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The way you wish you'd been taught.

April 2013 — March 2014

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# Welcome to Sonlight!

Dear Mom and Dad,

A *privilege. A joy. A blessed responsibility. An adventure far beyond what you ever imagined (or bargained for, on some days)!*  
Is that how you'd describe home schooling? I would!

The Sonlight team and I stand ready to come alongside you in your family's homeschool adventure. If you don't already describe your homeschool with such positive words, we'll help you get there.

## Equip your children to hear and follow God's call

Whether you're a first-time homeschooler or an experienced veteran, my goal is the same: to give you the tools you need to help your children become all that God created them to be. To help you equip your kids – academically and spiritually – to do whatever God calls them to do.

Sounds like a big task, right? Well, yes. But the curriculum in this catalog guides you day by day. You get all the lesson plans, books, activities, teaching tips and materials you need for success.

Since Sonlight does the prep work for you, you're free to do what you do best: encourage, love and guide your kids. You can relax and enjoy learning *together*. You'll be amazed at the education they receive (and what *you* learn, the second time around).

Sonlight promotes academic excellence, and our Christian worldview puts Christ at the center of life and learning. So you know you're preparing your children well for whatever lies ahead.

But that's not all. Sonlight also creates delight in learning. This world is a fascinating place. Our curriculum brings history, science and more to life. It helps kids learn in a way that sticks, creates curiosity and gives them a thirst for learning more.

## Sonlight works ... and students flourish

When my husband John and I started homeschooling in 1990, we were stunned at the boring textbooks and dull workbooks we were "supposed" to use. We began developing curriculum that centered on real, gripping books. And it worked!

"I can safely say that we'll be using Sonlight for the rest of Rebekah's education! She loves it and there isn't a day goes by that I don't learn something as well. It's true: I wish I had been taught like this!"

*-Ricki M, June 2012*

Our four kids flourished and families around the world discovered the joy of learning the Sonlight way. Our kids are now adults, making their own mark on the world. My two daughters are Sonlight moms themselves. Thousands of other Sonlight graduates have come into their own and are now making a difference in the world. (Don't miss our college scholarship winners on p. 161.)

Thousands more families are on the delightful Sonlight journey now. Browse the photos and stories from real customers throughout the catalog. You can join them in this proven educational program.

## Enhanced education, still-affordable investment

Here's a brief summary of what's in store this year. We updated several Cores, introduced new books, created customizable upper-level courses and added course offerings (e.g., computer programming). I think you'll find these enhancements offer your children more opportunities and help you teach more effectively. (For more on what's new, see p. 162.)

In these uncertain economic times, I'm thankful for God's provision. We've done our best to keep costs in check and continue to offer significant discounts on Multi-Subject Package and Core purchases. We guarantee catalog prices through June 30, 2013, and will only make cost adjustments, if needed, after that date.

## Love to Learn. Love to Teach. Together. Guaranteed.

As always, Sonlight backs each Multi-Subject and Core Package with a one-year money-back guarantee. If you don't love your curriculum – for any reason – simply return it for a full refund. I offer this to you for peace of mind. I'm confident that once you try Sonlight, everyone in your family will be glad you did. (Learn more about our guarantee, discounts, free shipping, scholarship opportunities and other Sonlighters Club membership benefits on p. 24.)

So go ahead – choose Sonlight curriculum. Prepare to further discover and nourish your children's giftings. Relax. And get ready to love your home-school year ahead!

Many blessings,



*Sarita*

Sarita Holzmann, President

P.S. If you're new to Sonlight Curriculum, discover what we're all about on p. 20.

## Sonlight:

- ✓ Literature-based
- ✓ Christ-centered
- ✓ Quality family time
- ✓ Missions-minded
- ✓ Global perspective
- ✓ Academic excellence
- ✓ Complete lesson plans
- ✓ Everything you need

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Guarantee

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## Featured on the Cover

"Sonlight takes learning to a whole new level by combining story-telling, drama and intimate student-teacher interaction instead of just memorizing boring facts," writes Cally K. The K family lives on a rural island in the Andaman Sea off southern Thailand, where they work among the Moken Sea Gypsies.

"With Sonlight, we're free from the bounds of the traditional classroom. Since Denalyn and Alyssa love acting and singing, we often encourage them to sing or act out various roles from the many stories they read. The Moken children love to join in our homeschooling sessions. Our two girls have been using the curriculum for two years now and absolutely love it! Denalyn is on Core F and Alyssa is working through Core B."

Here, Cally, Alyssa K (7) and friends Chanap and Phen cheer on Denalyn K (11) as she delivers her best impersonation of the famous *Gettysburg Address*.

Congratulations to the K family on their Grand Prize photo! See the runners-up inside: Ronnie B on p. 36, Beth V on p. 32 and Julia B on p. 31. Learn more about the Photo Contest at [sonlight.com/photos.html](http://sonlight.com/photos.html).





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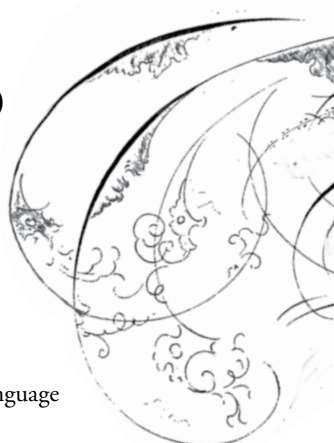
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"I'm thankful for the quality books Sonlight provides that serve as time for brother bonding," writes Melanie N of Derwood, MD. Here Luke (9), Landon (6), and Levi (21 months) read *Roman Diary* together on Box Day.

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## Key to Catalog Listings



Sonlight unique. Available for purchase at this time only from us.



Christian publisher



Pb Paperback binding



Hb Hardbound binding



Read Aloud level: Appropriate audience if Read Aloud by a competent reader with no additional explanation, commentary or discussion.



Reader level: Appropriate grade-level if Read to oneself. Here, grade 3 to adult.

Consumable You may want one for each student.



# Experience the Sonlight difference ...

## Kids who love to learn



"This photo sums up Sonlight," writes Ken G of Grove City, PA. "We love the excitement in learning and the delight we have in being together as a family!" Here, Titus (2), Gratian (4) and Brunner (7) examine caterpillars that will someday turn into butterflies.

## Christ-centered education



"Before Sonlight, reading was a struggle. After we switched programs, Malachi's (6) reading ability and enjoyment increased dramatically," writes Erica M of Germany. "He has also become a budding writer."

## Complete lesson plans, schedules & materials

Your prep work is already done!







"When a friend suggested we use Sonlight, we did our research. It was a perfect fit for our little bookworm! She has had a passion for books from day one." writes Angela F of Hazen, ND. In her first Sonlight year, Mary (3) is using P3/4.

## Multi-Subject & Core Packages pp. 6-89 come with ...

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### Sonlighter Club benefits

-  Free shipping on all orders (to 48 states) for a year <sup>p. 25</sup>
-  10% discount on all orders for a year <sup>p. 25</sup>
-  Free membership in the online Sonlight Forums <sup>p. 25</sup>
-  and more!





## Quality family time together



"What could be more wonderful than watching big sisters (Isabella, 11) and brothers reading and teaching the younger ones (Angelina, 5)? We've been using Sonlight for 13 wonderful years. The incredible literature has enhanced our togetherness," writes Laurie L of Monroe, WA.

## Books your children want to read



"As my kids get older I can't keep up with all they read. It's nice to know I can trust Sonlight selections to be appropriate, meaningful and enjoyable," writes Holly K of Friendswood, TX. Here, 8-year-old David enjoys reading atop a playground perch.

## A college scholarship program



A modern-day Renaissance man who loves to sing, dance, debate and more, Adam Springer's primary goal is to spread the Good News, make disciples and bring glory to God. Academically accomplished, Adam is a National Merit Semifinalist, set to pursue a career in civil engineering. Read more about this top Sonlight scholar, along with other scholarship winners, on p. 161.

## Award-Winning Methods

Academic excellence is one of the five foundational pillars on which Sonlight is built (p. 20). Check out the recent awards that validate our proven methods. (See p. 161 to meet the 2013 scholarship winners who can attest to the merits of studying with Sonlight.)



### ★ 1st place – Language Arts-Literature

*The Old Schoolhouse® magazine 2012 award*

### ★ 1st place – Overall Curriculum

*The Old Schoolhouse® magazine 2012 award*

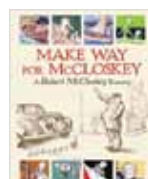
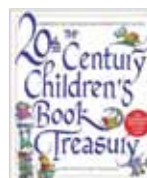
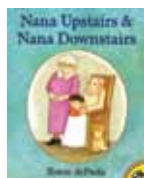
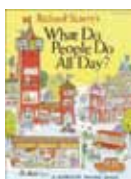
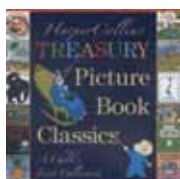




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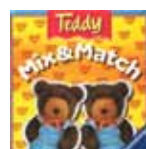
"My children love Sonlight books so much and we read them so often that they've memorized many of them! I often catch my four-year-old daughter 'reading' one of their favorites to my two-year-old son. You can't beat moments like that!"

- Jannekah R.  
Aug. 2012

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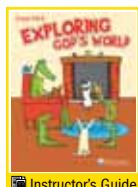




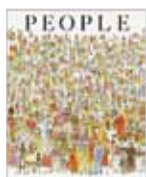
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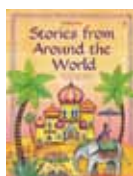
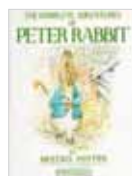
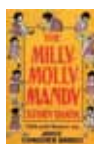
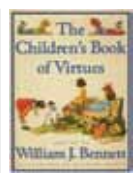
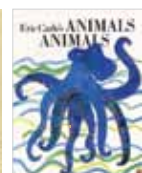
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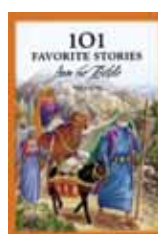
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"I like that Sonlight offers everything in one package; I know that I have everything I need."

*-Teresa S,  
July 2012*

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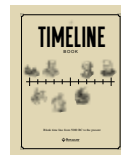


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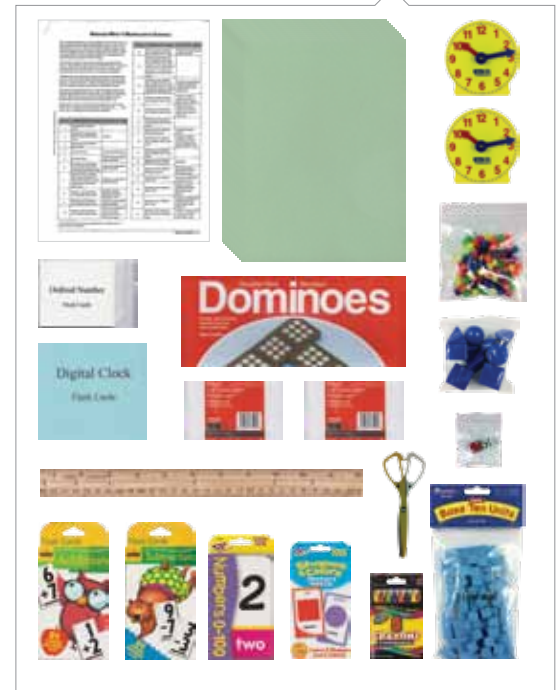
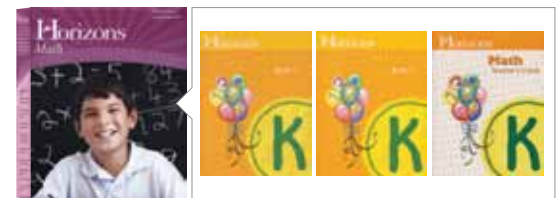


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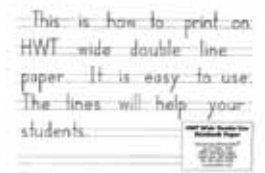
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"One of the best things about Box Day is when the kids stop everything and start reading. It takes us about two days to 'unbox,' since we're so excited and everything gets 'oohs and 'aahs.' We've been homeschooling with Sonlight for five years and love it more every year."

- Erica V,  
Aug. 2012

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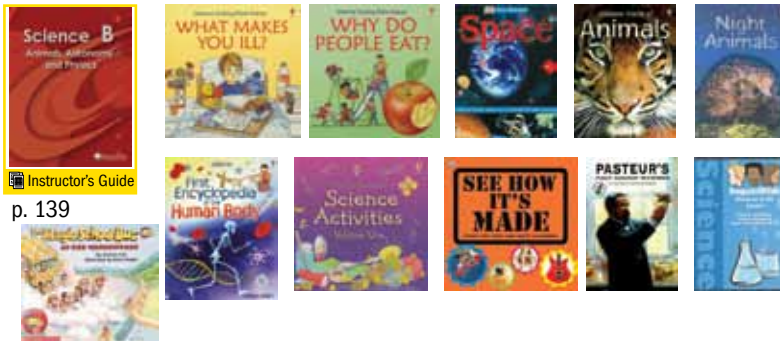
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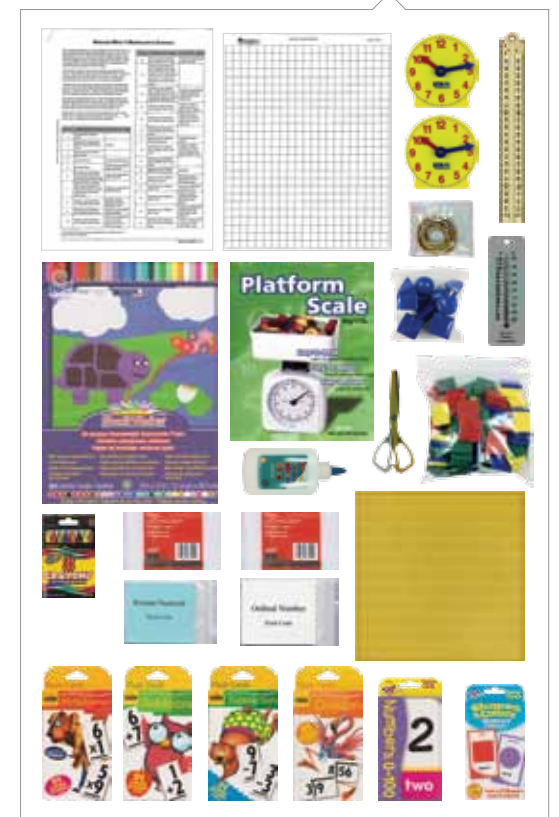


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- Stephanie A.  
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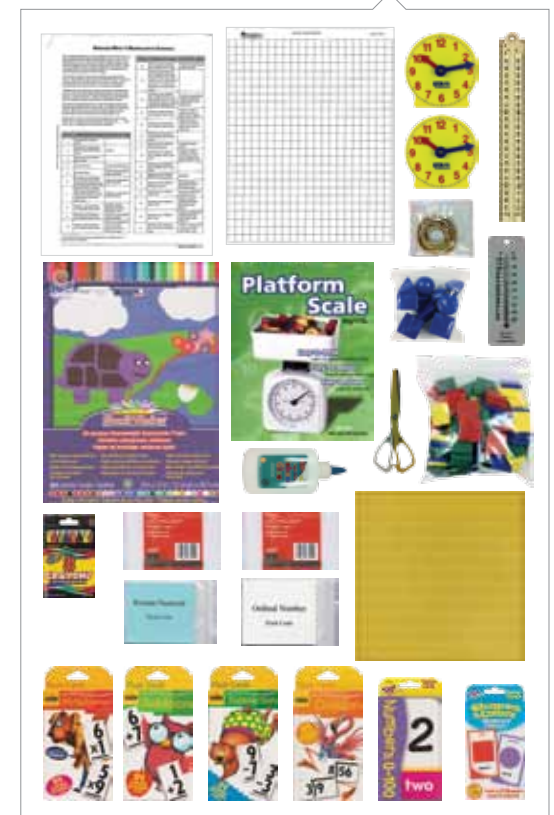
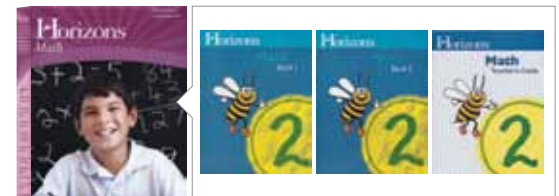


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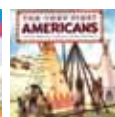
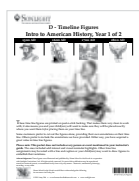


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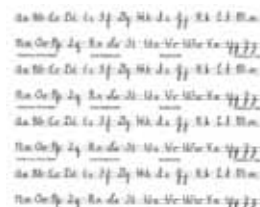
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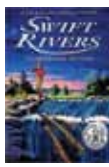
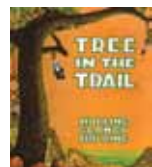
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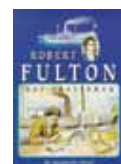
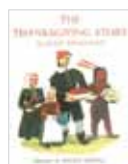
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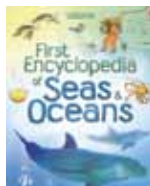
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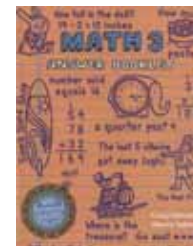
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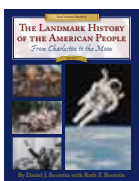


## Core D+E: Intro to American History One Year Condensed

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**History & Geography** pp. 52-53



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"Our children have read so many wonderful books that have opened their minds and ours to other cultures, thanks to Sonlight's selections."

- Mary G.  
July 2012

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**EVERYTHING  
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**1 CHILD for 1 YEAR**

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We recommend Electives E  
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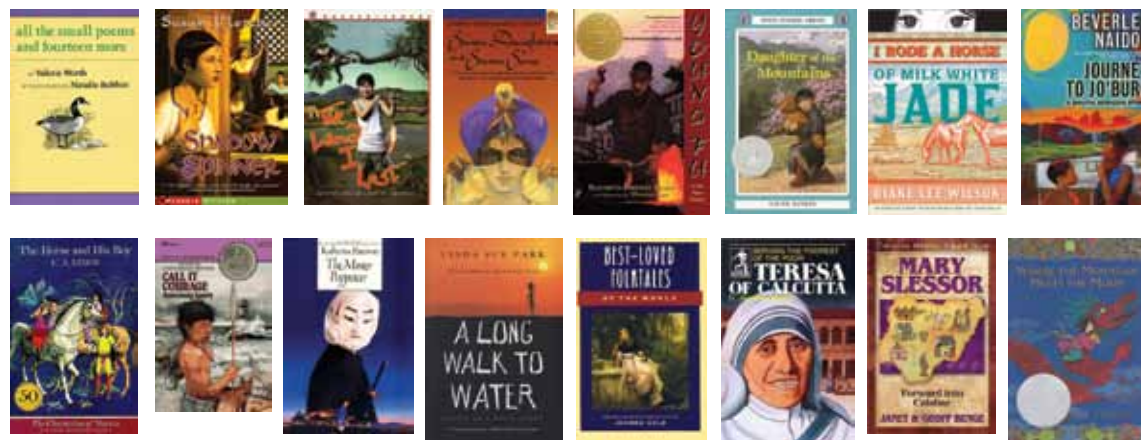
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"Sonlight has instilled important values in our children in a very natural way, as we gather together to read and discuss pertinent issues."

*- Rachel B, Aug. 2012*

**Read-Alouds** pp. 60-61



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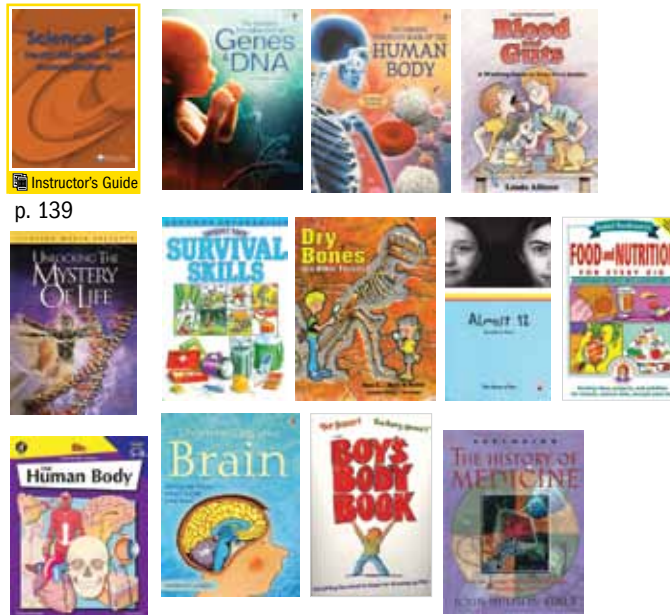
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Science F: Health, Medicine, and Human Anatomy



## Math p. 118

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and other Core Club Benefits  
pp. 24-25

### Add fun Electives pp. 124-130

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(p. 63) to complement this  
Multi-Subject Package.

Item # ☐ FRE

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You save over \$159  
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# Discover Sonlight

As a homeschool parent, you probably pray your children will become flourishing adults who love the Lord. Adults who are equipped to do whatever God calls them to do. Confident believers who influence others and know how to work hard and face challenges.

These may seem like lofty goals, but Sonlight can help you get there. We provide tools that have helped thousands of parents like you raise children who love to learn, love God and have the academic preparation to do whatever Christ calls them to do.

## Sonlight Curriculum builds on five big ideas:

### 1 Literature-based, Christ-centered

Literature-based learning is an educational philosophy based on children's natural curiosity and love for stories. We use outstanding books as the centerpiece for learning. We also help you reach from the perspective of God's truth and His love for all people.

### 2 Parent-directed

With Sonlight, you have plenty of helps right at hand, but you are in the driver's seat. You know your children best, you love them most and you are equipped to tailor their education to their unique needs. Sonlight homeschooling involves lots of close parent-child interaction. We give you engaging activities, great books to read and discuss, and opportunities to develop open communication. Sonlight helps your children learn to trust you as a source of wisdom and direction.



**"The time we spend together reading, talking and playing every day has built strong bonds among our children,"** writes Angela G of Mountain View, CA. "Our Sonlight books are their favorites, but their excitement to learn bubbles over to a love of all books, learning and sharing with each other." In his second year of Sonlight, Zeke (6) is using Core A. Here, he reads to a captivated audience of sisters Amelia (3) and baby Isabelle.

### 3 Family-centered

Homeschooling is more than a school choice; it's a lifestyle. Sonlight helps you get the most from your time together as a family. Browse this catalog and you'll see pictures and stories from some of the many families who tell us they've formed closer family bonds through homeschooling with Sonlight. This reality is dear to our hearts. A child's confidence that her family knows and loves her is every bit as valuable as any academic knowledge.

### 4 Global outlook

Sonlight spends more time than the average curriculum on the world outside the United States. We believe that in our increasingly connected world, children must understand that God does not value one people group over another. We want them to understand the contributions of different cultures and learn to look at situations from others' perspectives. We want children to learn about tough – even controversial – issues while they're in the safe and loving environment of their home. We want them to stand firm in their faith and engage in graceful dialogue with people of other faiths, backgrounds and cultures.

A primary goal within our global focus is that our children gain a heart for God's work throughout the world. Hence, you'll find many true, inspiring missionary stories in our curriculum. Your children will have opportunities to learn about and pray for people groups in every corner of the globe.

### 5 Academic Excellence

Sonlight is a lot of fun, but it isn't easy. We equip parents to give their children a robust education that prepares them to excel in whatever God calls them to, be it college, the military, the mission field, the workforce and/or family life. Students who have grown up with Sonlight tend to "wow" adults with their understanding of history, literature, the Bible, science and more.

Over the years, Sonlight students who apply for our college scholarship program have scored consistently and considerably higher than the national average on the SAT. In 2012, the Sonlight scholarship applicant average was 395 points above the national average! These numbers include Sonlight students who applied for scholarships that value creativity, mission-mindedness and acts of kindness over academic performance. In the last two years, the average Sonlight applicant scored 396 points higher than the average for private religious schools and 233 points higher than the national average for homeschoolers (in 2011 and 2009 respectively, the latest years for which we have stats on those categories of non-Sonlight students). We know test scores don't paint the whole picture. But are these Sonlight students well-prepared for college or life? You bet.

(See p. 161 for more about our scholarship winners, or visit [sonlight.com/scholarships](http://sonlight.com/scholarships).)

These five values combine to form one truly dynamic and academic curriculum. With Sonlight, you will give your kids an extraordinary education. You will challenge them without overwhelming them. With Sonlight's help, you will discuss real-life issues – like politics, moral relativism, evolution and creation – with your kids and help them gain sure footing about what they believe. You will help them understand the big picture of history and the world around them. You will give them firm foundations in all the main academic subjects. And most importantly, with Sonlight's help, you will give them a lifelong love of learning.

After high school, your students will be ready to excel in college or the workforce. Sonlight graduates are now engineers, missionaries, musicians, doctors, pastors, elected officials, farmers, entrepreneurs, homeschool parents and more!

## Core programs form the center

Core programs are the centerpiece of your Sonlight experience. Each Core weaves together a year's worth of history and geography, Bible, literature and language arts.

Cores are crafted around gripping books. A great story-based history book or series (such as *The Story of the World*) serves as the "spine" for each program. You gradually read this book throughout the whole year; it's your chronological guide, moving you logically through history. As you progress, you also read lots of biographies, historical fiction and novels that dig into the historical/cultural topics you're studying.

Since quality literature reaches kids of various ages, you can use one Core program with multiple children. We don't assign a specific grade level to each Core for this very reason. Your third and fifth graders could both get great educations from Core E this year! (See p. 22 to learn about using one Sonlight program to teach more than one child.)

## Take three sweeps through history

With Sonlight, you journey on a solid progression of learning from preschool to high school graduation. (Turn to pp. 154-155 to see the Scope and Sequence of our Core, Language Arts and Science programs.)

With the Cores, you'll take three sweeps through history during your Sonlight journey. Each year is specifically created for children in the target age ranges for that Core. All the material – from the content we chose to cover (and the more gritty aspects of history we chose to skip over until later grades), to the Readers and Read-Alouds, to the suggested hands-on activities – is at just the level your children need.



# An Overview for New Customers

The first years (Cores P3/4 through A) are an introduction to learning and the world. In Cores B-E, take your first fascinating sweep through World and American History. In Core F, take a year to explore the Eastern Hemisphere and help your children (ages 10-13) learn to research.

Then dive in and take another sweep at a deeper level through World and American History in Cores G-100. Finally, take a modified sweep through select aspects of history with Cores 200-400 (including 2,000 years of Church History, 20th Century World History and American Government/Civics).

## How to choose curriculum

For a thorough explanation, turn this page. But the short explanation?

- Simply choose the Multi-Subject Package (pp. 6-19) that matches your child's grade level.
- Or pick a Core (or two) for your children.
- Add Sonlight Science and pick an award-winning Math program.
- Then add any enriching electives you want and get ready for a great year!

## What will I actually do each day?

Get ready to stop planning lessons and start enjoying your homeschool! Sonlight provides what you need for school each week, including:

- Suggested daily schedules
- The books you'll read
- Maps and timelines to enhance learning
- The materials you need for Science experiments (except for common household items)
- Activity Sheets
- Discussion Questions to ensure retention
- Scripture readings
- Suggested hands-on activities and more!

Each day with Sonlight, you open up your Core Instructor's Guide and see what's on the schedule. Spend time reading out loud with your children (until they reach Core 100, around high school level) and talking about what you read. Your kids also read books on their own. Discuss the books using the notes and discussion questions provided. Read Scripture together and work on memory verses. And, if you choose, enjoy any of the hands-on activity suggestions for the lower Cores.

Next, jump into language arts (which comes with your Core Package) and explore your writing and learning assignments for the day. These focus on natural learning and draw heavily on passages

from the Readers your children are already enjoying in their Core programs.

For science, simply follow along with the lessons in your Science Instructor's Guide (or your Schedule Plus, for the upper levels). Read with your children and learn about fascinating aspects of God's nature and the world around us. In the lower levels, your children complete Activity Sheets, and all levels include many hands-on experiments to reinforce learning. If you'd rather avoid a potential mess, you can pop in a *Discover & Do* DVD (included in Science A-E) and watch others do the experiments described!

Then you can do a math lesson, practice handwriting, play the piano, learn a foreign language ... whatever you decide!

Many homeschool families finish school by early afternoon – or sooner – and have the rest of

the day for play, extracurricular activities, family time and “home economics” (e.g., cooking dinner and doing the laundry)!

## Love to Learn, Love to Teach. Guaranteed.

In the end, Sonlight's “secret” comes down to this: We believe most children respond more positively to great literature than to textbooks. And we believe that parents can be their children's best and most-engaged teachers. To that end, we're committed to giving you the tools necessary for you and your family to love learning at home, together.

With Sonlight, kids love to learn and parents love to teach. That is a beautiful thing indeed. Read more about our unmatched, money-back “Love to Learn, Love to Teach” Guarantee on p.24.

## Key to Sonlight Lingo

### Multi-Subject Packages (MSP)

Want all your subjects in one easy-to-order package? Get History, Geography, Bible, Readers, Read-Alouds, Language Arts, Handwriting, Math and Science in one extra-discounted bundle. Each package includes what you need to teach one child for one year. Save time choosing curriculum and save even more money when you select a Multi-Subject Package instead of ordering components separately. (See pp. 6-19 for details.)

### Core

Core programs form the heart of Sonlight. These literature-rich packages include an Instructor's Guide and all your books. They tie in History, Geography, Bible, Read-Alouds, Readers and Language Arts. You can teach multiple children at the same time with one Core. Most customers finish each Core in one school year, though you can move at your own pace. Sonlight Cores take you from preschool to high school graduation.

### Instructor's Guide (IG)

Customer-renowned Instructor's Guides (IGs) put the path to stress-free teaching in your hands. You get an Instructor's Guide as part of each Sonlight Core and Science program you order. The guides turn stacks of great books into cohesive curricula. They provide daily schedules, discussion questions, Bible readings, notes, teaching tips and more. Simply open up and teach each day. The guides have all the intensive planning done for you, so you get to be a great teacher *and* spend more time with your family. (Turn to pp. 135-139 to see real IG pages and visit [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples) to request a 3-week sample of any IG.)

### Read-Alouds

Flip through this catalog and look at the pictures of families reading together. This will be a central, delightful part of your Sonlight experience! Until the high school years, each Core includes many Read-Alouds. You get to read these gripping stories aloud to your kids, learn together and enjoy memorable discussions along the way.

### Readers

Your kids also read lots of great books on their own. From Cores A-C, they use grade-specific Readers that match their current reading level and help them develop a true love for reading. From Core D on up, the Readers integrate closely with the Core material and enhance your children's study of history, geography and culture.

### Sonlight Curriculum Advisor (SCA)

It's true: You have access to free, personalized homeschool help. Sonlight Curriculum Advisors (SCAs) are experienced, friendly, Sonlight moms, trained to help you homeschool your unique family. Contact an SCA with questions about what materials you should buy, how to use what you already have and how to solve any homeschool dilemmas you face. You can talk on the phone, email or chat online. Go to [sonlight.com/SCA](http://sonlight.com/SCA) to get started.

**DISCOVER SONLIGHT'S TOP 10 GOALS**  
DO THEY MATCH YOURS?  
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One-Year Money-Back  
**LOVE TO LEARN**  
**LOVE TO TEACH**  
Guarantee

see p. 24

# How to Choose Your Curriculum ...



**“Sonlight has been a great peace in an otherwise hectic and uncertain military life,”** writes Vanessa K of Fort Leonard Wood, MO. “Moving duty stations, along with multiple deployments, could cause a lot of uncertainty in a child’s life if we were to have them in a public school system. Sonlight has allowed us to feel such a peace of mind, knowing they have a schedule and a well-rounded education that most importantly teach them Biblical knowledge.” Here, Preston (3) and Taylor (2) read with Dad in their first year of Sonlight.

Option

**A**

## Multi-Subject Package

Save time & money: Get all your materials in one easy step

**STEP 1**  
Choose your Program

pp. 6-19



### Get complete curriculum for your preschooler through 5th grader with one easy order.

Sonlight Multi-Subject Packages include our top recommendations for one student for one year at our biggest discount available. See pages 6-19 to browse. You’ll receive:



#### A Core Program

pp. 26-89

Includes History, Geography, Bible, Read-Alouds, Readers and Language Arts.



#### Science

pp. 105-110



#### Handwriting

pp. 101-104  
For grades K-3 only



#### Math

pp. 111-123



#### Resources

p. 131-134

When you buy a Multi-Subject Package, you get our largest discount on that package plus a 10% discount on other Sonlight materials for a year.

**WANT ELECTIVES?**



#### Electives

pp. 124-134

A Multi-Subject Package has all the essentials for your year. But if you want a little more, add some Electives and help your children explore their gifts. Find Music, Art, Foreign Language, Practical Life Skills and more.

## Three ways to get help

Feel confident in your order and get the answers you need! Here are three ways to get great help:

### 1 Advisors

Talk, chat or email with a trained Sonlight Curriculum Advisor at no charge. An experienced, friendly Sonlight mom will talk through your questions about choosing the right materials for your family. Head to [sonlight.com/SCA](http://sonlight.com/SCA).

### 2 The Choosing Forum

Give and receive advice on this public forum where parents help other parents make the right choices for their unique families. Head to [sonlight.com/choosing-forum](http://sonlight.com/choosing-forum).

### 3 SONIA

(your SONlight Internet Advisor)

Just click and choose as your automated guide, SONIA, helps you through the entire choosing process. She’ll help you put together the right order for your family. She won’t forget loose ends either! Head to [sonlight.com/sonia.html](http://sonlight.com/sonia.html).



### Teaching more than one child?

Sonlight helps you teach multiple children with the same program. Simply put your children into learning groups and choose one Core and one Science program for each group.

This approach works because Sonlight uses fascinating “living” books instead of boring textbooks. And books, by design, reach a span of ages. Therefore, a wide range of students can access and enjoy Sonlight History, Read-Alouds and Science books together.

Group students within 3 years of each other and teach as few Core and Science programs as possible. Here’s how:

- Unless a child has special learning abilities or challenges, children within a 3-year age range can use the same Core program with few modifications.
- If you’re up for doing a little modification, you can stretch the age-span of one Core program to teach kids within a 4-year span. An Advisor at [sonlight.com/SCA](http://sonlight.com/SCA) can help you do this.

Remember: we’re here to help! Contact a Sonlight Curriculum Advisor for individual advice, free of charge: at [sonlight.com/SCA](http://sonlight.com/SCA).

- If you use more than one Core, see if you can match up the subject level for the groups of students you’re teaching. For example, you could study ancient World History with Cores B and G one year, finish World History with Cores C and H the next, then move on to American History with Cores D+E and 100 after that.
- You can easily use one Sonlight Science program to teach children within 4 years of each other.
- After you choose your Core and Science program(s), pick additional subjects (like Readers/Language Arts and Math) that match each child’s level. Children often need individualized Math because they usually need to grasp each new concept in order to understand the next.
- Find reading and math placement tests at [sonlight.com/placement-tests](http://sonlight.com/placement-tests).





## Option B

# Customizable Package

Build a personalized program

### STEP 1 Choose your Core Program

pp. 28–89



### Choose a Core program that fits within your children's age ranges and interests. A few tips:

- Many Sonlighters like to use Cores that put their child near the top of the suggested age range. For example, if their child is 8, they'll use Core B, designed for 6-, 7- and 8-year-olds.
- See p. 154 for a chart showing the full progression of Core programs.
- See p. 136 to learn about options for high schoolers.



### Choose your Readers and Language Arts set (for Cores A through C)

If you're using Core A, B, B+C or C, you can choose the Reader + Language Arts program that best fits each child's reading ability. Visit [sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment](https://sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment) to place each child. Readers for Core D and up coordinate with the History content of each Core; you don't need to choose them separately. Language Arts for Core D and up is included in the Core Instructor's Guide.

When you buy a Core Package, you get a large discount on that package plus a 10% discount on other Sonlight materials for a year.

### STEP 2 Complete your Curriculum

### Add subjects, electives and resources to complete your year!



#### Handwriting pp. 101–104

To help your students learn to write legibly (or provide more practice if they need it), we offer three different Handwriting programs, each with unique strengths. Find detailed information on p. 101.



#### Science pp. 105–110

In the elementary grades, we recommend teaching all children within four years of each other with a single Sonlight Science program. Select one that fits your children's age range and interests. For middle school and high school, choose an Apologia Science program with Sonlight-exclusive schedules, parent tools and lab resources.



#### Math pp. 111–123

Choose the Math curricula that appeals to you most (see p. 105) and then find the right level for each child with the placement tests at [sonlight.com/placement-tests](https://sonlight.com/placement-tests). If you buy your Math at the same time as your Core, you have our "Love to Learn, Love to Teach" Guarantee and can easily switch programs if needed. See p. 156.

### WANT ELECTIVES?



#### Electives pp. 124–130

Help your children explore their gifts with Music, Art, Foreign Language, Practical Life Skills and more.

### NEED EXTRA RESOURCES?



#### Resources pp. 130–134

The end of each Core program choosing chart lists a few required materials you may already own. Read it to ensure you have what you need. If you use one Core program with several children, you'll need extras of the few consumable items (if there are any). Check the (consumable) designation that occasionally appears in the book listings for each Core program and order one for each child.

## Choosing between 5-Day or 4-Day programs

Sonlight programs through middle school give you the option between 5-Day and 4-Day school weeks. Which is right for you? Many families choose our standard 5-Day programs that schedule 180 days of school in a year.

But other families like to save one day a week for music lessons, sports, field trips, co-ops or other extra-curricular activities. Some just prefer a slower-paced schedule. If this describes you, the 4-day option may be a great fit. It only schedules 144 days of school in the year. You'll miss out on some great books and assignments, but you'll still get a cohesive, very enjoyable program.

Learn more at [sonlight.com/faq-products](https://sonlight.com/faq-products).

## What do other people pick?

Here are some sample Sonlight orders to help you imagine what yours might look like:

### Scenario 1: the Mendozas

Linda and Gilbert Mendoza's children are ages 8 and 14. They chose the Grade 3 Multi-Subject Package for their 8-year-old. For the 14-year-old, they selected Core 100 (*American History*), the Core 100 required/recommended resources, Science 250 (Biology), Teaching Textbooks Algebra I, and Rosetta Stone French level 2. They added Piano Wizard Academy as an elective for both students.

### Scenario 2: the Dixons

The five Dixon children are 4, 6, 8, 11 and 13. Parents Susan and Paul decided to teach their 6- and 8-year-old together (while the 4-year-old listens in), and the 11- and 13-year-old together. Both sets of siblings will focus on World History.

The Dixons went to [sonlight.com/placement-tests](https://sonlight.com/placement-tests) to determine the best reading levels for their younger students and the best math levels for all the children.

### For the three youngest they ordered:

Core B (*Intro to World History, Year 1 of 2*) with Grades 1 and 3 Readers with Language Arts; the Core B required/recommended resources; Handwriting Without Tears, levels 1 and 3; Horizons Math, levels 1 and 2; Science B (with extra activity sheets); the Electives B package; and ARTistic Pursuits K-3 Book 1 and Art Supplies Kit.

### For the two oldest they ordered:

Core G (*World History, Year 1 of 2*); extra Language Arts activity sheets; the Core G required/recommended resources; Teaching Textbooks 6th Grade with MathTacular4; Teaching Textbooks Pre-Algebra; Science G (with extra activity sheets); the Electives G package; and Rosetta Stone Spanish level 1.

