telescopes in easily accessible areas like parks, schools, and shopping malls for the public to experience the joys of stargazing.

★ The Indiana Astronomical Society and the Astronomical League both have webpages with lots of information about public events, astronomy clubs, and online activities for kids. Find a telescope near you or dust off your own.

★ Check out the Beyond Spaceship Earth exhibit at the Indianapolis Children's Museum.

★ Borrow books from your library about people like Neil Armstrong and Carolyn Shoemaker.

★ Simply walk out into your backyard with your kids and marvel at the splendor and majesty of God's creation.



National Homeschool Day of Prayer

— Friday, November 6 —

Started by the National Alliance of Christian Home Education Leadership, the first Friday in November is set aside for homeschoolers to pray for homeschooling in America and around the globe.

★ Make this a family affair! Write topics to pray for on notecards, mix them up, and take turns praying through them at a meal or throughout the day. You can also invite your friends and extended family to join you in praying for homeschooling.

★ Go to homeschoolfreedom.com/prayer for information about giveaways, hourly prayer prompts, and more.

Possible Prayer Points:

★ Give thanks for homeschool freedom, and pray for wisdom for yourself as well as others starting out on this journey. Pray for the Indiana Association of Home Educators and the work they do.

★ Pray for your elected officials to respect the two pillars of homeschool freedom: parental rights and religious freedom.

★ Rejoice in God's continued mercy and faithfulness!

Hope for the *Imperfect* Homeschool Mom

— Durenda Wilson



Every mom struggles with whether or not she is doing right by her children. We are bombarded with countless voices telling us how to feed, clean, care for, educate, nurture, and raise our kids. It is often the cause of much of our anxieties and fears. And homeschool moms deal with it on a whole new level!

If you are reading this, it is probably because you see yourself as imperfect...and you could use some hope. You are most likely looking for hope because you think that your imperfections are a detriment to you, and more importantly, to your children. You wonder if you will fail them in some crucial area that may just ruin them for life or at the very least keep them from achieving success or happiness or whatever you see as key to a healthy adult life.

I have a newsflash for you: no perfect mother ever existed. Ever.

For centuries, every mom has gone into this gig with no manual, no absolutes, no guarantees. Before having children, some of us had several theories on parenting, and now we have several children and no theories. The reality is that parenting is mostly fluid, and so is homeschooling.

So why did you decide to homeschool? Stop and think about your reasons. Are they still the same? Are you staying true to those? If not, what has changed?

For our family, it came down to wanting my kids to grow up in a safe, loving environment—a place where they could share their hearts, make mistakes, and still know that they were loved. We wanted them to learn to think for themselves. We wanted them to find their passions. Most of all, we wanted them to own their faith.

A dear friend once told me this: “If you don’t teach your kids anything (which is impossible because kids are always learning), and you just keep them out of the public school system, you will have done them a great favor.” I have clung to this over our 22+ years of homeschooling, especially when it felt like I wasn’t doing enough.

Now before one of you gets crazy on me and tells me that there are good schools out there, I know that. I had a very positive public school experience growing up, but I still believe that, in countless situations, home is the best place for our kids.

Our culture has diminished and mocked the value of family, but God created the family unit for a reason. No family is perfect,

but when we minimize the importance of family life, we do our children a great disfavor. This is why I am constantly saying that *school should revolve around family, not family around school*. Our family life is not just a huge contributor but foundational to our kids’ education.

Let us put some thought into our imperfections. I stink at math. I managed to get through upper-level math in high school, but once I graduated, it was gone. This wasn’t a subject I wanted to revisit, so when our third child (first boy) was showing great interest in math, I was of no use to him. It never occurred to me that I should not be homeschooling him. I saw this as something we would somehow overcome together, and I learned something: *present a problem to a kid with passion, and he becomes a problem solver*. The world could use a whole lot more of those.

Here is the thing. Homeschooling is a journey, and there is a learning curve—not just for the kids, but for the parents. We need to embrace this and realize that all the experiments along the way are what teach our kids how to be resourceful. They learn how to solve real problems with real answers.

“Mistakes aren’t a necessary evil. They aren’t evil at all. They are an inevitable consequence of doing something new.” -Ed Catmull

“Mistakes are proof that you are trying something new.” -Albert Einstein

“It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all – in which case, you fail by default.” -JK Rowling

The best gift we can give our kids is to stop expecting perfection from ourselves and from them. We need to enjoy the freedom that homeschooling gives us to make mistakes, to experiment, to problem solve, and to know that our kids are going to be okay. We live and love and laugh along the way. We keep growing, we keep challenging ourselves, and when things don’t work out as planned, we throw our heads back and laugh. Most of all, we wrap our arms around one another and move forward in this adventure together!



Durenda Wilson has been homeschooling since 1996 and is a mom of eight (born 1991-2004). She has graduated 7 so far with one still homeschooling. She’s been married to Darryl for 30 years and they have 6 grandkids. Durenda is convinced that home educating is an incredible blessing, but only if we don’t let it hold us hostage to unnecessary expectations and notions of what it “should” look like. The heart of her message is to encourage families to have the courage to think outside the box and take the time to enjoy this amazing journey. She firmly believes that children are naturally curious and if parents keep things simple and unhurried, their kids will become lifelong learners. Durenda has written *The Unhurried Homeschooler*. She is the owner/host of *The Durenda Wilson Podcast* durendawilson.com.

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30
YEARS
of Service

30 Years Young
— Rebecca Ray

As a 27-year-old graduate of home education, I often take my freedom to homeschool my own children someday for granted. I am just young enough that I do not remember the risk or fear many families experienced by simply choosing to raise their children in the way they saw fit. Sadly, I think that I am not alone. How many parents and students today, that enjoy the comparative freedom to choose personalized education in America, do not appreciate the years of toil to bring it about?

