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# Homeschooling Tips and Tricks

If you're like my family, overnight you became a homeschooling family with two full-time working parents. This can cause some serious anxiety, but it doesn't have to be that stressful.

Your child/children are probably in one of these three categories:

- 1) School sent home a packet of worksheets, books, etc.
- 2) School has moved to an online learning platform with interactive videos and such.
- 3) Some combination of 1 and 2.

No matter which of these describes your situation, these helpful tips and tricks will lessen the stress and help you make the most of your homeschooling experience.

## ***Tip #1 – Teachers don't sit and hold your child's hand all day and neither should you.***

As children move up in grades, they often move from more teacher directed to self-directed learning. A standard class starts with direct instruction/lecture, moves to guided practice, and then on to independent work. I promise children are able to work independently. Yes, some will try to make it like they all of a sudden forgot how a pencil works, but stand firm. They can do the work. You won't be completely off the hook; you will have to help check assignments and maybe model a math problem or two. You may even have to help a child read an assignment based on his/her age.

## ***Trick #1 – An Assignment Page***

The best way to get a child organized is for you to be organized yourself. By creating a daily assignment page, you automatically take much of the responsibility off of yourself. These pages may look a tad different based on a child's age, but they generally all have the same information. We have included examples in this packet. Be creative with technology. If you have multiple kids who need access to technology, get creative with how you schedule them. If child A is on the computer, child B could be doing a written assignment. Then simply swap.

***Tip #2 – Don't feel pressured into schooling all day long.***

Many parents may feel they have to “do school” all day long. In actuality it may only take an hour or so to complete assignments, based on a child's grade level. The older students are, assignments typically become more complex but can be completed independently. The simple truth is that you're in charge of the schedule in your home. You are not expected to shut down your life to teach.

***Trick #2 – Be Creative***

Schooling will impact your schedule somewhat, but you'll have a bit of free time on your hands in the evenings and weekends with all these events cancelled. Maybe you have a school session first thing in the morning, and then another one in the evening. When a child is at the sitter, for example, they could be working on the independent assignments. Don't forget to schedule play time in there. Children need to move. If they don't, you might just lose your cool. Make them go outside. Get them off of screens. Make them play. Younger ones, or those with shorter attention spans may need the use of a timer. Let them know that at the end of \_\_\_ minutes, they get to move on to a new task, play, run around, etc.

***Tip #3 – You need an education degree in the “new ways” to teach.***

You often hear about Common Core and the “new math”, but don't let this scare you. Math really hasn't changed. Reading is still reading, and honestly, science and social studies are pretty straight forward (read, answer questions, study, take a test). Don't feel the need to try all the new strategies that children are learning in school. The “old school” ways still work.

***Trick #3 – Use Your Resources***

If you happen to get stuck, there is a plethora of help available online. Your child's teacher should have made himself/herself available, as well. Many educational sites have suspended subscription fees to allow free versions during this time frame. You can find a list of helpful sites and some information about them at <http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/>. Facebook has a new hashtag, #bettertogether. If you type this in, you'll be connected to a network of teachers who've made themselves available, even if they aren't your child's teacher. Trust me, teachers are going to go just as stir crazy as the kids, so they'll look forward to the interaction.

***Tip #4 – Rome wasn't built in a day.***

It takes many years to master the art of teaching and homeschooling. People spend years training to perfect their craft. Don't expect to master all this in just a few days. It's okay if it doesn't go smoothly, if it feels like you're riding rapids, or maybe it just doesn't happen all at once. You will be fine. You will make it. If you need help, seek out one of our many homeschool families here at LBC.

***Trick #5 – Disciple Your Family***

This is the perfect time to disciple your family. Schedule a Bible study. Work through a devotional. Review a previous or upcoming Sunday School lesson. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. You just gained 35 hours with your children, now that you're homeschooling. There are some directions attached on how to get to our resources for home, based on your age group.

***Tip #6 – Remember We're Still A Church Family  
(even if it's online!)***

LBC is committed to continuing discipleship and ministry, especially in these challenging times. We need you to stay involved but more than that, you still need encouragement from God's Word and His people! We will have Sunday morning service online, as well as a devotional message Sunday evening and even mid-week updates and check-ins online from J.C. and Tony for FamilyLife ministry groups. Stay tuned in!

The bulletin will be mailed to shut-ins and homebound members and will also be posted online on multiple platforms for everyone else. We'll be sharing ways to give & serve creatively. God still has a message & a purpose for us, His body!

Lastly, please know that if there is a dire need, we do have volunteers that are willing to help with babysitting if kids have no other adult relative able to stay home. At this time, Mothers Morning Out & Weekday Preschool is also still functioning. For lunch, we have pre-packaged food that can be delivered by a volunteer, as well as a food pantry if financial burdens necessitate grocery assistance. Please contact the church office at (478)935-8632 if we can help support your family in this way. Equally as important, if you know of shut-ins who need medications filled, errands run, groceries delivered or other assistance, please let us know (& likewise, reach out if you'd like to serve in this way!).