# Why Buy a Complete Sonlight Package?

When you buy a Sonlight® Multi-Subject Package or Core Package, you get one of the best values in homeschool materials anywhere in the world. How can we make such a claim?

## You get materials and guidance to homeschool with confidence.

Homeschool parents are busy. We know that, and we've created packages that remove the stress of planning so you can enjoy the homeschool journey.

While other companies require you to do significant research, planning, and gathering of materials, Sonlight packages provide all your materials, schedules, teaching helps and more. So you can just open up your guide and learn together with your children each day. No planning. No researching books to fit in your schedule. No need to supplement unless you want to. Just lots of fascinating learning alongside your children!

## Our "Love to Learn, Love to Teach" Guarantee means:

Sonlight backs each of our Multi-Subject and Core programs with a one-year money-back "Love to Learn, Love to Teach" Guarantee. That means you can actually use and evaluate the materials in your own home while you decide if Sonlight is right for you and your family.

You probably know that when you buy individual books (from us or other companies) you must keep them in "new, resalable" condition if you think you might return them. In other words, treat them with special care. Don't open them too far! Keep them away from food!

When you buy a Sonlight Multi-Subject Package or Core you'll have none of these worries or fears. We can afford this incredible guarantee because once families try a complete Sonlight program, very few ever return it. (See p.156 for details.)

## How the guarantee works

Buy any Multi-Subject or Core Package and test it out; use the program as it was meant to be used. Take a full year to use up to half (18 weeks worth) of the program.

Dive into your homeschool adventure. Read any and all of the books from weeks 1-18. Let your kids dog-ear the pages, write in the activity sheets and consume any resource from weeks 1-18. Gain hands-on experience with your curriculum – reading and teaching.

Then if you're still not convinced Sonlight is great for your family, return your program, used books and all, and we'll refund your entire purchase price. (See p. 156 for full details.)

"The 'Love to Learn' guarantee was what sold me my first year. We bought Core A knowing we could actually use the product and see if it was a fit. Long story short, we loved it and now own 5 full Cores."

*-happy littles*

## Surprise yourself with satisfying books you might otherwise miss ...

What other benefits come from a whole Sonlight Package? For one, each Core program includes books in a wide range of literary styles and genres. You may surprise yourself and say, as many have before: *"I've never read a book like that before! I'm astonished at how much I enjoyed it!"*

When you choose individual books for your children, you'll likely reject one if it seems hard to read, or of a different type or subject than usual.

But what if that book is part of a larger educational package that features many different genres? And the package includes a variety of works, most of which are well within your children's reading ability, but with some that are a bit easy and others that force your children to concentrate extra hard?

We believe a great educational program will include such works. Don't you?

## ... and enjoy a mix of challenging and delightful books.

Homeschooling can't be all "sunshine and cotton candy." Students need to learn real discipline and hard work, and that includes reading hard books. Yet when your children have tackled a book that pushes their ability level, we think they deserve a breather: an excellent title that engages them emotionally, but that they can breeze through at a clip.

When you use a Sonlight package, your children grow from reading more widely than they probably would otherwise. Most families are thrilled with nearly every book in their Sonlight curriculum.

## What if you already own books in the program you'd like to buy?

Even if you already have some Sonlight titles on your shelves, you still save money with a Sonlight Core program, because your total discount – not to mention additional value – is likely greater than the value of those books you already own. And wouldn't a few duplicate copies make great gifts? Just one great way a lot of Sonlighters use those occasional "second copies!"

## When you buy a Multi-Subject or Core Package, you become a Core Club Member and enjoy these perks:

### ✓ FREE domestic shipping on every order.

Sonlight ships directly to you, anywhere in the world. In the lower 48 U.S. States, you pay nothing for our standard shipping (FedEx®) on every order – of any amount – for a full year. Remember: only Core and Heirloom Club members get free shipping (to the lower 48) on all orders.

### ✓ Get Sonlight's biggest discount ever on your Multi-Subject and Core Packages, plus 10% off nearly everything else you order for one full year.

Take 10% off almost everything Sonlight sells. (A select few publishers don't allow us to give this discount.) All year long. Your savings can add up fast.

### ✓ FREE two-year pass into our private online Sonlighters Club Forums.

A vibrant online community of Sonlighters helps you thrive in your journey. From homeschool advice and parenting tips to prayer and encouragement ... forum users find support in the trials and triumphs they face as homeschool parents.

### ✓ FREE two-year subscription to the "Beam of Sonlight" e-newsletter.

Enjoy encouragement, forum highlights and special offers with this biweekly newsletter.

## Keep your benefits for life ... and get a chance to help pay for college.

When you buy your fourth Sonlight Core program, you automatically become an "Heirloom" Sonlighters Club Member: Your free membership in the Sonlight Forums, your free standard domestic shipping (lower 48 States), and – perhaps best of all – your automatic 10% discount all become permanent, rest-of-your-life perks. Your Heirloom membership does not expire.

### ✓ Sonlight Scholarships

Since 2000, Sonlight Curriculum has awarded \$968,500 in college scholarships to students whose families bought and used Sonlight Core programs. This year, 13 winning seniors will receive a combined total of \$92,000. Each will receive either \$5,000, \$2,500 or \$1,000 every year for four years.

For your student to be eligible, you must have bought and used at least five Sonlight Cores since 2000. For requirements, application forms, deadlines and more, visit [sonlight.com/scholarships](http://sonlight.com/scholarships).

With a money-back guarantee, valuable perks and savings ... why not choose a complete Sonlight package? Remove the stress of planning and homeschool with excellence: Order a Multi-Subject Package or Core today.

## Payment options offer an affordable investment with lifelong dividends.






Not only do you get an unmatched money-back guarantee, Sonlight also offers interest-free payment plans for U.S. and Canadian customers on orders of \$399 or more. You can order today with a down payment and take three months (or maybe even six or nine) months to pay the rest. (See details on p. 156.)

It's an investment in your family's future you can't afford *not* to make.





# Sonlighters Club Membership Benefits

	IG Member Buy any Instructor's Guide	Core Member Buy a Core or Multi-Subject Package (MSP)	Heirloom Member Buy four Core or Multi-Subject Packages
 One-Year "Love to Learn, Love to Teach" Guarantee	✓	✓	✓
 50% IG Repurchase Discount	✓	✓	✓
 Free Shipping <sup>1</sup>	Orders that include an IG	1 year	Lifetime!
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 Free Access to the Sonlight Forums	1 year	2 years	Lifetime!
 Beam eNewsletter Subscription	1 year	2 years	Lifetime!
 Eligible for College Scholarships <sup>3</sup> See p. 161 for past winners and to learn more.		With purchase of 5 Cores or MSPs	

For full details, go to p. 156 or visit [sonlight.com/join](http://sonlight.com/join)

1. To the lower 48 states. Core and Heirloom Members receive free FedEx shipping on all orders for one year (Core Members) or life (Heirloom Members). IG Members receive free USPS shipping on orders that contain an IG. All orders over \$150 receive free FedEx shipping. Orders over \$25 that qualify for Media Mail are eligible for free shipping in all 50 states, plus APO/FPO addresses.
2. We have already applied the 10% (or greater) discount on each MSP and Core package. All additional purchases made throughout the year will receive a 10% discount. Note: Due to restrictions from some publishers, we are not allowed to discount Rosetta Stone, Teaching Textbooks, All About Spelling, *A Child's History of the World* and a few other products.
3. Count all Sonlight Core packages you've purchased from us (includes Basic, Core Ultra, Core Plus, Core, Newcomer, and Multi-Subject).

## Interest-free payment plans!



Did you know you can pay for your curriculum over 3, 6 or 9 months at no extra cost?

Plans are available for U.S. and Canadian customers on orders of \$399 or more. If you qualify, you can choose the 9-month plan if you order in April; the 6-month plan if you order in April, May or June; and the 3-month plan any time of the year. Head to [sonlight.com/timepayments](http://sonlight.com/timepayments) for details and a payment calculator.

One-Year Money-Back  
**LOVE TO LEARN**  
**LOVE TO TEACH**  
Guarantee

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**"As I was preparing for the new homeschool year, my daughter begged for more Sonlight,"** writes Tonya P of Mangum, OK. "Homeschooling allows her to go at her own speed and research things in depth. I enjoy Sonlight teacher's guide. It's very easy to follow, plus it already has wonderful questions for me to ask my daughter as she reads, so I know she truly understands. I also appreciate Sonlight's customer service. They are always very polite and are willing to go the extra mile to meet our needs." In her second year of "more Sonlight," Renee (11) surrounds herself with the Core F books she loves.



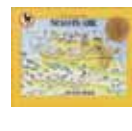
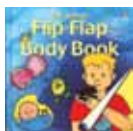
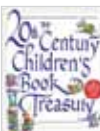
IG



Bible



Read-Alouds



Games & Songs



Art



P 3/4 Multi-Subject Package

## Embark on an exciting journey of learning

- Form precious memories and spend quality time with your children.
- Get the materials and guidance you need to gently build pre-reading, pre-math, listening and motor skills. We show you how to homeschool!
- Spark a love for learning with classic books and games your family will treasure for years.



**“As a former public school teacher, I appreciate the way Sonlight provides comprehensive material with lesson plan ideas to meet the needs of children with different learning styles,”** writes Joanna G of Norris City, IL. “Sonlight’s flexibility makes it easy to tailor lessons to fit our family and individual children’s needs. Since we’re a blind pastor’s family some had told us we’re too busy to homeschool. We thank the Lord for Sonlight helping to prove them wrong and providing a successful, easy-to-manage homeschool curriculum!” Here, 5-year-old Justina reads to herself as 2-year-old Jessie introduces Dad to *Animals* from Core B. In their second year of Sonlight, Justina is studying Core B with Grade 3 Readers, as Jessie explores Core P3/4.

### Fall in love with learning

Crack open a special book and sail to adventures far and wide. This informal preschool program helps you use the “best-ever” children’s classics – plus fun games and activities – to effectively teach your young children.

You receive the finest, most complete selection of classic children’s literature and fairy tales available. The included Parent’s Companion shows you what to do with the books, games and art supplies to help your children love learning.

### Give the gift of reading

We don’t think children this young need much “school.” Nor do they need repetitive worksheets, which can give them an early distaste for learning.

What your little ones really need is to hear great stories, spend quality time with you, and explore the world around them through play. We created P3/4 to help that happen in your home.

Reading out loud to your children is the single most important thing you can do to build pre-reading skills and prepare them academically.

With the many books and activities in P3/4, you get to watch your little ones make huge leaps in vocabulary, gain important pre-reading skills, increase their cultural literacy, be inspired by beautiful illustrations and simple activities, increase their attention span, improve their listening ability and develop key motor skills.

But you also get to make precious memories with them and spend valuable time showing your kids how much you love them. My heart resonates with the classic lines:

*You may have tangible wealth untold;  
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.  
Richer than I you can never be –  
I had a Mother who read to me.*

## WITH P3/4 MULTI-SUBJECT PACKAGE, YOU RECEIVE:



### Parent’s Companion

Homeschool with confidence knowing you’re giving your children just what they need at this age. Your Parent’s Companion helps you capitalize on teachable moments that naturally arise.

This guide doesn’t use a daily schedule like our other Core programs. We simply list the stories

and activities by trimester and suggest you check them off as you enjoy them. If your children want to read one story several times in a row – go for it!

We want you to treasure your time reading and playing with your little ones. To that end, we also suggest an easy, creative activity to coordinate with most of the stories you read. This helps you extend your learning into daily life and play.

### Daily Time Commitment

Many families spend 15-45 minutes a day reading and playing with this relaxed program. You can spend as much or as little time each day as you’d like.





Request a brief sample of the Parent's Companion at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### Read-Alouds and Bible

Show your children that reading is a joy! These timeless classics with rich illustrations provide springboards to learning. With 19 picture books featuring 280 stories (fiction and true) and 34 fairy and nursery tales, get ready to:

- Recognize cadence and rhyme (and the value of perseverance) with an elephant who tries to hatch an egg.
- Re-discover treasures you may remember from your own childhood, such as *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*, *Blueberries for Sal* and *Make Way for Ducklings*.
- Praise God for His delightful answer to a missionary's prayer in Thailand.
- Introduce your children to meaningful Bible stories that show God's strength and love for us.

### Games, Songs and Art Supplies

Feed your children's desire to learn with two excellent games, a delightful CD and art supplies.

- Watch their little brains develop as they form geometric patterns with *Mighty Mind*.
- Build cognitive and motor skills with *Teddy Mix and Match*. (And watch out – they may even beat you at this visual memory game!)
- Develop listening skills and an appreciation for music with 77 classic nursery rhymes and lullabies.

### Spark a love to learn

I wish all children could enjoy a preschool program so full of rich stories, games and meaningful time with their parents. Enjoy this special gift you get to give your little ones.



Blessings,

*Sarita*  
Sarita

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**"I'm very impressed by how much the kids (and I) are learning academically,"** writes Natascha L of Southeast Asia. "People often comment on how smart the boys are, how much they already know and understand. My standard answer is: 'We read a lot.' And in my mind I add: 'Great Sonlight books!' I also love seeing how much my children delight in each other and the way that learning together has created such a strong family bond. Sonlight has changed me from being a reluctant homeschooler to a homeschooling advocate." On a recent vacation, Natascha's bag was not complete without Sonlight books to read with Elliot (5), Ayden (3), Dylan (6) and Alana (1). They're using the P3/4, P4/5 and Core B programs in their fourth year of Sonlight.

## Your P3/4 Multi-Subject Package includes:

For full descriptions go to [sonlight.com/TMSP](http://sonlight.com/TMSP)

### Parent's Companion P3/4

TCG (\$11.99 if ordered separately)

Teaching notes and activity suggestions for the entire year.

### Bible P3/4

Family-Time Bible in Pictures TB01

### Read-Alouds P3/4

20th Century Children's Book Treasury	TA02	Horton Hatches the Egg	TA12	Our Animal Friends at Maple Hill Farm	TA18
The Bee Tree	TA05	Ian and the Gigantic Leafy Obstacle	TA13	Poems and Prayers for the Very Young	TA19
Eloise Wilkin Stories	TA09	Make Way for McCloskey	TA04	The Tall Book of Nursery Tales	TA21
A First Book of Fairy Tales	TA03	Mike Mulligan and More	TA15	The Usborne Flip-Flap Body Book	TA24
Go, Dog. Go!	TA10	Nana Upstairs and Nana Downstairs	TA16	What Do People Do All Day?	TA20
Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales	TA11	Noah's Ark	TA17		
Harper Collins Treasury of Picture Book Classics	TA23				

### Games and Songs P3/4

Mighty Mind	TA14	Teddy Mix and Match	TA22	Wee Sing Nursery Rhymes and Lullabies	TA25
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### Art Supplies P3/4

Child Scissors	TA06	Colorix: 8 colors	TA07	Construction Paper Consumable	TA08
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GET ALL subjects in one package



### > P3/4 Multi-Subject Package

Includes Parent's Companion P3/4, Bible P3/4, Read Alouds P3/4, Games and Songs, Art supplies P3/4.

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**You know you're a homeschooler when** ... you're getting an ultrasound, the technician comments on fluid volume, and your four-year-old asks, "Does this count as math or science?"

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Hands-on activities

10% off all additional purchases for a year

Optional interest-free payment plans

50% off IG repurchases

Sonlight Forums

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World Cultures



Bible



Readiness Skills



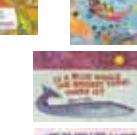
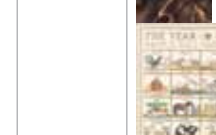
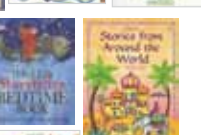
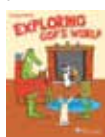
Read-Alouds



Language Arts



Science



P 4/5 Multi-Subject Package

## Fun tools for a lifetime of learning

- Develop your children's reading readiness, cognitive and developmental skills.
- Build meaningful and intimate relationships with your children.
- Teach like a pro: your complete lesson plans, materials and teaching tips are waiting for you. Just follow along!
- Create fond memories and prepare them for a lifetime of learning.



**"This is a daily scene in our home – children and Dad snuggled up on the sofa enjoying a Sonlight book together,"** writes Peter L of the UK. "These precious family times are what I love most about homeschooling. Our whole family loves learning together with Sonlight – the wonderful books have made doing school an exciting adventure. I often find my children reading their Sonlight books out of school time, they enjoy them so much. Not only are the books fantastic, but the schedules and Instructor's Guides are invaluable." John and Samuel (both age 8) and Caleb (6) share Core C as Keren (3) dives into P3/4 this year. The L family has used Sonlight from the start.

### Bless your children with a great gift

At their best, the preschool years are a wonderful time of play, snuggling, stories and learning. This complete, gentle program helps you give your children just what they need at this age.

### Fun, memories and development

Cuddle on the couch as you read with your kids. Laugh while you do skill-building hands-on activities together. Open up the world to your young explorers.

My oldest daughter and I carefully selected the best materials for 4- and 5-year-olds. Then, with the help of my preschool-age grandsons, we wove them into a relaxed program. Core P4/5 takes only 20 to 40 minutes a day.

Your Instructor's Guide clearly shows you what to do each day. You read wonderful books, build foundational skills for future learning, choose from many delightful hands-on activities and simply enjoy your children.

You also see learning spill over into playtime. The lively characters you meet in your storybooks show up in spontaneous play. The books and activities lead to all sorts of child-initiated, brain-building creativity!

### Books you'll adore

I often hear parents say they owned many books before starting Sonlight. But once Sonlight delivered books to their doorstep, their kids only wanted to read their "school" books. Again and again! What can I say other than children simply love these stories, pictures and characters?

### What are the educational benefits?

Sure, you're excited for bonding experiences with your kids ... you're certainly glad they'll love the books. But you also want them to learn!

This is where Core P4/5 gets really good. For all the relaxed fun and special time in store here, your children will learn by leaps and bounds as well!

As the U.S. Department of Education affirms, reading out loud to children is the most important thing you can do to teach what they need to know for future success in reading.<sup>1</sup> Reading expert Dr. Kylene Beers agrees. Her research demonstrates that the single greatest predictor of children's future success is how much people read to them before they enter Kindergarten – more than socioeconomic or even genetic factors.

Reading aloud to your children greatly increases their vocabulary and attention span. Did you know that basic children's books contain a much wider vocabulary than most college-educated adults use in normal speech? Watch your children effortlessly learn the words they need to know through your reading.

Kids also get much-needed times of intimacy with you as you snuggle together to read. The physical affection they get in your arms tells them you love them dearly and are there for them. How fortunate are the children whose parents give such great gifts!

What other goals will you meet with this Core?

- Prepare your kids for reading by teaching alphabet sounds and verbal skills.

#### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for Student and Parent:  
20 min (Pre-K) | 1½ hrs (K).

1. *Becoming a Nation of Readers: The Report of the Commission on Reading*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education, 1985, p. 23.





- Give your children a basic understanding of the physical world around them through fundamental science concepts.
- Prepare your children with broad foundations in Reading Readiness, Science, Art, Bible, the concept of History and more.
- Expose your kids to the world outside your town through entertaining stories from around the globe.
- Develop key life skills – from following sequenced instructions to using scissors.
- Help your kids see that you are a great source of wisdom and guidance.
- Help your children see that school is fun.

## WITH CORE P4/5, YOU RECEIVE

### Instructor's Guide

Accomplish all this without writing a single lesson plan! The flexible daily plans in your Instructor's Guide make it simple. You can follow the Guide exactly or easily customize it to fit your family's needs. Either way, you get to focus on the joy of teaching your children. Request a sample of this guide at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### World Cultures

Discover what people do and how they live around the world. Easy-to-understand literature and captivating illustrations introduce the concept of historical time. Enjoy these highlights:

- Compare how people used to cook, shop and farm over 100 years ago with how we do those things now.
- See what people do at work all day – meet farmers, bakers, nurses, architects, pilots and more.
- Rejoice with a Thai family who hears about Jesus after young Bradit accidentally knocks the head off the family idol.

### Read-Alouds

Build fond memories as your kids crowd in to hear classic children's tales and heartwarming stories about people of great character:

- Enjoy timeless tales of a resourceful and thoughtful little girl named Milly-Molly-Mandy.
- Listen to Uncle Wiggily's funny and adventurous stories of generosity, kindness and more.
- Uncover a treasure chest of classic nursery rhymes filled with wisdom, laughter and fun.

### Bible

Introduce your young ones to the Bible with a beautiful collection of 101 stories from Scripture; all told accurately, respectfully and succinctly.

### Language Arts

Teach your children the sounds of the alphabet through engaging pictures and memorable rhymes. Reinforce each letter sound while browsing the stimulating *First Thousand Words* book.

### Science

Enjoy this winsome introduction to farm life, seasons, weather, the ocean, simple machines, plants, animals and more. Perfectly targeted to this age group, your children learn science principles through vivid illustrations – from how a lever lifts ... to how camouflage helps animals ... to how scuba divers explore the sea. Be amazed at how much your children pick up with these easy-to-understand books and activities.

### Readiness Skills

Four carefully sequenced workbooks help you effectively teach your unique children. How? By helping you discover your children's learning strengths and weaknesses.

The *Developing the Early Learner* series helps kids have a great time while building skills in four major areas: Motor (e.g., left-right tracking and hand-eye coordination); Visual (e.g., similarities and figure-ground distinction); Auditory (e.g., similarities and memory) and Comprehension (e.g., categories and sequence). You also get diagnostic charts and exercises for testing and remedying delays. As many Sonlighters have said, these are "not your average workbooks!" Don't miss these valuable tools.

### It all adds up

These components add up to a wonderfully delightful preschool program that helps you give your children what they need to grow. Finish Core P4/5 with great memories, a closer relationship with your children, significant improvements in foundational skills and a fire for learning that will continue to grow in the Sonlight years ahead.



Blessings,

*Sarita*  
Sarita

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"Sharing stories and reading together creates a bond of intimacy in our family," writes Jessica O of Latin America. "Even with airline luggage requirements becoming more strict, we take as many of our Sonlight books as possible, even in place of clothes and toys! Sonlight Readers create a special bond while we discover an exciting new love for stories, books and the world God made." In their third year of Sonlight, Kylie (7), Braden (5) and Tyler (3) are reading their way through Cores B and P4/5.



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"Our time as a family is better spent because of Sonlight," writes Ashley W of Saint Paul, MN. "Because I was a stay-at-home mom before we began homeschooling with Sonlight, I always spent a large quantity of time with the kids. After beginning our first school year at home, though, I saw a huge increase in the quality of our time spent together. Instead of just hanging out or keeping ourselves busy during the day, we were learning together, experimenting together, reading great books together, and having wonderful discussions as a family." When Melora (4), Clara (2) and Isaiah (6) opened their new Sonlight box, they sat absorbed in the books for hours. They're using Core P4/5 and Core B in their second year of Sonlight.



**"I was at first a reluctant homeschooler. But as I homeschooled with Sonlight, I saw how we bonded, especially as we did our Read-Alouds,"** writes Lalaine C of Philippines. "Oh, how we laughed uncontrollably or became equally touched by the books we read together. With the great materials we have, the love for knowledge has truly been instilled in my daughter's heart." Now in Cores C and P4/5, Trica (8) and Lyle (4) have been learning with Sonlight for two years.



## SAVE OVER 10%

on everything when you purchase a Core Package pp. 26-89



**"Sonlight makes it possible for our children to strengthen their relationship with God and our family,"** writes Jill B of Becker, MN. "The kids can go and spend quality one-on-one time with their grandparents during the weekday and we can travel when my husband works out of town. I love that we don't have to be separated. I'm so thankful we chose Sonlight curriculum because it has given me confidence as a teacher that was lacking. Best of all, when I do have questions, I'm able to get answers quickly online through a live chat with Sonlight employees." Here, Owen (7), Ava (5) and Ezra (3) examine caterpillar eggs on a milk weed plant with Grandma Ruth. In their second Sonlight year, they're using Cores B and P4/5.

## Your Core P4/5 Package includes:

For full descriptions go to [sonlight.com/core-p45](http://sonlight.com/core-p45)

### Instructor's Guide P4/5

PCG (\$25.99 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

### World Cultures P4/5

PG00

The Gods Must be Angry	PG05	People	PG01	Then and Now	PG06
New Toes for Tia	PG08	Stories from Africa	PG03	Things People Do	PG04

### Bible P4/5

Bible story reading & Scripture memory verses scheduled in your Instructor's Guide.

101 Favorite Stories From the Bible	PB04
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### Read-Alouds P4/5

PA00

American Tall Tales	PA01	Eric Carle's Animals Animals	PA10	Stories from Around the World	PA09
Children's Book of Virtues	PA12	The Lion Storyteller Bedtime Book	PA03	A Treasury of Mother Goose Rhymes	PA02
A Child's Book of Art	PA15	Milly-Molly-Mandy Story Book	PA08	Uncle Wiggily's Story Book	PA18
Classic Tales of Brer Rabbit	PA17				
The Complete Adventures of Peter Rabbit	PA06				

### Readiness Skills P4/5

PR01

Developing the Early Learner 1 Consumable	PR011	Developing the Early Learner 3 Consumable	PR013	Developing the Early Learner 4 Consumable	PR014
Developing the Early Learner 2 Consumable	PR012				

### Science P4/5

PS00

The Berenstain Bears' Big Book of Science and Nature	PS12	Is a Blue Whale the Biggest Thing There Is?	PS01	Why Do Tigers Have Stripes?	PS07
How Do You Lift a Lion?	PS03	What's Smaller Than a Pygmy Shrew?	PS02	The Year at Maple Hill Farm	PS13
How to Dig a Hole to the Other Side of the World	PS04	What's Under the Sea?	PS08		

## + Plus Your choice of a Language Arts program

### Language Arts P4/5

PL00

Dr. Seuss's ABC	PL02	First Thousand Words	PL01
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OR

### Grade K Readers with Language Arts K

KRP

#### ▼ Grade K Readers

Fun Tales	KR01	Language and Thinking for Young Children	KL02
▼ Language Arts K		My First Picture Dictionary	KL04
Language Arts K		Alphabet Sounds BINGO	KL08
Instructor's Guide	KLG	Go A to Z!	KL11

"We tried some other homeschooling methods between Sonlight's Preschool and Pre-K curriculum, but Cordelia just became bored. Now she is loving school again and learning more than ever!"

- Jennifer N. Aug. 2012

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### > Multi-Subject Package for P4/5

Includes Instructor's Guide P4/5, World Cultures P4/5, Bible P4/5, Read-Alouds P4/5, Readiness Skills P4/5, Science P4/5, Language Arts P4/5, and 1-inch Binder.

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Retail \$431.57!

☐ PMSP **\$348**  
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This package is great for families with a slightly older child who is ready to learn to read:



### ✓ Multi-Subject Package for P4/5 w/ Grade K Readers: **Exploring God's World**

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5-Day

Retail \$502.79!

☐ PCK **\$425**  
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Most preschoolers don't need formal instruction in subjects beyond those in Core P4/5.  
But if you're ready to start more subjects, we recommend:

#### OPTIONAL:

STEP 2  
Complete your  
Curriculum



☐ **Handwriting Without Tears K** p. 102 HWK \$76.22

Core P4/5 students often thrive with *Handwriting Without Tears K*. For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 101-104.



☐ **Horizons Math K Program** p. 115 HKM \$179.93

Many Core P4/5 students do best with *Horizons Math K Program*. For other outstanding math curricula, see pp. 111-123.

WANT  
ELECTIVES?



☐ **Electives A** pp. 124-130 ARE \$53.85

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend *Electives A*, which includes *Animals in Art* (p. 127), *Enjoying Art with Children* (p. 127) and *Home School Family Fitness* (p. 129).

NEED EXTRA  
RESOURCES?



✓ **Resources** pp. 131-134

**Recommended Resource**

☐ **The Three R's by Ruth Beechick** p. 133 KLO1 \$12.00

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50% off IG  
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Sonlight Forums

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"Before we made our decision to use Sonlight, I felt as if I'd never move beyond an endless succession of 'Teacher Planning Days,'" writes Julia B of New Port Richey, FL. "Things changed when we started the Core P4/5 curriculum - I could stop planning and start doing! Now I'm checking off boxes instead of constantly creating them. We've found it easy to use Sonlight to enrich our family activities. We read, and then we do!" Hiking in the Appalachians, Julia, Lincoln (4), baby brother Zane and cousin Ben (9) stopped to read *Caterpillars* and *Butterflies* ... and were surprised by a real tiger swallow-tail! In his first Sonlight year, Lincoln is studying Core P4/5 and Science A.

"Sonlight has surprised me by teaching my children listening skills. They have to listen carefully to each story we read and that skill has helped them in many other areas of life."

- Liza H. Aug. 2012



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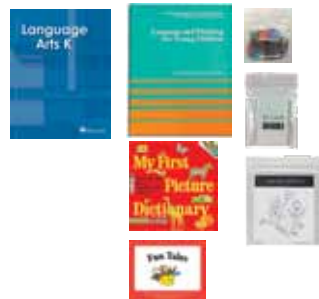
## IG History & Geography Bible Read-Alouds

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## IG Readers with Language Arts

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Core A with Grade K Readers

## Young adventurers: Explore God's big world!

- Inspire a love of learning, gain a sense of history and explore far-off places.
- Guide your children confidently each day: You get lesson plans, teaching tips and materials for the entire year.
- Trek with missionaries, visit ancient Egypt and travel through jungles, America, Imperial China ... and more!
- Devour fun historical fiction, stirring true stories and many children's classics.



"I love the simply laid out lesson plans, the excellent and diverse choices of literature, and the flexibility Sonlight offers our family," writes Beth V of Ontario, Canada. "Our oldest thoroughly enjoyed the P4/5 Core last year. I look forward to re-reading the wonderful stories with our other children when it's time to begin their schooling. We anticipate a rich home education with Sonlight for years to come!" Now in their second Sonlight year, Mark and Beth share a lighthearted llama read with Reese (5), who is studying Core A, Lincoln (3) and Maddox (11 months).



From music to art and more, round out your homeschool with Electives.  
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### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:  
Student: 1½-2 hrs | Parent: 1-1½ hrs.

### Learning is fun!

You want to start your young children on the right track. You want to build a solid foundation for years to come. What do you need to teach them right now? That learning is fun! "We like learning!"

Core A does exactly that. This program is perfect for 6- and 7-year-olds and advanced 5-year-olds.

### A wonder year

Open your children's eyes to God's fascinating world. Cuddle up with your little ones as you discover wonders far beyond your town borders. Introduce them to a wide range of topics and whet their appetites to learn more.

You get to acquaint your children with other places, cultures and times. You get to marvel at wonderful things God has done through His people.

As you explore, find answers to questions like *Why do people in the Amazon and Alaska like different kinds of homes? What did the inside of a medieval castle look like? What did ancient Egyptians eat? How did people travel in ancient China? What does a jungle look like?*

### A tour of Core A

Enjoy a very broad overview of world history and explore the way people ate, dressed and lived throughout the centuries.

With your Instructor's Guide showing you what to do each day, two volumes serve as key books: *The Usborne Children's Encyclopedia* and *Living Long Ago*. They both feature simple text and scores of pictures that your children will love to look at. Get

brief, picture-filled overviews of key civilizations of the world such as Ancient Egypt, the Roman Empire, the Vikings, Incas, the Ming Dynasty in China, Colonial America and Victorian England. Take extra time to look at music, art, homes, clothing and climate around the world. Your children will love to sit and pore over these books.

Core A also weaves in many fascinating biographies and stories that help your children imagine life in different times and places.

### What will Core A do for you?

Sure, you have a great program that gives you precious times of discovery with your kids. You don't have to plan lessons, your kids get a great education, and they'll finish more excited than ever about learning. But what else will Core A do for you?

First, it sets the stage for future learning. Your kids develop a big-picture understanding that past civilizations existed and that people live differently throughout the world. This knowledge gives a framework for future in-depth study of history.

This program also helps children start to see past themselves. Not everyone lives like they do! As children grasp this concept, they are more able to look at situations from another person's point of view and to relate to others who are different from them. They also develop a healthy curiosity about the world around them.

Another aspect I hold dear is that the books we feature inspire character in children. They provide fodder for faith-building conversations. They present worthy heroes who display courage and honesty, who work hard, love their families and do the right thing. Let's give children some models worth imitating!







Core A also helps develop key skills. From our developmentally-oriented hands-on activities, to the “Create-a-Calendar” that introduces the flow of weeks and months, you’ll help make sure your kids are on track with what they need to know. Even the simple poetry in Core A helps train your children’s ears to hear cadence, phonics and rhymes.

Core A also provides a whole lot of fun. Your children won’t be little forever, so I created this Core to help you enjoy this special time together. From hands-on activities to stories they’ll remember their entire lives, get ready for lots of laughs and hugs.

## WITH CORE A, YOU RECEIVE

### Instructor’s Guide

Whether you’re brand new to homeschooling, a seasoned veteran or somewhere in between, the Instructor’s Guide included in Core A will make your homeschool life easier. Each morning, flip it open to see what’s on the docket.

Your guide saves you from figuring out how to make all your books work together (we’ve already done that!). It helps you pace your journey, though you can easily speed up or slow down if you want. With the structure it provides, you can follow it exactly without worry. But it’s also flexible: branch off and dive deeper into a particularly intriguing subject if you want. Then return to the schedule when you’re ready. Download the first 3 weeks of this guide at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### Hands-on activities

Enrich your learning with hands-on activities! Core A includes a CD-ROM packed with weekly suggestions that reinforce your studies and offer opportunities for creative expression and more fun. Low on parent-prep time and high in educational payoff, these activities are sure to be a hit in your house.

### History & Geography

On this exciting tour of world cultures, history and geography, you and your children will ...

- Discover what it was like to live in a castle.
- Marvel at what children used to wear for sleep and play.
- Take a spin in the first car, plane & rocket ship.
- Meet the former slave who returned to Ireland to share Jesus.
- Visit tall mountains and lush jungles.
- And much, much more!

### Bible

Did you know your children can probably memorize Scripture with more ease than you? Rejoice in this ability of young minds; help them hide God’s Word in their hearts. Core A includes 26 memory verses – one that starts with each letter of the alphabet! A delightful CD sets each verse to beautiful music your kids will love to sing along with.

You’ll also read daily from *Eggenmeier’s Bible Story Book* – an accurate but kid-friendly story Bible that covers Genesis to Revelation. I remem-

ber how my children used to beg me to keep reading. That’s exactly what a mom wants to hear when reading Bible stories!

### Read-Alouds

You’re in for a treat here. Cuddle on the couch as you read fun, enriching books to your children and:

- Care for animals alongside a veterinarian who loves his job.
- Learn lifetime lessons with peasant Pong Lo as he wins a whole kingdom with a grain of rice!
- Be inspired toward wisdom and character through Grandma’s tales of growing up in the pioneer days.

### Readers with Language Arts

Your children’s Readers & Language Arts Program has a clear goal: to help them love to read and write. How do we do that? By giving them fun, real books they can read successfully! As countless Sonlighters have testified, their excitement to read these treasured books propels them to grow. Then we add fun, accessible writing assignments that coordinate with their Readers. You’ll serve as your children’s “scribe” for many creative writing assignments; you won’t believe what your kids can create!

Simply choose the program that matches each child’s reading level: Grade K Readers with Language Arts K, Grade 1 Readers with Language Arts 1, or Grade 2 Readers with Language Arts 2. Each level integrates Readers and Language Arts and gives you easy-to-use tools at your child’s ability level.

Flip to p. 97 to read about the specific programs, then visit [sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment](http://sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment) to choose the right level for each child.

### Memories in the making

Explore with your children and form precious memories with Core A. May you discover together that learning really is fun!



Blessings,

*Sarita*  
Sarita

LET’S PICK YOUR CURRICULUM



**“We spent a lot of time researching curriculum, and found nothing better than Sonlight to foster our children’s love of reading and joyful exploration of God’s creation,”** writes Laura O of Pearl City, HI. “The Instructor’s Guide lays everything out to make it easy to teach from day to day but there are also projects, ideas and inspiration to get us out and exploring the many local educational opportunities we have around us too. This is what makes Sonlight’s program exceptional – it makes learning second nature!” Here, Kayla (5) teaches geography to Eliza (2) during a Sonlight-inspired field trip. Kayla is using Core A in her first full-time year of homeschooling.



**“Our family is on the adventure of a lifetime and we enjoy every minute,”** writes Crystal H of Plainville, CT. “A few months ago I knew our homeschool needed a new direction. Noah (6) was cranky, not enthused and seemed to feel as if he wasn’t as smart as he really is. I felt like I wasn’t as great a mom as I really want to be. After prayer and discussion with my husband, I bought Sonlight Core A. What I didn’t know then is how much that box of books would change not only our homeschool, but our whole family. My children get to learn together every day. Noah, my capable-yet-shy-reader, has begun to read books just for fun. Our homeschool now matches my vision.” Noah, Ezra (4) and Joyanna (2) eagerly dove into Core A for their first year of Sonlight.



**"God placed it in my heart to homeschool my kids, but I had no idea where to begin. After months searching for curriculum, it was clear to me that Sonlight was the best,"** writes Olga P of Vancouver, WA. "The faith-based curriculum, the organized and easy-to-follow Instructor's Guides, the way everything was laid out amazed me. [Now,] my kids are as pleased with Sonlight as my husband and I are. They love everything – the books, math materials, history, and reading the Bible. My husband and I love how all the material helps our family bond and grow together." As in this photo, the P family spends many evenings cuddled up reading together. In their first year of Sonlight, Ethan (5) loves the Kindergarten Multi-Subject Package as Naomi (3) explores Sonlight preschool.



**"Sonlight makes it so easy for me to begin each day. If I haven't had time to review the plans, I can quickly glance at the tasks in the user-friendly IG and jump right in,"** says Erika R of Surprise, AZ. "With Sonlight, Audrey is exposed to wonderful stories that whisk her off on adventure after adventure. She loves the Read-Alouds and constantly asks for 'just one more chapter.' The best part is watching her and younger sister Claire play, using story lines we've read in their Sonlight books. She loves school, and I love guiding her down the path of learning!" In her second Sonlight year, Audrey (5) is thrilled that *Curious George* is one of her Core A Read-Alouds.

## Your Core A Package includes:

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/core-a](http://sonlight.com/core-a)

### Instructor's Guide A

ACG (\$74.99 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

Core A Instructor's Guide	ACG	Sonlight's Create-A-Calendar Consumable	AE01	Core A Tips CD	ACD
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### History & Geography A

5-Day AHP

Usborne Internet-Linked Children's Encyclopedia	AH04	Living Long Ago Timeline Figures - A Consumable	AH02	Wild Places	AH01
I Heard Good News Today	AH05		AH03		

### Bible A

ABP

Bible story reading & Scripture memory verses scheduled in your Instructor's Guide.