Additionally, if we are aware of the effort put into establishing our freedom to choose our children's education, many of us think about the legislators, lawyers, and court cases. Up until more recently, it simply did not occur to me that in order for those lawyers to present their evidence to legislative assemblies and courts, this evidence would need to be gathered and summarized by someone.

That is where the oft-overlooked National Home Education Research Institute (NHERI) comes in. Since 1985, Dr. Brian Ray has been publishing his journal *Home School Researcher*, which has been peer-reviewed for many years. In 1990, 30 years ago, NHERI was founded by a group of forward-looking men, and Dr. Ray published his first nationwide study of homeschooling. It was the first of its kind in history.

Also in 1990, the president of NHERI, Dr. Ray, began testifying as an expert witness in court cases defending home education. He also began testifying to legislatures at the request of legislators and homeschool organizations. His research and testimony over the years have been used in countless cases to protect your homeschool freedom and allow you to enjoy the freedom of educational choice you experience today.

Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) President Mike Smith said, "HSLDA has lost track of how many times Brian Ray has been called on to help establish the validity and success of homeschooling in courtrooms and legislatures around the country. We are so grateful for his expert testimony in court on behalf of homeschooling families."

Maybe you have heard something like this factual tidbit: Homeschool students, on average, score 15 to 30 percentile points higher on achievement tests than their public-school peers. It has been cited in countless news stories online and in print, in interviews, legislative hearings, and court cases. But where do these statistics and other facts come from? They have been surveyed, compiled, and/or reviewed by NHERI over the past three decades. Check out the research at nheri.org/research.

Thirty years into NHERI's service, we still need good solid research. People need empirical evidence on why home education continues to be a viable choice for parents in every state. Homeschooling has been around long enough that the arguments against it are now changing from the typical "What

— NHERI Timeline —

about socialization?” and “Will they be successful?” to “What about child abuse?” and “What about minorities?” The research must now come to reflect that change. Even as the arguments against educational freedom change from socialization and academic success to other topics, so now the research must reflect that change.

Nations as far-flung as Japan, Poland, Columbia, Russia, and South Africa have benefitted from NHERI’s work. The ability to homeschool in many nations and the public’s perception of home education has been significantly influenced by the work and research of NHERI. States across the nation, ranging from Oregon to Massachusetts and Ohio to Texas, have been served by NHERI. NHERI continues to travel across the world and the United States, presenting solid facts and defending the right of parents everywhere to choose the form of education they deem best for their child. For example, in January of this year, Dr. Ray was the sole supporter of fundamental home-education rights in a broadcast by National Public Radio (NPR) on homeschool regulation.

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of NHERI, let’s reflect on all the work of those who have paved the way before us. Let’s not let their work be forgotten, or even undone as we sit back and enjoy these freedoms. Let’s not assume that things will go on as they are now or continue to get better. Let’s carry the torch of freedom in the realm of parental rights and educational choice throughout our communities and to the world. Let’s stay vigilant and persevere.

You can stay up to date on the latest research, read hundreds of research works, and support the mission of NHERI at nheri.org. ■

