

Helps for Homeschoolers

- **Our most important goal as homeschooling moms:** To grow in our own Christ-likeness.
- **Our most important task as homeschooling moms:** Lay a firm foundation on which our children can build their own personal relationship with Jesus.
- **Little ones learn best through play vs hours of book work.** Play, read, create, cook, explore, experience, talk, walk, serve, and live. Create a lifestyle of learning when they're young. Teach them how to learn.
- **Homeschooling does not have to be "public school at home."** Make it work for you. Teach through working, reading, experiencing, housework, serving, going, and doing. Use textbooks and workbooks when necessary.
- **Scheduling is helpful, but you don't have to be a slave to it.** It assists in delegating household tasks, determining school timing, meeting goals, etc. For us, we learned less when we rolled with the wind. However, there's a fine line between guided by routine and slave to the clock which actually can inhibit learning. Learn to strike the balance.
- **Cooking and eating create great learning opportunities :** etiquette, measuring, menu planning and budgeting, following recipes/instructions, creativity, chemistry lessons, cooking, and self-sufficiency.
- **Prioritize an afternoon quiet time for all.** Even after children outgrow napping, a daily break from busy-ness benefits everyone.
- **Give yourself grace and space.** You wear many hats as mom AND teacher, chief cook and bottle washer, and a million other things.
- **Make self-care part of your weekly rhythm,** even if it's a stolen moment in the bathroom, taking out the trash alone, or going to the grocery store without help. Take care of you so you can take care of them!