



CURRICULUM QUESTIONS

Before You Buy...

Choosing curriculum isn't about finding the "best" program—it's about finding the best fit for your child, your teaching style, and your family's goals.

Use this checklist before making your purchase.

1. What are my goals for homeschooling?

- ☐ Strong academics
- ☐ Biblical worldview
- ☐ Flexibility
- ☐ College preparation
- ☐ Character development
- ☐ Special learning needs
- ☐ Family lifestyle
- ☐ Other: _____

2. How does my child learn best?

- ☐ Reading independently
- ☐ Listening
- ☐ Hands-on activities
- ☐ Videos
- ☐ Discussion
- ☐ Projects
- ☐ Worksheets
- ☐ Outdoor learning

3. What is my teaching style? (I enjoy...)

- ☐ Planning everything.
- ☐ Open-and-go lessons.
- ☐ Teaching from books.
- ☐ Leading discussions.
- ☐ Project-based learning.
- ☐ Flexible schedules.

4. How much parent involvement can I realistically give?

- ☐ I will teach every lesson.
- ☐ I can teach most lessons.
- ☐ My child needs independent work.
- ☐ I need something that requires little preparation.

5. How much time do I have each day?

- ☐ Less than 1 hour
- ☐ 1–2 hours
- ☐ 2–4 hours
- ☐ More than 4 hours

6. What is my budget?

- ☐ Free
- ☐ Under \$100
- ☐ \$100–300
- ☐ \$300+

Don't forget to include supplies, manipulatives, subscriptions, and replacement workbooks.

7. Does this curriculum include...

- ☐ Teacher guide
- ☐ Student workbook
- ☐ Assessments
- ☐ Answer key
- ☐ Lesson plans
- ☐ Progress tracking
- ☐ Online resources
- ☐ Parent support

8. Will it grow with my child?

- ☐ Can I continue using this next year?
- ☐ Does it offer higher grade levels?
- ☐ Will it become too easy?

9. Before I Buy...

- ☐ Read reviews?
- ☐ Looked at sample lessons?
- ☐ Compared other options?
- ☐ Prayed about this decision?
- ☐ Given myself permission to change curriculum if needed?

Need Help Choosing Curriculum?

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Remember...

The best curriculum is the one your family will actually use consistently. Perfection isn't the goal. Faithful learning is.

It's okay if your first curriculum isn't your forever curriculum. Many homeschool families adjust their curriculum as they discover what works best for their children.