Egermeier's Bible Story Book	AB01	Sing the Word: From A to Z (CD)	AB02
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### Read-Alouds A

4-Day AA4 **OR** 5-Day AA5

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program Includes

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose	AA04	Johnny Appleseed: The Story of a Legend	AA24	The Story of Dr. Dolittle Twenty and Ten	AA02 AA16
Beezus and Ramona	AA30	The Light at Tern Rock	AA11	▼ 5-Day Program also includes	
The Boxcar Children	AA17	Little House in the Big Woods	AA29	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	AA31
Dolphin Adventure	AA10	The Llama Who Had No Pajama	AA05	The Complete Adventures of Curious George	AA26
Dolphin Treasure	AA22	Mary on Horseback	AA23	Five True Dog Stories	AA19
A Grain of Rice	AA14	My Father's Dragon	AA09	In Grandma's Attic	AA18
Here's a Penny	AA27	No Children, No Pets	AA28	James Herriot's Treasury for Children	AA21
The House at Pooh Corner	AA01	Richard Scarry's Please and Thank You Book	AA06	Least of All	AA25
The Hundred Dresses	AA15			The Story About Ping	AA03

## + Plus Your choice of a Readers with Language Arts program

### Grade K Readers with Language Arts K

KRP (\$87.20 if ordered separately)

▼ Readers		Language Arts K		My First Picture Dictionary	KL04
Fun Tales	KR01	Instructor's Guide	KLG	Alphabet Sounds BINGO	KL08
▼ Language Arts		Language and Thinking for Young Children	KL02	Go A to Z!	KL11

**OR**

### Grade 1 Readers with Language Arts 1

1RP (\$157.55 if ordered separately)

▼ Readers		Green Eggs and Ham	1R10	▼ Language Arts	
The Best Trick	1R13	I Can Read It!	1R16	Language Arts 1	
A Big Ball of String	1R12	Little Bear	1R03	Instructor's Guide	1LG
The Bravest Dog Ever	1R14	One Fish, Two Fish ...	1R04	Letter + Word BINGO with Markers	1L9
The Cat in the Hat	1R06	Put Me in the Zoo	1R02	Go Blend	1L10
A Fly Went By	1R05				

**OR**

### Grade 2 Readers with Language Arts 2

2RP (\$127.81 if ordered separately)

▼ Readers		Frog and Toad Together	2R03	The Sword in the Tree	2R27
Amelia Bedelia	2R23	Greg's Microscope	2R21	Titanic: Lost and Found	2R12
The Beginner's Bible	2R17	Hill of Fire	2R09	Wagon Wheels	2R14
The Big Balloon Race	2R15	Mouse Tales	2R16	▼ Language Arts	
Daniel's Duck	2R18	Nate the Great	2R19	Language Arts 2	
The Fire Cat	2R20	Owl at Home	2R04	Instructor's Guide	2LG
Frog and Toad All Year	2R22	Pompeii: Buried Alive!	2R11		
Frog and Toad are Friends	2R02	Surprises	2R24		

## DISCOVER SONLIGHT'S TOP 10 GOALS

DO THEY MATCH YOURS?

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**STEP 1**  
Choose your  
Core Program



✓ **Core A: Intro to the World: Cultures**

Includes Instructor's Guide A, History A, Bible A, Read-Alouds A, and your choice of Readers with Language Arts program.

**Choose one:**

	<b>4-Day</b>	<b>5-Day</b>
+ Grade K Readers with Language Arts K	<input type="checkbox"/> ACKR4 <b>\$329</b> <small>Retail \$426.31! You save \$97.31!</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> ACKR5 <b>\$409</b> <small>Retail \$505.20! You save \$96.20!</small>
+ Grade 1 Readers with Language Arts 1	<input type="checkbox"/> AC1R4 <b>\$399</b> <small>Retail \$496.66! You save \$97.66!</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> AC1R5 <b>\$469</b> <small>Retail \$575.55! You save \$106.55!</small>
+ Grade 2 Readers with Language Arts 2	<input type="checkbox"/> AC2R4 <b>\$369</b> <small>Retail \$466.92! You save \$97.92!</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> AC2R5 <b>\$449</b> <small>Retail \$545.81! You save \$96.81!</small>

**Required Resource** (If you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3" Binder &amp; Tabs</b> p.133	B050	\$20.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Timeline Book</b> p.94	RR120	\$25.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Markable Map and Markers</b> p.94	MAP	\$27.98

**Optional Resources**

> **Language Arts Optional Resources** p.97

**STEP 2**  
Complete your  
Curriculum



☐ **Handwriting Without Tears K** p. 102 **HWK** \$76.22  
Core A students often thrive with *Handwriting Without Tears K*. For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 101-104.



☐ **Science A** p. 106 **AS5** \$124.85  
Many Core A customers love Sonlight's Science A. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight science programs, see pp. 105-110.



☐ **Horizons Math K Program** p. 115 **HKM** \$179.93  
Many Core A students do best with *Horizons Math K Program*. For other outstanding math curricula, see pp. 111-123.

**GET ALL**  
subjects in one  
package



> **Multi-Subject Package**

Save money & time: get our recommendations for the subjects above in one easy-to-order, extra-discounted package! (See pp. 6-19)

**WANT**  
ELECTIVES?



☐ **Electives A** pp. 124-130 **ARE** \$53.85  
Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend Electives A, which includes *Animals in Art* (p. 127), *Enjoying Art with Children* (p. 127) and *Home School Family Fitness* (p. 129).

**NEED EXTRA**  
RESOURCES?



✓ **Resources** pp. 131-134

**Recommended Resource**

☐ **The Three R's by Ruth Beechick** p. 133 **KL01** \$12.00

**BENEFITS**

**One-Year Money-Back  
LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH  
Guarantee**

**+ PLUS**

- Free FedEx shipping (to 48 states)
- Hands-on activities
- 10% off all additional purchases for a year
- Optional interest-free payment plans
- 50% off IG repurchases
- Sonlight Forums

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**"Sonlight is Christ-centered, well organized, easy to teach, trustworthy, affordable and most of all fun,"** writes Tanya S of Asia. "The teacher's guide is easy to follow, requiring no preparation or planning on my part. The books and materials are beautiful and Christ-centered, highlighting the unique people and creation of the world. And most importantly, my children love their school time: reading, creating, singing and especially science project times with Daddy. I had no idea how much children learn through listening to books read aloud. It's truly amazing." Here, 3-year-old Keira confidently announces "and this is a chrysalis" to her 5-year-old sister, Naomi. Naomi is studying Core A in her second year of Sonlight as Keira listens in.

**PRACTICAL HELP  
FOR HOMESCHOOLERS**

[sonlight.com/homeschool-101](http://sonlight.com/homeschool-101)

"Even I have learned so much from Core A! More than once I've said, 'This is fascinating! How come I wasn't fascinated like this when I was in school?'"

*-Vivian T, July 2012*







To acquaint him with some of the big events and great names and fix these in time and space as a basis for detailed study in the future;

To give him a chronological file with main guides, into which he can fit in its proper place all his further historical study. (p. 94)

We reinforce the history in Hilmyer's book with the fascinating pictures and snippets in *The Usborne Book of World History*. It gives a broad look at key ancient civilizations.

## WITH CORE B, YOU RECEIVE

### Instructor's Guide

Your Instructor's Guide has lesson plans, maps, notes and questions for the whole Core. Instead of searching for supplemental material and writing lesson plans, you get to relax and focus on the joy of teaching your children. Go to [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples) to request the first three weeks of this guide.

### Hands-on activities

Pop in a convenient CD-ROM to find tons of suggestions for developmentally-appropriate, fun hands-on activities that coordinate with each week's studies. They will keep your hands-on learners fully engaged and help all of your children make connections and grow.

### History & Geography

As you sketch an overview of history, you get to:

- Recline at a scrumptious Roman feast with a nobleman and his family.
- Discover why we know much more about Ancient Egypt than we do about other civilizations such as Crete.
- Encounter mighty war elephants of India with Alexander the Great and his weary troops.
- Walk beside missionary explorer David Livingstone as he survives a lion's attack and blazes the trail for Christ's Gospel in Africa.

### Bible

Get ready to tap your toes! Your kids will learn a memory verse each week this year with a delightful CD that sets Scripture to music.

Learn basic biblical doctrines (in incredibly understandable terms) with the classic children's devotional book, *Leading Little Ones to God*. And of course, nurture a passion for the Lord as you read and discuss daily Scripture passages. This year, you'll read from the Gospels and Acts, Paul's letters to the Galatians and Philippians, the story of God's people in Genesis, several Psalms, and much more!

### Read-Alouds

Reading aloud to your children builds their vocabulary, listening skills and imagination. It forms

The entertaining, highly illustrated *Time Traveler* book provides an in-depth look at everyday life long ago. Give your children a real sense of what it was like to live in Ancient Egypt and Ancient Rome.

As you move through these three books, you also read stories of courageous missionaries, use your timeline to map history, explore the Great Wall of China, enjoy delightful Read-Alouds, do fun hands-on activities and more.

bonds between you and them. When possible, I've linked Core B's Read-Alouds with the content you're studying. The many wonderful books that aren't directly connected to your history still help your children's cognitive development and give them a passion to learn. Prepare to:

- Meet the characters of heartwarming classics such as *Charlotte's Web* and *Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle*.
- Solve a dangerous mystery with seven young boys in ancient Rome.
- Laugh with *Henry Huggins* and *Mr. Popper's Penguins* in their zany adventures.

And I must say, if you've never encountered Homer Price's infamous doughnut machine, you're in for a great treat!

### Readers with Language Arts

Your children's Readers & Language Arts Program helps them progress by fostering their love of reading and writing. They get a whole stack of gripping books they can successfully read on their own. And they dive into the writing process naturally, with fun assignments and Activity Sheets that connect to their Readers. You'll serve as your children's "scribe" for many creative writing assignments and will be amazed at what they create!

Simply choose the program that matches each child's reading level: Grade 1 Readers with Language Arts 1, Grade 2 Readers with Language Arts 2, or Grade 3 Readers with Language Arts 3. Each level integrates Readers and Language Arts and gives you easy-to-use tools at your child's ability level.

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### Bon Voyage

From Ancient Israel to Assyria, Egypt to Rome, may your homeschool overflow with learning, fun, laughter and memories.



Enjoy!

*Sarita*  
Sarita

LET'S PICK YOUR CURRICULUM



**"We are a Spanish-speaking family who sought all over for the best English education possible (and within our income) for our kids,"** writes Linda M of Honduras. "When we divided the total spent for a year for two kids with Sonlight we realized it was only a fraction of what parents pay here for private schools! The books and materials you get are definitely worth it. We as parents love the ministry/spiritual emphasis Sonlight puts in its programs. Our kids ask for a Sonlight book at bedtime, and after that they fall asleep to the beautiful music on the Scripture memory CD from Core B. The whole atmosphere in our home has changed!" Grace (6) and Aline (5) have been excited about their Sonlight books from day one. They're using Core B and Core A in their first year of Sonlight.



**"Sonlight has everything laid out, so I can spend more time enjoying the learning process with my girls instead of stressing that they're not getting the whole story,"** writes Holly L of Daphne, AL. "We especially love the Read-Alouds, the highlight of our day. It's not uncommon for me to start reading while they lounge about, before they're drawn in and fully focused on the story, asking questions and discussing. 'I wonder what will happen to Charlotte?', my youngest pondered as we read *Charlotte's Web* [from Core B]. I'm so glad we found you!" Emily (8) and Katie (6) are studying Core B in their second year of Sonlight.



"Sonlight has given my daughters such a love of books and history," writes Ina P of Clifton, VA. "They aren't afraid to ask provocative questions and impress me every day with their fund of knowledge. The curriculum is so comprehensive that I was nervous about handling day-to-day assignments our first year. But Sonlight has been a joy. There are so many opportunities to reinforce lessons with hands-on activities. Sonlight is so much fun that our daughters forget they're learning!" In their second year of Sonlight fun, Dylan (6) and Bobbie (9) don saris from Southeast Asia while studying Core B's *Peoples of the World*.



"Sonlight books, with their vibrant array of different cultures, go beyond our hopes for our boys' education," writes Carissa J of Central Asia. "We're delighted they're grasping the fact that the world is much larger than just their immediate surroundings. Josias has flipped through Peter Spier's *People* [in Core P4/5] and commented 'If everyone were alike, how boring it would be!' Upon turning the page to the multicultural city two-page spread he would exclaim, 'That's better! Now this is MUCH more interesting.'" Here, Hosea (7), Josias (5) and Reuben (3) are labeling the continents, while Carissa reads and Gideon (1) and Ephraim (8 months) listen in. They're studying Core B, Core P3/4, Science B and Language Arts 2 and 3 in their fourth year of Sonlight.

## Your Core B Package includes:

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/core-b](http://sonlight.com/core-b)

### Instructor's Guide B

BCG (\$74.99 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.  
Core B Tips CD BCD

### History & Geography B

4-Day BH4 **OR** 5-Day BH5

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program Includes

Archaeologists Dig for Clues BH08  
A Child's History of the World CH07  
From Akebu to Zapotec BH03  
George Müller BH06  
The Great Wall of China BH10

Missionary Stories with the Millers BH07  
Peoples of the World BH05  
Timeline Figures - B Consumable BH11  
Tut's Mummy Lost & Found BH02  
Usborne Book of World History CH02

The Usborne Time Traveler BH01  
▼ 5-Day Program also includes  
The Greek News BH09  
Houses & Homes BH04  
Roman Diary BH12

### Bible B

BBP

Scripture reading & memory scheduled in your Instructor's Guide  
Leading Little Ones to God BB01  
Sing the Word: A New Commandment (CD) BB02

### Read-Alouds B

4-Day BA4 **OR** 5-Day BA5

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program Includes

Charlotte's Web BA01  
Detectives in Togas BA14  
Favorite Poems of Childhood BA12  
Henry Huggins BA02  
It Could Always Be Worse BA18

Little Pear BA15  
Mountain Born BA10  
Mr. Popper's Penguins BA08  
Owls in the Family BA16  
Understood Betsy BA11  
The Wheel on the School BA04  
The Year of Miss Agnes BA05

▼ 5-Day Program also includes  
The Case of the Gasping Garbage BA17  
Gooney Bird Greene BA03  
Greek Myths for Young Children BA07  
Homer Price BA06  
Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle BA13

## + Plus Your choice of a Readers with Language Arts program

### Grade 1 Readers with Language Arts 1

1RP (\$157.55 if ordered separately)

#### ▼ Readers

The Best Trick 1R13  
A Big Ball of String 1R12  
The Bravest Dog Ever 1R14  
The Cat in the Hat 1R06  
A Fly Went By 1R05

Green Eggs and Ham 1R10  
I Can Read It! 1R16  
Little Bear 1R03  
One Fish, Two Fish ... 1R04  
Put Me in the Zoo 1R02

#### ▼ Language Arts

Language Arts 1 Instructor's Guide 1LG  
Letter + Word BINGO with Markers 1L9  
Go Blend! 1L10

**OR**

### Grade 2 Readers with Language Arts 2

2RP (\$127.81 if ordered separately)

#### ▼ Readers

Amelia Bedelia 2R23  
The Beginner's Bible 2R17  
The Big Balloon Race 2R15  
Daniel's Duck 2R18  
The Fire Cat 2R20  
Frog and Toad All Year 2R22  
Frog and Toad are Friends 2R02

Frog and Toad Together 2R03  
Greg's Microscope 2R21  
Hill of Fire 2R09  
Mouse Tales 2R16  
Nate the Great 2R19  
Owl at Home 2R04  
Pompeii: Buried Alive! 2R11  
Surprises 2R24

The Sword in the Tree 2R27  
Titanic: Lost and Found 2R12  
Wagon Wheels 2R14  
▼ Language Arts  
Language Arts 2 Instructor's Guide 2LG

**OR**

### Grade 3 Readers with Language Arts 3

3RP (\$159.71 if ordered separately)

#### ▼ Readers

The Chalk Box Kid 3R36  
Clara and the Bookwagon 3R30  
Cora Frear 3R38  
The House on Walenska Street 3R46  
Jake Drake: Bully Buster 3R42  
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie 3R34  
The Last Little Cat 3R48

The Littles 3R47  
The Long Way to a New Land 3R31  
The Long Way Westward 3R32  
The Paint Brush Kid 3R37  
Prairie School 3R33  
A Question of Yams 3R45  
Riding the Pony Express 3R49  
The Secret Valley 3R44

Third Grade Detectives #1 and #2 3R35  
Third Grade Detectives #4 3R43  
Third Grade Detectives #10 3R40  
Tippy Lemmey 3R39  
Tornado 3R41  
Viking Adventure 3R50  
▼ Language Arts  
Language Arts 3 Instructor's Guide 3LG






**STEP 1**  
Choose your  
Core Program

**Core B: Intro to World History** Year 1 of 2

Includes Instructor's Guide B, History B, Bible B, Read-Alouds B, and your choice of a Readers with Language Arts program.

**Choose one:**
**4-Day**
**5-Day**

+ Grade 1 Readers with Language Arts 1	<input type="checkbox"/> BC1R4 <b>\$399</b> <small>Retail \$496.68! You save \$97.68!</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> BC1R5 <b>\$459</b> <small>Retail \$564.56! You save \$105.56!</small>
+ Grade 2 Readers with Language Arts 2	<input type="checkbox"/> BC2R4 <b>\$379</b> <small>Retail \$466.94! You save \$87.94!</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> BC2R5 <b>\$429</b> <small>Retail \$534.82! You save \$105.82!</small>
+ Grade 3 Readers with Language Arts 3	<input type="checkbox"/> BC3R4 <b>\$409</b> <small>Retail \$498.84! You save \$89.84!</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> BC3R5 <b>\$459</b> <small>Retail \$566.72! You save \$107.72!</small>

**Required Resources** (If you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3" Binder &amp; Tabs</b> p.133	B050	\$20.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Timeline Book</b> p.94	RR120	\$25.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Markable Map and Markers</b> p.94	MAP	\$27.98

**Optional Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Language and Thinking For Young Children</b> p.100	KL02	\$8.99
> <b>Language Arts Optional Resources</b> p.97		

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- ☐ **Handwriting Without Tears 1** p. 102 HW1 \$21.49  
Core B students often thrive with *Handwriting Without Tears 1*. For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 101-104.



- ☐ **Science B** p. 106 BS5 \$170.87  
Many Core B customers love Sonlight's Science B. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight science programs, see pp. 105-110.



- ☐ **Horizons Math 1 Program** p. 115 H1M \$184.94  
Many Core B students do best with *Horizons Math 1 Program*. For other outstanding math curricula, see pp. 111-123.

**GET ALL**  
subjects in one  
package


- > **Multi-Subject Package**  
Save money & time: get our recommendations for the subjects above in one easy-to-order, extra-discounted package! (See pp. 6-19)

**WANT**  
ELECTIVES?


- ☐ **Electives B** pp. 124-130 BRE \$45.39  
Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend Electives B, which includes *Exploring Landscape Art with Children* (p. 127), *World of Play* (p. 127) and *Bernstein Favorites: Children's Classics* (p. 128).

**NEED EXTRA**  
RESOURCES?


- > **Resources** pp. 131-134  
**Recommended Resources**  
☐ **The Three R's by Ruth Beechick** p.133 KL01 \$12.00  
☐ **Language and Thinking for Young Children** p.97 KL02 \$8.99  
☐ **MathTacular®** p.123 RM32 \$24.99

"Core B is opening my daughters' eyes to a bigger world, different people, cultures, beliefs and places far beyond what they experience in our community."  
- Tonya B, Aug. 2012

"Addi's love for reading grew immensely this year, thanks to Sonlight's Grade 1 Readers."  
- Emma J, June 2012

**BENEFITS**

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# BUDGET OPTIONS THAT FIT

Pay over 3, 6, or 9 months with no fee or interest.

[sonlight.com/timepayments](http://sonlight.com/timepayments)



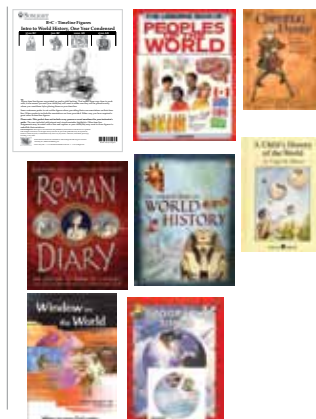
"Sonlight has transformed our homeschool journey," writes Kirsty S of Longmont, CO. "A friend recommended Sonlight and I made the plunge after reading about the Love to Learn Guarantee. I've never once regretted it. I love that I can combine so much with my boys, who are three years apart. My 6-year-old still adores the P3/4 curriculum, and my 3-year-old listens to many of the Core A and B Read-Alouds. Reading to my boys is one of the most precious and enjoyable things in our whole day. I simply can't say enough good things about Sonlight." Luke (6) and Isaac (3) are using Core B and P3/4 in the family's second Sonlight year.



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**History & Geography**



**Bible**



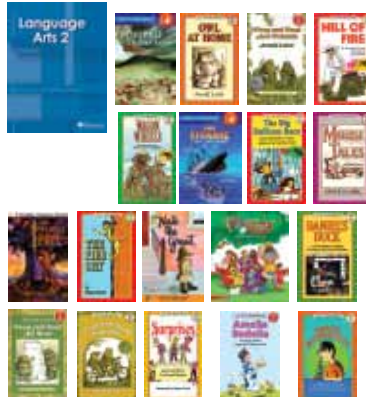
**Read-Alouds**



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**Readers with Language Arts**



Core B+C with Grade 2 Readers

## Tour world history from creation to the present

- Get the very best of Core B and Core C in one exciting year! Give your kids a foundational overview of world history.
- Relax with complete lesson plans and materials for homeschool success.
- Adventure with Vikings, chariot racers, artists, missionaries, astronauts and more.
- Bond with your children as you spark their love of learning.



**"Before I switched to Sonlight, I was a stressed-out mom. Especially in the area of science,"** writes Cristen B of Hilton, NY. "Sonlight makes it so easy. The IGs lay things out for me and explain them so well that it's easy to follow along and the year flies by. The kids enjoy the Science Activity Sheets, and they absolutely love watching the experiment DVD and doing the hands-on activities. I like that there are always extra activity suggestions to enhance their learning. Sonlight has allowed me to spend more time enjoying the homeschool experience. Thank you!" Here, Annah (5), Micah (10) and Jonah (9) identify the types of rocks they collected. The B family is studying Core B+C and Science C in their first year with Sonlight.

### The best of two Cores

How did we get from Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden to this fascinating world with billions of people and vastly different cultures? Core B+C tells the highlights of the story by combining the best of Cores B and C in one program. I created this Core especially for 8- and 9-year-olds and advanced 7-year-olds.

### Great for families new to Sonlight

Is this your first year of Sonlight? *Intro to World History, One Year Condensed* may be the best fit for you. Why? Our *Intro to World History* program typically fills two wonderful Cores.

But if you are new to Sonlight, your children fit best in the 7- to 9-year-old age range, and you want to teach World History before moving on to American History, we recommend this one-year condensed program instead of starting with Core C (the second half of the two-year World History program). You'll hit all the high points in a fascinating overview of world history.

If you have the time to do all of Cores B and C, that's still our top recommendation. You'll enjoy many more favorite books, and you'll get a deeper, richer study of history. Whatever Core you choose, however, welcome to Sonlight's literature-rich, love-to-learn, easy-to-use style.

### Why study World History?

Like so many American adults, when I was in school, I was taught about American culture, American history, my state and my country year after year. And though I love the United States, I now know it's part of a much bigger world.

Because of the narrow focus of my education, I grew up with a huge gap in my understanding of the world. Other than the events of the Bible, I hardly knew anything that happened before Columbus.

With Sonlight, your children can have a well-rounded education with plenty of American *and* World history and culture. You have all the tools you need right here.

We not only trace the roots of Western civilization, but also give an overview of how civilizations have developed all over the world. This means Europe, the Americas, Asia, the Middle East, Australia and Africa.

As your children see the flow of world history – the rise and fall of civilizations – they get a big-picture look at what's gone into creating history. That, in turn, helps them understand how we live today.

### A tour of your program

The story-based *A Child's History of the World* serves as the centerpiece of your studies. Virgil Hillyer writes in the tone of a wise, kind grandfather in the most readable version of history I've ever seen. He doesn't talk down to children – he meets them at their level. I'll let the preface of his book speak to the goal of Core B+C in general. He says the purpose of his book is:

To give the child some idea of what has gone on in the world before he arrived;  
To take him out of his little self-centered, shut-in life, which looms so large because

### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:  
**Student:** 2-3 hrs | **Parent:** 1½-2 hrs.





it is so close to his eyes;

To extend his horizon, broaden his view,  
and open up the vista down the ages past;  
To acquaint him with some of the big  
events and great names and fix these in  
time and space as a basis for detailed study  
in the future;

To give him a chronological file with main

guides, into which he can fit in its proper  
place all his further historical study. (p. 94)

We reinforce the history in Hillyer's book with  
the fascinating pictures and snippets in *The Us-  
borne Book of World History*. Your children will love  
this look at key ancient civilizations.

Our study of history from ancient to modern  
times pretty well concludes before the year 1914,

when World War I began. Since the last century  
holds some particularly harsh realities, we wait un-  
til later years to study this more recent history in  
depth.

Along your journey, you will read stories of cou-  
rageous missionaries, use your timeline to map his-  
tory, enjoy delightful Read-Alouds, do fun hands-  
on activities and more.

## WITH CORE B+C, YOU RECEIVE



### Instructor's Guide

Your Instructor's Guide has lesson plans, maps,  
notes and questions for the whole Core curricu-  
lum. Instead of searching for supplemental mate-  
rial and writing lesson plans, you get to relax and  
focus on the joy of teaching your children. Go to  
[sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples) to request the first  
three weeks of this guide.

### Hands-on activities

Enrich your learning with hands-on activities!  
Core B+C includes a CD-ROM packed with  
weekly suggestions that reinforce your studies and  
offer opportunities for creative expression and  
more fun. Low on parent-prep time and high in  
educational payoff, these activities are sure to be a  
hit in your house.

### History & Geography

As you sketch an overview of history, you get to:

- Travel back to the ancient times of the Jewish prophets and patriarchs.
- Meet 92 largely unevangelized people groups, From Afghans to Zulus. Learn about the globe and help your kids develop a godly heart for the world.
- Face mighty war elephants of India with Alexander the Great and his weary troops.
- Learn catchy songs that teach the names and locations of continents and countries.
- Explore China with Marco Polo, rescue wounded soldiers with Florence Nightingale, soar into flight with the Wright brothers ... and more.

### Bible

Find joy in God's Word as you gain wisdom from Proverbs, read from the Gospels and discover the story of God's people from Abraham to Moses, Ruth to Esther, Daniel to Jonah.

Learn breathtaking details about the people and places of the Bible with *The Awesome Book of Bible Facts*. Discover: What really happened at the Tower of Babel? What size of a fish could swallow a grown man? How many copies of the Ten Commandments were there? And much more! Memo-

ize Scripture every week, including all of Psalm 100, with a musical Scripture memory CD that's good for the ears and the heart.

### Read-Alouds

Reading aloud to your children builds their vocabulary, listening skills and imagination. It forms bonds between you and them. When possible, I've linked these Read-Alouds with the content you're studying. Prepare to:

- Learn perseverance and courage from a crippled medieval boy who can't be a knight but still saves an entire town.
- Defy incredible odds and rescue orphans with a woman missionary in China.
- And more!

### Readers with Language Arts

Your children's Readers & Language Arts Program helps them progress by fostering their love of reading and writing. They get a whole stack of gripping books they can successfully read on their own. And they dive into the writing process naturally, with fun assignments and Activity Sheets that connect to their Readers. You'll serve as your children's "scribe" for many creative writing assignments and will be amazed at what they create!

Simply choose the program that matches each child's reading level: Grade 2 Readers with Language Arts 2, Grade 3 Readers with Language Arts 3, or Grade 4-5 Readers with Language Arts 4-5. Each level integrates Readers and Language Arts and gives you easy-to-use tools at your child's ability level.

Flip to p. 97 to read about the specific programs, then visit [sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment](http://sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment) to choose the right level for each child.

"Sonlight's choice of literature has made voracious, lifelong readers of my children."

- Luanne C, Aug. 2012

### Bon Voyage

Help your children discover the breathtaking, fascinating story of God's whole world. From Ancient Israel to Rome, India to Indonesia, Victorian England to the New World, may your journey overflow with learning, fun, laughter and memories.



Enjoy!

*Sarita*  
Sarita

LET'S PICK YOUR CURRICULUM



"Our county appointed a home school consultant who checks that we're fulfilling our legal obligation to educate our children. She believes they're receiving the widest, most balanced education of the 80+ families she assesses," writes Jenny H of the UK. "She was supposed to visit for one hour, but the kids took turns showing her the timeline, copy books, recipe and nature walk books, Read-Alouds, art folders and more. Four hours later, having shared lunch, she left and sent a glowing report! Sonlight is a Godly curriculum that integrates factual, biographical and great fictional books. I wish I'd been homeschooled like this." Bethany (7), Jasmine (9), Alex (9) are using Sonlight Core B+C in their first year of homeschooling. Here, they bring their studies to life as they investigate ancient Roman ruins.



"Since we began using Sonlight curriculum, our children have developed a love for reading. They beg me for more Readers, and I can't keep my kids off my bookshelves," writes Melanie W of Dallas, TX. "Our oldest takes her books everywhere we go. How many parents have to tell their children to stop reading and go play? This photo is truly a natural moment in our home. Abigail is trying to pass on her love for reading to her baby brother, Daniel." Abigail (11) studies Core B+C in her third Sonlight year.



"I love that Sonlight books are 'alive' to my children! Their creative play is stimulated by whatever we're learning about at the time," writes Tanya M of Singapore. "They've been archers for Robin Hood, archeologists digging for dinosaurs, weathermen and astronauts. I'm encouraged by their enthusiasm to carry their learning into their play, and even more encouraged by their ability to draw friends into their world and whatever it is we're discovering. Thank you, Sonlight, for books that stimulate learning." In the family's third Sonlight year, Tana (9), Liam (8), Lucy (6) and Chad (5) are using Cores A, B+C and D+E.

## Your Core B+C Package includes:

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/core-bc](http://sonlight.com/core-bc)

### Instructor's Guide B+C

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.  
Core B+C Tips CD BCCD

BCCG (\$74.99 if ordered separately)

### History & Geography B+C

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

Audio Memory® Geography Songs Kit (CD) CH06  
A Child's History of the World CH07

Timeline Figures - B+C Consumable

Usborne Book of World History CH02

4-Day BCH4 OR 5-Day BCH5

Window on the World CH04

#### ▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Castle Diary CA15  
Peoples of the World BH05  
Roman Diary BH12

### Bible B+C

Scripture reading & memory scheduled in your Instructor's Guide

The Awesome Book of Bible Facts CB01

Sing the Word: God Our Provider (CD) CB02

CBP

### Read-Alouds B+C

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

The Aesop for Children CA10  
Cornstalks: A Bushel of Poems CA01  
The Cricket in Times Square CA14  
Detectives in Togas BA14  
The Door in the Wall CA03  
George Müller BH06

Gladys Alyward: The Adventure of a Lifetime CH13  
Little Pear BA15  
The Little Riders CA08  
Red Sails to Capri CA11  
The School Story CA18  
Strawberry Girl CA05  
Tales of Robin Hood CA17

4-Day BCA4 OR 5-Day BCA5

The Twenty-One Balloons CA02

#### ▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! CA25  
Gooney Bird Greene BA03  
Hidden Tales from Eastern Europe CA23  
Homer Price BA06  
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle BA13

## + Plus Your choice of a Readers with Language Arts program

### Grade 2 Readers with Language Arts 2

2RP (\$127.81 if ordered separately)

#### ▼ Readers

Amelia Bedelia 2R23  
The Beginner's Bible 2R17  
The Big Balloon Race 2R15  
Daniel's Duck 2R18  
The Fire Cat 2R20  
Frog and Toad All Year 2R22

Frog and Toad are Friends 2R02  
Frog and Toad Together 2R03  
Greg's Microscope 2R21  
Hill of Fire 2R09  
Mouse Tales 2R16  
Nate the Great 2R19  
Owl at Home 2R04

Pompeii: Buried Alive! 2R11  
Surprises 2R24  
The Sword in the Tree 2R27  
Titanic: Lost and Found 2R12  
Wagon Wheels 2R14  
▼ Language Arts  
Language Arts 2 Instructor's Guide 2LG

OR

### Grade 3 Readers with Language Arts 3

3RP (\$159.71 if ordered separately)

#### ▼ Readers

The Chalk Box Kid 3R36  
Clara and the Bookwagon 3R30  
Cora Frear 3R38  
The House on Walenska Street 3R46  
Jake Drake: Bully Buster 3R42  
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie 3R34  
The Last Little Cat 3R48

The Littles 3R47  
The Long Way to a New Land 3R31  
The Long Way Westward 3R32  
The Paint Brush Kid 3R37  
Prairie School 3R33  
A Question of Yams 3R45  
Riding the Pony Express 3R49  
The Secret Valley 3R44

Third Grade Detectives #1 and #2 3R35  
Third Grade Detectives #4 3R43  
Third Grade Detectives #10 3R40  
Tippy Lemmey 3R39  
Tornado 3R41  
Viking Adventure 3R50  
▼ Language Arts  
Language Arts 3 Instructor's Guide 3LG

OR

### Grade 4-5 Readers with Language Arts 4-5

4RP (\$188.13 if ordered separately)

#### ▼ Readers

Along Came a Dog 4R62  
"B" is for Betsy 4R61  
Betsy & Tacy Go Over the Big Hill 4R41  
The Children of Noisy Village 4R43  
Emily's Runaway Imagination 4R49  
Encyclopedia Brown 4R44  
Frindle 4R59

Ginger Pye 4R01  
Henry and Ribsy 4R40  
The King's Equal 4R46  
A Llama in the Family 4R56  
Lumber Camp Library 4R55  
Marco Polo 4R65  
McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm 4R58  
Misty of Chincoteague 4R45  
More Stories from Grandma's Attic 4R47

Mustang: Wild Spirit of the West 4R51  
Ralph S. Mouse 4R63  
Socks 4R54  
The Toothpaste Millionaire 4R57  
The Whipping Boy 4R53  
▼ Language Arts  
Language Arts 4-5 Instructor's Guide 4LG




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 Choose your  
 Core Program

 ✓ **Core B+C: Intro to World History** One Year Condensed

Includes Instructor's Guide B+C, History B+C, Bible C, Read-Alouds B+C and your choice of a Readers with Language Arts program.

**Choose one:**
**4-Day**
**5-Day**

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|--|---------------------------------|--|--------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------|
| + Grade 2 Readers with Language Arts 2     | <input type="checkbox"/> BCC2R4 | <small>Retail \$485.95!<br/>You save \$96.95!</small>  | <b>\$389</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> BCC2R5 | <small>Retail \$555.83!<br/>You save \$106.83!</small> | <b>\$449</b> |
| + Grade 3 Readers with Language Arts 3     | <input type="checkbox"/> BCC3R4 | <small>Retail \$517.85!<br/>You save \$98.85!</small>  | <b>\$419</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> BCC3R5 | <small>Retail \$587.73!<br/>You save \$118.73!</small> | <b>\$469</b> |
| + Grade 4-5 Readers with Language Arts 4-5 | <input type="checkbox"/> BCC4R4 | <small>Retail \$546.27!<br/>You save \$107.27!</small> | <b>\$439</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> BCC4R5 | <small>Retail \$616.15!<br/>You save \$117.15!</small> | <b>\$499</b> |

**Required Resources** (If you don't already own)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3" Binder &amp; Tabs</b> p.133    | B050  | \$20.99 |
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**Optional Resources**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Audio Memory® Geography</b> |       |        |
| <b>Additional Workbook</b> Consumable                   | CH061 | \$6.95 |
| > <b>Language Arts Optional Resources</b> p.97          |       |        |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Handwriting Without Tears 2</b> p. 103 | HW2 | \$18.74 |
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- Core B+C students often thrive with *Handwriting Without Tears 2*. For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 101-104.



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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Science C</b> p. 107 | BS5 | \$170.87 |
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- Many Core B+C customers love Sonlight's Science C. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight science programs, see pp. 105-110.



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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Horizons Math 2 Program</b> p. 116 | H2M | \$202.43 |
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- Many Core B+C students do best with *Horizons Math 2 Program*. For other outstanding math curricula, see pp. 111-123.

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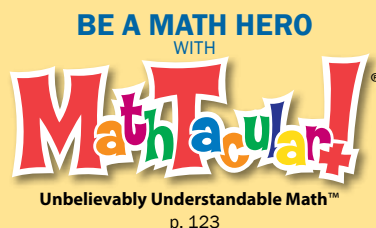

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Electives C</b> pp. 124-130 | CRE | \$85.88 |
|---|-----|---------|
- Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend Electives C, which includes *How Artists See Feelings* (p. 127), *How Artists See the Elements* (p. 127) and *Classical Kids Collection* (p. 128).

**NEED EXTRA**  
**RESOURCES?**


- ✓ **Resources** pp. 131-134
- Recommended Resources**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Three R's by Ruth Beechick</b> p.133 | KL01 | \$12.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MathTacular®</b> p.123                   | RM32 | \$24.99 |

"Sonlight makes us want to learn, and that is priceless. My children are always asking what book is next!"

- Jessica H, Sept. 2011


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| 50% off IG repurchases                      | Sonlight Forums                      |

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"I want to thank everyone at Sonlight for bringing peace, excitement, and adventure to my homeschooling day once again," writes Laura S of Pass Christian, MS. "Last year, we left the program to try something new. What a mistake! I felt frazzled, the kids lost interest and we were all losing steam. We've returned to Sonlight and are all reaping the benefits. A better curriculum can't be found. On this day, I rounded the corner and found my Liam enjoying yet another Sonlight book. He had climbed the cabinet to reach his collection!" In his second Sonlight year, Liam (8) is studying Core B+C. Siblings Maeve (10) and Moira (5) are studying Cores F and P4/5.





We use these two books to cover concepts that Hillyer skips (like the great civilizations of Africa), and reinforce concepts he covers. You even get to travel in time to see life among Vikings and medieval knights!

Our study of history pretty well concludes before the year 1914, when World War I began.

We mention hard times, but as we do, we focus on positive stories of people overcoming amidst obstacles. Since the last century holds some particularly harsh realities, we wait until later years to study it in depth.

As you progress in your chronological journey, biographies match the time periods you're study-

ing and bring them to life. From Michelangelo's awe-inspiring art to Gladys Alyward's courage and compassion sharing the Gospel in China, get ready for some fascinating reads.

## WITH CORE C, YOU RECEIVE



### Instructor's Guide

Your Instructor's Guide puts together all the pieces of your Core into one great program! Follow along each day as your schedule, notes, maps, discussion questions and tips lead you through stress-free learning. You get to spend your time in meaningful face-to-face interaction with your kids.

Say goodbye to late-night lesson planning and last-minute trips to the library. You don't need to supplement your learning. Of course, if something catches your interest you can easily detour to explore a topic more deeply. When you're ready, just pick up where you left off! Request the first three weeks of this guide for free at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### Hands-on activities

Enrich your learning with hands-on activities! Core C includes a CD-ROM packed with weekly suggestions that reinforce your studies and offer opportunities for creative expression and more fun. They will keep your hands-on learners fully engaged and help all of your children make connections and grow.

### History & Geography

In addition to the main history books, the beloved *Geography Songs* are a highlight of Core C. Your kids learn all the countries of the world through catchy songs and a coordinating map. Next time you hear about Kyrgyzstan in the news, your kids might actually know where it is!

You also get to:

- Hunt whales with Bjorn the Viking as he cares for his family in the harsh climate of Iceland.
- Map history with many timeline figures.
- Get an insider's peek into life in a castle with Tobias, an 11-year-old page.
- Follow a courageous woman whom God uses to spread the Gospel in Honduras, Mexico, Alaska and Africa.
- Pray for peoples largely unreached by the Gospel.

### Bible

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### Read-Alouds

Snuggle up, experience history and enjoy several "just for fun" books that simply help kids love reading. From an operatic cricket to mighty Italian stallions, these works are pure delights!

- Join Robin Hood's action-packed adventures.
- See how God's Word transformed an entire people group in the Philippines.