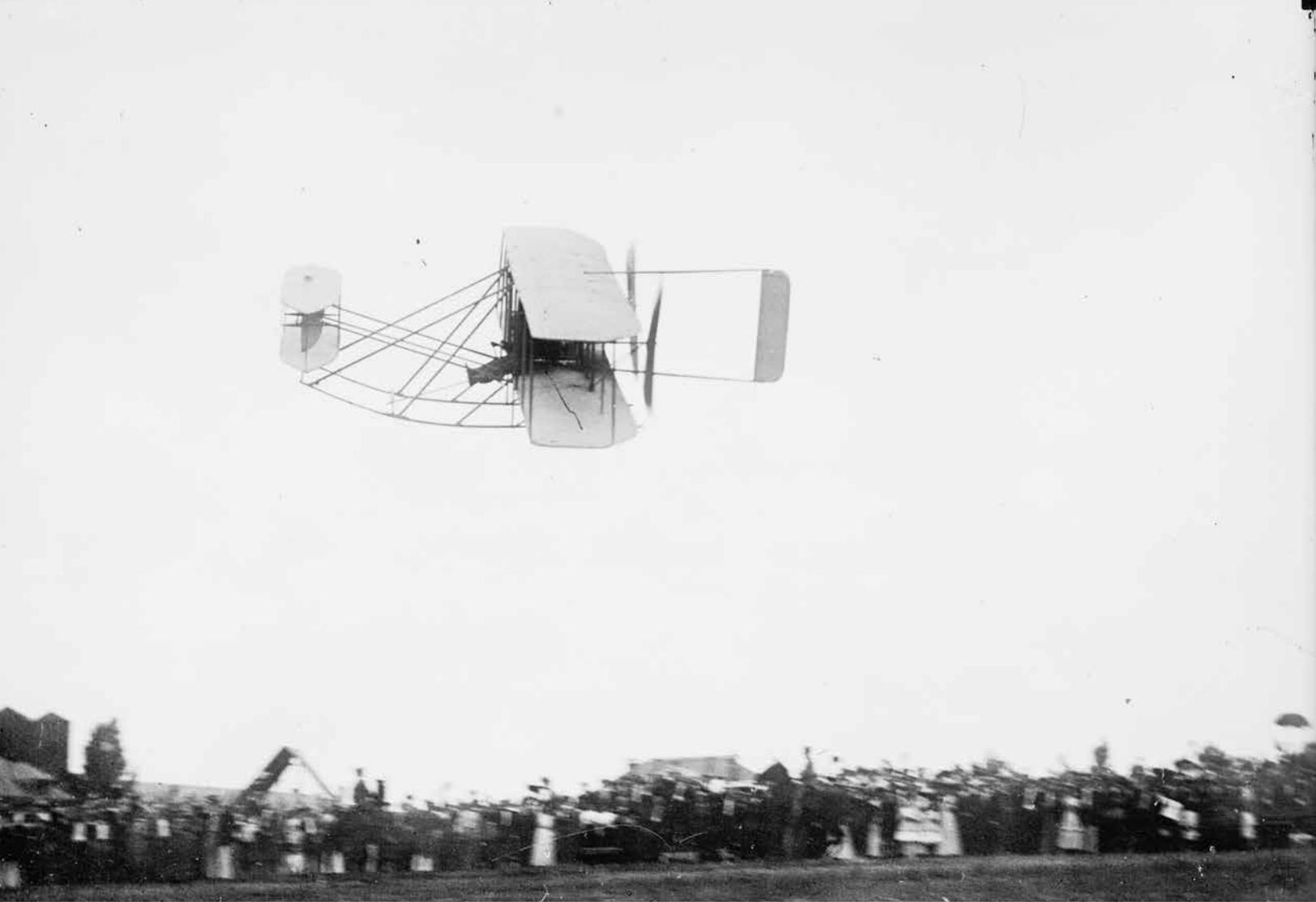


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- 1985** ● Home School Researcher journal is founded.
- 1988** ● Dr. Ray is interviewed on NBC Today Show.
- 1990** ● A first of its kind nationwide study of homeschooling is carried out.
- 1990** ● On September 10th, Dr. Ray testifies as an expert witness on home education in a court case in Columbia, South Carolina (SC): Lawrence vs. SC State Board of Education.
- 1993** ● On May 25th, NHERI’s 1990 nationwide study is cited in the majority opinion in the Michigan Supreme Court case People v. DeJonge.
- 1994** ● A Canadian homeschooling study is conducted.
- 1997** ● Another nationwide homeschooling study is carried out.
- 1999** ● On July 27th, NBC Today Show airs a story on homeschooling with an interview of Dr. Ray.
- 2004** ● A nationwide study of homeschooled adults is conducted.
- 2010** ● Another nationwide study of homeschooling is completed.
- 2015** ● A first of its kind nationwide study of African American homeschool parents is completed.
- 2019** ● Dr. Ray is invited to give presentations in Poland and Africa.
- 2020** ● Dr. Ray is invited to speak as the only pro-homeschooling advocate on a broadcast by National Public Radio (NPR).

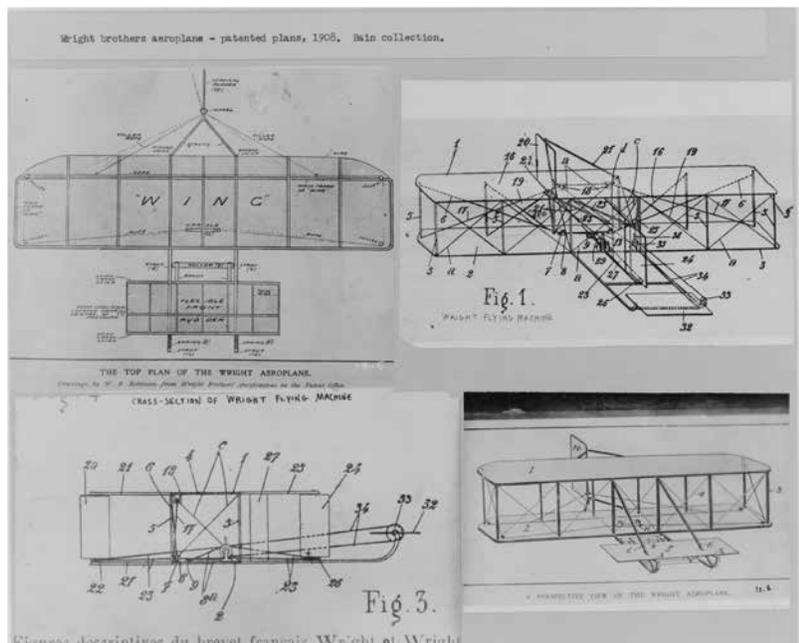
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HOOSIER SPOTLIGHT

Wilbur Wright





Flying is not a novel idea;

In fact, today it is almost seen as a necessity. It has not always been that way. Someone had to not only think up the idea for air travel, but they also had to execute the plan to create it. The Wright brothers were able to do just that.

In a farmhouse in Henry County, near Millville, Indiana, Wilbur Wright was born to Milton and Susan Wright on April 16, 1867. Shortly after his birth, he and his family moved to Dayton, Ohio where his younger brother, Orville, was born in 1871. Due to Milton's job in the church, the Wrights moved often, eventually moving back to Indiana where Wilbur attended high school.

Wilbur was quite intelligent and excelled in school; however, he never received his diploma from Richmond High School in Indiana. Right before high school ended, his family abruptly moved back to Dayton because of his father's ministerial obligations. Wilbur had hoped to attend Yale for college, but after a bad hockey accident and his mother's illness and eventual death, he was unable to do so.

Wilbur and his brother, Orville, began a printing business in 1889, and in 1892, they began a bicycle repair shop called The Wright Cycle Exchange. With this repair shop, the brothers were able to modify existing bicycle designs, and it also allowed them to create their own models.

After the death of Otto Lilienthal, a German aeronautical pioneer, Wilbur took a renewed interest in flying and began to learn more about aeronautics. Drawing from their inspiration of Lilienthal's successful flights with gliders, Wilbur and Orville began experimenting with kites. This also included gliders that were large enough to hold an adult person.

In the early 1900s, the brothers traveled to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina to test out their creations. Soon after this, they began adding controls and wing-warping, and even powered their invention with an engine. All of this hard work paid off because on December 17, 1903, Orville made the first successful powered

flight in their aircraft, traveling approximately 120 feet. Wilbur took the second flight and was able to fly 175 feet. During Wilbur's second flight (and the fourth of the day), he flew a whopping 852 feet. In 1904, The Flyer II took flight for over five minutes, and in 1908, they began allowing passengers to fly with them.