Keep flipping for more resources...

## Daily Assignment Page

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

| Subject        | Assignment | Completed Y/N |
|----------------|------------|---------------|
| Reading        |            |               |
| Math           |            |               |
| Science        |            |               |
| Social Studies |            |               |
| Other          |            |               |

Mark independent assignments with an I.

Mark assignments you have to do together with a T.

Mark assignments done online with an O.

## Daily Assignment Page - Example

Name: Billy      Date: 3/3/2020

| Subject        | Assignment  | Completed Y/N |
|----------------|---|---------------|
| Reading        | I – read pages 15-22<br>O – answer the question with online quiz<br>T – go over answers |               |
| Math           | O – watch lesson 5 video<br>I – problems 5-10   |               |
| Science        | NA  |               |
| Social Studies | T – read lesson 5<br>I – answer review questions<br>O – review answers                  |               |
| Other          | T – Devotion Day 5<br>I – play outside  |               |

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## Accessing Preschool/Elementary Sunday School Lessons

- On your phone/tablet, go to your app store.
- Search for Lifeway Kids
- Select download (it's free of charge)

Once it's been downloaded:

- Select Kids Bible Studies for Life
- Select Spring 2020
- Select download

Once it's been downloaded you have many options to scroll through. If you click Family, it will take you to the lesson resources. It's divided by units and lessons; below is the schedule we will continue to follow even if we have to hold online worship services. Once inside each part of a lesson, simply click Preschool or Kids at the top for the age appropriate content.

| Date      | Unit | Lesson                         |
|-----------|------|--------------------------------|
| 3/15/2020 | 1    | Jesus Taught About Forgiveness |
| 3/22/2020 | 1    | Jesus Told Three Parables      |
| 3/29/2020 | 1    | Jesus Taught About Giving      |
| 4/5/2020  | 2    | The Crowd Welcomed Jesus       |
| 4/12/2020 | 2    | Jesus Is Alive                 |
| 4/19/2020 | 2    | Two Men Met Jesus              |
| 4/26/2020 | 2    | Peter Preached About Jesus     |



## Accessing Youth Sunday School Lessons

The youth department's lessons can be found in Dropbox by clicking the lessons folder link or each individual lesson's link below. You may have to create an account if you don't already have one. They are free and just require an email address.

Take a few minutes to scan through the lesson & grab a few talking points to go over with your student. This will be beneficial in keeping everyone on track once things get back to normal.

Lessons Folder Link –

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7nsd869offi6ft0/AABT\\_r2zDyb\\_wMO-3pkoQTFqa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7nsd869offi6ft0/AABT_r2zDyb_wMO-3pkoQTFqa?dl=0)

### Lesson Dates/Titles

[3/22/2020 – Doubt It – Week 4](#)

[3/29/2020 – Worth It – Week 1](#)

[4/5/2020 – Worth It – Week 2](#)

[4/12/2020 – Jesus Is – Week 1](#)

[4/19/2020 – Jesus Is – Week 2](#)

[4/26/2020 – Jesus Is – Week 3](#)

Keep a look out especially on Wednesdays on social media (fb, snapchat & insta) and on the website at <https://www.lizellabaptist.net/studentlife/> for updates, encouragement and other cool stuff for your students.

LBC KidsLife (Grades 1-6) on fb

Feel free to follow JC on his social media and reach out anytime to stay in touch.

@dabear51 on Insta

j.c. hitting on fb



## Family Activities Idea List

| <b>Preschool</b>  | <b>Elementary</b>   | <b>Youth</b>  |
|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play house, school, doctor, etc.</li> <li>• Go on a discovery walk outside and talk about how God made all things</li> <li>• Homemade obstacle course</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a skit/play</li> <li>• Lego Building Competition</li> <li>• Scavenger hunt</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn a new hobby or DIY project</li> <li>• Join them in studies, gaming, or whatever they like</li> <li>• Ask their opinion &amp; listen</li> <li>• Clean out closets/reorganize</li> </ul> |
| <b>All Age Groups</b>   |   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go on a picnic</li> <li>• Go on a nature hike...some state parks still open</li> <li>• Walk/bike around the neighborhood</li> <li>• Play a game in the yard</li> <li>• Grill out</li> <li>• Play a card or board game</li> <li>• Karaoke</li> <li>• Living Room Drive-In Movie</li> <li>• Make goodies to share with a neighbor, emergency worker, etc.</li> <li>• Exercise/work out</li> <li>• Makeover/hair day/mani/pedi @ home</li> <li>• Bathe &amp; groom a pet</li> <li>• Catch up on chores...clean out the car, etc.</li> <li>• Rearrange your living space for an exciting new look</li> <li>• Visit the church library for movies and/or great books for free!</li> </ul> |   |   |

Your church staff is praying for you daily. We are in the office Monday-Thursday from 8 AM-4 PM and Friday from 8 AM-noon. You are welcome to come by or reach out to us any time. We want you to be safe, be well and enjoy the silver linings of this precious time with family together.

See you soon!