### Readers with Language Arts

Whether your children are voracious readers and confident writers ... or are still catching their stride, your Readers & Language Arts Program will meet them at their ability level. Receive a whole stack of exciting books your kids can successfully read on their own. And dive into the writing process naturally, with fun assignments and Activity Sheets that connect to their Readers. Be prepared for your kids to impress you with their creative writing and their ability to express thoughts effectively.

Simply choose the program that matches each child's reading level: Grade 2 Readers with Language Arts 2, Grade 3 Readers with Language Arts 3, or Grade 4-5 Readers with Language Arts 4-5. Each level integrates Readers and Language Arts and gives you easy-to-use tools at your child's ability level.

Flip to p. 97 to read about the specific programs, then visit [sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment](http://sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment) to choose the right level for each child.



### You know you're a homeschooler when

... someone asks your children what grade they're in and they look at Mom for the answer.

### It's worth it

As one mom said, Core C "is a great collection of books tied together with an Instructor's Guide. Worth every penny." From what I've heard, plenty of others would agree! May you have a wonderful time teaching your children.



Enjoy!

*Sarita*

Sarita

LET'S PICK YOUR CURRICULUM



"Thanks to Sonlight, the first thing my children ask to do when they're bored is to READ! They delight in books, thanks to the ample library we now own," writes Becki M of Queen Creek, AZ. "One of the best things about homeschooling is being able to choose programs that fit your child's unique needs and gifts. Sonlight has allowed me to do that for my children, which makes teaching enjoyable and rewarding. Before Sonlight, I was stressed out, overwhelmed and without direction. Now I know exactly where we're going and how we're going to get there! A happy, confident teacher produces students who are eager to learn. We wouldn't have gotten there without Sonlight!" In his second year, Jackson (6) is studying Core C as London (3) and Brooklyn (1) listen in.





**“When we were called to the mission field we chose Sonlight based on countless recommendations,”** writes Joscelyn H of Katy, TX. “Our lives are busy and often interrupted. Sonlight has given me confidence in what I’m teaching and frees me up to focus on my boys, not the planning! Since the planning and supplies are so well organized we are able to work it into our schedule no matter which part of the world we are in. Our boys love the books they get to read for school. Praying through *Window on the World* [from Core C] has been a powerful time for us to approach the Father together as a family and keep His Mission before us.” Here, Micah (8) reads outside in the fresh air. He’s studying Core C in his family’s third year of Sonlight.



**“The most exciting part of the school week is the Science experiment,”** writes Christine G of Aurora, CO. “Joshua often watches the entire *Discover & Do* DVD during the week, just for fun. Because his daddy is an electrical engineer, they both especially enjoyed working together on circuits for the Core C year. Dad was amazed with the advanced concepts being taught. When he heard the buzzer beep, the expression on our son’s face was priceless – as if he had conquered the world!” Here, Joshua (8) completes a circuit. The G family, including siblings Marissa (11), Maggie (5) and Eli (3), has been studying with Sonlight for seven years.

## Your Core C Package includes:

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/core-c](http://sonlight.com/core-c)

### Instructor's Guide Core C

CCG (\$74.99 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.  
Core C Tips CD                      CCG

### History & Geography C

4-Day CH4 **OR** 5-Day CH5

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

Audio Memory® Geography Songs Kit (CD) CH06  
Gladys Aylward: The Adventure of a Lifetime CH13  
Good Queen Bess CH10

Michelangelo CH11  
Peter the Great CH05  
Timeline Figures - C Consumable CH12  
Window on the World CH04

#### ▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Castle Diary CA15  
Catching Their Talk in a Box CH03  
Eric the Red & Leif the Lucky CH08  
Maps & Globes CH01  
Medicine News CH14

### Bible C

CBP

Scripture reading & memory scheduled in your Instructor's Guide.

The Awesome Book of Bible Facts CB01      Sing the Word: God Our Provider (CD) CB02

### Read-Alouds C

4-Day CA4 **OR** 5-Day CA5

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

The Aesop for Children CA10  
And the Word Came with Power CA13  
The Apprentice CA09  
Captain Nobody CA22  
Cornstalks: A Bushel of Poems CA01  
The Cricket in Times Square CA14  
The Door in the Wall CA03

The Little Riders CA08  
The Minstrel in the Tower CA19  
Philomena CA20  
Red Sails to Capri CA11  
The School Story CA18  
Sticks Across the Chimney CA24  
Strawberry Girl CA05  
Tales of Robin Hood CA17  
The Twenty-One Balloons CA02  
White Stallion of Lipizza CA12

#### ▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great CA21  
Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the Case CA29  
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! CA25  
Hidden Tales from Eastern Europe CA23  
Pippi Longstocking CA27

## + Plus Your choice of a Readers with Language Arts program

### Grade 2 Readers with Language Arts 2

2RP (\$127.81 if ordered separately)

#### ▼ Readers

Amelia Bedelia 2R23  
The Beginner's Bible 2R17  
The Big Balloon Race 2R15  
Daniel's Duck 2R18  
The Fire Cat 2R20  
Frog and Toad All Year 2R22

Frog and Toad are Friends 2R02  
Frog and Toad Together 2R03  
Greg's Microscope 2R21  
Hill of Fire 2R09  
Mouse Tales 2R16  
Nate the Great 2R19  
Owl at Home 2R04

Pompeii: Buried Alive! 2R11  
Surprises 2R24  
The Sword in the Tree 2R27  
Titanic: Lost and Found 2R12  
Wagon Wheels 2R14  
**▼ Language Arts**  
Language Arts 2 Instructor's Guide 2LG

**OR**

### Grade 3 Readers with Language Arts 3

3RP (\$159.71 if ordered separately)

#### ▼ Readers

The Chalk Box Kid 3R36  
Clara and the Bookwagon 3R30  
Cora Frear 3R38  
The House on Walenska Street 3R46  
Jake Drake: Bully Buster 3R42  
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie 3R34  
The Last Little Cat 3R48

The Littles 3R47  
The Long Way to a New Land 3R31  
The Long Way Westward 3R32  
The Paint Brush Kid 3R37  
Prairie School 3R33  
A Question of Yams 3R45  
Riding the Pony Express 3R49  
The Secret Valley 3R44  
Third Grade Detectives #1 and #2 3R35

Third Grade Detectives #4 3R43  
Third Grade Detectives #10 3R40  
Tippy Lemmey 3R39  
Tornado 3R41  
Viking Adventure 3R50  
**▼ Language Arts**  
Language Arts 3 Instructor's Guide 3LG

**OR**

### Grade 4-5 Readers with Language Arts 4-5

4RP (\$188.13 if ordered separately)

#### ▼ Readers

Along Came a Dog 4R62  
“B” is for Betsy 4R61  
Betsy & Tacy Go Over the Big Hill 4R41  
The Children of Noisy Village 4R43  
Emily's Runaway Imagination 4R49  
Encyclopedia Brown Frindle 4R44  
4R59

Ginger Pye 4R01  
Henry and Ribsy 4R40  
The King's Equal 4R46  
A Llama in the Family 4R56  
Lumber Camp Library 4R55  
Marco Polo 4R65  
McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm 4R58  
Misty of Chincoteague 4R45

More Stories from Grandma's Attic 4R47  
Mustang: Wild Spirit of the West 4R51  
Ralph S. Mouse 4R63  
Socks 4R54  
The Toothpaste Millionaire 4R57  
The Whipping Boy 4R53  
**▼ Language Arts**  
Language Arts 4-5 Instructor's Guide 4LG






**STEP 1**  
 Choose your  
 Core Program

 ✓ **Core C: Intro to World History** Year 2 of 2

Includes Instructor's Guide C, History C, Bible C, Read-Alouds C and your choice of a Readers with Language Arts program.

**Choose one:**
**4-Day**
**5-Day**

+ Grade 2 Readers with Language Arts 2	<input type="checkbox"/> CC2R4 <b>\$399</b> <small>Retail \$509.81! You save \$110.81!</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> CC2R5 <b>\$469</b> <small>Retail \$578.69! You save \$109.69!</small>
+ Grade 3 Readers with Language Arts 3	<input type="checkbox"/> CC3R4 <b>\$439</b> <small>Retail \$541.71! You save \$102.71!</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> CC3R5 <b>\$489</b> <small>Retail \$610.59! You save \$121.59!</small>
+ Grade 4-5 Readers with Language Arts 4-5	<input type="checkbox"/> CC4R4 <b>\$459</b> <small>Retail \$570.13! You save \$111.13!</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> CC4R5 <b>\$519</b> <small>Retail \$639.01! You save \$120.01!</small>

**Required Resources** (If you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3" Binder &amp; Tabs</b> p. 133	B050	\$20.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Timeline Book</b> p. 94	RR120	\$25.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Markable Map and Markers</b> p. 94	MAP	\$27.98
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Child's History of the World</b> p. 94	CH07	\$28.00
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Usborne Time Travelers</b> p. 94	BH01	\$22.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Usborne Book of World History</b> p. 94	CH02	\$24.99

**Optional Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Audio Memory® Geography</b>		
<b>Additional Workbook</b> Consumable	CH061	\$6.95
> <b>Language Arts Optional Resources</b> p. 97		

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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Handwriting Without Tears 2</b> p. 103	HW2	\$18.74
Core C students often thrive with <i>Handwriting Without Tears 2</i> . For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 101-104.		



<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Science C</b> p. 107	CS5	\$175.85
Many Core C customers love Sonlight's Science C. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight science programs, see pp. 105-110.		



<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Horizons Math 2 Program</b> p. 116	H2M	\$202.43
Many Core C students do best with <i>Horizons Math 2 Program</i> . For other outstanding math curricula, see pp. 111-123.		

**GET ALL**  
 subjects in one  
 package

 > **Multi-Subject Package**

Save money &amp; time: get our recommendations for the subjects above in one easy-to-order, extra-discounted package! (See pp. 6-19)

**WANT**  
**ELECTIVES?**


<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Electives C</b> pp. 124-130	CRE	\$85.88
Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend <i>Electives C</i> , which includes <i>How Artists See Feelings</i> (p. 127), <i>How Artists See the Elements</i> (p. 127) and <i>Classical Kids Collection</i> (p. 128).		

**NEED EXTRA**  
**RESOURCES?**

 ✓ **Resources** pp. 131-134

**Recommended Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Three R's by Ruth Beechick</b> p. 133	KL01	\$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MathTacular®</b> p. 123	RM32	\$24.99

**BENEFITS**

# One-Year Money-Back LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH Guarantee

**+ PLUS**

Free FedEx shipping (to 48 states)	Hands-on activities
10% off all additional purchases for a year	Optional interest-free payment plans
50% off IG repurchases	Sonlight Forums

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**"Sonlight's Language Arts curriculum builds confidence in young readers,"** writes Jennifer T of Waxahachie, TX. "My oldest daughter began homeschooling in first grade after attending private school kindergarten. She wasn't a confident reader, but as she completed each *I Can Read It* book [from Grade 1 Readers] and the corresponding word lists, she began to believe that she really could read and her confidence grew. She not only wanted to read to me, but also to others. Thank you Sonlight for putting together a program that inspires confident readers." In her first year of homeschooling, Lizzie (7) reads to Evie (4) and baby Lucy. She's studying Core C with Grade 1 Readers. Brother Gus (9) is a second-year Sonlight student using Core C with Grade 3 Readers.

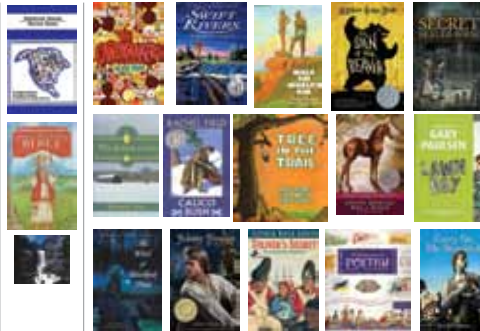
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 on everything when you  
 purchase a Core Package  
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"Thank you Sonlight for opening  
 our eyes to new cultures!"

— Kelly C. Aug. 2012


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**History & Geography**
**Bible** **Read-Alouds**
**Readers with** **Language Arts**


Core D with Regular Readers

## Settle foreign lands, battle for freedom and form a revolutionary new government!

- Relive American history from the early Native Americans through the 1850s.
- Embrace the innovative spirit that characterized early American history.
- Guide your children with confidence: You get daily lesson plans and complete materials for the entire year.
- Bond with your kids as you spark their love of learning!



**“Sonlight has exposed us to amazing stories of missionary faith around the world and how they play into history,”** writes Amy K of Rolla, MO. “My boys love to read because of the exciting books we’ve been exposed to. I appreciate Sonlight filling our house with great books they look forward to reading over and over. On this day, the first chilly morning of fall, the house was a little cool. I came into the living room to find them situated in the sunlight to keep warm while they read. Sonlight has helped to warm their souls with Jesus’ love and their minds with great people and ideas of history!” In their fifth year of Sonlight studies, Andrew (10) and JL (8) share Core D.

### Totally interconnected learning

Well-suited for 9-, 10- and 11-year-olds and advanced 8-year-olds, Core D marks the beginning of a new kind of Core. For the first time, History, Geography, Language Arts, Read-Alouds and Readers are all linked together. Meet Paul Revere in a History book, and then see him in a Reader. Get to know George Washington in a biography, and then see him again through children’s eyes in *Johnny Tremain* and *Phoebe the Spy*.

As your children learn and discover in this style, they’ll make astonishing connections between the people, places and events in American History.

### Discover the fascinating foundations of a unique nation

Bring life to your American heritage. Ask questions such as: What makes this nation different? How did it come to exist? Why don’t we have a king? Who lived in North America before Christopher Columbus came? Why did settlers risk everything to start over in the New World?

Even if you’re not from the U.S., learn valuable context for the world as it is today. See firsthand how the first modern democratic republic began. Discover how Americans fostered personal freedom and the spirit of innovation that so many countries emulate today.

### A tour of Core D

*The Landmark History of the American People, Volume 1*, serves as your central History book this year. Completely revised and more readable than ever, this full color text includes timelines, maps and more than twice the illustrations.

It’s a fascinating approach to American culture and events, from the Pilgrims to the mid-1800s. Learn about the social forces and cultural influences that have made Americans the unique people they are. Learn how necessity drove early settlers to innovate and to leave behind certain European conventions.

Biographies, historical fiction and absorbing readers add depth to your study. Key players in early American history will come to feel like old friends. Meet people you should know for cultural literacy – fascinating characters like Pocahontas, Benjamin Franklin, and Lewis and Clark.

Also meet ordinary Americans who did extraordinary things for God around the world. Like Adoniram and Ann Judson, the first American missionaries. Follow their adventures as they share God’s love in Burma and translate the Scriptures. Watch God work mightily even when Adoniram is imprisoned!

### My vision for Core D

My overarching goal for this Core and its companion, Core E, is for children to understand the context and progression of American History. I want them to grasp why people came to a new land and how they persevered and settled the continent.

I want them to know that entire civilizations lived here before the Europeans arrived. That our Founding Fathers struggled mightily to create a new sense of equality and write a lasting Constitution. I want them to see that settlers and founding fathers were faced every day with decisions about how to live in a new world.

#### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:

**Student:** 3½-4½ hrs | **Parent:** 2-3 hrs.





In the lower grades, we shy away from discussing too many harsh realities of our early history. We touch on struggles between American Indians and settlers and the sad realities of racial conflicts, but don't dwell on them.

Instead, we focus on the hard-working, vibrant

spirit that helped families of settlers, immigrants, pioneers and pilgrims overcome big obstacles. We celebrate the positive in our history: the establishment of a government by a free people apart from a king, the move toward unprecedented equality, the compassion that has historically flowed out of

the American Church, two Great Awakenings that led thousands back to God ... I could go on.

As a people, we Americans have been far from perfect, but there's still much good in our history to teach. As you take this exciting trek through the early American years, we've got the tools you need.

## WITH CORE D, YOU RECEIVE



### Instructor's Guide

Just open up your Core D Instructor's Guide (IG) each day to see what's in store. The daily schedule, discussion questions, notes and helps turn your great books into a cohesive curriculum. Your lesson plans are done for the entire year! You spend almost no time preparing and lots of time in quality face-to-face interaction with your children. Request the first three weeks of this guide for free at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### Hands-on activities

Core D includes a handy CD-ROM packed with hands-on activity suggestions that coordinate with what you're reading and learning throughout the year. Choose from weekly suggestions that reinforce concepts and add some serious fun during school time!

### History & Geography

Travel through American life with story-based history books, biographies and enriching extras. Tie everything together with the timeline that helps you visually map the progression of early American History. Get ready to:

- Discover empires that thrived here long before Europeans arrived in the New World.
- Sail with Christopher Columbus on his first journey of discovery to the Americas.
- Cheer as a strange tribal law saves the first permanent English settlement in America and the life of Captain John Smith.

### Bible

Dive into God's Word each day as you read from the Gospel of Luke, the Acts of the Apostles, several of Paul's letters, King David's story, Psalms and much more.

Let the *American Indian Prayer Guide* help your children learn to pray for tribes in North, South and Central America. Children will also study an easy-to-read full text of the Bible and learn to sing entire Psalms and other Scripture to the beautiful music of a Sing the Word CD.

### Read-Alouds

Spend many wonderful hours reading together this year. Some of my favorite Core D Read-Alouds include:

- *Walk the World's Rim*, where you meet Europeans in Texas long before the Pilgrims landed.
- *The Sign of the Beaver*, a Newbery Honor tale about a white boy rescued by an Indian chief.
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, a Newbery Medal book about family, justice, and courage. (And despite the title, there is no witch nor witchcraft in this story.)

### Readers

With Core D, your children's Readers tie directly into the History content of the Core. These masterfully written, adventure-filled stories help cement the transition from "learning to read" to "reading to learn."

For children who are voracious readers or are on the older end of the Core D age range, choose the Readers D Advanced package. You'll get all the Regular Readers plus nine more gripping books.

### Language Arts

Core D helps your children develop as writers through instruction in grammar, writing mechanics and creative expression. Children write in a wide variety of styles as they learn about similes, metaphors, hyperbole and more. Dictation exercises based upon famous quotations and Bible verses help children learn to recognize and imitate good writing.

With student activity sheets, parent instructions, answers, definitions and more, you have what you need to help your kids succeed.

"With Science D, our girls have so enjoyed growing radishes, corn and beans. Now every time we go to the park, they point out which plants are monocots and which are dicots."

- Sheila W, Aug. 2012

### Music to a mother's ears

Years ago, my youngest girl closed a Core D book, sighed and said, "I've never read a book that I didn't love." I think you'll find that a testimony to the quality of Sonlight books. May it be that your children develop a similar love of learning this year!



Blessings,

Arleta  
Sarita

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Be a grammar ace  
with Grammar Ace  
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### "Homeschooling has become easier for me because Sonlight has created the lesson plans,"

writes Ariele O of Tucson, AZ. "History has become easier for the twins because they love how the stories coincide with the history books we're reading! Sonlight offers us a well-rounded, quality education in the comfort of our home (or in our case since we travel a lot, on the road as well). Our favorite part of Sonlight is the Readers. We also love the hands-on science and the books that clearly explain how to perform the experiments without giving away the results." In their first year of Sonlight, Michael and Azalie (both 8) joyfully include Ellie the dog in their school time. They're using the Grade 4 Multi-Subject Package to cover all their subjects.



**"My children know more about science and history from the five years we've been with Sonlight than I did after twelve years in the public school system!"** writes Cassy R of Kenai, AK. "Studying textbooks in school never gave me a taste for a place or time like Sonlight does. Our family has enjoyed preparing meals from certain countries we've studied in our Cores or dressing up like people dressed during that time. My children get a taste of living history from Sonlight's living literature." Since Gracie (9), Ella (6), Colton (10) and Levi (4) have developed a love of learning, they were fascinated to study this old wasp nest they found. They're using Core D and Core P4/5 in their family's fifth year of Sonlight.



**"Before finding Sonlight, I was a panicked mom, praying I'd find a curriculum that wouldn't cause a daily battle between mother and children,"** recalls Jessica W of Miamisburg, OH. "Now my boys can't hide their excitement about starting school! Their enthusiasm is an answer to many prayers. Not only is there no fight, but they're asking me to read more almost every day, year after year. Sonlight has definitely been a 'God thing' for us." Nathan (9) and Micah (6) are studying Cores A and D in the W family's sixth Sonlight year.

## Core D includes these great items!

 For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/core-d](http://sonlight.com/core-d)

### Instructor's Guide D

DCG (\$109.99 if ordered separately)

 Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.  
 Core D Tips CD DCD

### History & Geography D

 4-Day DH4 **OR** 5-Day DH5

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

Adoniram Judson: Bound for Burma	DH20	The Landmark History of the American People, Vol 1 <sup>New</sup>	DH10	What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?	DH01
And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?	DH02	The Lewis & Clark Expedition	DH14	▼ 5-Day Program also includes	
Children's Encyclopedia of American History <sup>New</sup>	DH21	North American Indians	DH12	From Sea to Shining Sea for Young Readers	DH19
If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution	DH03	Pedro's Journal	DH08	The Light and the Glory for Young Readers	DH17
Incans, Aztecs & Mayans	DH05	Timeline Figures - D Consumable	DH16	The Very First Americans	DH18
				The Winter at Valley Forge	DH04

### Bible D

DBP

Scripture reading &amp; memory in your Instructor's Guide

American Indian Prayer Guide	DB01	The Discoverer's Bible for Young Readers	DB02	Sing the Word: Great in Counsel and Mighty in Deed (CD)	DB03
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### Read-Alouds D

 4-Day DA4 **OR** 5-Day DA5

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

Calico Bush	DA10	Justin Morgan Had a Horse	DA09	▼ 5-Day Program also includes	
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch	DA06	The Sign of the Beaver	DA02	The Candymakers	DA17
A Child's Introduction to Poetry	DA13	Swift Rivers	DA12	Lawn Boy	DA14
Johnny Tremain	DA04	Toliver's Secret	DA05	The Secret of the Sealed Room	DA16
The Journeyman	DA11	Walk the World's Rim	DA08	Tree in the Trail	DA15
		The Witch of Blackbird Pond	DA03		

## + Plus Your choice of a Readers set

### Readers D Regular

DRP (\$111.85 if ordered separately)

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain	DR11	Meet George Washington	DR05	Sarah, Plain and Tall	DR07
The Cabin Faced West	DR09	Meet Thomas Jefferson	DR03	Sarah Whitcher's Story	DR12
The Courage of Sarah Noble	DR08	Om-kas-toe	DR16	The Skippack School	DR14
A Lion to Guard Us	DR13	Phoebe the Spy	DR04	Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims	DR10
The Matchlock Gun	DR02	Pocahontas and the Strangers	DR01	The Thanksgiving Story	DR15
		Robert Fulton, Boy Craftsman	DR06		

**OR**

### Readers D Advanced

DRX (\$179.77 if ordered separately)

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain	DR11	Pocahontas and the Strangers	DR01	Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia	DX07
The Cabin Faced West	DR09	Robert Fulton, Boy Craftsman	DR06	George Washington: Our First Leader	DX02
The Courage of Sarah Noble	DR08	Sarah, Plain and Tall	DR07	The Corn Grows Ripe	DX09
A Lion to Guard Us	DR13	Sarah Whitcher's Story	DR12	Mr. Revere and I	DX08
The Matchlock Gun	DR02	The Skippack School	DR14	Naya Nuki	DX03
Meet George Washington	DR05	Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims	DR10	Stone Fox	DX06
Meet Thomas Jefferson	DR03	The Thanksgiving Story	DR15	The Story of Eli Whitney	DH15
Om-kas-toe	DR16			Tikta'Liktak	DX05
Phoebe the Spy	DR04			Vostaas: White Buffalo's Story of Plains Indian Life	DX04

### Language Arts D

Included in your Core D Instructor's Guide.







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✓ **Core D: Intro to American History** Year 1 of 2

Includes Instructor's Guide D, History D, Bible D, Read-Alouds D, Language Arts D and your choice of Readers.

**Choose one:**

+ Grade D Regular

☐ DCD4 **\$399**  
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You save \$104.98!

☐ DCD5 **\$479**  
Retail \$580.86!  
You save \$101.86!

+ Grade D Advanced

☐ DCX4 **\$469**  
Retail \$571.90!  
You save \$102.90!

☐ DCX5 **\$539**  
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You save \$109.78!

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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Markable Map and Markers</b> p. 94	MAP	\$27.98
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sequential Spelling</b> p. 100	RL50-RL56	\$14.95

**Optional Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Worldly Wise 3000 Book 3 Set</b> p. 99	3L100	\$18.05
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extra Language Arts Activity Sheets</b> Consumable	DLG1	\$12.99

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- Sonlight Forums

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☐ **Handwriting Without Tears 3** p. 103 **HW3** **\$21.49**

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☐ **Science D** p. 107 **DS5** **\$244.77**

Many Core D customers love Sonlight's Science D. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight science programs, see pp. 105-110.



☐ **Teaching Textbooks Math 3** p. 117 **3M20** **\$119.90**

Many Core D students do best with *Teaching Textbooks Math* 3. For other outstanding math curricula, see pp. 111-123.

**GET ALL**  
subjects in one  
package!



➤ **Multi-Subject Package**

Save money & time: get our recommendations for the subjects above in one easy-to-order, extra-discounted package! (See pp. 6-19)

**WANT  
ELECTIVES?**



☐ **Electives D** pp. 124-130 **DRE** **\$59.93**

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend *Electives D*, which includes *Usborne's Book of Art* (p. 127), *Story of the Orchestra* (p. 128) and *Critical Thinking Activities Book K-3* (p. 130).

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RESOURCES?**



✓ **Resources** pp. 131-134

**Recommended Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Three R's by Ruth Beechick</b> p. 133	KL01	\$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lyrical Life Science, Vol 1 Non-Animal Kingdoms and Non-Mammalian Animals</b> p. 132	RS51	\$29.50
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lyrical Life Science, Vol 2 Mammals, Ecology, &amp; Biomes</b> p. 132	RS52	\$29.50

"The stories of young children on adventures that are actual events in history allow my children to imagine they are a part of the journeys."

- Lindsay C, Aug. 2012



"A key aspect of Sonlight we've enjoyed these past 12 years is the ability to integrate learning and living," writes Colleen W of Everson, WA. "Good literature is at the heart of Sonlight, and sharing those books together is at the heart of our school and life as a family. Some of my favorite moments of parenting in general and homeschooling in particular involve reading to my boys alongside our many outdoor adventures. Immersing ourselves in history and literature has been the backbone of our many years with Sonlight. I wouldn't trade it for a minute!" Kai (8) and Rafe (10), currently studying Core D, take a *Charlotte's Web* break while hiking Mount Baker. The W family (including Luke, Per and Jan, not pictured) has been studying with Sonlight for 12 years.

"Sonlight has enabled us to raise our five children to love Jesus, love people, and minister together as a family."

- Sonya B, Aug. 2012



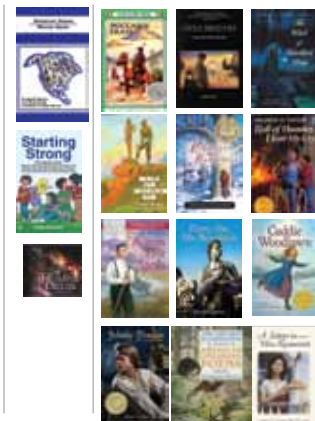
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Core D+E

## Journey through all of American history

- Experience the story of our nation from before Columbus to the present day.
- Embrace the innovative spirit that has characterized American history.
- Enjoy fascinating books as you follow the lesson plan each day.
- Meet early explorers, American Indians, founding heroes, famous inventors and ordinary citizens with extraordinary stories.



**"The joy of homeschooling has returned!"** exclaims Laura P of Speculator, NY. "I knew there was more to school than filling out worksheets, reading and memorizing endless facts, and being the grumpy parent who had to enforce all that! Sonlight was the best decision I've made in six years of homeschooling. This was our first year with Sonlight, and we have no regrets. We discovered that we actually love learning together! On this gorgeous spring morning, Lydia found a special tree swing spot to enjoy her latest Reader." Lydia (9) is completing Core D+E and moving into Core F. Siblings Abigail (10) and Joshua (7) are also Sonlight students.

### The best of two Cores

Want the highlights of American history in one Core? I chose the very best of Cores D and E and created this condensed program. Take a thrilling ride through all of U.S. history – from before Columbus to modern times! This Core is best for 10-, 11- and 12-year-olds and advanced 9-year-olds.

### Link your learning

Core D+E links together your History, Geography, Language Arts, Read-Alouds and Readers. Get to know George Washington in a history book, then see him again through the eyes of two young people in *Johnny Tremain* and *Phoebe the Spy*. As your children read books that touch the same subject from different directions, they will recognize astonishing connections between the people, places and events in history.

### Why this condensed Core?

I created Core D+E to serve customers who want to study American History for one year instead of two at this level. Perhaps you're new to Sonlight and want to move quickly to the higher Cores. Perhaps you're Canadian and would prefer to study American History with Sonlight for a year, Canadian History on your own for a year, and then come back to Sonlight for the Eastern Hemisphere Core F program. Though the full Cores D and E provide even richer learning experiences, this Core gives a fantastic overview of what you need to know.

Even if you're not from the U.S., you learn valuable context for understanding today's world. See firsthand how the first modern democratic republic

began. Discover how Americans fostered personal freedom and the spirit of innovation that so many countries emulate today.

### A tour of the program

Bring life to the history of this unique nation. Walk alongside families whose lives intersect with major historical events. Meet characters who grapple with the difficulties around them and overcome in the end.

When I first picked up the primary text for Core D+E, I read it all in one sitting. Completely revised and now more engaging than ever, in full color, with timelines, maps and more than twice the illustrations, *The Landmark History of the American People, Volume 1 & Volume 2*, is a true gem! The first text takes you from the Pilgrims to the mid-1800s, while the second spans the Civil War to the late 20th century. The two-volume set covers the key events you want to teach, focusing on the social history of America. The result is a work that gives children a fresh view of life in the U.S.

Biographies, historical fiction and absorbing Readers add depth to your chronological study. Key players in American history feel like old friends. You meet people you should know in order to be culturally literate – fascinating characters like Christopher Columbus, Benjamin Franklin, Harriet Tubman and Hellen Keller.

Core D+E covers as much history as Cores D and E combined, but I've cut it all down to a comfortable one-year size. You hit all the high points and dive deeper into some particularly interesting times along the way.

#### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:  
**Student:** 3½-5 hrs | **Parent:** 2-3 hrs.





## My Vision for Core D+E

The overarching goal for this Core is for children to understand the context and progression of American history. I want children to grasp why people came to a new land and how they persevered and settled the continent. I want them to get excited about the American spirit of creativity and entrepreneurship that has stayed alive through the years.

Children will see that entire civilizations lived here before the Europeans arrived. That our Founding Fathers struggled mightily to create a new sense of equality and write a lasting Constitution. That

normal families of pilgrims, pioneers and immigrants persevered and overcame great obstacles.

Find out how Americans' unique perspective – our egalitarianism, our desire for change and our “can-do” spirit – contributed to inventions such as ready-to-wear clothing, department stores and skyscrapers. Discover why time zones and “fast food” came into existence. Examine how mass immigration, women's suffrage and the Great Depression impacted the social, political, and economic climate of the country. Discuss how racism

has influenced life for individuals and the entire nation throughout the years.

Celebrate the positive aspects of our history: the establishment of a government by a free people apart from a king, the move toward unprecedented equality, the compassion that has historically flowed out of the American Church, two Great Awakenings that led thousands back to God ... I could go on. Americans have been far from perfect, but there's certainly a lot of good in our history to teach our children.

## WITH CORE D+E, YOU RECEIVE

### Instructor's Guide

Just open up your Core D+E Instructor's Guide each day and see what's in store. The daily schedule, discussion questions, notes and helps turn your great books into a cohesive curriculum. Your lesson plans are already done for the entire year! You spend almost no time preparing and almost all your time in face-to-face interaction with your children. Request the first three weeks of this guide for free at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### Hands-on Activities

A handy CD-ROM provides tons of hands-on activity suggestions that coordinate with what you'll learn each week in Core D+E. Choose from weekly suggestions that reinforce concepts and add serious fun and variety during school time!

### History & Geography

Travel through centuries of fascinating life with story-based history books and enriching extras. You get to:

- Sail with Christopher Columbus on his first journey of discovery to the Americas.
- Learn soul-stirring songs that inspired the formation of the USA.

### Bible

Start your children on the journey of personal Bible study this year. The practical study guide *Starting Strong* helps them discover profound truths about God in Scripture.

Read together each day from the Gospels, the book of Romans, the letter to the Galatians, 1st and 2nd Chronicles, the minor prophets and much more. Your children will hide the Word in their hearts each week to the tunes of a delightful *Sing the Word* CD. And they'll learn to pray for Native American tribes of North, South and Central America with the insightful *American Indian Prayer Guide*.

### Read-Alouds

Spend wonderful hours reading together this year.

Some of my favorites here include:

- Experience the Great Depression alongside an 11-year-old girl. Will her letter to President Roosevelt's wife save her family's dignity?
- *Little Britches*, my husband's favorite Read-Aloud!
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, a powerful story about family and courage in Puritan America. (There isn't any witch or witchcraft in this story.)
- *Caddie Woodlawn*, a book about a spunky 11-year-old girl on the Western frontier.

### Readers

Your children's Readers tie directly into the History content of the Core. These masterfully written, adventure-filled stories help cement the transition from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.”

### Language Arts

Core D+E's complete Language Arts program coordinates with your Readers and Read-Alouds to help your children develop essential writing skills. Weekly dictation exercises give children opportunities to recognize and imitate good writing, while a variety of creative and unique writing assignments encourage them to explore various writing styles. Children learn advanced writing techniques such as varying sentence length, using active voice, creating authentic dialog and more.

You get the tools you need to guide your children successfully, including student activity sheets, teaching helps, parent instructions, full answers, definitions and more.

### Hooked on reading

Watch your kids get hooked on reading with this Core. It's hard not to devour such thrilling books! May you all enjoy the fascinating story of a nation growing up.



Blessings,

*Sarita*

Sarita

LET'S PICK YOUR CURRICULUM



**“Sonlight has made learning an adventure for the whole family,”** writes Jane F of South Africa. “While exploring an island of baobabs in the vast Makgadikgadi salt pans of Botswana, I found my fellow explorers so engrossed in their Sonlight Read-Aloud, they didn't even notice my approach. They were reading about Lewis and Clark, explorers in another time and place, while sitting under an ancient baobab in the very place Livingstone once explored. What a thrilling way to learn! Mom and Dad are learning, too. Even Grandpa has borrowed a few Read-Alouds after hearing the enthusiastic discussions.” Jamin (10) and Jethro (7) are exploring Core D+E in their fourth year of Sonlight.



**"Yes, Sonlight is the way we wish we'd been taught!"** write Chris and Stephanie H of Hallsville, TX. "This was our first year to homeschool and we loved every minute. Our favorite pastime is spending time at the lake. Before homeschooling, we were limited to summer and school vacations. This year, we just packed up our books for a week and went. It was that easy! Our kids love the freedom and couldn't wait to read their books on the pier every day. We made a lot of memories during family Read-Alouds. They've excelled beyond our greatest hope. Our hearts are filled with joy because they're becoming critical thinkers." Kevin (12) and Sydney (9) are using Core D+E in their first year with Sonlight.



**"Using Sonlight makes learning a family event,"** write Debbie and Martin S of New Zealand. "Sonlight allows us to provide a living education. Our children aren't limited to the artificial environment of a school room, but can use God's 'classroom' of nature to learn about His awesome creation. Thank you for creating this amazing opportunity to develop a love for learning in our children! Here, we took Sonlight with us as we scaled Conical Hill in Hanmer Springs, New Zealand." Jessica (11) is completing Core D+E as Mikayla (9) and Gabriella (7) use Core A.

## Core D+E includes these great items!

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/core-de](http://sonlight.com/core-de)

### Instructor's Guide D+E

DECG (\$109.99 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year. [NOTE: You may order now. We will start shipping Core D+E Instructor's Guides as soon as we receive them back from the printer in June. Download the first 3 weeks for free at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).]

Core D+E Tips CD

DECD

### History & Geography D+E

Children's Encyclopedia of American History <sup>New</sup>	DH21	In Search of the Source	EA13	Pedro's Journal	DH08
Hero Over Here	ER19	The Landmark History of the American People, Vol 1 <sup>New</sup>		Timeline Figures - D+E Consumable	DEH01
If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution	DH03	The Landmark History of the American People, Vol 2 <sup>New</sup>	DH10	Wee Sing America (CD)	EH04
			EH12		

### Bible D+E

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide					DEBP
American Indian Prayer Guide	DB01	Sing the Word: The Heavens Declare (CD)	EB02	Starting Strong	EB01

### Read-Alouds D+E

Across Five Aprils	EA03	Little Britches	EA08	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	EA06
Caddie Woodlawn	EA05	Miracles on Maple Hill	EA07	Walk the World's Rim	DA08
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch	DA06	Moccasin Trail	EA11	The Witch of Blackbird Pond	DA03
Johnny Tremain	DA04	Oxford Illustrated Book of American Children's Poems	EA04		
A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt	EH01				

### Readers D+E

By the Great Horn Spoon	ER02	The Lewis & Clark Expedition	DH14	Shades of Gray	ER04
The Cabin Faced West	DR09	The Matchlock Gun	DR02	The Story of Thomas Alva Edison	ER20
Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman	ER03	Old Yeller	ER06	Thimble Summer	ER09
The Great Turkey Walk	EA02	Om-kas-toe	DR16	Toliver's Secret	DA05
The Great Wheel	EA10	Phoebe the Spy	DR04	Turn Homeward, Hannalee	ER05
Helen Keller	ER07	Pocahontas and the Strangers	DR01	What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?	DH01
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson	ER10	Sarah, Plain and Tall	DR07	The Wright Brothers	ER15
		The Seventeenth Swap	ER13		

### Language Arts D+E

Included in your Core D+E Instructor's Guide.

## Interest-free payment plans!



Did you know you can pay for your curriculum over 3, 6 or 9 months at no extra cost?

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"[We did an] exhaustive search for a curriculum that would fit our family's lifestyle of loving to learn, adventure, travel and service. Sonlight curriculum has fostered a love of learning in our children, and THAT is priceless."

*-Robin P, Aug. 2012*






**STEP 1**  
Choose your  
Core Program

**Core D+E: Intro to American History** One Year Condensed

Includes Instructor's Guide D+E, History D+E, Bible D+E, Read-Alouds D+E, Readers D+E and Language Arts D+E.

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**Language Arts D+E**

Included in your Core D Instructor's Guide.

**Required Resources** (If you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3" Binder &amp; Tabs</b> p.133	B050	\$20.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Timeline Book</b> p.94	RR120	\$25.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Markable Map and Markers</b> p.94	MAP	\$27.98
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sequential Spelling</b> p.100	RL50-RL56	\$14.95

**Optional Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Worldly Wise 3000 Book 4 Set</b> p.99	4L10	\$18.05
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extra Language Arts Activity Sheets</b> Consumable	DELG1	\$12.99

**STEP 2**  
Complete your  
Curriculum

☐ **Science E** p. 108 ES5 \$221.84

Many Core D+E customers love Sonlight's Science E. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight science programs, see pp. 105-110.


☐ **Teaching Textbooks 4th Grade + MathTacular3** p. 118 T4M \$144.89

Many Core D+E students do best with *Teaching Textbooks 4th Grade + MathTacular3*. For other outstanding math curricula, see pp. 111-123.