Unfortunately, many people in the United States were not ready for the brothers' airplanes. Some people did not believe that they had actually flown, and no company wanted to purchase any of their work. Because of this, in 1908, Wilbur set out for Europe in hopes that the public there would be more receptive, and they would be able to sell their planes. He was correct. He was able to demonstrate many public flights and take prominent figures on plane rides, dazzling the aviation community there.

In 1909, Wilbur was joined in Europe by his brother. They became celebrities in Europe and began selling their equipment there before they sold anything in the United States. Once the selling of their planes began, the brothers became successful and wealthy businessmen, creating The Wright Company where they were able to fill contracts for airplanes in Europe and the United States. They were also able to fill a contract with the U.S. Department of War for the first military plane, and they opened their very own flight school.

On May 30, 1912, Wilbur died of typhoid at the young age of 45. Orville continued with their business and legacy which would not have been possible without their teamwork and innovation. These inventors will be remembered for the endurance, persistence, and perseverance that they maintained throughout their careers and their lifetimes.

Challenge: There is so much more to learn about Wilbur Wright, who was born in our very own Indiana. Now that you have briefly read about Wilbur and his brother, what else can you learn? There is a museum in Hagerstown, Indiana called Wilbur Wright Birthplace Museum. Take a field trip there and learn more about his birth home, The Wright Flyer, and more. wwbirthplace.com



Lacey Hooie, an Indiana native, is a wife, mother, and home educator. After attending Indiana University, she and her husband decided to stay and build their family. On any given day, you can find her soaking up time with her family and pets, and exploring their interests through activities and books.

Planning Your Own *Field Trips*

—Amanda Runge



Field trips—everyone loves them!

Until YOU are the parent trying to plan them. Most parents have childhood memories of going to their local natural history museum or city zoo with a large class of students. These trips out of the formal classroom were always much loved, but most of us did not consider the effort put into coordinating and scheduling these outings. Now that you are the teacher/field trip planner—what do you do? You may find existing field trip groups, but what if those are not available, you cannot afford the cost, or they are not geared for the age of your child?

When my family was ready to pursue field trips, I began to research options. As I looked around, there were no groups local to me, and my budget was nearly non-existent. Yet I knew that I wanted to give field trips a prominent place in our homeschool, so I started my own group. My mom was a homeschool pioneer in the 1990s and early 2010s, and many of that earlier generation had to begin their own support groups, co-ops, and yes, field trip groups. Following their lead, I dove in and began creating something that would work best for us! While not everything will apply to your family, the following are some examples of how I chose to approach finding and planning field trips.



Starting My Group

I started by inviting a few other homeschool friends. Eventually, I created a facebook group where I posted events as I scheduled them. I tried to schedule a trip every month, and if anyone found established events, we also shared them with the group. It has been very low-key and low-maintenance, which is perfect! Families are free to choose what field trips work best for their schedules, and we get to have friends come along for the adventure—the more the merrier, which makes for more fond memories.

Places to Check Out

LOCAL BUSINESSES

- Family-Owned Restaurant
- Radio Station
- Bank
- Grocery Store
- Recycling Center

PARKS & REC

- Clifty Falls State Park
- Spring Mill State Park
- Indiana Dunes
- Marengo Cave

MEMBERSHIPS

- Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
- Indianapolis Children's Museum
- Conner Prairie
- Creation Museum (KY)

To find more suggestions for field trips in your own region, or to submit your own field trip finds, check out

iahe.net/field-trips



Where Should I Go?

Field trips can be created from anything! My oldest's interest in semi trucks sparked our transportation field trip. A friend invited us on a steamboat cruise, so we spent a week or so reading books from the library about steamboats before our afternoon voyage. Child-led interests, historical events, and anything you want your child to experience are all starting points that can easily become field trips with a little research.



How Big a Group?

The short answer is, it depends. Even though my field trip roster has grown to fifty families, typically no more than five to ten families attend any one trip. Occasionally though, and especially more now due to the current situation in our country with COVID-19, I also plan little local field trips based on things my family is studying; for these I tend to not invite others aside from maybe grandma, or one other family to share the experience with us. Recently, this meant going in search of a working jukebox while we were reading the MaryEllen series of the American Girl books (set in the 1950s). After a quick Facebook shout out, we located one nearby at the Aurora High School Museum, and they opened specifically for us just so we could hear it. Field trips do not always have to be with lots of other people; sometimes they are sweeter when they are just your family.



Funding

Almost all of our field trips are free or very cheap. I look for places that do not have existing field trip options, which means they usually do not charge. Occasionally though, I choose a location that does require a group deposit; I utilize PayPal to collect these funds. It is easy to track who has paid me.

Some locations also have "Homeschool Days" - though these special days do have a higher cost than my typical field trips, they are cheaper than usual for homeschoolers to visit.



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Local Businesses

I want my children to know how the world works, so we like to visit various businesses. The local garden nursery, fire department, and even a Chick-fil-a restaurant! Our favorite business field trip was to a transportation company. My oldest kept asking questions about semi-trucks, so I called a local trucking company. They had never been asked to host a field trip before and were ecstatic to have us visit. Just call around and see who is willing to accommodate you. Field trips to local businesses are often free.



Memberships

If you have the funds to do so, purchasing a family membership to the local zoo, museum, or aquarium can be a fun year of field trips! Be intentional, so you make good use of it. Plan to study something new each time— African animals on a first zoo trip, apes on a second, ecosystems of a specific region on a third. Studying beforehand will get them excited to “teach” you what they know when you visit.