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☐ **Handwriting Without Tears 4** p. 104 HW4 \$18.74

Core D+E students often thrive with *Handwriting Without Tears 4*. For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 101-104.

**WANT**  
ELECTIVES?

☐ **Electives E** pp. 124-130 ERE \$40.90

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend Electives E, which includes *Mark Kistler's Draw Squad* (p. 127), *Recorder* (p. 129) and *Nine Note Recorder Method* (p. 129).

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**Recommended Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Writer's INC</b> p.131	RL04	\$32.49
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Student Dictionary</b> p.131	RL01	\$19.95
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Magnifier/Microscope</b> p.132	ES08	\$16.99

**BENEFITS**

## One-Year Money-Back LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH Guarantee

**+ PLUS**

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- Hands-on activities
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- Optional interest-free payment plans
- 50% off IG repurchases
- Sonlight Forums

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"As a remedial teacher, I have been blown away by the Language Arts, especially the creative writing activities."

*- Neil M, Aug. 2012*



"Sonlight was the turning point for our son, a reluctant reader, to learn to enjoy reading, and the jumping-off point for our daughter, a voracious reader," writes Jennifer H of Austin, TX. "For us it's the best of both worlds of two very different learners. After homeschooling for three years we took a year off and went to a traditional school. Our daughter asked if we could get the 'big box of books' anyway. We lasted one year and went back to Sonlight. The kids feel like they're really learning again." In the family's third Sonlight year, Paco the dog (9) happily hangs out with Alex (12) and Emma (11), who are using Core D+E.

"I believe that when the kids look back at being homeschooled, they will fondly remember our Read-Aloud time the most."

*- Kim S, Aug. 2012*



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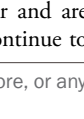
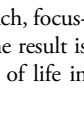
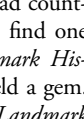
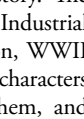
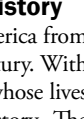
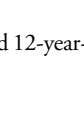
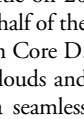
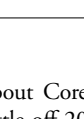
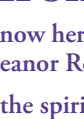
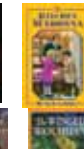
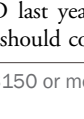
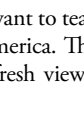
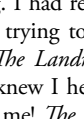
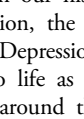
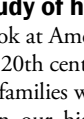
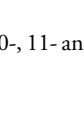
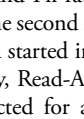
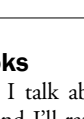
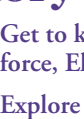
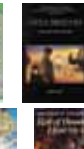
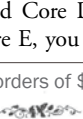
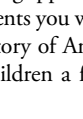
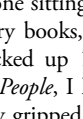
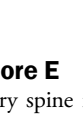
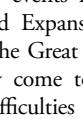
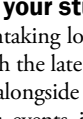
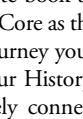
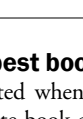
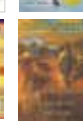
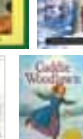
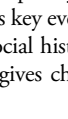
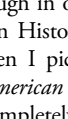
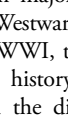
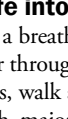
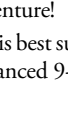
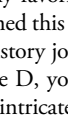
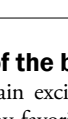
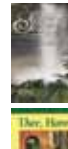
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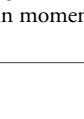
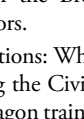
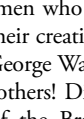
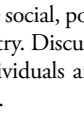
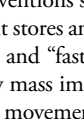
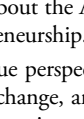
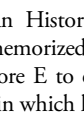
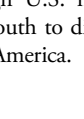
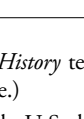
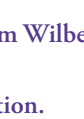
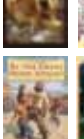
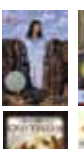
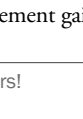
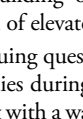
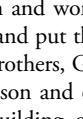
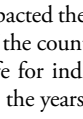
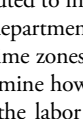
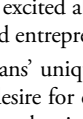
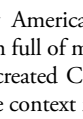
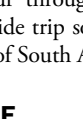
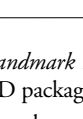
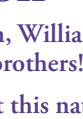
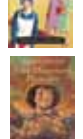
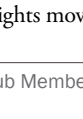
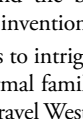
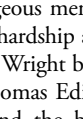
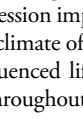
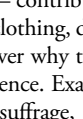
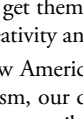
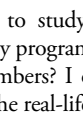
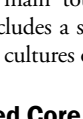
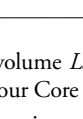
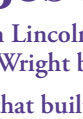
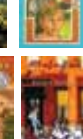
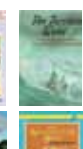
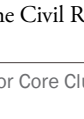
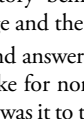
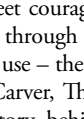
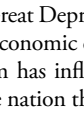
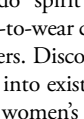
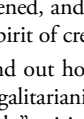
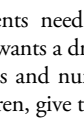
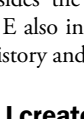
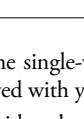
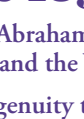
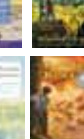
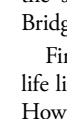
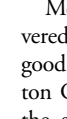
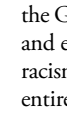
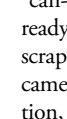
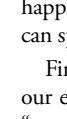
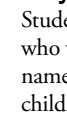
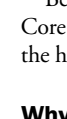
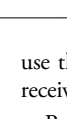
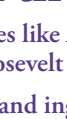
Bible



Read-Alouds



Readers with Language Arts



Core E

## Experience America's history from the 1850s on

- Complete the epic adventure you started in Core D.
- Relax as you enjoy fascinating books – just follow the daily lesson plans.
- Get to know heroes like Abraham Lincoln, William Wilberforce, Eleanor Roosevelt and the Wright brothers!
- Explore the spirit and ingenuity that built this nation.



**“Since Lizzie and I started Sonlight, our relationship has grown deeper and more enjoyable than ever before,”** writes Mindy C of Sykesville, MD. “I love that Sonlight has put together a well-thought-out curriculum full of Christ-centered, literature-rich materials that I didn’t have to spend hours researching, preplanning and scheduling. It takes the stress out of homeschooling. The hands-on Science activities are super easy, fun and educational. I love learning right alongside her. Thank you for being such a wonderful instrument of God’s blessing!” In her first year of homeschooling, Lizzie (12) is acquiring a real taste for Core E.

### The best of the best books

I just get plain excited when I talk about Core E. Ask for my favorite book and I’ll rattle off 20 titles! I designed this Core as the second half of the American History journey you started in Core D. Just like Core D, your History, Read-Alouds and Readers are intricately connected for a seamless learning adventure!

This Core is best suited for 10-, 11- and 12-year-olds and advanced 9-year-olds,

### Breathe life into your study of history

Core E gives a breathtaking look at America from the Civil War through the late 20th century. With Core E books, walk alongside families whose lives intersect with major events in our history. The Civil War, Westward Expansion, the Industrial Revolution, WWI, the Great Depression, WWII and modern history come to life as characters grapple with the difficulties around them, and overcome in the end.

### An overview of Core E

I first read the history spine for Cores D and E straight through in one sitting. I had read countless American History books, trying to find one I liked. When I picked up *The Landmark History of the American People*, I knew I held a gem. The book completely gripped me! *The Landmark History* covers key events you want to teach, focusing on the social history of America. The result is a work that gives children a fresh view of life in the U.S.

(Note: If you used Core D last year and are continuing with Core E, you should continue to

use the single-volume *Landmark History* text you received with your Core D package.)

Besides the main tour through U.S. history, Core E also includes a side trip south to discover the history and cultures of South America.

### Why I created Core E

Students need to study American History. But who wants a dry program full of memorized dates, names and numbers? I created Core E to engage children, give the real-life context in which history happened, and get them excited about the American spirit of creativity and entrepreneurship.

Find out how Americans’ unique perspective – our egalitarianism, our desire for change, and our “can-do” spirit – contributed to inventions such as ready-to-wear clothing, department stores and skyscrapers. Discover why time zones and “fast food” came into existence. Examine how mass immigration, women’s suffrage, the labor movement and the Great Depression impacted the social, political, and economic climate of the country. Discuss how racism has influenced life for individuals and the entire nation throughout the years.

Meet courageous men and women who persevered through hardship and put their creativity to good use – the Wright brothers, George Washington Carver, Thomas Edison and others! Discover the story behind the building of the Brooklyn Bridge and the invention of elevators.

Find answers to intriguing questions: What was life like for normal families during the Civil War? How was it to travel West with a wagon train? How did the Civil Rights movement gain momentum?

#### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:  
Student: 3½-5 hrs | Parent: 2-3 hrs.





Compared to earlier Cores, Core E has a beefier History component. As your kids grow older, you get to add more dimension and depth to your

History study through additional biographies and other books that flesh out their studies.

## WITH CORE E, YOU RECEIVE

### Instructor's Guide

Without your Instructor's Guide (IG), Core E would be just a pile of great books. Fun to read, but not really a "curriculum." Your IG organizes all these books into a complete learning plan. It helps you use your books in the most effective and strategic way. Your books and timeline fit together to reinforce the concepts you're teaching and add depth to your study. Your prep work is already done. You can focus on learning alongside and enjoying your children! Request a free sample of this guide at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### Hands-on activities

A convenient CD-ROM suggests tons of hands-on activities that coordinate directly with your Core E studies. Choose from weekly suggestions that reinforce concepts. Keep your kinesthetic learners busy and have some fun while you're at it.

### History & Geography

Read, grow and learn together. History books, biographies and enriching "extras" add depth to your study this year. Highlights here include:

- A CD with great songs of Americana. These are songs your children should know for the sake of cultural literacy, from "Camptown Races" to "America the Beautiful."
- Timeline figures to continue your ever-expanding timeline. This tool helps you see exactly how history unfolds.
- An accessible look at World Wars I and II, with plenty of appropriate photographs and detailed maps.

### Bible

Start your children on the journey of personal Bible study this year. The practical study guide *Starting Strong* helps them discover profound truths about God in Scripture.

You'll read together each day from the Bible and your children will hide the Word in their hearts each week to the tunes of a delightful Sing the Word CD.

### Read-Alouds

Oh, the joy you'll discover as you read these books with your kids! Read about real life for Americans through the centuries and ...

- The only biography to win a Newbery Medal.

- Meet one of my all-time favorite heroines: an 11-year-old girl who helps keep peace between Indians and pioneers.
- March through the American Civil War with Jethro. Watch him become a man and begin to understand the issues behind the conflict.
- Join the delightful story of a poor Jewish family in a crowded section of New York City at the turn of the century.
- Hunt buffalo, live in a teepee and ride bareback as you discover what it's like to live as a Crow Indian.
- Enjoy my husband's all-time favorite Read-Aloud: *Little Britches*.

I hope you enjoy these endearing books as much as my family has!

### Readers

Your kids will meet inspiring characters such as Helen Keller, Harriet Tubman and a 19-year-old missionary to the jungles of South America. A few Readers are for pure fun, but most tie directly in with Core E's history content.

### Language Arts

Core E's complete Language Arts program coordinates with your Readers and Read-Alouds to help your children develop essential writing skills. Weekly dictation exercises give children opportunities to recognize and imitate good writing, while a variety of creative and unique writing assignments encourage them to explore various writing styles. Children learn advanced writing techniques such as varying sentence length, using active voice, creating authentic dialog and more.

You get the tools you need to guide your children successfully, including student activity sheets, teaching helps, parent instructions, full answers, definitions and more.

### The reading bug

With so many delightful books this year, your kids are sure to catch the reading bug. This might even be the year they start begging to do more school!



Enjoy!

*Sarita*  
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LET'S PICK YOUR CURRICULUM



**"My girls learned more in the first month [of Sonlight] than they had the whole year before!"** writes Dusty W of Ontario, Canada. "Sonlight was recommended by a home-schooling mom who had four sons. I looked it over, and because of the lesson planning already being done for you, I thought it was the answer for having a newborn in our house. I thought we'd just 'try it out' for one year to see how it went. Well, when the books came, we fell in love!" The W family has now used Sonlight for four years. Isabella (11) and Amari (9) are using Core E as siblings (not pictured) Arlin (4) and Ellianna (2) expore the Preschool Multi-Subject Package.



**"I love that I can use one Sonlight Core for all my children, yet each can work at her own pace with reading and math,"** writes Rebecca S of Southaven, MS. "I need something that will be a good fit for everyone, and Sonlight has been that! It's rare that you'll find us in the car without a book or two in hand. We're grateful for the books my girls love so much. Dad loves to listen too, so we read together as a family. What memories we will have, thanks to Sonlight." In the family's fifth Sonlight year, Amelia (9), Sarah (8) and Naomi (6) use Core E, along with ability-appropriate Readers. Little sister Phoebe (2) loves to listen in.



**"We had no idea there was a homeschool curriculum that fit what we like to do – read good books and do hands-on science to explore God's world!"** writes Emily J of Wap-papello, MO. "Sonlight was exactly what we had been doing naturally Joseph's whole life. And it provided all the necessary supplies in one place!" Hannah (3), who will begin P3/4, loves to "do school" with big brother Joseph (10), who will start Core and Science E. The family is in their third Sonlight year.



**"Our children have developed a heart for others and are able to articulate so well,"** writes Hannah B of Ontario, Canada. "Reading aloud together, taking books on the road, sharing stories, and discussing what we have learned as we apply things to our lives are some of the many things we love about Sonlight. There's nothing better than snuggling up on the couch or outside somewhere and digging into a great book. And nothing better than reading with Papa, who brings in all sorts of different voices; even reading about ducks in science can be entertaining! We have all learned so much together." In their third Sonlight year, Zachary (9) and Janae (7) are studying Core D+E while Daniel (5) uses Core A.

## Core E includes these great items!

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/core-e](http://sonlight.com/core-e)

### Instructor's Guide E

ECG (\$109.99 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.  
 Core E Tips CD ECD

### History & Geography E

4-Day EH4 **OR** 5-Day EH5

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

Lincoln: A Photobiography EH02  
 Story of USA, Book 3 Consumable EH101  
 Story of USA, Book 4 Consumable EH102

Timeline Figures - E Consumable

Wee Sing America (CD) EH11  
 William Wilberforce EH04  
 The World Wars EH06  
 EH05

#### ▼ 5-Day Program also includes

American Tall Tales EH15  
 Sounding Forth the Trumpet for Young Readers EH13  
 South America Consumable EH07  
 A Unit About Canada EH08

### Bible E

EBP

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide  
 Sing the Word: Starting Strong EB01  
 The Heavens Declare (CD) EB02

### Read-Alouds E

4-Day EA4 **OR** 5-Day EA5

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

Across Five Aprils EA03  
 Caddie Woodlawn EA05  
 The Great Wheel EA10  
 In Search of the Source EA13  
 In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson ER10  
 A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt EH01

Little Britches EA08

Miracles on Maple Hill EA07

Moccasin Trail EA11

Oxford Illustrated Book of American Children's Poems EA04

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry EA06

The Winged Watchman EA01

#### ▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Half Magic EA18  
 The Kitchen Madonna EA17  
 The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs EA16  
 Thee, Hannah! EA15

### Readers E

ERP

All of a Kind Family ER08  
 Bruchko ER14  
 By the Great Horn Spoon ER02  
 Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman ER03  
 From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler EA14  
 George Washington Carver ER16

Gone Away Lake ER12

The Great Turkey Walk EA02

Helen Keller ER07

Hero Over Here ER19

Old Yeller ER06

The Perilous Road ER01

Plain Girl ER11

The Seventeenth Swap ER13

Shades of Gray ER04

Sing Down the Moon ER18

The Story of Thomas Alva Edison ER20

The Terrible Wave ER17

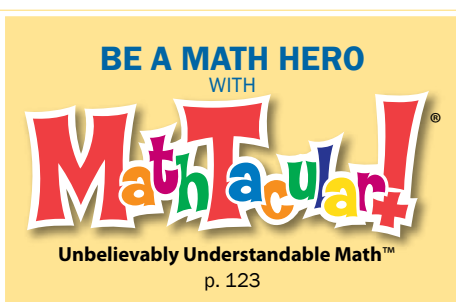
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The Wright Brothers ER15

### Language Arts E

Included in your Core E Instructor's Guide.



"Wow, Sonlight! Not only have you instilled a love of reading in my children but you have managed to get my nonreading husband to love reading to them. What a gift. You rock!"

*- Amy G. July 2012*





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✓ **Core E: Intro to American History** Year 2 of 2

Includes Instructor's Guide E, History E, Bible E, Read-Alouds E, Readers E and Language Arts E.

	4-Day	5-Day
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	You save \$106.81!	You save \$122.65!

**Language Arts E**

Included in your Core E Instructor's Guide

**Required Resources** (If you don't already own)

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**Optional Resources**

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- Optional interest-free payment plans
- 50% off IG repurchases
- Sonlight Forums

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- ☐ **Science E** p. 108 ES5 \$221.84  
Many Core E customers love Sonlight's Science E. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight science programs, see pp. 105-110.



- ☐ **Teaching Textbooks 4th Grade + MathTactular3** p. 118 T4M \$144.89  
Many Core E students do best with *Teaching Textbooks 4th Grade + MathTactular3*. For other outstanding math curricula, see pp. 111-123.

**GET ALL**  
subjects in one  
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- **Multi-Subject Package**  
Save money & time: get our recommendations for the subjects above in one easy-to-order, extra-discounted package! (See pp. 6-19)



- ☐ **Handwriting Without Tears 4** p. 104 HW4 \$18.74  
Core E students often thrive with *Handwriting Without Tears 4*. For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 101-104.

**WANT  
ELECTIVES?**



- ☐ **Electives E** pp. 124-130 ERE \$40.90  
Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend Electives E, which includes *Mark Kistler's Draw Squad* (p. 127), *Recorder* (p. 129) and *Nine Note Recorder Method* (p. 129).

**NEED EXTRA  
RESOURCES?**



- ✓ **Resources** pp. 131-134  
**Recommended Resources**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Writer's INC</b> p. 131         | RL04 | \$32.49 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Student Dictionary</b> p. 131   | RL01 | \$19.95 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Magnifier/Microscope</b> p. 132 | ES08 | \$16.99 |



**"Thank you, Sonlight, for helping us instill a Biblical worldview and teach our children how to think through what they believe,"** writes Nicholas D of Green Bay, WI. "It's fun to see God bring up lessons we're learning through our books at other times during the day. We appreciate the study of world cultures and the focus on sharing God's love with all people. Reading together prompts fascinating discussions and encourages us to ask questions. Sonlight truly inspires a lifestyle of learning and makes it easy for us to learn together as a family." Here, nobody wants to miss out on Read-Aloud time, even if they've heard the story before! Kalysta (5) and Tryana (6) are using Core A, Myranda (9) Core E and Alyssa (12) Core H in the family's eighth Sonlight year.

"My children's love for reading has been the best thing about Sonlight. I don't have to ask them to read – they really want to!"

*– Janice O, Aug. 2012*

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History &amp; Geography



Bible



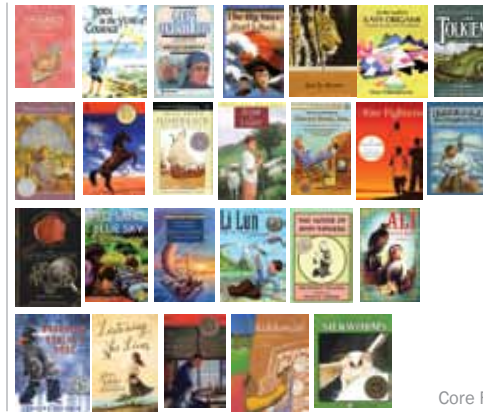
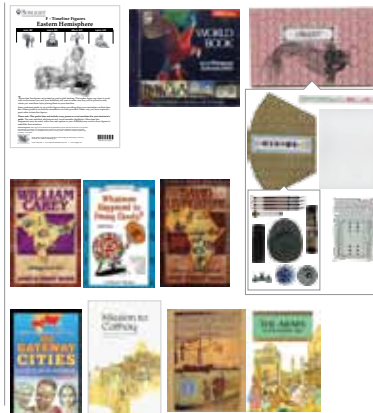
Read-Alouds



Readers with



Language Arts



Core F

## Journey across the mysterious East and glimpse God's heart for the world

- Explore ancient and complex societies where 90% of the world's unevangelized peoples live.
- Gain courage and compassion from inspiring biographies and gripping stories.
- Teach like a pro: Your complete lesson plans, materials and teaching tips are waiting for you. Just follow along!
- Meet Mother Teresa, brave explorers, and typical families who live on the other side of the world.



**"Sharing Core F with my girls was such a joy,"** writes Ginger N of Ferrum, VA. "We made so many happy memories with the beautiful stories we read, the wonderful cultural foods we prepared, the authentic music we heard, the colorful maps they drew and the research we did together. I learned as much as they did, I'm sure. This was by far the best homeschool year we've had. We've used quite a few programs in our 21 years of homeschooling, but none of them provided the same structure with freedom that Sonlight has. Now we're looking forward to learning more about world history in Core G!" After they learned about the Pacific Islands in Core F, Kelsey (12) and Caitlin (14) baked a cultural meal and did the hula together.

### Will this Core be your favorite, too?

This beloved Core is unique among Sonlight programs. Its subject matter stands out from home-school programs available anywhere.

Where else can you get a full year's exploration of Asia, the Middle East, Africa and the South Pacific? A huge percentage of the world's population calls the Eastern Hemisphere home. Ninety percent of all unevangelized people live there. If we want our children to understand this increasingly interconnected globe, if we want them to embrace God's heart for the whole world, let's journey to the East!

We've prepared a rich year of adventure and discovery for you and your kids. I've lost track of all the customers who say this is their favorite year. As one mom said last year, "What an utterly fabulous, not-to-be-missed adventure Core F is! It is my new favorite Core." Will it be yours too?

Core F is perfect for 11-, 12- and 13-year-olds and advanced 10-year-olds. But I wouldn't be surprised if the entire family wants to listen in!

### Take a cultural adventure

I created Core F to fill a gap in education. In public schools and homeschools, students study Western history and culture year after year after year. So Core F is a cultural and historical journey through the often-overlooked lands of the Eastern Hemisphere.

Unlike the other Cores, this one doesn't focus on one set period of history. Instead, it's a cultural study that acquaints your children with the fascinating peoples and nations of the East. As you

move from region to region, you'll study a subset of history at each stop.

### This year's cross-continental itinerary

Take an ambling trek that starts in China and moves through the rest of Asia, over to the Middle East, down to Africa, sweeps through the South Pacific, including Australia and New Zealand, and finishes in Antarctica. Get to know the people and cultures of places you hear about in the news, but may have never studied in-depth (such as Japan, India, the Philippines and Afghanistan).

Because this is such a novel part of the world (to us Westerners, at least!), the history spine for this Core is quite distinctive as well. You'll use the kid-friendly and uncommonly interesting World Book Encyclopedia as a point of departure for each country you visit. Your Instructor's Guide suggests many relevant hands-on activities and lots of fun to help cement your learning.

Core F also uses the Instructor's Guide and the World Book Encyclopedia to teach children how to do basic research. They'll look to the encyclopedia to answer various questions and gain an overview of the region they're visiting. They'll also learn to do some basic (supervised) internet research. This gives them confidence to develop academic research skills in the years ahead.

### Big-picture goals

My hope for this Core is that children will understand that there's a big part of the world we're often unaware of, but that these nations are not forgotten or lost to God.

#### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:

Student: 4-6 hrs | Parent: 2-3½ hrs.





I want kids to grasp the fact that not everyone lives like we do in the West. All over the world, people eat, dress, work, play and see the world very differently. But we're also the same in key ways: God loves all of us and we all need Jesus. Families all over the world love each other; children like to play, learn and explore; we all have to work hard; we all want to be loved and appreciated; we can all overcome obstacles.

I want children to be inspired toward greater compassion and courage through the many missionary biographies featured in this Core. I want them to gain God's heart for lost people everywhere. I want them to understand that we don't need to be afraid of other cultures. At the same time, we don't have to pretend that every aspect of every culture is wonderful.

As children see Christianity compared to religions of the East this year, they will appreciate even more what a great God we serve. We do not pray to lifeless idols; we are not stuck in an endless cycle of reincarnation. Our God is alive, loving and powerful!

## WITH CORE F, YOU RECEIVE



### Instructor's Guide

Like an expert tour guide, your Instructor's Guide (IG) gives you confidence to explore these new lands. You can follow the IG exactly each day, or take detours and reroute your trip as you please. With all your lesson plans already done, your guide makes your books, activities and timeline all fit together to reinforce concepts and allow for effective learning. The riveting discussion questions and background notes help you get the most from your time with your children. Request the first three weeks of this guide for free at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### History & Geography

Get a splendid store of books and materials this year. Look for inspiring biographies of people through whom God did extraordinary things: from Hudson Taylor in China to William Carey in India to David Livingstone in Africa.

As you learn about countries with such different economic histories from ours, you'll enjoy *Whatever Happened to Penny Candy?*, an easy introduction to basic economics. And throughout your year, timeline figures and maps pull all your learning together.

### Bible

Why does God allow bad things to happen? Did Jesus really come back from the dead? Can you have doubts about God and the Bible, and still be a Christian? Your family will confront, explore and discuss challenging questions like these and more. Acclaimed author Lee Strobel – a onetime spiritual skeptic, now a believer and defender of the faith – leads the way and serves as your guide in the single-volume *Case for Kids* (comprised of the children's versions of *The Case for Faith*, *Case for a Creator* and *Case for Christ*).

The core of the Bible program comes through your daily Scripture reading together. Your children will also absorb weekly Scripture memory passages through the catchy global beats of the *Sing the Word: All Nations Shall Worship* CD.

### Read-Alouds

Share adventures of life overseas with your children. I've also included a few classics from our own culture. Get ready to:

- See cultures with new eyes as you walk with a young Tibetan girl from her homeland all the way to Calcutta.
- Read my all-time favorite story: *The Horse and His Boy*, one of C. S. Lewis' marvelous tales of Narnia.
- Shuffle behind Marjan, a crippled Persian girl, as she risks her life to collect stories for the Sultan's wife, who must tell him a new tale every night – or be killed.

### Readers

Your children will get more glimpses into life in the Eastern Hemisphere through their Readers this year. They'll meet characters who inspire courage, curiosity, strength and lots of fun!

After you meet one such character in *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, your children will use the included paper to make their own authentic Japanese origami.

### Language Arts

Watch your children's creativity blossom this year as they take on more challenging writing assignments. The full Language Arts program integrated into Core F teaches grammar, writing mechanics, research writing and creative expression. Students will recognize and imitate good writing through dictation exercises, explore various writing styles through fun and diverse writing assignments, solidify their natural grasp of grammar and more.

You get the tools you need to guide your children successfully, including student activity sheets, teaching helps, parent instructions, full answers, definitions and more. We also schedule optional workbooks in your Instructor's Guide if you want additional focus in vocabulary or grammar.

### An eye-opening journey

May you enjoy Core F as much as countless other Sonlighters have. And may God open our eyes to people who live so differently from us, and whom God loves as much as he loves you and me.



Enjoy!

*Sarita*  
Sarita

LET'S PICK YOUR CURRICULUM



**"Sonlight gives my children a love for learning, and if they love learning, they can succeed in whatever they decide to do in life,"** writes Kathleen D of Rocky Mount, VA. "Great books make History and Science come alive. Through reading, their vocabulary grows and they learn proper grammar and writing. It's exciting to see them seek out more information on a subject, and for fun, reenact what they're learning." Cameron (11) and Jackson (9), in their third year of Sonlight adventures, are exploring Core F.



Find out what it takes to  
be a Sonlight All-Star!  
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**"I want my boys to have a well-rounded Christian worldview when they graduate, and Sonlight is helping me achieve that goal,"** writes Cindy H of Huntsville, TX. "Learning history from a novel instead of a textbook is ideal. It reveals history in a personal way that my children can relate to and remember instead of just memorizing facts. Sonlight's lesson plans are organized and easy to follow. Plus, the selection of books is fabulous. My boys love to get blankets, pillows, and their favorite stuffed animal and read under the trees." In their family's seventh year of Sonlight, Kaleb (11) studies Core F as Kolby (10) enjoys Core D.



**"It's great to have a course that comes with everything we may need in one package,"** writes Anne W of Zimbabwe. "From easy-to-use Instructor's Guides to math manipulatives and science apparatus. Not to mention the generous selection of Read-Alouds and Readers ... all the material you need to teach your child for the entire year. Thank you Sonlight for making my life as a homeschooling mother in the 'sticks' so much easier!" In their family's second year of Sonlight, Scott (5), Chrissy (7), Murray (2) and Joshua (9) crowd in to look at birds from Science C. This year, Joshua is using Core F as Chrissy and Scott share Core B.

## Core F includes these great items!

For full descriptions go to [sonlight.com/core-f](http://sonlight.com/core-f)

### Instructor's Guide F

FCG (\$109.99 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

### History & Geography F

4-Day FH4 **OR** 5-Day FH5

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

100 Gateway Cities FH13  
Arabs in the Golden Age FH14  
Commodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun FH04

David Livingstone: Africa's Trailblazer FH02  
Mission to Cathay FR20  
Timeline Figures – F FH20  
Whatever Happened to Penny Candy? FH06

William Carey: Obligated to Go FH16  
World Book Deluxe (DVD) RR50  
▼ 5-Day Program also includes  
China Kit FH23

### Bible F

FBP

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide

Case for Kids <sup>New</sup> FB04 Sing the Word: All Nations Shall Worship (CD) FB02

### Read-Alouds F

4-Day FA4 **OR** 5-Day FA5

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

A Long Walk to Water FA04  
All the Small Poems FA65  
Call it Courage FR03  
Daughter of the Mountains FA66  
The Horse And His Boy FA56  
I Rode A Horse Of Milk White Jade FA02

Journey To Jo'burg FA57  
The Land I Lost FA64  
Mary Slessor: Forward into Calabar FH18  
The Master Puppeteer FA52  
Seven Daughters and Seven Sons FA63  
Shadow Spinner FA67

Teresa Of Calcutta FH07  
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon FA01  
Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze FA62  
▼ 5-Day Program also includes  
Best-Loved Folktales of the World FA03

### Readers F

FRP

Ali and The Golden Eagle FR18  
Around the World in Eighty Days FR17  
The Big Wave FR05  
Born in the Year of Courage FR23  
Breaking Stalin's Nose FR30  
The Cat Who Went to Heaven FR06  
God's Adventurer: Hudson Taylor FR07

Habibi FR26  
Henry Reed, Inc. FR02  
The Hobbit FA59  
Homesick FR14  
The House of Sixty Fathers FA53  
Just So Stories FR09  
King of the Wind FR15  
The Kite Fighters FR04  
Li Lun, Lad of Courage FR19  
Listening for Lions FR27

Red Sand, Blue Sky FR21  
Rickshaw Girl FR28  
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes plus Fun with Easy Origami FR25  
The Sherlock Files 1: The 100-Year-Old Secret FR29  
Silkworms FR08  
Star of Light FR13  
Water Sky FR01

### Language Arts F

Included in your Core F Instructor's Guide.

"Some of our most cherished family memories are those in which we spend an evening listening to dad read some of our favorite Read-Alouds, such as *The Hobbit* or *Great Expectations*."

*- Kathy R, Aug. 2012*

"In Core F, Josh had to write a report on the Chinese giant salamanders. Every since, he has had a passion for the slimy guys. We went for a hike to a beautiful waterfall and Josh had fun catching crawdads and salamanders with his brothers. You should've seen his face when he finally got one! Thanks, Sonlight, for making nature come alive!"

*- Holly S, Aug. 2012*





**STEP 1**  
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✓ **Core F: Eastern Hemisphere**

Includes Instructor's Guide F, History F, Bible F, Read-Alouds F, Readers F and Language Arts F.

**4-Day**

FC4 <sup>Retail \$568.64!</sup>  
**\$465**  
<sup>You save \$103.64!</sup>

**5-Day**

FC5 <sup>Retail \$613.63!</sup>  
**\$499**  
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**Language Arts F**

Included in your Core F Instructor's Guide

**Required Resources** (If you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3" Binder &amp; Tabs</b> p. 133	B050	\$20.99
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**Optional Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wordly Wise 3000 Book 5 Set</b> p. 99	5L10	\$18.05
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Keys to Good Language 5 Set</b> p. 100	5L09	\$31.98
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Eastern Hemisphere Notebook Pages – Extra Set</b> Consumable	FCG1	\$12.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extra Language Arts Activity Sheets</b> Consumable	FLG1	\$12.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Grammar 5</b> p. 98	5L15	\$29.98

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☐ **Science F** p. 108 **FSB5** **OR** **FSG5** **\$187.25**  
Many Core F customers love Sonlight's Science F. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight science programs, see pp. 105-110.



☐ **Teaching Textbooks Math 5** p. 118 **5M20** **\$119.90**  
Many Core F students do best with *Teaching Textbooks Math 5*. For other outstanding math curricula, see pp. 111-123.

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➤ **Multi-Subject Package**

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☐ **Handwriting Without Tears 5** p. 104 **HW5** **\$12.25**  
Core F students often thrive with *Handwriting Without Tears 5*. For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 101-104.

**WANT**  
**ELECTIVES?**



☐ **Electives F** pp. 124-130 **FRE** **\$66.47**  
Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend Electives F, which includes *Typing Instructor Platinum* (p. 130), *Classics for Kids CD* (p. 128) and *Critical Thinking Activities 4-6* (p. 130).

**NEED EXTRA**  
**RESOURCES?**



✓ **Resources** pp. 131-134

**Recommended Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Writer's INC</b> p. 131	RL04	\$32.49
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Student Dictionary</b> p. 131	RL01	\$19.95
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lyrical Life Science Vol. 3 The Human Body</b> p. 132	RS53	\$29.50



**Seeds Family Worship CDs**  
– music to live by  
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**“As we start Core F, we are excited to see how God will increase our love for the peoples in the Eastern Hemisphere,”** writes Arnold K of Africa. “Whenever new books arrive, our children beg me to read ahead. They clearly incorporate the vocabulary, characters and storylines they pick up from the books in the way they play together. I often find homeschooling books in their rooms – they often research things they want to incorporate in their pretend games. I am also thrilled about the quality of their writing. The writing assignments are fabulous, and have fostered a creativity in them that makes me smile.” In their sixth year of Sonlight, Arnold, Guillaume (10) and Mireille (8) stopped to read history outside the Colosseum on a trip to Rome.

“Core F is one of our family favourites – covering such diverse cultures and people groups, and seeing God’s hand at work in each place.”

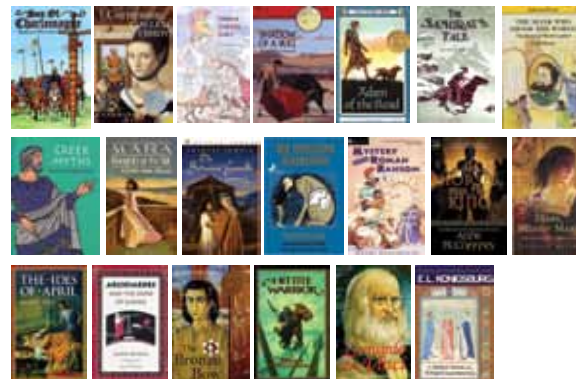
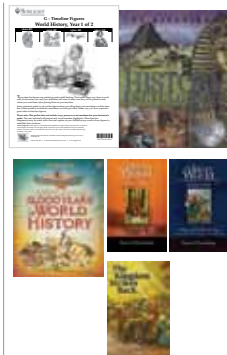
– Susanna S, Aug. 2012

“The children love the vibrant, engaging and informative books in the Eastern Hemisphere Core. We can’t ever imagine homeschooling without Sonlight.”

– Catherine W, August 2012



**IG** p. 135 **History & Geography** **Bible** **Read-Alouds** **Readers with** **Language Arts**



Core G

## Witness the rise and fall of ancient empires

- Discover how people lived around the world from Creation through the Reformation.
- Relax with complete lesson plans and materials for homeschool success.
- Meet Augustus Caesar, samurai warriors, Incan emperors, Joan of Arc, Martin Luther and more!
- Bring the ancient world to life with vivid biographies, historical fiction and award-winning literature.



**“My daughter has an understanding of history and geography that goes beyond that of most adults,”** writes Kelli A of Andover, MN. “She loves to read and has a vocabulary much larger than one would expect for her age. A large part of this is because of the great Sonlight books. We love using Sonlight because I am confident that all the planning is done for me. I don’t have to scramble to make sure I am covering each time period adequately.” Krystal (12) has used Sonlight since first grade. Here, she enjoys a Science G experiment where she identifies powders by testing their reaction to different substances.

### Helping young minds grow and make connections

I love watching children grow. What fun to see their delight in learning something new ... to be amazed at their increasing capacity to offer input and consider abstract ideas ... to smile, surprised, at their intriguing observations. I love watching them make connections in their learning.

Core G is all about fostering students’ ability to think critically and make connections. I created it to help students see the connected flow of human history, from creation through the 1600s.

This Core is best for 12- and 13-year-olds and advanced 11-year-olds.

### Gain a valuable framework for world history

Do you find ancient history dull? One Sonlight mom wrote, “I couldn’t have thought of anything more dry and boring than studying the ancient cultures of Egypt, Greece and Rome. Those were topics to hurry past in order to get to the good stuff.” (Read on: Her assessment doesn’t end here ...)

But history is a *story*—the story of real people, real families, real adventures, real triumphs and defeats, and real cultures. And there’s no reason a good story—especially a story well told—should ever be boring!

I read hundreds of books and chose the best, most gripping ones for this Core. These stories bring long-ago times to life. They provide examples and perspective for us as we experience history being created today. This kind of study is—or certainly can be—very practical. Give your chil-

dren a big-picture understanding of the world that any well-educated person in today’s global society ought to have.

Find answers to real-life questions such as: How did ancient Egypt, Israel and Assyria interact? Where did the Greeks come from? Why did Greek civilization give way to the Romans? Why did the Roman Empire fall? How did Asian culture develop during that same time? How did Western history progress during the so-called Dark Ages? How did those centuries give rise to the Renaissance, and how did the Renaissance, in turn, pave the way for the Protestant Reformation?

What about the Sonlight mom who initially thought ancient history was boring and expressed her doubts? Halfway through Cores B and G with her daughters, she had fallen in love with the great stories and wrote, “Sonlight, you did the impossible. I can’t believe I’m saying this, but I’m starting to enjoy ancient history.” May you enjoy it as well!

### The core of Core G

Just as history itself is interconnected, we’ve created a cohesive, interconnected curriculum for you. Your History, Read-Alouds and Readers all play off each other and deepen your learning experience in Core G.

I’ve carefully interwoven works by three authors to serve as the backbone of your history studies. Though Susan Wise Bauer starts off a little slow in the first volume of her *Story of the World* series, she soon finds her stride. I love the winsome narrative approach, and I have no doubt these delightful books will help you and your students love history, too.

#### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:

**Student:** 4-6 hrs | **Parent:** 2-3½ hrs.





I couple the first half of the *Story of the World* series with the gorgeous *Kingfisher History Encyclopedia*. It's loaded with pictures, diagrams and snippets of information that add dimension to your reading.

I then add the *Usborne Encyclopedia of World History* to help you and your children compare how different authors understand and write about the various historical time periods.

I wove all these books together in Core G so you gain fresh insights and perspectives from each as you move chronologically through world history.