Learning from Friends

Do you have a family friend with an interesting passion or skill? Ask them if they would be willing to do a demonstration! I am friends with a dog trainer who works with scent detection and personal protection canines. We met at a local park, and he showed us what his dog was capable of in personal protection, as well as how he trained her for scent detection. Think about who you know that might be able to share their unique talents!



Local Events

Be sure you are in local and county groups to see what opportunities exist in your community! Historical societies, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFWs), and other groups sometimes hold events that are open to the public. Our local

historical society had a pioneer day that we attended, and the VFW held an exhibition of World War I & II uniforms and memorabilia. We did a little research and found out that my great grandfather served in WWI, and I had great uncles who served in WWII. It was exciting to be able to see representations of the uniforms they would have worn and to see other artifacts of the era.



Parks and Rec

State and county parks frequently have history and science oriented offerings for the community. Check out websites and social media pages for your local parks. Many times they are either free or very cheap! We love visiting Kentucky's Big Bone Lick State Park for their Salt Festival every October. A county park field trip we took was to an event I found on Facebook called “All About Beavers” where they showed us how they were designed for their environment and also showed us their habitat. We had a great time, it was free, and there was little work involved with planning it!



Planning your own field trips can be an overwhelming thought, but it is also one of the highlights of our homeschool! We can bring to life dry historical facts, dive into professions that would otherwise be a mystery, and learn things we never knew that we never knew! Field trips hold a prominent spot for our family, and we hope these tips will help give you the courage to start planning

awesome educational memories for your family (and maybe some friends too!) I encourage you to think out of the box, and listen to your kid's ideas for what they want to learn about. The sky's the limit! ■



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America is experiencing an unprecedented change of epic proportions. It seems that every day we see and hear of things that impact us, and we are powerless to do anything about it. But, what if you do have the power to impact what is happening? What if you do have an opportunity to affect the events going on around you? The good news is that you do! By getting involved in your local community politically, you can have a say in your world today. As a small snowball rolls downhill gaining in size and power, your small effort along the way can have a major impact on the world we live in today.

Make a Difference

You can make a difference. When you raise your hand and let leaders and organizations know that you want to help, volunteer, and make a difference, you will be amazed at how many people will take you up on that! Organizations are desperate for help. When they see young people wanting to get involved, the red carpet welcome mat will roll out.

Start Early

You have to be at least 35 years old to run for President of the United States. You have to be 30 years old to run for Congress. In Indiana, to run for the State Senate, you have to be 25 years old, and to run for a seat in the House of Representatives, you must be 21 years old. To volunteer or work on a campaign, you only have to want to (and have your parent's permission). There is no age requirement.

1 Timothy 4:12 says, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." Take this to heart in your desire to serve your community. The earlier you get involved, the



more prepared and more effective you will become over time. By the time you are eligible to become president, you could have years of experience in service and politics behind you.

Go Grassroots

There are 92 counties in Indiana. Each county has a plethora of volunteer opportunities waiting for you. For early teenagers, volunteering for a campaign doing grass-roots work is a great place to start. You can join with others to reach out to the people in your community about important issues. You might be making phone calls, talking to people in neighborhoods, and reaching out to others to get them involved in making a difference.

Writing letters and making phone calls to legislators is another great way to make your voice heard. Legislators are elected to serve us, the people, and they are accountable to us. Your voice matters, and it should and can be heard. Check out in.gov/legislative to find your state elected and congressional officials. Letting them know that you are a homeschooler is also a great way to show them that homeschoolers care about the civic processes in our country.

Run for a Position

For older teenagers and young adults, you can still volunteer for campaigns, but there are additional opportunities too. You may consider applying to be a Precinct Committeeman (PC). These positions are the backbone of Indiana’s election process. Each county has a certain number of Precinct Committeemen based on county population. Each major political party has PCs. They help run local elections. A major activity of the PCs is to participate at a state convention where they nominate the party’s choice for statewide positions.

In addition, when there is a need for a special election, for example, if a state Senator or Congressman leaves office early, the Precinct Committeemen vote on who will replace that person. They hold a great deal of power in those types of elections. At a local level, there are also boards and commissions you could run for including but

not limited to the school board, park board, police commission, redevelopment commission, and others.

Grow in Knowledge and Wisdom

Volunteering is an excellent way to have an impact in our country, but pairing it with civics and leadership training can make your efforts even more effective. There are a number of organizations that run programs, classes, and camps for teens and adults. Their purpose is to equip and train you to be effective influencers and leaders in our country. Here are several organizations that run civics and leadership classes and camps:

TeenPact | teenpact.com

Generation Joshua | generationjoshua.org

Patriot Academy | patriotacademy.com

Leadership Institute | leadershipinstitute.org

Step Out

You can do this, and you should. Getting involved in your community via the political process gives you an intimate knowledge and a deeper understanding of how the political process works. Thomas “Tip” O’Neill, former Speaker of the House, is quoted as saying, “All politics is local.” Grassroots involvement, campaign volunteering, applying for local positions, running for elected office, and participating in civics and leadership training will provide you with experiences like no other.

So step out, raise your hand, and ask, “How can I help?” Someone will answer, and you will begin a journey of value and impact. ■



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WHY SHOULD WE STUDY CIVICS?

Benjamin Franklin said,

Nothing is of more importance for the public weal, than to form and train up youth in wisdom and virtue. Wise and good men are in my opinion, the strength of the state; more so than riches or arms.

Thomas Jefferson exhorts us to,

Educate and inform the whole mass of the people... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.

According to Franklin and Jefferson then, we should teach civics because wise and virtuous citizens are the foundation of a strong nation, and they will help insure that the American people remain free.

Daniel Webster offered a prophetic warning.

Hold on, my friends, to the Constitution and to the Republic for which it stands. Miracles do not cluster, and what has happened once in 6,000 years, may not happen again. Hold on to the Constitution, because if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world.

Webster realized that our constitutional republic is a miracle that should be cherished and protected. The preamble to the Constitution beautifully conveys why it is worth studying and standing up for.