Your Readers and Read-Alouds move chronologically with you and add even more life to your studies!

### Goals for Core G

When your children grow up, will they need to know lists of memorized facts ... or will they need to consider new information, connect it to what they already know and then take the good and toss the bad?

Core G and its companion, Core H, help students develop those critical thinking skills.

They help students understand the world today by seeing how we got to where we are. They help them understand their own and other's cultures by seeing the connections between civilizations around the world and throughout time.

When students really understand how Egyptians viewed their "gods"; when they see how weak, wicked and fickle the Greek "gods" were, they'll appreciate all the more the awesome power and goodness of the true God we worship.

## WITH CORE G, YOU RECEIVE



### Instructor's Guide

Study Core G with confidence: your Instructor's Guide (IG) has all the necessary prep work done for you. It turns great books and fascinating history into a cohesive curriculum. It tells you what to read and do each day, gives you extra notes to help you talk about any difficult subjects, suggests discussion questions to spur great conversations with your kids and helps you get the most from your books and timeline. Head to [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples) to request the first three weeks of this guide for free.

### History & Geography

Besides the primary texts I mentioned above, your History program also includes timeline figures that pull all your learning together and visually shows the progression of history. I've also included a brief but epic history of God's Kingdom and the Church. Watch God's stunning care for his people as He grows the Church from a small band of rag-tag followers to a huge family of believers spread throughout the globe!

### Bible

Core G gives your students a guided tour of the entire Bible. You will read Scripture together each day and they'll memorize a key verse or passage each week. The fascinating *International Children's Bible Field Guide* surveys the Bible and includes maps, archaeological information and extensive study notes.

### Read-Alouds

Treasure your last two years of Read-Alouds! Starting in Core 100, I no longer assign books for mom to read out loud (but you can certainly keep up the tradition if you want). Build memories and help keep lines of communication open with your children as you read books that will inspire you to discuss some deep issues of life. Among other things, you will:

- Live the excitement, adventure and intrigue of the Trojan War.

- Feel the Roman Empire's wrath as it destroys Jerusalem during a Jewish revolt in 70 AD.
- Follow an orphaned boy in Shakespeare's day whose angry master commands him to steal *Hamlet*. Will he obey?
- Discover why *The Westing Game* won the Newbery medal when no other mystery has proved worthy of that honor. (It's also my daughter Jonelle's favorite book ever!)

### Readers

I have too many favorites here to name. From adventures in the Middle Ages to Martin Luther's compelling biography, to the life of a Samurai in 16th century Japan, these books enrich your children's studies and encourage them to keep on learning.

### Language Arts

Help your children continue to grow as writers with the complete Language Arts program integrated in Core G. They practice good writing with dictation, tackle advanced writing assignments and explore literary analysis. With student activity sheets, teaching helps, parent instructions, answers, definitions and more, you are fully equipped to guide your children in grammar, writing mechanics, creative expression and editing. We also schedule optional vocabulary and grammar workbooks if you want additional focus in those areas.

### Ready to learn

Please, relax and enjoy this special year of great books, discoveries and moments with your children. And get ready to learn a fair amount yourself!



All the best,

*Sarita*

Sarita

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"Thank you, Sonlight, for instilling the love of learning in my children."

- Pamela G. May 2012



Scope out our quality microscopes  
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"The amazing literature Sonlight provides has fostered a love for reading throughout our whole family," writes Julie M of Colorado Springs, CO. "What I love most about these books is how they bring history to life for my kids in a way they can relate to because the main characters are usually right around their own age. It's fun to think about what it would have been like to ride the pony express, build ships, bust broncos, or become a bull fighter or a master craftsman at their young age. It helps them realize that even though they are young, they are capable of doing great things." In his fifth year of Sonlight, 12-year-old Spencer curls up with his cat as he studies Core G.



**"I love that the Core schedule is included and we can adjust it as we go along,"** writes Carol D of Quincy, IL. "We were not sure how homeschooling would work for us, since both my husband and I work full-time. With a few adjustments, we were able to make it work and the Sonlight flexibility made it happen. We like that we can modify as we go along, skipping topics that he already knows and lingering on some as the need arises and yet not miss out on what we think is important." Ethan (12) couldn't wait to start on his new books for Core G, so he dove into *The Story of the World* during summer vacation.



**You know you're a homeschooler when**  
... your son attaches a vacuum cleaner brush to his head and says he's a centurion.



**"Sonlight gives us the flexibility to take our school work with us wherever we go,"** writes Chris G of Garden City, ID. "It is a blessing to be able to spend some of our school time out enjoying God's creation! Sonlight has such a wonderful selection of books that my children have developed into voracious readers who always have a book wherever we go. Thank you, Sonlight for helping them develop a love of literature and learning. Sonlight is providing the bridge to take them from early learners to tomorrow's leaders." As Sadie (8) studies Core B and Syaira (11) and Nakeata (13) share Core G, they love to do school by the Boise River. The G family has homeschooled for two years and used Sonlight for both.

## Core G includes these great items!

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/core-g](http://sonlight.com/core-g)

### Instructor's Guide G

GCG (\$109.99 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

### History & Geography G

4-Day GH4 **OR** 5-Day GH5

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

The Kingdom Strikes Back GH01  
The Kingfisher History Encyclopedia GH08

Story of the World: Ancient Times GH05  
Story of the World: Middle Ages GH06  
Timeline Figures - G Consumable GH04

#### ▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Usborne Encyclopedia 12,000 Years of World History GH07

### Bible G

GBP

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide

International Children's Bible Field Guide GB01  
Sing the Word: Credo - I Believe (CD) GB02

### Read-Alouds G

4-Day GA4 **OR** 5-Day GA5

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

Beyond the Desert Gate GA11  
Favorite Poems Old and New GA06  
Flame Over Tara GA13  
God King: King Hezekiah GA12  
The Golden Goblet GA01

The Great and Terrible Quest GR06  
The Hidden Treasure of Glaston GA15  
I, Juan de Pareja GA07  
Master Cornhill GA05  
The Second Mrs. Giaconda GA09

The Shakespeare Stealer GA14  
A Single Shard GA10

#### ▼ 5-Day Program also includes

King Arthur: Tales From the Round Table GA16  
The Trojan War GA04  
The Westing Game GA02

### Readers G

GRP

Adam of the Road GR03  
Archimedes and the Door of Science GR13  
The Beduin's Gazelle GR08  
Black Horses for the King GR18  
The Bronze Bow GR02  
Catherine Called Birdy GR19  
Greek Myths <sup>New</sup> GR24

Hittite Warrior GR12  
The Ides of April GR14  
Leonardo da Vinci GR11  
Mara, Daughter of the Nile GR07  
Mary, Bloody Mary GR15  
The Monk Who Shook the World GR23  
The Mystery of the Roman Ransom GR10

The Phantom Tollbooth GR05  
A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver GR17  
The Samurai's Tale GR01  
Shadow of a Bull GR04  
Son of Charlemagne GR21  
Theras and His Town GR20

### Language Arts G

Included in your Core G Instructor's Guide.

"Sonlight brings the world to us through its fabulous missions-minded curriculum. We see our children talking about and praying for the world. Thank you for partnering with us as we raise our children to love God's world."

- Lewis L, Aug. 2012



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	You save \$92.55!	You save \$89.98!

**Language Arts G**

Included in your Core G Instructor's Guide

**Required Resources** (If you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3" Binder &amp; Tabs</b> p. 133	B050	\$20.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Timeline Book</b> p. 94	RR120	\$25.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Markable Map and Markers</b> p. 94	MAP	\$27.98

**Optional Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wordly Wise 3000 Book 6 Set</b> p. 99	6L10	\$18.05
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Keys to Good Language 6 Set</b> p. 100	6L09	\$31.98
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extra Language Arts Activity Sheets</b> Consumable	GLG1	\$12.99
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- ☐ **Science G** p. 109 GS5 \$221.88  
Many Core G customers love Sonlight's Science G. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight science programs, see pp. 105-110.



- ☐ **Teaching Textbooks Math 6 + MathTacular4®** p. 119 T6M \$199.89  
Many Core G students do best with *Teaching Textbooks Math 6* and *MathTacular4®*. For other outstanding math curricula, see pp. 111-123.

**WANT  
ELECTIVES?**



- ☐ **Electives** pp. 124-130  
Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:
- ☐ **Electives G** GRE \$101.93  
Includes *ARTistic Pursuits Grades 4-6, Book 1* (p. 126), *Art Supplies Kit for Grade 4-6* (p. 126) and *Classical Music Start Up, Vol 1* (p. 128).
- ☐ **Foreign Language** See p. 125 for recommendations

**NEED EXTRA  
RESOURCES?**



- ✓ **Resources** pp. 131-134
- Recommended Resources**
- ☐ **Writer's INC** p. 131 RL04 \$32.49
- ☐ **Student Dictionary** p. 131 RL01 \$19.95



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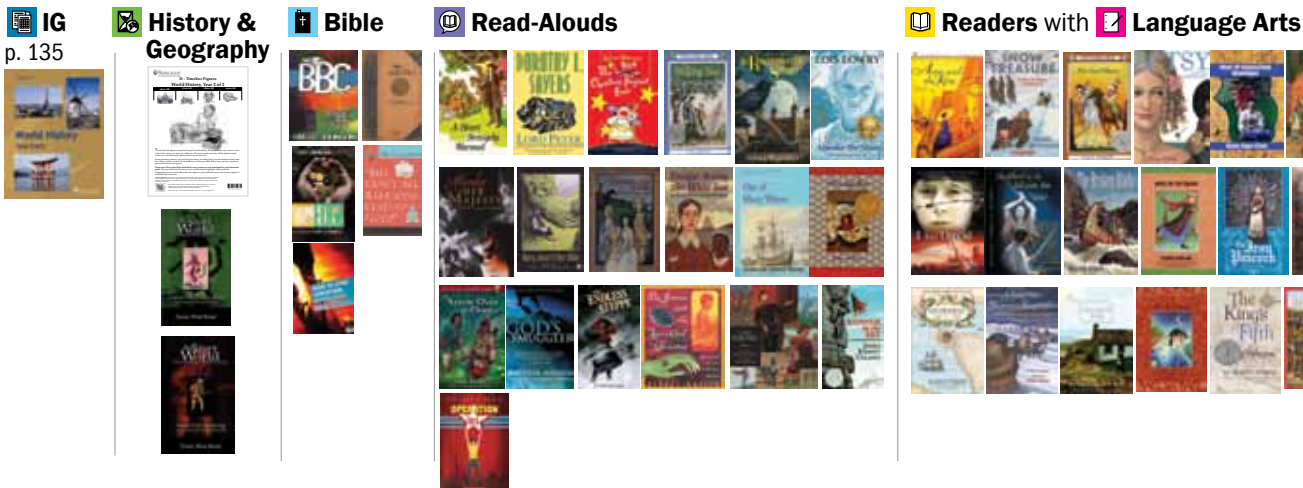


**"You can't find better books than in the Sonlight Curriculum!"** writes Liz G of Winchester, VA. "Our favorite school moments come after lunch when we can relax with our Read-Alouds and follow good stories together. Our Ethiopian children have learned a balanced view of 'Africa meets the West' through *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, Wilburforce's biography, *The Landmark History of the American People* and *Across Five Aprils* [all from Core E] – not the sort of education they would get anywhere else, because we are there to help them see and understand the evil and the good throughout history." Here, Liz works on Core G with her youngest three – Susannah (12), Emily (11) and Benjamin (12). Her older nine children also used Sonlight for many years.



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"Through all the reading we have learned so much about the world and history that we would have not learned with any other curriculum."  
- Anita H. Aug. 2012



Core H

## Explore the ever-changing world of the past 500 years

- Finish the breathtaking journey through World History you started in Core G.
- Watch Colonialism and Asian dynasties rise and fall. Wrestle with the reality of two world wars.
- Learn from the past and see how each generation's choices impact the world.
- Fuel a love for learning with gripping historical fiction, fascinating biographies and great literature.



**"Sonlight has helped ensure that my children get a well-rounded education,"** writes Esther B of Scotland. "The Sonlight part of each child's day is their favourite. They love the Read-Alouds and History and I often see them picking up books to re-read. My reluctant reader has even enjoyed her Readers this year, which has been really encouraging! I placed my first order in 2008 and we haven't looked back." In their fifth year of Sonlight, Esther makes the most of a sunny Scottish day with Keziah (14), Nathanael (12) and Reuben (10). They're studying Core F and Core H this year.

### Inspired to overcome

Core H inspires students to overcome obstacles. Meet historical figures who faced real challenges, persevered and won in the end. Core H highlights ordinary heroes whose courage and dedication paid off.

This Core is suited for 13- and 14-year-olds and advanced 12-year-olds.

### A back-stage pass to history

Core H completes the study you began in Core G and hands you a back stage pass to the last 500 years of world history. Meet the people whose ideas and actions forged the course of history, from reformers to rocket scientists. Gain a working knowledge of what happened from the 17th century to about 1990.

How did the Renaissance influence the American and French Revolutions? How did the Industrial Revolution drastically change society? How did the Western and Eastern hemispheres become so interconnected? How did Colonial powers conquer so much of the world and carve out new nations? How did those nations eventually throw off Colonial rule? What tensions led to the explosion of two world wars? What did normal life look like around the world during these changes?

### An overview of Core H

Your History books, Read-Alouds, Readers and Language Arts all intertwine for a cohesive, reinforced learning experience.

Two authors from Core H provide the foundation for your Core H adventure: The final two

volumes of *The Story of the World* take you on a gripping story-based trek through history. The critically acclaimed *Kingfisher History Encyclopedia*, organized into 10 historical eras, is your one-stop research source and perfect companion to your study of World History.

A third text, *The Usborne Encyclopedia of World History*, expands your knowledge and provides a richer experience, with vivid photographs, images, diagrams and intriguing supplemental information.

Readers and Read-Alouds augment your history studies, showing what life was really like for people from Russia to Peru, Puritan America to Imperial Japan.

### My dream for Core H

I created this Core to give your students a solid understanding of the flow of history. That's a given with any Sonlight Core.

Another given with Sonlight? Cores that help your children become the type of people you want them to be. In Core H, this includes discussing some uncomfortable realities of life that we've largely avoided in earlier Cores (realities like the Holocaust, poverty and war). Why do we do this? For a few reasons.

Your children will learn sooner or later that the world is not fair. Not everyone lives or has lived in as much comfort as we do. Our own lives are sometimes very hard. If your children are warned ahead of time and given strong heroes to emulate, they are armed and ready to persevere. If they think the world is perfect, they won't know what

#### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:

Student: 4-6 hrs | Parent: 2-3½ hrs.



to do with their faith when adverse circumstances hit. With Core H, you gently prepare them and talk about these realities.

Core H helps you teach that even though life can be hard, we should never despair. When Core H touches on darker aspects of human history, it does so in a way that highlights people who triumph over difficulties. Dive into these books looking for honest character, perseverance and the hope of overcoming in the end.

When Sonlight kids face challenges in their own lives – whether resolving conflict with sib-

lings, working extra hard to understand math, or grieving the death of a grandparent – may they say “I can do this. I can stick with my family, persevere and overcome difficulties. I know I can because I’ve seen it again and again in books. I’ve seen ordinary people like me do great things. I won’t give up!”

In case you’re concerned here, I should also say that Core H also includes some really fun books too – thrilling adventures, laugh-out-loud scenes and heartwarming stories. We mix it up to give you a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

## WITH CORE H, YOU RECEIVE

### Instructor's Guide

We made some IG innovations to help you teach with greater confidence and effectiveness. You'll find everything you need – schedule, notes, discussion questions, teaching tips, laminated color maps and more – consolidated in one place for each week. Just open and teach!

With all your lesson plans and organization done for you, you can spend your time enjoying your children and learning with them. Let the discussion questions and great books lead to meaningful conversations about family, politics, history, faith and character. Open your guide each day to see what to read and discuss.

Request the first three weeks of this guide for free at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### History & Geography

Figures for your ever-expanding timeline of history coordinate with History books, Readers and Read-Alouds to map the flow of history.

### Bible

Equip your young teens to live out their faith. They'll learn how to study the Bible, what other religions believe and how Christianity differs. They'll prepare for the faith challenges the high school years often bring.

The broad selection of Bible readings for Core H come from the wisdom literature and minor prophets of the Old Testament, all four Gospels, and many New Testament epistles. Weekly Scripture memorization helps God's Word sink deep into students' hearts.



**You know you're a homeschooler when**  
... you watch The Price is Right for a math lesson.

### Read-Alouds

Enjoy this final set of Read-Alouds with your children. Add depth to history and:

- Save countless lives from smallpox with a doctor who creates the world's first vaccine.
- Help a young girl save her friend from the Nazis.
- Survive a Siberian labor camp with Esther, her mother and her grandmother.
- Encounter Koly, an Indian girl who is married at 13, widowed and left as an outcast. She overcomes in this compelling picture of a different world.

### Readers

Give your children heroes who inspire them to become people of courage, strength and honor. Meet:

- Norwegian children who courageously save \$9 million worth of gold bricks (today worth over \$350 million).
- Katya, who finds hope in the midst of the devastating Russian Revolution.

### Language Arts

We beefed up the Language Arts program to give you a better balance of creative writing, grammar and writing mechanics. We also provided more specific parent instructions for you (in the IG). With writing exercises fully integrated into Core H History and Literature, your students will write creatively, compose essays, research and analyze literature. They'll find instruction and inspiration for great writing!

### **Excellence and character**

Motivate your children to new heights of character, learning and academic excellence. And watch them grow in their love of learning.



Blessings,

*Sarita*  
Sarita

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**“Sonlight gives us the freedom to enjoy great literature and cozy family time together,”** writes Jennifer H of Wasilla, AK. “We look back on the extensive list of books the kids have read and the priceless moments we have had over the years and know we made the right choice in Sonlight and home-schooling. Everyone looks pretty content on this ‘school day.’” Cassidy (12) and Jameson (9) are studying Core B and Core H in their family's seventh year of Sonlight.



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**“The Instructor's Guides lay out everything for us so I don't have to spend time scheduling everything,”** writes Heather D of Sacramento, CA. “Sonlight allows our whole family to learn together – from the oldest to the youngest. The books Sonlight uses are fabulous. We have developed a library the kids read over and over again. With Sonlight our children all love to read and to learn and the best part is doing it together.” This year, Hannah (13) and Grace (11) share Core H, Bethany (9) uses Core C and H, and Joshua (6) and Mary (4) share Core P4/5 and Core A.

**Core H includes these great items!**For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/core-h](http://sonlight.com/core-h)**Instructor's Guide H**

HCG (\$109.99 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

**Language Arts H**

(See p. 98)

Included in your Core H Instructor's Guide.

**History & Geography H**

4-Day &amp; 5-Day HHP

## ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

The Story of the World: Early Modern Times (Vol. 3)	HH01	The Story of the World: Modern Age (Vol. 4)	HH02
		Timeline Figures - H Consumable	HH03

**Bible H**

HBP

Scripture reading &amp; memory in your Instructor's Guide

The BBC Manual: Turning Your Bedroom into a Bible College Consumable	HB05	How to Stay Christian in High School	HB03
"But Don't All Religions Lead to God?"	HB01	Live Like a Jesus Freak: Spend Today as if it Were Your Last Consumable	HB02
Daring to Live on the Edge: The Adventure of Faith and Finances	HB04		

**Read-Alouds H**

4-Day HA4 OR 5-Day HA5

## ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

The Arrow Over the Door	HA16	Homeless Bird <i>New</i>	HR08	The Singing Tree	HA02
Banner in the Sky	HA10	Mary Jones & Her Bible	HA08	▼ 5-Day Program also includes	
Classic Poetry	HA15	A Murder for Her Majesty	HA17	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	HA07
The Endless Steppe	HA11	Number the Stars	HA13	Dr. Jenner and the Speckled Monster	HA04
Escape Across the Wide Sea	HA09	Out of Many Waters	HA06	Great Expectations	HA03
God's Smuggler	HA12	The Ravenmaster's Secret: Escape from the Tower of London	HA01	Lord Peter <i>New</i>	HA19
A Heart Strangely Warned	HA18	The Sherwood Ring	HA05	Operation Yes <i>New</i>	HA20

**Readers H**

HRP

Angel on the Square	HR07	The Good Master	HR03	Only the Names Remain: The Cherokees and the Trail of Tears	HR13
Anna and the King	HR20	I Am David	HR19	Snow Treasure	HR14
Betsy and the Emperor	HR04	In Search of Honor	HR16	Stowaway	HR18
The Breadwinner	HR01	The Iron Peacock	HR09	Year of Impossible Goodbyes	HR02
The Broken Blade	HR05	It's a Jungle Out There!	HR17		
Chu Ju's House <i>New</i>	HR21	The King's Fifth	HR10		
Escape from Warsaw	HR15	Madeleine Takes Command	HR11		
The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn	HR06	Nory Ryan's Song	HR12		

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	4-Day		5-Day
<input type="checkbox"/> HC4	Retail \$526.27! <b>\$469</b> You save \$57.27!	<input type="checkbox"/> HC5	Retail \$568.24! <b>\$499</b> You save \$69.24!

**Required Resources** (If you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> 3" Binder & Tabs p. 133	B050	\$20.99
<input type="checkbox"/> The Timeline Book p. 94	RR120	\$25.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Usborne Encyclopedia of World History p. 94	GH07	\$19.99

**Optional Resource**

<input type="checkbox"/> Worldly Wise 3000, Book 7 Set p. 99	7L30	\$18.05
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**STEP 2**  
Complete your Curriculum▼ **Science** pp. 105-110

Choose an easy-to-use, hands-on science program, such as:

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**WANT ELECTIVES?**▼ **Electives** pp. 124-130

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:

<input type="checkbox"/> Electives H	HRE	\$26.98
<i>Includes Classical Music Start Up, Vol 2 (p. 128) and Usborne Introduction to Art (p. 127).</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language	See p. 125 for recommendations	

**NEED EXTRA RESOURCES?**▼ **Resources** pp. 131-134**Recommended Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> Writer's INC p. 131	RL04	\$32.49
<input type="checkbox"/> Collegiate Thesaurus p. 131	RL03	\$21.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Math on Call p. 131	RR801	\$29.49

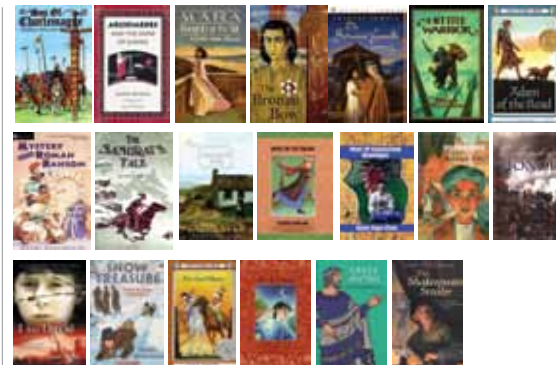
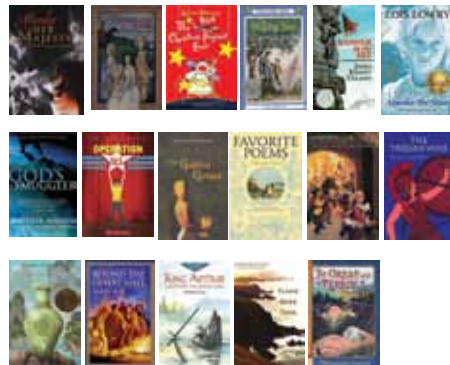
"Sonlight's rich, fascinating books are the perfect nourishment for Ben's young mind. He appreciates the stories that engage him and I appreciate that the stories are age-appropriate, relevant to our lessons and character-building."

*- Jessica B., Aug. 2012*





IG p. 135 History & Geography Bible Read-Alouds Readers with Language Arts



Core W

## Journey through the highlights of world history

- Sweep through ancient and modern history with this one-year program.
- Homeschool with confidence: You get daily lesson plans and complete materials for the entire year.
- Meet a samurai warrior, Augustus Caesar, Joan of Arc, Michelangelo, Martin Luther, Napoleon and more.
- Learn from the past and see how each generation's choices impact the world.

### Perfect for families new to Sonlight

Is this your first year of Sonlight? Do you want to help your middle schoolers discover joy in learning? The One Year World History program could be the perfect choice for you.

Most Sonlight students use our full two-year World History program (Cores G and H) at this point. Those full Cores give you a wonderful, deep study of world history. But if you are new to Sonlight and only have one year to spend on world history right now, we highly recommend Core W.

Children ages 12 and 13 appreciate Core W the most.

### The goals of One Year World History

Many students who start Sonlight at this level already dread school. They find learning boring and tedious. They might think they're just bad students.

Fortunately, Core W is a wonderful introduction to the delight of learning. The approachable, winsome, gripping books gently pull kids in. Before you know it, your reluctant learners will be sneaking books off to finish ahead of schedule! After Core W, your students will be well-prepared for the fascinating challenges of Sonlight's upper-level Cores ... or whatever schooling options you may choose.

This program helps students see the connected flow of human history, from creation through the present. Since history is the story of real cultures, real people, real families, real adventures, and real triumphs and defeats, there is no reason it should be boring!

I read hundreds of books and chose the very best for this Core. These stories bring long-ago times to

life. They provide examples and perspective for us as we experience history being created today. They give your children a big-picture understanding of the world that any well-educated person in today's global society ought to have.

This study answers real-life questions such as: Where did the Greeks originate? How did Western history progress during the so-called Dark Ages? How did the Renaissance pave the way for the Protestant Reformation? How was Asia growing and changing during this time? Why did Colonial powers conquer so much of the world? What tensions led to the explosion of two world wars?

Core W also helps students develop critical thinking skills and understand the world today by seeing how we got where we are. The study helps them understand their own and others' cultures by seeing connections between civilizations around the world and throughout time.

### What exactly is Core W?

Core W is very similar to Cores G and H, except that it is condensed into one year and relies on Hillyer's *A Child's History of the World* instead of Bauer's *Story of the World*.

We call it Core W to indicate that it is not part of the normal sequence of Sonlight Cores. Most Sonlighters progress from Cores A through H and then on to Core 100.

In fact, if you've done the earlier *Intro to World History* program (Cores B and C or B+C), you'll notice you've already used *A Child's History of the World*.

So why do we use the same primary history text here? Cores G and H each use two of the *Story of the World* volumes. But if we put all four volumes



**"With Sonlight as a guide, the countries and people of the world seem like neighbors,"** writes Elizabeth H of Towson, MD. "No matter what the reading level, Sonlight has books to entertain, excite and challenge our children to the next level. We're quickly becoming book snobs! Only the best literature, like the books we receive in our Sonlight box each year, make it into our school time and bedtime reading." The H family, including Grace (8), Jack (7), Ana (5) and Will (4), have been exploring their world with Sonlight for four years. Here, they're reading *Maps and Globes* from Core C.

### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:  
**Student:** 4-6 hrs | **Parent:** 2-3½ hrs.



in one program, they would take up all our time for history reading for Core W.

I always try to bring in a variety of voices for your history studies, so I opted for the shorter and easier-to-read *A Child's History of the World* here. Then I included other intriguing and challenging works, such as *The Kingfisher Atlas 12,000 years of World History*, *The Kingdom Strikes Back* and *The Usborne Encyclopedia of World History* to add different perspectives and points of interest.

Some parents worry that *A Child's History of the World* is too simple. "If it's used in an elementary school context, it can't possibly be valuable for more advanced students," they say.

I disagree. No college-educated adult needs to apologize for reading a local newspaper (typically written at a fifth grade reading level). I think content matters far more than difficulty.

But I'd also point out that in Cores B and C, *A Child's History of the World* is too advanced for students to read on their own, so a parent reads it aloud. In Core W, students read it to themselves in one year. Especially for students who are turned-off to standard education, Hillyer's approachable, winsome style pulls them into history and gets them hooked on learning.

## WITH CORE W, YOU RECEIVE



### Instructor's Guide

We made some IG innovations to help you teach with greater confidence and effectiveness. You'll find everything you need – schedule, notes, discussion questions, teaching tips, laminated color maps and more – consolidated in one place for each week. Just open and teach!

With all your lesson plans and organization done for you, you can spend your time enjoying your children and learning with them. Let the discussion questions and great books lead to meaningful conversations about family, politics, history, faith and character. Open your guide each day to see what to read and discuss.

Request the first three weeks of this guide for free at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### History & Geography

In addition to the primary texts I mentioned above, your History program includes timeline figures that pull your learning together and visually show the progression of history. You'll also find a brief but epic history of God's Kingdom and the Church.

Just as history itself is interconnected, I've created a cohesive, interconnected curriculum for you. Your History, Bible, Read-Alouds and Readers all play off each other and deepen your learning in Core W.

### Bible

Core W gives your students a guided tour of the entire Bible. You'll read Scripture together each day and they'll memorize a key verse or passage each week. The fascinating *International Children's Bible Field Guide* surveys the Bible and includes maps, archaeological information and extensive study notes.

### Read-Alouds

Treasure this special time with your teen. As you read aloud together, and/or discuss your teen's reading, you'll build memories and open lines of communication. These works let you laugh, learn and discuss important life issues. You get to:

- Live the excitement, adventure and intrigue of the Trojan War.
- Meet an orphan who goes to live with her distant uncle, only to solve a long family mystery.
- Help a young girl save her friend from the Nazis.
- Follow God's thrilling call for Brother Andrew, who smuggles Bibles behind the Iron Curtain.

### Readers

Dive deeper into history with Readers your teens are sure to love. These books give your children heroes who inspire them to become people of courage, strength and honor. You'll encounter:

- A Hittite warrior in the time of Deborah, 200 years before King David.

- A quick-witted orphan on the quest of a lifetime in the late Middle Ages.
- A servant in Shakespeare's day whose master commands him to steal *Hamlet*.
- Norwegian children who courageously save \$9 million worth of gold bricks in WWII (today worth over \$350 million).

### Language Arts

Help your children continue to grow as writers with the complete Language Arts program integrated with Core W. The program offers a balance of creative writing, grammar and writing mechanics. Students practice good writing with dictation, tackle advanced writing assignments and explore literary analysis. With student activity sheets, teaching helps, parent instructions, answers, definitions and more, you're fully equipped to guide your children. We also schedule optional vocabulary and grammar workbooks if you want additional focus in those areas.

### Excellence and character

Watch your children fall in love with learning with Core W. Simply follow the Instructor's Guide for a cohesive study full of outstanding books!



All the best,  
*Sarita*  
Sarita

LET'S PICK YOUR CURRICULUM



## BUDGET OPTIONS THAT FIT

Pay over 3, 6, or 9 months with no fee or interest.

[sonlight.com/timepayments](http://sonlight.com/timepayments)

"I love the way Sonlight Cores help my children make connections between their lives and the lives of people who lived in different times and places."

– Barry F, June 2012

"Sonlight gives even the greatest novice the confidence and the ability to have a thriving home-school experience."

– Katy C, Aug. 2012



## Core W includes these great items!

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/core-w](http://sonlight.com/core-w)

### Instructor's Guide W

WCG (\$109.99 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

[NOTE: You may order now. We will start shipping Core W Instructor's Guides as soon as we receive them back from the printer in May. Download the first 3 weeks for free at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).]

### History & Geography W

4-Day WH4 OR 5-Day WH5

▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

The Kingdom Strikes Back  
Timeline Figures - W Consumable

GH01  
WH02

Usborne Encyclopedia  
12,000 years of World History

GH07

▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Kingfisher Atlas of World History <sup>New</sup>

WH03

### Bible W

WBP

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide.

International Children's Bible Field Guide

GB01

Sing the Word: Credo - I Believe (CD)

GB02

### Language Arts W

see p.98

Included in your Core W Instructor's Guide.

### Read-Alouds W

▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

A Murder for Her Majesty

HA17

Banner in the Sky

HA10

Beyond the Desert Gate

GA11

Favorite Poems

GA06

Old and New

GA13

Flame Over Tara

God's Smuggler

HA12

The Golden Goblet

GA01

The Great and Terrible Quest

GR06

Master Cornhill

GA05

Number the Stars

HA13

The Sherwood Ring

HA05

The Singing Tree

HA02

4-Day WA4 OR 5-Day WA5

Single Shard

GA10

▼ 5-Day Program also includes

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

HA07

King Arthur: Tales from the Round Table

GA16

Operation Yes <sup>New</sup>

HA20

Trojan War

GA04

### Readers W

Adam of the Road

GR03

Angel on the Square

HR07

Archimedes and the Door

GR13

of Science

The Beduin's Gazelle

GR08

The Breadwinner

HR01

The Bronze Bow

GR02

Chu Ju's House <sup>New</sup>

HR21

The Good Master

HR03

Greek Myths <sup>New</sup>

GR24

Hittite Warrior

GR12

I Am David

HR19

In Search of Honor

HR16

Mara, Daughter

GR07

of The Nile

Mystery of the Roman

GR10

Ransom

HR12

Nory Ryan's Song

WRP

Samurai's Tale, The

GR01

Shakespeare Stealer

GA14

Snow Treasure

HR14

Son of Charlemagne

GR21

Year of Impossible

Goodbyes

HR02

#### STEP 1 Choose your Core Program



#### Core W: One Year World History

Includes Instructor's Guide W, History W, Bible W, Read-Alouds W, Readers W, Language Arts W.

4-Day		5-Day	
	Retail \$484.73!		Retail \$533.15!
<input type="checkbox"/> WC4	<b>\$429</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> WC5	<b>\$479</b>
	You save \$55.73!		You save \$54.15!

**Required Resources** (If you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3" Binder &amp; Tabs</b> p. 133	B050	\$20.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Timeline Book</b> p. 94	RR120	\$25.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Markable Map and Markers</b> p. 94	MAP	\$27.98
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Usborne Book of World History</b> p. 94	CH02	\$24.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Child's History of the World</b> p. 94	CH07	\$28.00

**Optional Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wordly Wise 3000 Book 6 Set</b> p. 99	6L10	\$18.05
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Keys to Good Language 6 Set</b> p. 100	6L09	\$31.98
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extra Language Arts Activity Sheets</b> Consumable	WLG1	\$12.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Grammar 6</b> p. 98	6L15	\$29.98

#### STEP 2 Complete your Curriculum



#### Science pp. 105-110

Choose an easy-to-use, hands-on science program, such as:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Science H</b> p. 109	HS0A	\$148.98
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Physical Science</b> p. 109	150-05	\$105.98



#### Math pp. 111-123

Choose one of several outstanding math curricula, such as:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Teaching Textbooks Math 7</b> p. 120	7M20	\$149.90
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Teaching Textbooks Pre-Algebra</b> p. 120	7M10	\$184.90

#### WANT ELECTIVES?



#### Electives pp. 124-130

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Electives W</b>	WRE	\$35.97
Includes <i>Classical Music Start Up, Vol 1 &amp; Vol 2</i> (p. 128) and <i>Usborne Introduction to Art</i> (p. 127).		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Foreign Language</b> See p. 125 for recommendations		

#### NEED EXTRA RESOURCES?



#### Resources pp. 131-134

**Recommended Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Writer's INC</b> p. 131	RL04	\$32.49
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Student Dictionary</b> p. 131	RL01	\$19.95

### BENEFITS

## One-Year Money-Back LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH Guarantee

+ PLUS

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- Optional interest-free payment plans
- 10% off all additional purchases for a year
- Sonlight Forums
- 50% off IG repurchases

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"Apologia Science is great. The experiments are fun and easy to follow and best of all our boys love it," writes Belinda P of Mozambique. "Where we live there are not many options as far as school goes, but with Sonlight we get more than a good education - we share our lives!" Here, Christian (13) and Stefan (9) experience a fascinating science experiment. In their eighth year of Sonlight, Belinda is using Core E, G and W with her three boys.





**IG History and Bible**

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**IG Literature and Language Arts**

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Core 100

## Uncover the rich treasures of American history

- Live the thrilling story of America, from before Columbus to modern times.
- Examine events, people and debates that have molded the United States.
- Guide your children with confidence; this Core provides daily plans and complete materials for the entire year.
- Cheer on patriots who stood for freedom and justice ... and evaluate America's missteps with open eyes.
- Watch your children read, write, discuss and grow as students.



**"With Sonlight we can all have fun learning together,"** writes Dawn D of Mount Calvary, WI. "This past year we had to decide as a family if I (mom) should go back to work part time or if we should begin a commercial goat dairy operation. The children all agreed they would rather work harder on the farm, continue homeschooling, and not have me go back to work. The Sonlight Cores had everything spelled out for each child, but were flexible enough that if we had to take a road trip to purchase items for the farm, they could take their books with them. Sonlight allows us the flexibility to work together on the farm year round." In their fifth year of Sonlight, Zachary (16), Bethany (14), Kayla (12), Sarah (9), Michael (7) and Maria (3) use Cores 100, H, F and B.

### Independence in learning

Can you believe how much your children have grown since kindergarten? Remember when they would crawl into your lap for you to read to them? And now look at them!

One of the unique privileges of homeschooling is being there for each step of your children's development. You help them gain the wide range of skills they'll need in life, like self-motivation and the ability to follow a schedule and complete assignments without constant supervision.

Core 100 capitalizes on those skills to transition kids to more independent learning. You may remain as involved as you like, but if your students are ready, they can follow the Instructor's Guide and direct their own daily studies. This gives you more time to focus on younger children or to read the great literature in Core 100!

This Core is best suited for children ages 13 to 16 and advanced 12-year-olds.

### Go deeper into your roots

You've studied American History before; now it's time to go deeper. Get a backstage pass to see the players of our history as real people.

Move chronologically to discover fascinating empires before Columbus. See why Benedict Arnold became a traitor. Meet the founding fathers who dared to create a Constitution that has become the model for countries around the world. Walk with courageous Sacajawea as she navigates the adventure of a lifetime. Survive WWII with a Japanese-American family in a California internment camp. See the daily struggles of normal African Americans who courageously changed history through the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Core 100 takes you deeper into the complex fabric of American society. Meet Americans who lived such different lives: former slaves who established a new town in Canada, teenagers who fought in the Civil War, miners who searched for gold in the Idaho Territory, Chinese immigrants who tunneled through mountains, Irish immigrants who survived the Great Depression and more.

Core 100 goes far beyond historical highlights and uncovers the fascinating ups and downs of our nation's story.



Get with the program(ming)  
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"Sonlight has given my family the privilege to LOVE to learn."

- Charlotte E, May 2012

#### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:  
**Student:** 5-7 hrs | **Parent:** 2-3½ hrs.

## WITH HISTORY 100, YOU RECEIVE

### Instructor's Guide

Your History 100 Instructor's Guide (IG) weaves all your materials into one exciting and cohesive program. Starting in this upper-level program, each course includes both a Parent Guide and a separate Student Guide. This means you'll get a History and Bible Parent Guide, as well as a History and Bible Student Guide.

Your Parent Guide mirrors the Student Guide, but also includes answers, provides extra notes and allows you to check their progress and discuss their reading. This format allows you to be as engaged or as hands-off as you and your students like.

Request the first three weeks of these guides for free at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### History

I built History 100 on the foundation of Joy Hakim's award-winning *A History of US* series. Her volumes are some of the most fascinating histories I've ever read. Filled with photos, illustrations and political cartoons from across the decades, Hakim draws you in to the story of our nation.

Some homeschoolers use these books with younger students. The language is certainly easy enough to understand. But we use them at the junior and senior high levels because of the author's attention to details (like the devastation of the Civil War, Prohibition and the civil unrest of the 1960s) that are simply not as appropriate for elementary students to consider. We also move

more quickly through each volume than younger students typically could.