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

How do we "hold on to" and protect the Constitution and our Republic?

Through civic education.

Explore civics through exciting resources and learn about our founding documents, how laws are made, the election process, a citizen's duties, and more. There are links to articles and videos, as well as book, game, and movie ideas to supplement your learning adventures. Learning civics can be fascinating and will inspire you and your children to stand up for the foundation of freedom that this country was built on. ■

Civics Education Resource Guide

UNIT 1: Our Founding Fathers

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of Government**

**UNIT 4: Levels of Government
& Representation**

UNIT 5: How Laws are Made

UNIT 6: Parties and Politics

UNIT 7: Voting - A Right and Duty

UNIT 8: The Election Process

UNIT 9: Expressions of Patriotism

UNIT 10: A Citizen's Duties

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Worked at the polls?

Been civically involved in another way?

In three or four well-written paragraphs, tell us about your civic involvement, the impact it had on you and others, and any lessons you learned. Your story could be featured in the next issue of *Homeschool Indiana*. Submit your stories to writing@iahe.net by November 20th.



WORK THE POLLS

Be a part of the election process!

Did you know that 16 and 17-year-olds can work the polls? I did it with my mom for the Indiana primaries in June. It was an intense but rewarding day of helping people exercise their right to vote. From the 18-year-olds voting for the first time, to the 95-year-olds possibly voting for the last time, each person knew that their vote counted.

The other poll workers at the Indiana primary were surprised that someone as young as me actually wanted to work the polls. This is a great opportunity for homeschoolers to show how important civic involvement is to us and to be a positive face for homeschooling.

I loved being able to move from studying civics to hands-on civics. I can't wait to work at the polls again this November for the general election. Will you join me?

Find sign-up information here:
in.gov/sos/elections/2670.htm

—Emma Sager, 16 years old



It's hard to believe that our youngest daughter graduated from high school over six years ago!

During our fourteen years of homeschooling, continuing education and encouragement for myself as a parent was vital. Filling my own bookshelf with informative and inspirational resources was always just as important as choosing the right curriculum for my children.

Today, my home may be (almost) empty of curriculum, but the books that remain contain the wisdom of decades and decades of homeschooling experience. The insights on these pages come from different generations. Sometimes wisdom comes from the voice of a veteran homeschool parent, but wisdom can also come from a new generation of parents seeking to serve their families well. No matter how long you have been homeschooling, there is a wealth of confidence to be gained when we invest time in educating ourselves as well as our children.



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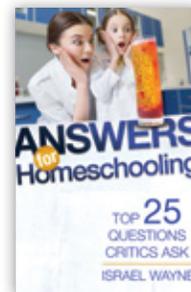
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In his collection of over fifty essays and articles, popular homeschool convention speaker Andrew Pudewa shares from his thirty plus years of speaking and writing about issues related to homeschooling, teaching children, writing, spelling, and much more. This book is a great resource full of inspiration, encouragement, and practical advice for both new and veteran homeschool parents. The book also gives the purchaser access to ten free MP3 downloads of Andrew's most popular workshop sessions and a DVD of additional material.



Teaching from Rest
Sarah Mackenzie

Again and again, when the IAHE poses the question on social media asking parents for their favorite book recommendation for new families, one of the most frequent recommendations is *Teaching from Rest*. As a member of the homeschool community since 2001, I understand why. In this quick read, Sarah Mackenzie artfully addresses the heart of a mother feeling stressed and overwhelmed at the task of trying to do it all. No matter what style of homeschool methodology or curriculum you choose, you will find yourself uplifted by this faith-based, inspirational book every time you read it.



**Answers for Homeschooling:
Top 25 Questions Critics Ask**
Israel Wayne

In spite of the global exposure to home education this year, critics continue to question the success of the homeschooling movement. Many families find themselves homeschooling for the first time and often have to defend their choice to family and friends. Israel Wayne's book addresses topics from socialization, accountability, vouchers, special education, extracurricular activities, and more.

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One Bite at a Time

- Jill Pike

When I was young, elephant jokes were all the rage. *"How many elephants can you fit into a VW Beetle? Four, of course: two in the front and two in the back. How many giraffes can you fit into a VW Beetle? None! The car is full of elephants."* As silly as these are, there is one that I use quite often whenever I encounter a monumental task: *"How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time."* As many parents are embarking on this journey called homeschooling, I thought it might be helpful to provide a picture of what that first week might look like, illustrating how to eat this elephant.

The most important thing to keep in mind is that you do not need to get everything started at once. It is OK to get a subject or two spinning for a week or two before starting another one. After all, it is better to learn one thing well than a lot of things so-so.

In this way, the first bite is fleshing out a basic schedule. Instead of deciding when to do math, history, spelling, etc., set out the pillars of the day: when to get up, when to eat, when to work on school, and when to complete the chores and errands of the week. Add to the list who is responsible for what. If your children are not in the habit of doing the cooking, cleaning, and other various chores for the family, teach them how. Call it "Home Economics." It counts for school!

Once the schedule is digesting, the next bite is getting used to mom or dad teaching and facilitating learning. One of the best tools for this is poetry and reading aloud. Once breakfast is consumed and the dishes are cleared, sit at the table or on the couch, and read a poem aloud. This one is a perennial favorite:

Ooey Gooey was a worm,
A mighty worm was he.
He stepped upon the railroad tracks,
The train he did not see!
Oooeey Gooeey!

Read it aloud for enjoyment on your first school day. Read it again the second day. Notice the rhymes. Discuss how the poem illustrates personification, which is when an animal or inanimate object is given human characteristics. On the third day, after reading it, question the use of the verb stepped. Can worms step? What other verbs might work better there? By the fourth day, your children will likely have memorized the poem. Have fun reciting the poem while changing the characters and setting, such as a bug not seeing a windshield. At the end of the week, have your children write out the poem from memory and illustrate it. They can build their own poetry book as you find and enjoy poems each week throughout your school year.