We balance Hakim's more liberal perspective with extensive notes in the Instructor's Guide. These notes offer counter-arguments to some of Hakim's views. With *A History of US* and the IG combined, you have an extraordinary tool to help your children think critically about and truly understand American history.

In addition to *A History of US*, many other History 100 books bring life to American history. Some highlights include:

- True tales of American patriots who established a government of free people apart from a king.
- Real-life glimpses into the wars that shaped American history.
- The gripping true story of a country preacher who took the gospel to New York City's fiercest gang leaders in the 1960s.
- And more.

### Biblical Studies

Teach your children to live out their faith. The Bible 100 course includes Scripture reading and practical lessons in how to study, interpret and apply the Scriptures in everyday life. Help your students build their theological framework, explore the evidence for our faith and develop discipline in prayer. I put this program together to help you raise children who love God and know what and why they believe.



**COMPARE YOUR OPTIONS**  
AND SEE  
**THE SONLIGHT DIFFERENCE**  
[sonlight.com/sonlight-difference](http://sonlight.com/sonlight-difference)

### Core 100 provides options

A Sonlight high school Core typically combines two 36-week courses: History and Literature. Our recommended Cores work well for most families. You may use the standard Core 100 or create a unique Core experience.

To customize, select *any History 100-300 course (or, Government 400 AND Economics)*. Combine with *any Literature 100-400 course* to build the Core that meets your student's interests and academic goals.

All Core benefits apply to the Core that you create (see pp. 24-25).

## Your History and Bible Course includes:

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/120-MD](http://sonlight.com/120-MD)

### American History

120-MD

#### Instructor's Guide 120

120-IG (\$78.98 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

History 120 Parent Guide 120-PG      History 120 Student Guide 120-SG

#### Biblical Studies 110

110-00

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide.

Bible Study Sampler		God's Will, God's Best		The Bible Jesus Read	110-14
Consumable	110-10	for Your Life	110-11	Why Pray	110-12
Evidence for Jesus	110-13				

#### History 120

120-00

Before Columbus	120-03	The Great Little Madison	120-07	Shh! We're Writing	
Cameron Townsend	120-12	A History of US	120-34	the Constitution	120-08
The Boys' War	120-04	The Landing of		Slopes of War	120-62
The Cross & the		the Pilgrims	120-44	Traitor: The Case of	
Switchblade	120-16	Moonshiner's Son	120-47	Benedict Arnold	120-71
Dragon's Gate	120-19	The Panama Canal	120-50	World War II	120-09
Farewell to Manzanar	120-25	Sacajawea	120-05	The Yanks Are Coming	120-11
Freedom Walkers	120-06	Sequoyah & the			
		Cherokee Alphabet	120-59		



**"We were a little nervous about home schooling during the high school years. But when we began to look at all Sonlight has to offer, we knew we could finish this journey we started so long ago,"** writes Elizabeth G of Greer, SC. "Sonlight took the fear out of homeschooling even challenging courses, like Biology, because they had everything we needed – like detailed Instructor's Guides and all the equipment for labs." Elizabeth says everybody wants to participate when it's time for a lab. Here, Korbyn (10), Meghan (2), Katie (5), Kendal (12) and their friend Christiana (14) crowd around 15-year-old Makinnley's Biology lab. The G family is using Core P3/4, Core H and Core 100 in their eighth year of Sonlight.



## WITH HISTORY 100, YOU RECEIVE



**“One of the things I love most about Sonlight is the freedom it gives us to learn on the road!”** writes Teresa C of Belding, MI. “I have never seen such well-prepared, thorough Instructor’s Guides. We’re able to travel to places we’ve read about – to experience the thrill of walking where George Washington walked – and still know right where we want to be with our schedule. I always tell my friends that with Sonlight, school is so portable.” Here, Caleb (13) and Joel (7) discover the stocks at Williamsburg as Jesse (11) and Hannah (10) look on. They’re studying Core D and Core 100 in their family’s tenth year of Sonlight.



**“Sonlight has encouraged a biblical world view in which all our kids have become aware of other cultures,”** writes Heather H of Kansas City, MO. “The exposure to world cultures has opened my children’s eyes and hearts to help others. The more we learn, the more we value what is truly important. Nathan stepped out this summer and traveled to Indonesia on a missions trip to help build a Jungle Bible School! This journey started because I believe Sonlight Readers have impact. In the same way the characters discover more about themselves, my son is impacting others here and all the way around the world!” In their sixth year of Sonlight, Nathan is using Core 100 as his four siblings share Core G and Core B+C. Here, he hikes to a village in Indonesia.

### Instructor’s Guide

Your Literature 100 Instructor’s Guide (IG) weaves all your materials into one exciting and cohesive program. Starting in this upper-level program, you receive both a Literature and Language Arts Parent Guide and a separate Student Guide.

The Parent Guide mirrors the Student Guide, but also includes answers, provides extra notes and allows you to check their progress and discuss their reading. This format allows you to be as engaged or as hands-off as you and your students like.

Free sample? See [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### American Historical Literature

View history from real-life perspectives through American Literature 100 – a stunning selection of books that adds color and depth to learning. From thrilling classics like *The Call of the Wild*, *To Kill a*

*Mockingbird* and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* to gripping biographies and a favorite book from my childhood (*They Loved to Laugh*), you’ll find many treasures that grow your children’s writing abilities, vocabulary, cultural literacy and love of learning.

### Life Skills

The counter-cultural view presented in *Dating With Integrity* challenges your children to stop and think about how they view dating. It also provides a great opportunity for you to discuss positive, healthy interaction with members of the opposite sex.

### Language Arts

The Language Arts course corresponds closely with the literature your students study. This complete writing program develops the critical thinking, literary analysis and creative writing skills they need to prepare for college and engage our culture.

## Your Literature and Language Arts Course includes:

For full descriptions go to [sonlight.com/130-MD](http://sonlight.com/130-MD)

### American Historical Literature 130

130-MD

#### Instructor’s Guide 130

130-IG (\$58.98 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

Literature 130 Parent Guide	130-PG	Literature 130 Student Guide	130-SG
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### American Historical Literature 130

130-00

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	130-10	Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison	130-46	Rules of the Road	130-11
Amos Fortune, Free Man	130-16	Keeping Score	130-09	Stink Alley	130-79
Bonanza Girl	130-03	A Long Way from Chicago <sup>New</sup>	130-17	They Loved to Laugh	130-06
Bound for Oregon	130-20	Maniac Magee	130-52	To Kill a Mockingbird	130-85
Bud, Not Buddy	130-21	My Heart Lies South	130-05	A Treasury of Poetry for Young People	130-88
Call of the Wild	130-22	Out of the Dust	130-61	The View from Saturday <sup>New</sup>	130-23
Dear Mr. Henshaw	130-28	Peace Child	130-15	When You Reach Me <sup>New</sup>	130-19
Elijah of Buxton	130-04	Rip Van Winkle <sup>Consumable</sup>	130-73	A Wrinkle in Time <sup>New</sup>	130-18
Guests	130-07			A Year Down Yonder	130-94

### Life Skills 100 see p. 129

Dating with Integrity	RR11
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### Language Arts 140 see p. 98

Included in your Literature 130 Instructor’s Guide.

### Learn your roots

Your children are growing up so fast – be thankful you get to be there each step of the way. Enjoy this special time with your blossoming scholars as you watch them discover their roots through Core 100.



All the best,  
*Sarita*  
Sarita

LET’S PICK YOUR CURRICULUM





**STEP 1**  
Choose your Program



☐ **Core 100**

Includes **American History** (120-MD) and **American Historical Literature** (130-MD).

Retail \$792.09!  
100-00 \$699  
You save \$93.09!



☐ **American History** p. 75

120-MD \$485.46



☐ **American Historical Literature and Language Arts** p. 76

130-MD \$306.63

**Required Resources** (If you don't already own)

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|---|-------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3" Binder &amp; Tabs</b> p. 133 | B050  | \$20.99 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Timeline Book</b> p. 94     | RR120 | \$25.99 |

**Optional Resources**

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|--|--------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Analogies 1</b> p. 100                 | 140-10 | \$10.05 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wordly Wise 3000, Book 8 Set</b> p. 99 | 140-35 | \$18.05 |

**STEP 2**  
Complete your Curriculum



☐ **Physical Science** p. 109

150-05 \$105.98

Many Core 100 customers love Apologia's *Physical Science*. For other easy-to-use, hands-on science programs, see pp. 105-110.



☒ **Math** pp. 111-123

Choose one of several outstanding math curricula, such as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Textbooks Pre-Algebra p. 120 | 7M10   | \$184.90 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Textbooks Algebra 1 p. 120   | 171-10 | \$184.90 |

**WANT ELECTIVES?**



☒ **Electives** pp. 124-130

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:

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|--|--------------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Electives 100</b>                                    | 100E                           | \$61.95 |
| Includes <i>Fallacy Detective</i> (p. 130) and <i>The Story of Art</i> (p. 127). |                                |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Foreign Language</b>                                 | See p. 125 for recommendations |         |

**NEED EXTRA RESOURCES?**



☒ **Resources** pp. 131-134

**Recommended Resources**

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|---|-------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Writer's INC</b> p. 131         | RL04  | \$32.49 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Collegiate Thesaurus</b> p. 131 | RL03  | \$21.95 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Math on Call</b> p. 131         | RR801 | \$29.49 |

"Izaak [now studying Core 100] has been fascinated with the *History of US* books ever since his older sisters went through the Core several years ago. We were always searching for the right volume, as they were seldom on the 'school shelf' when needed for the reading schedule."

- Joy L, Aug. 2012



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| 10% off all additional purchases for a year | Sonlight Forums                      |
| 50% off IG repurchases                      |                                      |

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"Using Sonlight and homeschooling gives my 14-year-old the chance to be as energetic and creative as he wants."

- Heidi L, Aug. 2012



"I have become very spoiled from the Sonlight teacher's manuals. The easy-to-read schedules take the work out of planning your days," writes Debra M of Havelock, NC. "As a military wife and working mom, I needed a teacher's manual that was straight to the point. Having the week dividers makes it easy to get to the current week with all the book summaries and questions for that week. I love the time I get to spend with my kids and not planning out their curriculum." Here, 10-year-old Tyler and 15-year-old Sam enjoy the sunshine as they do their Core C and Core 100 schoolwork. The M family has used Sonlight for six years.



Enter into this study expecting to face some questions you've never considered, and to be assured of Jesus' power and love throughout the centuries. The motivation behind Core 200 is that we all would know God better, love Jesus more dearly, understand the world around us more fully and follow God's call on our lives more completely.

### What you'll study

Core 200 starts with the Old Testament, moves quickly to the time of the early Church and continues up to the modern Church.

The foundational text, *The Story of Christianity*, provides a wonderfully balanced view. Authored

by a Catholic Priest and a Protestant scholar, it's not biased in either direction. (Though we who own Sonlight come from a Protestant perspective, we know the Protestant movement is only part of the whole and came after 1,500 years of church history.)

A second text, *The 100 Most Important Events in Christian History*, gives a captivating chronology and description of key turning points in history.

You'll also encounter a biographical history of Christian missions with *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya*. Meet people who totally altered how the gospel has spread – from the Apostle Paul to Columba to William Carey to Jim Elliot to Mother Teresa.

As your students learn how God's Church grew, they will also enjoy a Literature program with key classics and a challenging Bible program that helps them know what they believe and why.

### Core 200 provides options

A Sonlight high school Core typically combines two 36-week courses: History and Literature. Our recommended Cores work well for most families. You may use the standard Core 200 or create a unique Core experience.

To customize, select *any History 100-300 course (or, Government 400 AND Economics)*. Combine with *any Literature 100-400 course* to build the Core that meets your student's interests and academic goals.

All Core benefits apply to the Core that you create (see pp. 24-25).

## WITH HISTORY 200, YOU RECEIVE

### Instructor's Guide

We've formatted History 200 for independent study, if desired. Your History and Bible Parent Guide and separate History and Bible Student Guide weave materials together cohesively to direct your students with confidence each day.

The Parent Guide mirrors the Student Guide, but also includes answers and extra notes. So you can discuss their reading, check their progress, and bolster their academic and spiritual learning.

If you'd like a free IG sample, request the first three weeks at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### History and Biographies

As you watch the Church grow, you get to:


- Discover the fascinating and largely untold story of the first "missionaries" to East Asia. Find evidence for Christianity in Japan as early as the 700s.

- Wrestle through some of the controversial issues that have divided the Western Church. Understand why the Church exists in its present diverse forms today.
- Examine infrastructure developments, social trends and inventions that have aided the rapid spread of the gospel.

### Bible and Doctrinal Studies

Equip your students to understand, deepen and defend their faith. Empower them to articulate the fundamental principles of Christianity. Give them a new appreciation for the beauty and cohesiveness of the Bible. And help them consider Jesus as a real person with real implications for their lives. The Bible 200 program does all of these.



 **You know you're a homeschooler when**  
... PJs are the official school uniform.



**"My 15-year-old always hated reading, until we switched to Sonlight three years ago. Now she enjoys it!"** writes Sherry W of Youngsville NC. "I always thought that there was too much reading in Sonlight and had stayed away from using it. I wish I had given it a try 13 years ago when we started homeschooling. I will always insist people try Sonlight first!" Sherry loves that Sonlight allows different ages to study together. Even though Alix is 15 and Colin is 5, they can still share a good book together. They're using Core 200 and Core A this year.

## Your History and Bible Course includes:

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/220-MD](http://sonlight.com/220-MD)

### History of the Christian Church

220-MD

#### Instructor's Guide 220

220-IG (\$70.98 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

History 220 Parent Guide 220-PG

History 220 Student Guide

220-SG

#### Doctrinal Studies 210

210-00

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide.

Adventuring Through  
the Bible

210-10

More Than a Carpenter  
The Westminster Shorter

210-20

What if Jesus Had Never  
Been Born

210-30

The Jesus I Never Knew

210-15

Catechism

210-25

#### History 220

220-00

The Church of the East  
From Jerusalem to  
Irian Jaya

220-10

220-15

The 100 Most Important  
Events in Christian  
History

220-20

The Story of Christianity

220-25





## WITH LITERATURE 200, YOU RECEIVE



**"Thanks Sonlight for helping instill a love of learning in my children!** I never cease to be amazed at all they are learning – much of it because they simply love to learn!" writes Olivia M of Woodruff, SC. "At age 13, Nathan decided he would use what he had learned from his 8+ years studying Sonlight Science and History to dig his own 32-foot deep well in the back yard. After a few days of water boring with a garden hose hooked to metal and PVC piping, imagine our joy and surprise when he indeed hit water!" Here, Nathan had installed his newly purchased hand pump and was overjoyed to show the well to Silas (2), Samuel (4), Isaiah (6), Elijah (7) and Eva (9). They're studying Core B, Core C, Core E and Core 200 in their ninth year of Sonlight.



**"Military life is about transitions and that is not always easy. But with Sonlight I've been able to give my kids something constant,"** writes Shannon H of Live Oak, TX. "I've been able to give them something they can carry with them no matter where they go: great books and a love for learning about new places, cultures, and people. Sonlight started as a solution for our two eldest children as we prepared for an overseas military assignment. Now after 12 years, three more duty assignments, and two additions to our family it has become a way of life for us." This year, Shannon is using Core 200 with Whit (16), Core F with Brycyn (13), Core D with Mattea (9) and Core A with Aynsley (5). Here, they enjoy a fun field trip to the zoo.

### Instructor's Guide

Like its History 200 counterpart, the Literature 200 course is designed for students to enjoy independent study if you choose. You'll receive a Literature and Language Arts Parent Guide and a separate Literature and Language Arts Student Guide that will guide your students through each day.

The Parent Guide mirrors the Student Guide, but also includes answers and extra notes to help you keep tabs on their progress and jump in for meaningful discussion, too.

Want to see how it works? Request a free IG sample at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### Classic Literature

Literature 200 features our most diverse collection of classics in any Core. We have assembled many of the world's most cherished classics into a unique program that your students will enjoy.

Highlights include *Robinson Crusoe*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, *Jane Eyre*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Hawk and the Dove Trilogy* and more. The guided study and corresponding language arts program tie these works into a fantastic course that develops critical thinking, literary analysis and written communication skills.

### Language Arts

Fully integrated with the associated literature program, Language Arts 200 unleashes your students' writing potential. With engaging assignments that draw from their reading, students learn and practice the basics of literary analysis, essays, research, creative writing and more.

## Your Literature and Language Arts course includes:

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/230-MD](http://sonlight.com/230-MD)

### Classic Literature 230

230-MD

### Instructor's Guide 230

230-IG (\$70.98 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

Literature 230 Parent Guide	230-PG	Literature 230 Student Guide	230-SG
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### Classic Literature 230

230-00

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide.

The Annotated Pride and Prejudice	230-54	The Hawk and the Dove <sup>New</sup>	230-03	Pontius Pilate	230-01
The Best of Father Brown	230-14	Jane Eyre	230-38	The Ramsay Scallop	230-56
A Child's Anthology of Poetry	230-11	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	230-44	Robinson Crusoe	230-58
A Christmas Carol	230-22	Oliver Twist	230-48	Romeo and Juliet	230-59
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Other Tales	230-24	Outlaws of Sherwood	230-02	The Screwtape Letters	230-60
Enchantress from the Stars	230-25	A Parcel of Patterns	230-50	The Shining Company	230-62
The Gammage Cup	230-28	Pictures of Hollis Woods	230-51	Till We Have Faces	230-66
Going Solo	230-30	Pilgrim's Progress in Today's English	230-52	Treasure Island	230-68
				Twelfth Night	230-72
				What Hearts	230-73
				The Wise Woman and Other Stories	230-74

### Language Arts 240 see p. 98

Included in your Literature 230 Instructor's Guide.

### Know your family

Join the ranks of Sonlighters who know now the story of their Christian family. May you enjoy the fresh conversations and discoveries in store for you. Thank you for being dedicated to your students' academic and spiritual growth!



All the best,

*Sarita*

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**STEP 1**  
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☐ **Core 200**

Includes **History of the Christian Church** (220-MD) and **Classic Literature** (230-MD).

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200-00 **\$525**  
You save \$63.31!



☐ **History of the Christian Church** p. 79

220-MD \$234.90  
(if ordered separately)



☐ **Classic Literature and Language Arts** p. 80

230-MD \$353.41  
(if ordered separately)

**Required Resources** (If you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3" Binder &amp; Tabs</b> p. 133	B050	\$20.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Timeline Book</b> p. 94	RR120	\$25.99

**Optional Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vocabulary from Classical Roots A</b> p. 99	240-20	\$36.15
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Analogies 2</b> p. 100	240-10	\$10.05
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wordly Wise 3000, Book 9 Set</b> p. 99	240-35	\$18.90

**STEP 2**  
Complete your Curriculum



☐ **High School Biology** p. 109

250-05 \$468.97

Many Core 200 customers love Apologia's *High School Biology*. For other easy-to-use, hands-on science program, see pp. 105-110.



☒ **Math** pp. 111-123

Choose one of several outstanding math curricula, such as:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Teaching Textbooks Algebra 1</b> p. 120	171-10	\$184.90
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Teaching Textbooks Algebra 2</b> p. 120	271-10	\$184.90

**WANT ELECTIVES?**



☒ **Electives** pp. 124-130

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Electives 200</b>	200E	\$61.95
Includes <i>The Story of Art</i> (p. 127) and <i>The Thinking Toolbox</i> (p. 130).		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Foreign Language</b>	(See p. 125 for recommendations)	

**NEED EXTRA RESOURCES?**



☒ **Resources** pp. 131-134

**Recommended Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Writer's INC</b> p. 131	RL04	\$32.49
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Collegiate Thesaurus</b> p. 131	RL03	\$21.95
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Math on Call</b> p. 131	RR801	\$29.49
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>How to Read Church History</b> p. 94	260-45	\$47.90

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- 10% off all additional purchases for a year
- Sonlight Forums
- 50% off IG repurchases

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**What Good is Christianity?**  
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**"Through Sonlight's rich literature, our children all love sharing stories together.** It's a huge part of our family life," writes Renee L of Leander, TX. "I am confident that the book selection is quality material and that my children will be challenged toward Godly character through all that they experience. It is so rewarding to see how they love learning in this way. And now, to see how the older ones are enjoying teaching the younger ones is a joy!" Here, Ryan (16) shows Molly (9) what an amoeba looks like. Ryan is studying Core 200 and Science 250 as his younger siblings use Core F, Core D, and Core A in the family's eleventh year of Sonlight.

"I am most thankful for the time I spent memorizing Scripture with my daughter through your program. While we do devotions at night, the extra time we had to focus on Bible and memorization through Sonlight was wonderful. I'm trusting that 'His Word will not come back void.'"

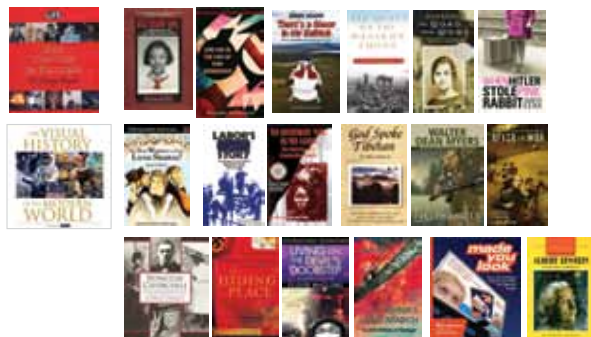
- Kimia D, Aug. 2012

"Through all the reading we have learned so much about the world and history that we would have not learned with any other curriculum. We have used Sonlight since our oldest daughter started home-schooling, and for sure we can say it is the BEST choice."

- Anita H, August 2012



**IG** **History and Bible**  
p. 136



**IG** **Literature and Language Arts**  
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Core 300

## Understand, engage and transform the modern world

- Trace the massive, sweeping changes of the last century.
- Guide your young scholars with lesson plans, tools and materials that let you successfully homeschool high schoolers.
- Explore the complex roots of political, social and cultural battles that rage today.
- Watch students hone essential writing skills and learn to defend their faith.



**"We are very thankful for Sonlight curriculum that challenges Eli, stretching and maturing him in preparation for college,"** writes Cory T of Haiti. "The resources Sonlight provides and the emphasis on thinking through information, looking at issues from various perspectives, and communication skills will be very helpful in any college atmosphere. The books hold Eli's interest and motivate learning. And the organized Instructor's Guides help us move effectively through our school days while balancing school and ministry." Here, 14-year-old Eli and 11-year-old Anna take a break from studies to help at a blood pressure screening. In their sixth year of Sonlight, Eli uses Core 300 as Anna studies Core H.

### A century of change and challenge

In 1900, American women couldn't vote. Vaccines and radio didn't exist. It took more than a week to travel from Paris to New York. Colonial powers scrambled to conquer Africa. Only the world's wealthiest owned automobiles.

In 1999, the world prepared for a computer problem that might ravage the global economy. Daily commercial flights jetted across the Atlantic. The Internet, space travel and the ability to clone animals were no longer far-fetched tales of science fiction.

The 20th century brought massive changes to global society. Core 300 helps you understand those changes and, therefore, understand the world today.

I created this Core for 16- to 18-year-olds and mature 15-year-olds.

### Keys that unlock history

Learn the key events, people, conflicts, inventions and changes of the last century. Your primary text, *The Visual History of the Modern World*, takes you year-by-year from 1900 through the 2000s. Time-lines, concise articles and great photos chronicle the people and events that drove history.

The 20th century was the first to be documented in images as well as in words. A second text, *Our Century in Pictures*, reveals history through the iconic photos of the 1900s.

Significant literary works and biographies of the 20th century augment your understanding. As

you get a sense for how the period unfolded, some books will inspire while others may disturb. I have chosen all of them to help students understand how modern cultures view the world.

### Facing reality

In earlier Core programs, we hold off from fully diving into 20th century world history. Why? Partially because it's so ugly. The 20th century is by far the most violent (not counting the Flood) in all of world history.

Amidst sweeping advances in wealth, these years also brought suffering in unprecedented proportions. There are the familiar tragedies: two devastating World Wars, nuclear warfare and the Holocaust. But also lesser-known horrors: genocides in Europe, Asia and Africa; mass starvation in China and the USSR; drug wars, child labor and human trafficking.

Despite this century's darkness, we shine a light and look it in the face. We need to evaluate it for what it is, why it happened as it did and where we are headed now.

### An encouraging note to parents

If your family has been learning, discussing and growing with Sonlight for a while, you've cultivated ripe soil for sustained positive communication with your older teenagers.

It's time to reap the harvest you've prepared. Enjoy their maturing minds and marvel at their insights. Let them continue to see you as a source of wise counsel. Core 300 offers priceless opportunities for these and other inspiring moments on your family's educational journey together.

#### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:  
**Student:** 6-8 hrs | **Parent:** 1-2½ hrs.





## WITH HISTORY 300, YOU RECEIVE



### Instructor's Guide

Like the other upper-level IG teaching tools, your History 300 History and Bible Parent and Student Guides walk you through each school day, so students are free to embark on their own independent study. As they work through the Student Guide, you can easily engage and track their progress with tools that include your corresponding Parent Guide (with answers and extra notes), your students' journaling and discussion.

Visit [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples) to request the first three weeks of the guides for free.

### History

Witness the major events of the last century. From inventions and technological advances to sweeping social change, you will:

- Discover how Russia went from being our ally to our greatest foe in a few short years.
- Investigate a 1973 court case whose decision continues to divide a country.
- Learn how a defeated island nation rose to become a vast economic power.
- See how two words freed 100 million people in Eastern Europe.

### Bible / Apologetics

The Bible 300 program helps students develop spiritual maturity as they move toward adulthood.

*Know What You Believe* and *Know Why You Believe* are wonderful introductory texts on the Christian faith and apologetics. The compelling *Mere Christianity* has helped countless Christians answer those who have questions about faith. Though not as deep, *How to Ruin Your Life by 30* is a highly practical wake-up call. Young people make the connection that the choices they make now have long-term implications for good or bad.

### Biographies & Historical Fiction

Gripping biographies and novels add to your appreciation of history. For example, when you meet Chairman Mao in a history book, you also read a novel about his Red Army and a memoir of the terrifying Cultural Revolution. In addition:

- Meet Albert Einstein and get an amazingly understandable explanation of his theory of relativity.
- Read what many consider the greatest war novel of all time.
- Be inspired by Corrie Ten Boom's extraordinary Christian faith and her courage in hiding Jews during WWII.

### Core 300 provides options

A Sonlight high school Core typically combines two 36-week courses: History and Literature. Our recommended Cores work well for most families. You may use the standard Core 300 or create a unique Core experience.

To customize, select *any History 100-300 course (or, Government 400 AND Economics)*. Combine with *any Literature 100-400 course* to build the Core that meets your student's interests and academic goals.

All Core benefits apply to the Core that you create (see pp. 24-25).



"I love having a structured schedule that still allows so much flexibility and individuality."

*-Trace C, Aug. 2012*

## Your History and Bible Course includes:

For full descriptions go to [sonlight.com/320-MD](http://sonlight.com/320-MD)

### 20th Century World History

320-MD

#### Instructor's Guide 320

320-IG (\$70.98 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

History 320 Parent Guide	320-PG	History 320 Student Guide	320-SG
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#### Apologetics 310

310-00

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide.

How to Ruin Your Life By 30	310-26	Know What You Believe	320-10	Know Why You Believe	310-15
				Mere Christianity	310-20

#### History 320

320-00

Our Century in Pictures for Young People	320-60	Visual History of the Modern World	320-37
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#### Biographies & Historical Fiction 320

320-05

After the War	320-10	The Hiding Place	320-45	There's a Sheep In My Bathtub	320-22
Albert Einstein and the Theory of Relativity	320-15	Labor's Untold Story	320-50	To Destroy You Is No Loss	320-23
All Quiet on the Western Front	320-20	Living On the Devil's Doorstep	320-52	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	320-90
China's Long March: 6,000 Miles of Danger	320-30	Made You Look	320-54	Winston Churchill: Soldier, Statesman, Artist	320-95
Fallen Angels	320-40	One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich	330-58	You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?	320-99
God Spoke Tibetan	320-21	Red Scarf Girl	320-70		
		The Road from Home	320-75		



"In the busyness of being a pastor's family, the challenge of schooling five children has been wonderfully simplified by Sonlight's well-organized Instructor's Guides and the gripping literature," writes Charis H of Marshfield, WI. "After 10 years of home-schooling trial-and-error, our family has found a home. Having tried so many other options, I recognize the incredible quality and value of the Sonlight curriculum. I love the camaraderie the children have, and the atmosphere in our home has become quite peaceful. A flame has been kindled for learning that we haven't experienced before. I wish we had discovered Sonlight sooner!" Here, Luke (14) and Mark (7) share a shady spot and a story. Now in their second Sonlight year, the H family studies Cores B, E, G and 300.





## WITH LITERATURE 300, YOU RECEIVE



**"This fall will be our 13th year using Sonlight. That should speak for itself,"** writes Krista N of Stanfield, NC. "Kara has grown so much in her reading ability thanks to the many books in Sonlight. She and two other siblings have dyslexia, but with the many books they have listened to and read over the years, they all have a love of reading. They are not afraid to pick up any book and read. I think Sonlight has been instrumental in their development. It has been a great adventure." With three Sonlight graduates in college, Krista is now using Core 300 with Kara (14, pictured) and Siri (15); Core W with Emma (12) and Erika (10) and Core B with Lily (6, pictured).

### Instructor's Guide

The Literature 300 course can be largely self-taught. Your children are able to chart their own course with help from the Literature and Language Arts Student Guide. The corresponding Parent Guide lets you jump in at any time to assess learning or engage in meaningful discussion.

Request a free three-week sample at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### 20th Century Literature

This thoughtful program of 20th century classics takes you on a tour of great writing. I've spread out the more difficult classics and interspersed lighter, uplifting works for variety. Prepare to integrate your learning with real life through discussion and spiritual preparation. You will:

- See firsthand how Hitler convinced normal German citizens to do his evil will. Follow a 10-year-old who proudly joins the Hitler Youth in 1938.

- Enjoy the comforting story *Hope Was Here*, a tale of positive determination triumphing over corruption.
- Experience the true story of an American high school whose history teacher dangerously tests the power of peer pressure.
- Read the heartwarming story of a dignified Zulu pastor in mid-1900s South Africa, a land driven by racial injustice.

### Language Arts

Fully integrated with Literature 300, Language Arts 300 builds on past years and continues to develop literary analysis, creative writing, research and essay skills. See how it spurs your high schooler to write with passion and purpose!

## Your Literature and Language Arts course includes:

For full descriptions go to [sonlight.com/330-MD](http://sonlight.com/330-MD)

### 20th Century Literature Arts 330

330-MD

#### Instructor's Guide 330

330-IG (\$70.98 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

Literature 330 Parent Guide	330-PG	Literature 330 Student Guide	330-SG
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#### 20th Century Literature 330

330-00

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide.

Alas, Babylon	330-10	Heart to Heart: New Poems	
Brave New World	330-13	Inspired by Twentieth-Century American Art	330-40
Children of the River	330-25	Hope Was Here	330-32
The Contender	330-16	Kon-Tiki	330-43
Cry the Beloved Country	330-19	The Metamorphosis	330-46
The Great Brain	330-28	The Moves Make the Man	330-49
The Great Gatsby	330-31	Murder on the Orient Express	330-52
The Great Gilly Hopkins	330-34	My Father's Daughter	330-33
Heart of Darkness	330-37	Parallel Journeys	330-65
		Robert Frost's Poems	330-35
		The Snow Goose	330-85
		The Tempest	330-26
		Walk Two Moons	330-64
		The Wave	330-29
		The Wednesday Wars	330-27
		The Old Man and the Sea	330-55

#### Language Arts 340 see p. 98

Included in your Literature 330 Instructor's Guide.

"The Instructor's Guide is invaluable – it makes my teaching virtually prep-free and provides the flexibility to be creative with our week."

*- Kirsty S, July 2012*

### Discover the world around you

Finish Core 300 with a deeper appreciation for the people and cultures of the modern world. Know the story behind modern conflicts and debates. And rest in our hope in Christ our Savior.



All the best,

*Sarita*  
Sarita

LET'S PICK YOUR CURRICULUM



**STEP 1**  
Choose your Program



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300-00 <sup>Retail \$710.81!</sup> **\$625**  
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☐ **20th Century World History** p. 83

320-MD \$406.68  
(if ordered separately)



☐ **20th Century Literature and Language Arts** p. 84

330-MD \$304.13  
(if ordered separately)

**Required Resources** (If you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3" Binder &amp; Tabs</b> p. 133	B050	\$20.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Timeline Book</b> p. 94	RR120	\$25.99

**Optional Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vocabulary from Classical Roots B</b> p. 99	340-20	\$36.15
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Analogies 3</b> p. 100	340-10	\$10.05
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wordly Wise 3000, Book 10 Set</b> p. 99	340-35	\$18.90

**STEP 2**  
Complete your Curriculum



☐ **High School Chemistry** p. 110

350-05 \$156.98

Many Core 300 customers love Apologia's *High School Chemistry*. For other easy-to-use, hands-on science programs, see pages 105-110.



☒ **Math** pp. 111-123

Choose one of several outstanding math curricula, such as:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Teaching Textbooks Geometry</b> p. 120	371-11	\$184.90
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Teaching Textbooks Algebra 2</b> p. 120	271-10	\$184.90

**WANT ELECTIVES?**



☒ **Electives** pp. 124-130

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Electives 300</b>	300E	\$356.99
Includes <i>Drivers Ed in a Box</i> (p. 130) and <i>Non-Designer's Design Book</i> (p. 127).		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Foreign Language</b> See p. 125 for recommendations		

**NEED EXTRA RESOURCES?**



☒ **Resources** pp. 131-134

**Recommended Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>College &amp; Career Planning Kit</b> p. 93	580-00	\$65.44
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Collegiate Thesaurus</b> p. 131	RL03	\$21.95
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Math on Call</b> p. 132	RR801	\$29.49

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"Many of Sonlight's books emphasize social responsibility and the blessings that come from helping others. Sonlight helps provide the tools and skills needed to be true ambassadors for Christ."

*- Cory T., Aug. 2012*



**"Sonlight was an easy decision. We wanted our children to have a literature-based curriculum that has a worldwide perspective,"**

reflects Beth L of Fargo, ND. "Our family served overseas in East Asia from 2005 to 2010. One of our best holidays was a trip to the Philippines. Our children will never forget Balangao Territory! The daunting mountains above and the rice terraces, scattered with homes below, were exactly as described in *And the Word Came with Power* [from Core C]. Now we can pray for the Balangao people with a whole new perspective. Because of Sonlight, our children are globally literate and independent thinkers. They, and we, are forever changed." In the L family's sixth Sonlight year, Dawson (10) and Bergen (8), are studying Cores D and F.

"I first read about Sonlight on another homeschooling blog and ordered the free catalog. We've been so pleased with the Cores we've used so far."

*- Brandi B., June 2012*



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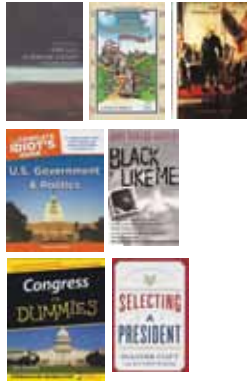
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**IG** **Government / Civics** and **Bible** **Economics** **IG** **Literature** and **Language Arts**

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Core 400

## Unearth the heritage and history of the U.S. government

- Take a tour of American government, with an up-close look at the three branches.
- Consider modern-day economic theories and values in light of God's perspective on possessions.
- Encounter the "great American novel," along with noteworthy short stories, plays, poems, biographies and more.
- Discover practical ways to live out a faith that is relevant to and integrates with our government, culture and the world.

### The how and why of our government and economy, plus a grand literary adventure

Core 400 teams two 18-week courses, American Government and Economics, with a 36-week American Literature course. The first offers a view of not only how our government works, but also why it works as it does. The second demystifies one of the least understood disciplines in all of academics. The third offers a delightful encounter with a catalog of literary classics.



**"We see the benefits of homeschooling with Sonlight: mature, critical-thinking young adults with an ability to engage the world around them,"** writes Michelle B of Pendleton, OR. "Each year we reassess our decision and we choose Sonlight again." Here, Andrew (16), John (13), Sam (9), Nathan (6) and Susannah (3) hang out and study together.

#### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects  
**Student:** 3½-5 hrs | **Parent:** 2-3 hrs.

Designed for independent study, Core 400 is suited for 17- and 18-year-old students and advanced 16-year-olds. My daughter, Amy Lykosh, has helped create a robust Core that will challenge and intrigue your high schoolers. Students who have used other upper-level Cores will be best equipped for the rigors of Core 400.

### What you'll study

Most Americans think our government is pretty complicated. Interestingly enough, the Founding Fathers designed it that way! Core 400 unravels their reasoning and walks you through the complexity as it has played out throughout our history up to the current political scene. Lessons cover the time of Colonial government before the American Revolution to current practices on the Beltway: a whirlwind tour, but an intensely rewarding one.

After an overview of government types, we begin with the Constitution. Students discover how two centuries of social currents and historical events have altered Americans' understanding of this document: Jeffersonian Democracy, Lincoln's presidency, the incredible increase in the federal government during the 20th century and more.

Upon completing Core 400, your students will know about the House Ways and Means committee, the reason most controversial Supreme Court rulings come in June, and the difference between caucuses and primaries – these and other terms that are common in the everyday news we hear.

As students mature and prepare to contribute to our world, we also want to equip them with a practical understanding of how an economy func-

tions and the part they play. Thinkwell's acclaimed online program, along with the Biblically based text, *Money, Possessions and Eternity*, and the delightful "economic romance," *The Invisible Heart*, combine to offer a balanced view of topics from basic economic theory to trade practices and more.

### Goals for Core 400

We created Core 400 to help your students have a working knowledge of the United States government, a Constitutional Federated Republic (not a democracy). We want them to better understand their country and its history, to know their rights and duties as citizens and to comprehend that economics is about more than money.

Core 400 teaches students to step back and ask questions behind the issues. If we lived in the days of the Boston Tea Party, we would not only ask the question everyone else was asking (Which side are you on?), but also the ethical question: Is destruction of property wise, necessary and appropriate? As we consider current unemployment and outsourcing of jobs, we might ask the obvious "why?"

As they encounter a broad picture of American politics and economic practices, students will learn some uncomfortable truths. We look at the history of what our government has done, both good and bad. As students ponder foundational issues, we present different sides, enabling them to see beyond surface rhetoric and think for themselves.

In the end, we desire to equip individuals to employ Scriptural values and make informed assessments as they evaluate governmental policies and actions and prepare for a lifetime of citizenship.

## WITH GOVERNMENT 400, YOU RECEIVE



### Instructor's Guide

Government 400 is designed for your student's independent study. The Government and Bible Student Guide provides daily reading assignments, along with additional notes and questions to reinforce reading and aid understanding. Use your accompanying Parent Guide to follow along, monitor learning and discuss, as desired.

Request the first three weeks of the guides for free at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### Government / Civics

Your primary text for this 18-week course, *Basic American Government*, provides a fine overview of our Constitution's history and what has happened

to bring its interpretation to the current state. For balance, we include the popular and highly palatable *Complete Idiot's Guide to U.S. Government and Politics*.

Other books in your Government 400 course unearth fascinating details and survey the subject broad and deep. A few highlights:

- Our three-branch government explained: Get inside the presidential election process, a summary of the Supreme Court and a complete behind-the-scenes explanation of Congress.
- Encounter a powerful read about the need for the Civil Rights movement.
- Liberal? Conservative? Erase any confusion, as differences in today's parties are clarified.

### Civil Law of the Bible

Should religious truth influence civil government? The politically correct answer is no. Bible 400 challenges that answer.