While a poem serves as an appetizer, a book is the main course. Reading aloud to all ages is one of the best ways to teach your children. Choose a book that everyone can enjoy. It might be appropriate to read a story about a time when children attended a one-room schoolhouse since your home may feel a little like that right now. . *Caddie Woodlawn* by Carol Ryrie Brink is one such book. It provides a slice of Americana through the eyes of an eleven-year-old. One of my favorites is *The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts* by Richard Peck. In this book, the protagonist's older sister ends up taking over the town school after the teacher's demise. Set in a rural Indiana town just after the turn of the twentieth century, the book is a delightful journey with a restless boy. If those books do not sound like your cup of tea, choose something else that interests you.

Decide how long you would like to read each day—twenty minutes, an hour, more? It will depend on the capacity of your children and the delight of the story. You can read the book aloud yourself, or if your children are fluid readers, have them take turns reading. Even better, get the audiobook. The benefit of an audiobook is having a professional reader bring the book to life. I remember first trying to read *Jane Eyre* and getting nowhere. Then I got the book on CD and instantly fell in love. The goal of this read-aloud time is to enjoy a delicious story.

While listening to the story, let your children work with their hands or play quietly. Most of mine spent the hour drawing while younger children played with Legos or playdough. Throughout the reading or at the end of a passage, discuss the story just as a foodie would express the delights of a particularly good dish. If a scene is especially interesting or funny, talk about it! Why was it interesting or funny or silly or sad? Stop to discuss a word you might not know; guess the meaning, and then look it up. Sometimes I jot those words down and discuss them with my children later so as not to spoil the flow of the story. This read-aloud time is a delightful way to help your children get used to you teaching them.

Of course, no good meal would be complete without some kind of vegetable. On the educational table, the vegetable is math. I happen to love math, but my children struggled with it, so it became the spinach of our educational feast. Thus, I learned to tackle it early in the day when my children were fresh. The most important thing with any subject that your children struggle with is to help them as much as they need. Set a time limit, and work on math until that time is up. If the lesson is not complete, put it away, and pick it up the next day at the same point. If it takes longer than one year to complete the book, so be it. I would rather my children learn a little well instead of a lot not so much.

This gentle approach to starting the school year has served us well. Enjoying poetry and a great book, consuming a little math, and writing about what we are learning is enough. After all, is education not all about reading, writing, and arithmetic? In this way, you can easily eat an elephant, one bite at a time. ■



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Our Journey TO FINANCIAL PEACE

— Jennifer Mayhill

May 2018 was a pivotal month for our family.

Looking back, it is easy to see that God had been planting many seeds in our life that were about to bloom. It certainly did not feel that way at first. At first, it felt like a huge drought. Like most Americans, we had been in debt our entire married life. And like many Americans, we had dabbled off and on with a healthy lifestyle, exercising, and eating well.

Many seeds of transformation that would bloom in 2018 were planted back in 2015. That fall I cleaned out half of my closet and moved in a small table, a lamp, and my Bible. I nailed some ribbons on the wall and hung 3x5 cards with Scriptures and prayer requests. It was my war room inspired by the movie of the same name, produced by Stephen and Alex Kendrick. I studied about light and darkness, about the Light of the World, and about rest and transformation. I prayed for God to move in our lives, for broken things to be mended, and for light to shine in dark places. I prayed and read Romans 12:2, Matthew 5:14, Colossians 3, John 10:10, and others on repeat.

Standing on the beach in May 2018, we spoke these words out loud to some friends for the first time ever: “We are \$54,000 in debt.” The next week, my husband was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes. Our darkest struggles finally came into the light. Poor choices in stressful seasons and inconsistent personal discipline paired with not having the right tools guiding our life came to a serious head.

God used our friends and our doctor to equip us. More than that, God answered our prayers for transformation and abundant life. My husband decided he was not going to take medicine for the rest of his life, if at all possible. It is hard work to change your mind, change your behavior, and make sacrifices regarding food, exercise, and habits. In God’s grace for him, exercise, counting carbs and sugar, and losing fifty pounds was enough to get off the medicine and reverse the diagnosis completely. Amazing!

As for our debt, life changed when our friends, who happened to be going through Financial Peace University (FPU) at the time, handed us an extra copy of Dave Ramsey’s Complete Guide to Money. I highlighted and underlined. I made notes in the margins. I read paragraphs out loud to my family. It all seemed so simple yet so revolutionary.

We decided to change our minds about debt, change our behavior toward money, do the hard work, and make sacrifices to turn our financial life around.

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As homeschoolers and Christians, we have made a habit of living life out in the open in front of our girls. Getting out of debt and changing our behavior toward money wasn't something we could do behind closed doors. We watched the FPU videos with our friends and our girls. Together, we learned new concepts: gazelle intense, baby steps, debt snowball, budget meeting, saver/spender, nerd/free spirit, envelope system, and emergency fund. We rallied around the idea of being intentional about where every dime was going and assigning every dollar to a purpose. We wrote down our budget. We started putting cash in envelopes for every budget category. When the money was gone, we stopped spending.

We shared our debt situation with another couple and asked them to pray. More light came into the darkness. When that friend slid an envelope containing our \$1,000 emergency fund across the table, we immediately cut up all of our credit cards and were committed to doing “whatever it takes” to get out of debt. It was a humbling and incredible gift that we look forward to being able to give to someone else someday.

We took Dave Ramsey's advice to look around and sell things to help our debt snowball. The girls joined in, cleaning out their rooms and sorting through homeschool books and all the “stuff” that had accumulated in our basement.

By mid-June, we took a radical step. On the way home from church, we drove past a house for sale. It was cute, small, and, for some reason, very alluring. We spent the afternoon contemplating what it would look like to sell our house and drastically downsize. The excitement of new possibilities ran high.

Ah, but common sense and fear knocked on the door the next day. During our morning walk, I told my husband that selling the house had been a cute weekend idea, but there was no way it made any sense at all. He agreed. At dinner, we explained all of this to our girls. My youngest looked at me and said, “Mom, aren't you always saying that God will provide whatever we need, whenever we need it?” My oldest said, “We can do this. We have to do whatever it takes to get out of debt. God will provide for us.” Amazing.

In God's great provision, our realtor was a Dave Ramsey Endorsed Local Provider (ELP). He completely understood what we were trying to do, prayed for us, and supported us through the process. He also had two clients in his office who were interested in a house like ours. The second couple came out to see it at 10:00 a.m. on July 4, and we had a full-price offer by 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. Our 3,400 square foot home never went on the market, so we were able to make even more profit since we did not have to pay MLS fees.

As a side note, Dave Ramsey does not necessarily endorse selling your house to get out of debt. However, we have seen many people

downsize and take radical steps. It is not the right step for everyone, but it was the right one for us.

We rented a 550 square foot pool house/cabana from some dear friends for fourteen months and learned a lot about tiny living, ourselves, each other, and our relationship with money and possessions. Turns out you do not need a big kitchen to cook Thanksgiving dinner, bake Christmas cookies, or decorate 4-H cakes. A family of four with two teenage girls can share one bathroom, and love definitely grows in small spaces. It was one of the most precious and wonderful seasons of our lives. We bonded as a family, came to appreciate so many things, and grew as Christians in ways we would not have otherwise.

On November 20, 2018, we paid off our last debt and became 100% debt free! Financial peace. Financial freedom.

Without debt, we saved a downpayment for a house and built up our three to six-month emergency fund. Along the way, we met some needs and were able to be generous toward others like no other time in our lives. That is an incredible feeling. It truly is wonderful to live and give like no one else.

Transformation was hard work. Preparing healthy food is not always fast or convenient. Hitting the snooze button takes very little effort. Taking time to exercise, balance the bank account, plan for large purchases, save for annual expenses, have budget meetings, and make decisions as a family is hard. Swiping a card is easy. Handing cash to the clerk really does make you stop and consider what you purchase. Changing your mind about how you want to live and then changing your behavior to fit that vision is hard work. In our experience, it is completely worth it!

We will have a sophomore and a senior this year. They are committed to living debt-free, including post-high school education. This year, they are taking the Foundations in Personal Finance: High School Edition for Self-Study online course as they establish their own financial foundation.

We have learned God's mercies are new each day. His grace is deep enough to cover our mistakes. Transformation is possible. Everything we have comes from Him. Stewarding His resources well does not happen by accident. Financial peace is quite amazing. If we did it, you can, too. Seek the Lord. Pray for direction. Check out resources at www.daveramsey.com or www.arrowlight.org. We will be praying for you and cheering you on! ■



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IN THEIR WORDS

An Interview with a New Homeschool Mom



Ashley Hulse is a wife and mother of three. Faced with the choice of sending their children back to in-person public school or utilizing the school's elearning option, she and her husband have recently decided that they will instead homeschool their children for this next school year. Ashley agreed to talk with Homeschool Indiana's Managing Editor, Amy Sager, about this decision.

Tell us about your family, your children's school history, and what their experiences have been like. My husband, Jess, and I moved to Bloomington from southern Indiana. We have been married for ten years and have three children. Beckett is nine years old. Scarlett and Anslie are twins and they are six years old. My husband and I both attended public school growing up. Our children have attended public school for the last few years. Overall, it has been a fine fit for our family.

What prompted you to decide to homeschool your children this next year? What factors did you have to weigh? During the Covid-19 pandemic this spring, public school turned to virtual learning. Virtual learning was not a great fit for our kids. The instruction was not engaging, and the assignments were not fun and meaningful. School was no longer something my kids looked forward to. So, I started to add in some fun projects and topics to our school day that brought back my kids excitement for learning. Our school district had two re-entry options for the fall: daily in-person instruction or online academy. I was not comfortable sending my children to in-person class this fall, but I also knew that a whole school year of virtual learning was not the right answer. That's when I started to consider homeschooling as a third option.

Where have you sought information and resources to help you get started homeschooling? Have any of those been especially helpful? First of all, I wanted to find out what the legal requirements were to homeschool in Indiana. I was pleasantly surprised to find that Indiana

is a very homeschool friendly state! Next, I read blogs from homeschooling mommas. Every night after I tucked my kids into bed, I would spend time reading about other homeschooling families and their experiences. I joined homeschool groups on social media and reached out to some local homeschooling families. I attended a Homeschool Basics seminar hosted by a local homeschooling mother, Amy Sager, who serves with the IAHE. Lastly, I researched curriculum.

Were there any misconceptions you held about homeschooling that have now, through some research, been dispelled for you? Yes. I thought that homeschool needed to happen Monday-Friday from 9-3, that we needed a "classroom" setup at home, that homeschool needed to happen only at home, and that learning needed to happen with a textbook and pencil. Now I understand that there is so much more freedom in educating our children than I had previously thought.

What are you looking forward to in regards to homeschooling? I am most looking forward to spending time with my kids, watching them grow and learn together, and making lasting memories as a family. I hope to take several field trips, have lots of hands-on experiences, and do some unit studies on topics that interest my children. I am excited to watch my children grow and mature as learners this year.

What is one subject area that you are especially looking forward to diving into with your children? I am excited to let my children's personal interests take a front seat this year. My girls are fascinated by sea creatures. This year we will be studying sea creatures in science. My son is enamored with history. We will be taking an adventure through ancient times (early nomads to the last roman emperor) during our history studies. ■

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