You and your students will interact with Scripture in an ambitious new way. Two thought-provoking books, *God and Politics* and *Truth and Transformation*, ask you to question assumptions and serve as your guide to examine civil government through a Biblical lens.

## Your Government and Bible Course includes:

For full descriptions go to [sonlight.com/420-MD](http://sonlight.com/420-MD)

### American Government / Civics

420-99

#### Instructor's Guide 420

420-IG (\$77.98 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

History 420 Parent Guide 420-PG History 420 Student Guide 420-SG

#### History 420

420-99

Are you Liberal? Conservative? Or Confused? <sup>New</sup> 420-02	Black Like Me 420-15	Congress for Dummies <sup>New</sup> 420-06
Basic American Government 420-10	The Complete Idiot's Guide to U.S. Government & Politics <sup>New</sup> 420-04	Selecting a President <sup>New</sup> 420-03
		The U.S. Supreme Court <sup>New</sup> 420-01

#### Civil Law of the Bible 410

410-00

Scripture reading & memory scheduled in your Instructor's Guide

God and Politics <sup>New</sup> 410-01 Truth and Transformation <sup>New</sup> 410-02

### Core 400 provides options

With a slightly different configuration than its upper-level counterparts, Core 400 combines two 18-week courses, Government and Economics, with a 36-week American Literature course. Our recommended Cores work well for most families. You may use the standard Core 400 or create a unique Core experience.

To customize, select *any History 100-300 course* (or, *Government 400 AND Economics*). Combine with *any Literature 100-400*.

All Core benefits apply to the Core that you create (see pp. 24-25).



## WITH ECONOMICS, YOU RECEIVE



### Instructor's Guide

As with its upper-level counterparts, students can readily and successfully study Economics on their own. Your Instructor's Guide (with two lesson plan options, general and AP\* prep) provides daily assignments, helpful notes, thought-provoking questions and answers, too – all of which reinforce your student's reading and understanding.

Find out more about the course and request a free sample IG at [sonlight.com/570-00.html](http://sonlight.com/570-00.html).

### Economics

Students will encounter the 18-week Economics course in an inviting way. From Bible-focused journal questions that offer insight into God's perspective on money and other earthly treasures, to challenging computer-graded exercises, this course readies your children for college and life. Students will find a solid foundation that helps develop good stewardship values to guide them over time. (See p. 92 for details.)

## Your Economics course includes:

For full descriptions go to [sonlight.com/570-00](http://sonlight.com/570-00)

### Economics 570

570-00

Sonlight® Economics Instructor's Guide (Schedule and Notes) 570-01	Thinkwell Economics Internet Course 570-50	Money, Possessions and Eternity RR110
	Invisible Heart 570-10	Sonlight Personal Journal 570-40

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**"We learned much through Sonlight that we wouldn't have with some other bare bones curriculum,"** writes Jennifer G of Taylorsville, KY. "Our son, Zach, got to take a college course in entomology and earned an A. Homeschooling prepared him to take this course, and using Sonlight made homeschooling possible. We had quality materials, a practical teacher's guide and schedule where all the planning was done. Because we homeschool, he and our other children have time and energy to pursue their interests." Here, 16-year-old Zach moves specimens. He is using Core 400 in their twelfth year of Sonlight.



## WITH LITERATURE 400, YOU RECEIVE



**"I like Sonlight because the kids like Sonlight,"** writes Deanne T of Kaysville, UT. "Kaylee tried a year at public school, then decided to come back home. She preferred the academic challenge and variety of the Sonlight work! It is fun homeschooling teens. Kaylee will look at what Dallin is doing and say, 'Ha! I remember doing that!' Then they will talk about what they learned, loved, disliked, etc. My kids have asked me to keep all their old books so they can use them with their own kids. I don't think you can get a higher quality endorsement for Sonlight than that!" Here, Dallin (15) hams it up for the camera as he and Kaylee (17) work side by side. They and their four younger siblings have used Sonlight for six years.



**"Our boys already have a deep knowledge of other cultures and the world's history thanks to Sonlight,"** writes Jessica H of Wichita, KS. "They will grow up making decisions by comparing where others have been before us to where we are now. Armed with this knowledge they can make wise choices as they become leaders in the future generation." Here, Jessica used a lesson in Core A and added a fun local field trip to study the rich culture of American Indians and cowboys. Taylan (9), Shaydyn (6) and Tresstyn (3) will finish Core A and move to Core B in their fourth year of Sonlight.

### Instructor's Guide

Literature 400 takes learners on a yearlong adventure of independent study. The Literature and Language Arts Student Guide provides daily reading and writing assignments, along with additional notes and questions that reinforce and challenge your student. The accompanying Parent Guide keeps you in touch and on track, so you can come alongside at any point in your student's learning.

Curious how it works? Get a free IG sample at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### American Literature

Literature 400 is a 36-week opportunity for upper-level students to immerse themselves in the best of the best – highlights and hallmarks of great Ameri-

can literature. Students will read the well-known authors and works they should be familiar with prior to leaving high school. These include classics from literary legends such as John Steinbeck, Willa Cather, O. Henry, Edgar Allan Poe, Mark Twain and more. We've also included more contemporary works I believe you'll enjoy, like bestselling author and speaker Malcolm Gladwell's *Outliers* and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Annie Dillard's *Teaching a Stone to Talk*.

### Language Arts

The complete Language Arts 400 program is fully integrated with your Literature 400 studies. Students continue developing the key skills of literary analysis, creative writing and academic research.

## Your Literature and Language Arts course includes:

For full descriptions go to [sonlight.com/430-MD](http://sonlight.com/430-MD)

### American Literature 430

430-MD

#### Instructor's Guide 430

430-IG (\$46.98 if ordered separately)

Literature 430 Parent Guide	430-PG	Literature 430 Student Guide	430-SG		
<b>Literature 430</b>					<b>430-00</b>
100 Best-Loved Poems	430-52	Ender's Game	430-03	Our Town	430-55
A Separate Peace	430-01	Eternity in Their Hearts	420-30	Outliers <i>New</i>	430-04
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	430-10	Evidence Not Seen <i>New</i>	430-05	The Portable Poe	430-61
The Best Short Stories of O. Henry	430-16	Fidelity <i>New</i>	430-08	The Scarlet Letter	430-64
Brave Companions <i>New</i>	430-11	The Grapes of Wrath	430-37	Teaching a Stone to Talk <i>New</i>	430-06
The Chosen	430-22	How to Read a Book <i>New</i>	430-09	Their Eyes Were Watching God	430-02
Death of a Salesman <i>New</i>	430-07	Jacob Have I Loved	430-40	Up From Slavery	420-60
Elements of Style <i>New</i>	430-12	My Antonia	430-49		
		On Writing Well <i>New</i>	440-02		

### Language Arts 440 see p. 98

Included in your Literature 430 Instructor's Guide.

### Prepare for a lifetime of citizenship

Help your students live as engaged, upright citizens with this well-rounded Core. Enjoy the lively conversations and fascinating discoveries sure to come your way.



Blessings,

*Sarita*  
Sarita

LET'S PICK YOUR CURRICULUM



"The literature approach to history has given my kids an incredible grasp on history and how it relates to our world today."

*-Brent B, July 2012*





**STEP 1**  
Choose your  
Program



☐ **Core 400**

Includes **American Government/Civics** (420-99) and **Economics** (570-00) and **American Literature** (430-MD).

400-00 <sup>Retail \$853.87!</sup> **\$765**  
You save \$88.87!



☐ **American Government / Civics** p. 87

420-99 **\$246.78**  
(if ordered separately)



☐ **Economics** p. 87

570-00 **\$231.92**  
(if ordered separately)



☐ **American Literature and Language Arts 400** p. 88

430-MD **\$375.17**  
(if ordered separately)

**Required Resource (If you don't already own)**

☐ **3" Binder & Tabs** p. 133 B050 \$20.99

**Optional Resources**

☐ **Wordly Wise 3000, Book 11 Set** p. 99 440-35 \$18.90

☐ **Wordly Wise 3000, Book 12 Set** p. 99 540-20 \$18.90

**STEP 2**  
Complete your  
Curriculum



☐ **High School Physics** p. 110

450-05 **\$94.98**

Many Core 400 customers love Apologia's *High School Physics*. For other easy-to-use, hands-on science programs, see pp. 105-110.



☐ **Teaching Textbooks Pre-Calculus** p. 120

471-20 **\$184.90**

Many Core 400 students do best with *Teaching Textbooks Pre-Calculus*. For other outstanding math curricula, see pp. 111-123.

**WANT  
ELECTIVES?**



☒ **Electives** See pp. 124-130

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:

☐ **Electives 400**

400E **\$223.99**

Includes *Understanding the Times: Homeschool Edition* (p. 130) and *Secrets of Great Communicators* (p. 129).

☐ **Foreign Language** See p. 125 for recommendations

**NEED EXTRA  
RESOURCES?**



☒ **Resources** See pp. 131-134

**Recommended Resources**

☐ **College & Career Planning Kit** p. 93 580-00 \$65.44

☐ **Collegiate Thesaurus** p. 131 RL03 \$21.95

☐ **Math on Call** p. 131 RR801 \$29.49

"We are in our 8th Sonlight year, using Core 400. From the day I got our first catalog ... I had no doubt this was what God had in store for us – an exciting (sometimes heart-breaking) journey through history and culture that has opened our eyes to a world that needs the God of the Bible!"

– Kelly K. Aug. 2012



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THAT FIT**

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[sonlight.com/timepayments](http://sonlight.com/timepayments)

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LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH  
Guarantee**

**+ PLUS**



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interest-free  
payment plans



10% off all additional  
purchases for a year



Sonlight Forums



50% off IG  
repurchases

SEE P. 24 FOR DETAILS



"All my girls love to read, love to learn and have a desire to follow Jesus Christ's plan for their lives," writes Jennifer P of Bakersfield, CA. "We began homeschooling with Sonlight when my two youngest were in Kindergarten. We have been using it ever since with the exception of the year we focused on California state history. That year I missed Sonlight so much I decided I would never move to anything else. If something is working, why fix it? I believe that Sonlight and the books have played a big part in fashioning them into the beautiful young ladies they are today." On a recent vacation, Emma (14) chose to soak up a Sonlight book instead of fishing. She and her two sisters are using Core 200 in their ninth year of Sonlight.



## Prepare your students for ongoing success

“Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). Jesus grew up. As our teenagers grow to adulthood, we want them to experience similar well-rounded maturity – mental, physical, spiritual and social – to become the unique individuals God created them to be.

Equip your high schoolers with tools that help them grow deep! Sonlight offers courses that let upper-level students think critically, perform well on college entrance exams, discover their interests, follow their dreams, engage with and make a difference in their world.

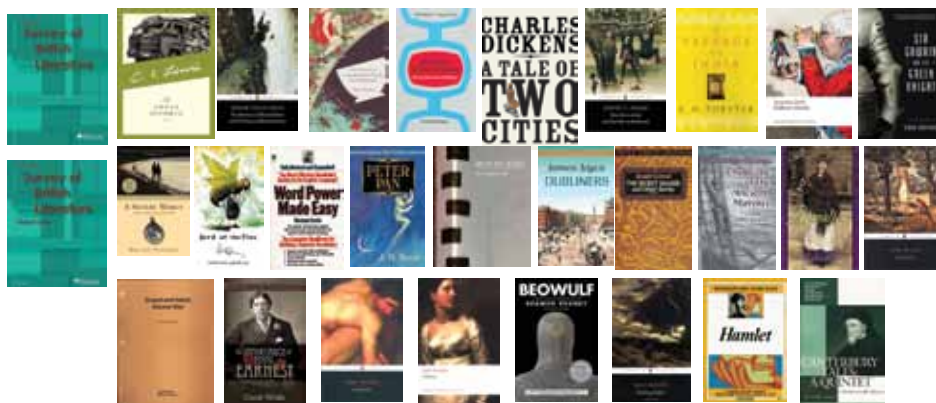
Whether you're looking for courses to help your high schoolers prepare for AP\* exams or simply expand their horizons, take a look at our College Prep section. We want to walk with your family as your children prepare to make their way in the world.

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**“Using Sonlight for the past 10 years taught Anna to love to learn,”** states Mary R of Mukwonago, WI. “She especially loved history and read every book she could get her hands on well before it came up in the schedule. She’s now a history major who made the Dean’s List her first two semesters of college. Sonlight helped her become a well-prepared, focused, successful and confident student. Thank you Sonlight! We’re so glad that you continue to play a role in Anna’s life. The skills she learned studying your curriculum will take her to many new, exciting places.” After her final Sonlight year with Core 530, Anna (18) used a Sonlight box to move into her college dorm. Siblings Niklas (16) and Peder (14) are currently using Core 100.

## BRITISH LITERATURE



## A college-prep survey of significant, beautiful literature

- **Survey key works of British Literature.**
- **Help young scholars gain independence in learning. Complete lesson plans and materials guide them each day.**
- **Watch students hone their skills in creative writing and academic essays.**
- **Prepare for the AP\* English Literature Exam\* and equip students for university-level study.**
- **Combine this 36-week Literature/Language Arts course with other Sonlight high school subjects for a complete one-year high school curriculum.**

### A unique and robust literature course

British Literature 530 is a complete, one-year program. My daughter Amy (a literature-major and homeschooling mom) and I designed it to help prepare your children for college and life. Students evaluate beauty and literature from an academic perspective and Biblical worldview.

The course is largely self-guided. You, Mom or Dad, will act primarily as a coach, encouraging, cheering and monitoring the progress of your students.

Though it doesn't include History or Bible, this robust Literature and Language Arts course quali-

fies for a significant discount, counts toward your Core requirements for our college scholarship program (see p. 161) and includes all other Core Club benefits (see p. 25).

### Choose this program to ...

Help your children engage thoughtfully with the world around them and:

- Write with clarity, punch and purpose.
- Confidently analyze a work's message, literary style and aesthetic qualities.
- Evaluate truth, beauty and goodness in works of cultural importance.
- Vastly expand their vocabulary.
- Gain confidence in how to practically approach and analyze poetry.
- Gain appreciation for classic literature.
- Prepare for college and/or prepare to take the AP\* exam in English Literature.

This guided journey through literature and literary analysis features a wide variety of forms and genres. You'll start with a heroic epic poem written when the Christian gospel first came to the British Isles. Then read tales of a knight of the Round Table. Ponder the human condition as expressed in Shakespeare's tragic play *Hamlet*. Engage with classic novels by Charles Dickens, Jane Austen, Emily Brontë and Lewis Carroll. Discover a variety of gripping poetic forms.

Interspersed among the famous “Great Conversation” texts, relax with popular characters including Sherlock Holmes, Peter Pan and P. G. Wodehouse's famous butler, Jeeves.

Experience the horror of life without laws or God in works such as *Lord of the Flies*, *Passage to India* and *Frankenstein*.

Then study insightful and influential Christian works such as Milton's *Paradise Lost* and C. S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*.

**“The first two of our high schoolers have now completed Sonlight's Psychology program, and each of them scored a 5 on the AP exam. Presented clearly for independent study at a challenging college level. Truly a quality program and highly recommended!”**

*- Jennifer S, July 2011*





### Students can earn college credit!

British Literature 530 prepares students to take the AP\* exam. Colleges often award credit to students who do well on the test.

The AP\* English Literature exam requires students to understand literary terms, analyze poetry, know a few literary works in depth and write compelling literary analysis. This course specifically equips them in all these skills. For additional help we recommend *Cracking the AP English Literature Exam* (see p. 131).

### Combine 530 with other courses

You can combine the 36-week British Literature course with one of our 36-week high school history courses to create a custom Core experience for your students.

Or, you may also choose to combine it with another other upper-level course(s) of your choice. (See pp. 92-93 for *Psychology, Economics, College & Career Planning* and *What Good is Christianity*, p. 110 for science and p. 120 for math options).

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**"This photo was taken on a Saturday afternoon, when Lily was free to choose whatever activity she wanted,"** writes Robin W of Yuma, AZ. "But instead of electronic entertainment that you would expect a teen to choose, she chose to read a school book. Sonlight. It's that good. This is our family's tenth year homeschooling with Sonlight. We wouldn't want to do it any other way." Robin has used Sonlight with her five children since they were young. This year Caleb (15) is using Core 100, Lily (13) studies Core H, Judy and Hoyt (ages 9 and 7) use Core C and Belle (5) explores Core P4/5.

## WITH LITERATURE 530, YOU RECEIVE

### Instructor's Guide

Self-directed instruction empowers your students to independently follow their Student Guide each day. Stay in tune and check their progress with your corresponding Parent Guide that includes answers and extra notes.

Request the first three weeks of the guides for free at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

### British Literature

Includes 24 masterpieces woven together into a cohesive study, for a literature-rich year of learning.

### Poetry / Vocabulary

Practical tools give students the keys to unlock verse and boost their vocabulary.

### Language Arts

Comprehensive instruction helps students write college-level academic and creative compositions.

### Solid preparation for the years ahead

May your students enjoy these beautiful and thought-provoking works as they prepare for life beyond high school!



Blessings to you and yours,

*Sarita*

Sarita



**"I appreciate Sonlight curriculum because it enables my children to excel in Science – a subject I'm not good at,"** admits Roberta K of Waldorf, MD. "After taking a year off, we're back to using Sonlight. During that time, I continually heard, 'Mom, I miss Sonlight. Can we please do it next year?' They really missed being able to read together, not to mention learning History and Geography together. We're super excited to be back and to use Core F!" Here an excited Jack (7), who loves the experiments, observes as sisters Marissa (10) and Olivia (13) demonstrate the scientific method. The K family has studied with Sonlight for three years.

## Your British Literature course includes:

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/530-MD](http://sonlight.com/530-MD)

### British Literature

530-MD

Retail \$513.03!  
You save \$64.03!

### Instructor's Guide 530

530-IG (\$109.98 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.

Literature 530 Parent  
Guide

530-PG

Literature 530 Student  
Guide

530-SG

### British Literature 530

The Adventures & The  
Memoirs of Sherlock  
Holmes

530-10

Alice's Adventures in  
Wonderland & Through  
the Looking-Glass

530-13

Beowulf

530-16

Canterbury Quintet

530-19

Dubliners

530-22

Emma

530-25

Frankenstein

530-28

The Great Divorce

530-31

Gulliver's Travels

530-34

Hamlet

530-37

The Importance of

Being Earnest

530-40

Lord of the Flies

530-43

Paradise Lost

530-46

A Passage to India

530-49

Peter Pan

530-52

Pygmalion

530-55

Right Ho, Jeeves

530-58

The Rime of the

Ancient Mariner

530-61

The Secret Sharer

& Other Stories

530-64

A Severe Mercy

530-67

Sir Gawain and the

Green Knight

530-70

A Tale of Two Cities

530-76

Three Men in a Boat

530-79

Wuthering Heights

530-85

### Poetry / Vocabulary

Sound and Sense

530-73

Sound and Sense  
Answer Key

530-02

Word Power

Made Easy Consumable

530-82

### Daily Time Commitment

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:  
Student: 2 ½-3 hrs | Parent: ½ hrs.





## ECONOMICS



Demystify the world of Economics. Get your high-schoolers ready for college placement or AP\* exams. Give them a balanced, critical view of modern Economics, from basic theory to politics and trade. And let them see God's perspective on our modern-day theories and values.

Central to our course is a quality online program from Thinkwell. Your professor is Steven Tomlinson (Ph.D., Stanford University).

Equip one student for a year with:



**"Jovany loves Sonlight. Every year he lets me know he wants to use this curriculum again next year,"** writes Jodie G of Butler, IN. "He loves reading chapter books and learns so much from the History books. Whether he is hanging upside down from the couch or on the treadmill, he really gets into Sonlight books. In this picture, he is reading *The Horse and His Boy* [from Core F] for the second time. I knew nothing about homeschooling when we started three years ago. On the advice from a friend, I tried Sonlight for History and Literature. We haven't stopped." Fourteen-year-old Jovany is now soaking up Core 200.

"After completing Sonlight's Psychology course this spring, my son prepared for and passed the Sociology CLEP, Psychology CLEP as well as Human Growth & Development test. Twelve college credits as a reward for learning psychology the 'Sonlight way.' We love it!"

*- Missy K, July 2011*

Engaging multimedia: 262 online video lectures filled with animations, examples and humor. Students report learning more easily with this approach than with traditional textbooks.

Concise, illustrated notes, a glossary, transcript of every video – even relevant web links. Print as you need, or view it all online.

Rigorous exercises (graded for you): Students enter answers in the computer and get their *grade automatically* – complete with solutions, fully worked-out and explained.

Students read relevant Bible passages each day, and answer thought-provoking questions in a personal journal. We include two powerful books:

a biblical study and a delightful "economic romance."

Your high-schoolers learn great habits, like taking better notes, whether required (as in most U.S. schools) or as an elective, they can see Economics in an exciting new way.

Find out more about Sonlight® Economics at [sonlight.com/570-00.html](http://sonlight.com/570-00.html).

Instructor Guides include two complete lesson plans – one for general and a more intensive track for helping students for AP\* exams. The 5-day schedule maps out the entire 18-week course, packed with teaching questions (and answers), and more.

### Your Economics course includes:

For full descriptions go to [sonlight.com/570-00](http://sonlight.com/570-00)

#### Economics

Sonlight® Economics Instructor's Guide (Schedule and Notes) 570-01

Thinkwell Economics Internet Course 570-50  
Invisible Heart 570-10

**570-00**

**\$231.92**

Money, Possessions and Eternity RR110  
Sonlight Personal Journal 570-40

## PSYCHOLOGY



The Sonlight® Psychology package ties in the science of psychology with the art of understanding how people work.

Jeff Corson has been teaching Advanced Placement® Psychology since 1999 and has enjoyed not only seeing students grow, but has also seen them perform well above the national average (80-93%) in achieving college credit for the course.

Corson negates the perception that psychology is the domain of unbelievers and views it simply as the study of God's workmanship. His workbook helps prepare students to maintain and strengthen their faith in a college/world environment where their beliefs may be challenged daily.

He hopes to not only enable students to prepare for the AP\* Psych exam, but to reinforce their love for learning.

Corson suggests a timeline of August to April for students who want to take the national Advanced Placement® Psychology test in the U.S. in May.

Corson's workbook uses a textbook that features history, facts, terms, real-world applications and a sprinkling of laugh-out-loud cartoons.

The Sonlight Psychology package also includes a study guide (Straub) so students can track their progress. This course is a great introduction to psychology for aspiring college students or anyone interested in human behavior and design.

Package includes a psychology text, study guide with tests and answer key, and the workbook/diary. Offers students a robust picture of the field of psychology (including a Christian perspective) as they prepare for the AP\* Psych exam.

### Your Psychology course includes:

For full descriptions go to [sonlight.com/590-00](http://sonlight.com/590-00)

#### Psychology

Psychology Ninth Edition w/ Study Guide 590-10

Sonlight Psychology Interactive Workbook and Diary 590-01

**590-00**

**\$284.98**

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## COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING



Help your high schoolers map the life of their dreams.

Challenge your students to consider who God created them to be, and to strive for a life of purpose. Watch them discover their unique abilities as they learn how to get into the college or career of their choice.

We've tailored this toolkit just for homeschool-ers, to help you every step of the way:

- Gain confidence in how best to present your

students' homeschool achievements to college admissions counselors.

- Learn what colleges want to see in high school transcripts from homeschoolers.
- Streamline the college application process and uncover secrets to make higher education lighter on your pocketbook.
- Save time – keep your college search paperwork in one place.

Your kit shows the way, as you document your students' work, lead them to identify their gifts and talents, and explore a world of career choices. Steer your students through their college search and keep their school-shopping organized with copyable forms and detailed insights from the books.

Along with the books included in your kit, Sonlight's 15-page guide helps you lead your students with confidence through high school and beyond. Take the journey in practical, manageable steps – as your students answer key self-discovery questions related to each chapter in both books in your kit.

Author of the guide, Kelly Lutman is an 18-year homeschool mom. Her aim is to give you a basic starting point for the college-bound high school track.

Discover more about the Sonlight® Career Planning Kit at: [sonlight.com/career-planning.html](http://sonlight.com/career-planning.html).

### Your College and Career Planning course includes:

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/580-00](http://sonlight.com/580-00)

#### College and Career Planning

**580-00**

**\$65.44**

College and Career  
Planning Guide

580-01

Finding the Career  
That Fits You

RR26

Homeschoolers' College  
Admissions Handbook

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## WHAT GOOD IS CHRISTIANITY?



Prepare your children to grapple with challenging ideas as you evaluate together the role of Christianity in society. Full of rich narratives and intriguing questions, this 18-week curriculum for upper-level high school students covers many subject areas including history, worldview, critical thinking and apologetics.

In an age where misinformation about Christianity and its influence abounds, the goal of *What Good Is Christianity?* is to educate and equip students regarding the positive role and influence of Christianity in relation to a variety of topics and, in the process, respond to contemporary criticisms.

Students will examine topics like Christianity and Western culture, democracy, social justice, education, literature, the fine arts, science, the environment, atheism, charity, special challenges, women and slavery.

We want to help you raise children who are able to think for themselves, reasonably, as they weigh the claims they will encounter in daily life. Consequently, our goal in this curriculum is not to force-feed information, but to expose you and your children to a variety of ideas they are likely to encounter in their Christian walk, while at the same time providing relevant insights as your children wrestle with challenging ideas.

Seven carefully-selected resources (6 books and a DVD set) accompany your Instructor's Guide. Inside your IG alone you'll find a section on tips for classroom use, the schedule, notes, assignments, discussion questions, and four articles that address interpretation (hermeneutics), faith and science, warfare, and Christianity and women.

### Your What Good Is Christianity? course includes:

For full descriptions go to  
[sonlight.com/560-00](http://sonlight.com/560-00)

#### What Good Is Christianity?

**560-00**

**\$178.81**

What Good Is Christianity  
Instructor's Guide

560-01

Does God Exist?  
(DVD set)

560-08

Art and the Bible

560-05

How Christianity Changed  
the World

560-02

Christianity On Trial

560-03

The Victory of Reason

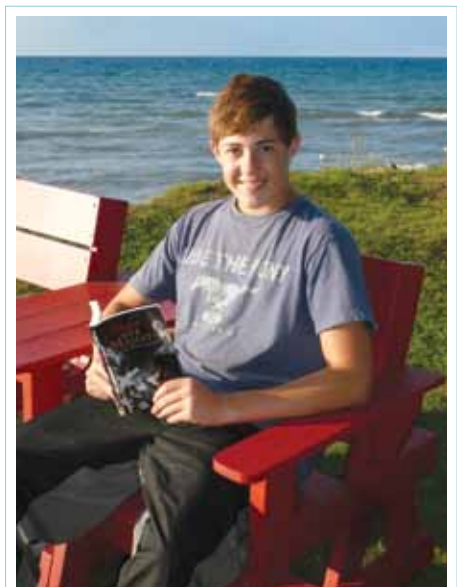
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What Has Christianity Ever  
Done for Us?

560-04

What's So Great About  
Christianity?

560-07



**"We are pleased with the independence the Instructor's Guides give Skylar to work on his own,"** writes Rose M of Cambridge, WI.

"Sonlight books fill Skylar's voracious appetite for reading! There are enough award-winning, fascinating books to keep him happy, and that bring history alive for him, that he reads and re-reads books all year long. He loves to pack 'school' books for our family trips to read in the car or while we are relaxing, like here on the beach at Lake Superior. The only thing we are sorry about is that we didn't find Sonlight sooner!" Fifteen-year-old Skylar is studying Core 100 in his eighth year of homeschooling and seventh year of Sonlight.



**You know you're a homeschooler when**

... playing harmonica in the bathtub counts as science (acoustics).



## REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR YOUR CORE



### History

□ **A Child's History of the World** CH07 \$28.00  
Hillyer. The 1997 hardback edition of the famous classic by the headmaster of the Calvert School of Baltimore. Hillyer presents a delightful narrative history of the world from "the beginning" to the mid-1990s. A warm, grandfatherly telling of a real story. | Hb. | Included in Cores B and B+C. | **Required** in Cores C and W.

□ **How to Read Church History** 260-45 \$47.90  
These volumes present one of the most balanced pictures of Western (Roman/ Protestant) church history you will find. Includes translations of brief passages from key original documents. Volume 1 covers up to the Reformation; Volume 2, Reformation till today. | Pb. | illus | @ 5+ | @ 8+ | Recommended resource scheduled in Core 200.

□ Volume 1 260-46 \$22.95  
□ Volume 2 260-47 \$24.95

□ **The Landmark History of the American People, Volume 1** <sup>New</sup> DH10 \$24.99  
Boorstin. A fascinating introduction to American culture as it has shaped and been shaped by events from the Pilgrims to the mid-1800s. Written by the former Librarian of Congress. NEW full color edition, completely revised for readability. Now includes timelines, maps and more than twice the illustrations. | Oversize Pb. | @ 3+ | @ 6+ | Included in Core D and D+E.

□ **The Landmark History of the American People, Volume 2** <sup>New</sup> DH11 \$24.99  
Boorstin. A fascinating introduction to American culture as it has shaped and been shaped by events from the Civil War to the late 20th Century. Written by the former Librarian of Congress. NEW full color edition, completely revised for readability. Now includes timelines, maps and more than twice the illustrations. | Oversize Pb. | @ 3+ | @ 6+ | Included in Core D+E.

"We had been following Sonlight's recommendation to find areas we are reading about on the Markable Map. One Sunday, I was helping in a Sunday school class in which my daughter was participating. The teacher asked students to find routes on a world map. My shy nine-year-old knew where four out of five countries are located. I was amazed (and thrilled) that our mapping activities are working! This is solely due to Sonlight's mapping activities."

*-jfn3beans, March 2012*

#### □ The Story of the USA Books

Escher. Written simply enough for students to read on their own, these books give the outline of early American history from the pre-Columbian civilizations to the present. Fascinating text plus a list of vocabulary, a pronunciation guide, illustrations, and comprehension questions. | Oversize Pb. | illus | @ K+ | Consumable.

□ **Book 2: A Young Nation Solves Its Problems** DH132 \$13.50  
Required in Core E.

□ **Book 3: America Becomes A Giant** EH101 \$13.50  
Included in Core E.

□ **Book 4: Modern America** EH102 \$13.50  
Included in Core E.

□ **The Timeline Book** RR120 \$25.99  
Formerly called Book of Time. Spiral-bound timeline ready for you to add dates throughout your home-school adventure. Two-color paper to easily distinguish between BC and AD time periods. Includes pockets for assignments or notes. May be shared. S, 8½" x 11", Pb., heavy-gauge paper. | **Required** in Cores A-300.

□ **The Usborne Book of World History** CH02 \$24.99  
Millard & Vanags. The history of the world to 1914. Includes cultural developments, discoveries, and world religions as well as political and military history. Indigenous peoples are portrayed realistically (i.e., not clothed according to Western standards). Scintillating text, beautiful illustrations. Hb. | Included in Cores B and B+C. | **Required** in Core C.

□ **Usborne Encyclopedia 12,000 Years of World History** GH07 \$19.99  
Usborne. Depicts key historical figures, plus the battles, revolutions, inventions, and discoveries that have shaped today's world. Sonlight skips the "pre-history" section. Includes an 8-page timeline section, extensive glossary and index. | Full-color, illus throughout | Pb. | @ 3+ | @ 5+ | Included in Core G. | **Required** in Cores H and W.

□ **The Usborne Time Traveler** BH01 \$22.99  
Usborne. Visit Ancient Egypt, Rome, medieval Europe and Viking days. Colorful, detail-packed illustrations teach about family life and cultural achievements. Humorous and imaginative. | Hb. | @ K-6 | @ 3-6 | Included in Core B. | **Required** in Core C.



### Geography

□ **Markable Map and Markers** MAP \$27.98  
Hang this 23" x 34", full-color Modified Robinson Projection map on a wall for easy reference, or fold flat (smaller than 12" x 12") and take it with you. Laminated surface lets you mark your map with grease pencils or water-based markers.

Includes a four-color set of fine-tip water-based markers! | @ | **Required** in Cores A-H and W.

□ **Markable Map (Only)** MAP1 \$19.99  
□ **Markers (Only)** MAP2 \$7.99

□ **Audio Memory® Geography Songs Kit** CH06 \$22.95  
Troxel. Award-winning kit includes 62-minute CD with 23 songs; consumable workbook with lyrics, illustrations, tests, 23 up-to-date (1997/98) maps to label and color; and a 25" x 36" world wall map with memorization keys. | Included in Cores B+C and C.

□ **Audio Memory® States & Capitals Songs CD Kit** RR61 \$12.95



### Bible

In addition to the engaging Bible materials in your Core Package, consider these additional resources to study the Bible with your family.

□ **What the Bible is All About Resources: Reproducible Maps, Charts, TimeLines & Illustrations** RR75 \$24.99  
Gospel Light. This book is designed to help you "see" what's happening-and where it's happening-as you read the Bible. It includes overview timelines for the bible as a whole and for each book; detailed maps; purpose/theme statements for each book; key verses; lists of main people; drawings of all the key archaeological sites, temples, etc... A wonderful tool for Bible students of all ages. | Oversize Pb. | Reproducible.

□ **BibleMesh: The Biblical Story Course** 560-BM01 \$39.99  
Keller & the BibleMesh team. Want a challenging Bible course for you or your high schooler? Pastor Tim Keller anchors this interactive web-based Bible course that helps students discover the Biblical story. Through self-paced lessons, videos, in-depth content, quizzes and more, students gain a rich understanding of the Bible. BibleMesh presents the story of God's redemptive acts as a single narrative from Genesis to Revelation. You receive a one-year subscription to the BibleMesh site with the course and all contents. A free trial available, group subscriptions and more details at [sonlight.com/bible-mesh](http://sonlight.com/bible-mesh).

□ **Seeds Family Worship CDs** <sup>New</sup>  
Seeds Family Worship CDs combine Scripture-based lyrics with catchy tunes your whole family will love to sing! Each song offers children (and adults, too!) an entertaining way to memorize one or more Bible verses. BONUS: Buy one and you'll receive a second free CD of the same title to give away!

□ Vol. 1 Seeds of Courage RR123 \$12.98  
□ Vol. 2 Seeds of Faith RR124 \$12.98  
□ Vol. 3 Seeds of Praise RR125 \$12.98  
□ Vol. 4 Seeds of Purpose RR126 \$12.98  
□ Vol. 5 Power of Encouragement RR127 \$12.98  
□ Vol. 6 Seeds of Character RR128 \$12.98





## EMBRACE SCRIPTURE WITH SONLIGHT'S BIBLE PROGRAMS (INCLUDED IN EACH CORE PROGRAM.)



God's Word is "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path" (Psalm 119:105). Help your children know and love Scripture through Sonlight's simple and effective approach to teaching Bible.

Every Core, Language Arts and Science package reflects a Christian worldview, and you'll find references to Scripture and Biblical ideas throughout your studies.

Furthermore, each Core includes a Bible study program. The goal of these programs is to help you and your children read, memorize and talk about Scripture so that God's word becomes woven into the fabric of your lives.

### Engage with the Bible

The first step to knowing and loving Scripture is to *read* Scripture. That's why each Sonlight Core includes a disciplined but doable schedule of Scripture reading that helps you spend time in God's Word every day. For Cores B through G, notes in your Instructor's Guide help you see the big picture of these readings and discuss them with your children. By the time they graduate, your kids will have read most of the Bible several times through.

Students will move beyond reading and hide God's Word in their hearts with a weekly memory passage. Cores A to G include a delightful CD that sets each week's memory work to fun music. Your children just might amaze you with what they can memorize through song!

Kid-friendly study books help your children dive further into the Bible and engage with it at an age-appropriate level. These books help your children learn about the Bible, help you talk about the Bible with your kids, and help them learn to apply Scripture to their own lives.

### Give your children worthy heroes and a heart for the world

But that's not all. Sonlight wants to help you raise kids who share God's heart for the world. That's why our Bible programs encourage your family to pray for and serve others. Read fascinating books and resources about people who have never even heard the name of Jesus and help your kids learn to pray for them.

Be amazed as you learn about how God is working around the world. Read about that work through exciting biographies of missionaries and courageous Christians worldwide. These stories have inspired many children to live for God. Your kids will meet worthy Christian heroes they can admire and emulate.

### Go deeper from Pre-K to high school

From ages 3 to 18, Sonlight's Bible programs are designed to help your children grasp foundational truths and gain skills for lifelong study of the Bible. Here's the general progression of our Bible programs:

**Discover** (Cores P3/4, P4/5 and A): Discover Jesus' love and the wonder of God's word through colorful Bible stories. Connect these stories with the overarching theme God shares in the Bible: that He cares about us personally and sent His Son Jesus to be our Savior.

**Read** (Cores B-F): Read through most of the Bible and discover God's heart for the nations. Explore how to pray for and serve others. Your students gradually learn to read the Bible on their own.

**Survey** (Core G and W): Trace the story of God's redeeming love as you examine and overview the entire Bible. Study intriguing biblical culture, geography and archeology to better grasp the big-picture storyline.

**Apply** (Cores H and 100): Learn techniques for studying the Bible in-depth. Focus on life application and Christian living. Gain preparation for the challenges of high school and beyond.

**Discern** (Cores 200-400): Students learn to defend their faith biblically as they delve into apologetics and organized doctrinal studies. They focus on practical application of Scripture and serious study of worldviews. Students prepare to stand strong in their faith when tested outside the home, and to enjoy their faith in a world that seems to hold less and less regard for Christ followers.

All along the way from Pre-K to graduation, students are reminded of the deep love Christ has for them personally and for all within His creation.

### Raise kids who love Scripture and have a solid foundation for life

Your Sonlight adventure weaves the Bible into your everyday learning, so your kids grow up hearing, memorizing and treasuring God's Word in their lives. God says His Word does not return empty, but accomplishes what He intends (cf. Isaiah 55:11). So let's continue to soak up Scripture! We love helping you do that with your children.

*"We knew we needed an organized curriculum ... one that would foster a love for God, others and of learning. Sonlight fit our goals perfectly!"*

*- Stefanie H, July 2012*



**"Sonlight provides so many of our ideals in one: a global perspective, academic and spiritual disciplines, and the means for our family to learn and grow together,"** writes Kendra P of Wellington, OH. "I find the IGs invaluable for keeping me organized and on track through the school year. While we don't have a perfect home, we're privileged to invest time and energy into our kids while educating them with Sonlight. This photo captures the beauty of bonding between siblings that takes place with homeschooling." In the family's second Sonlight year, Anna (7) and Micah (5) are studying Core C, with Charlotte (2) soon to follow.

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**"We love Sonlight's Bible curriculum. What a great feeling to know that instilling a love of God and Jesus through wonderful Bible stories can lead to moments like this,"** writes Shelby H of Jourdanton, TX. "The Bibles for each grade are perfect at keeping the little one's attention. We reach for our Bible first thing in the morning. Sonlight's Instructor's Guide is totally written out so we can go through our days seamlessly. We can spend more time reading, doing and going rather than so much time planning." This moment was caught when Jessica (6) and Joshua (5) thought nobody was looking. They're studying Core A and Core B in their family's fourth year of Sonlight.



## HELP YOUR CHILDREN BECOME EXCELLENT WRITERS



**"Sonlight's books are great literature, which helps Cailey in her writing projects,"** writes Cari T of Vacaville, CA. "Her reports have gotten more detailed and to the point – like real published books. I really think that will help her in life. Sonlight picks out the best books a child could read, and they tell true stories that kids should know about. They have offered us a complete curriculum that has expanded our knowledge while offering a Christian perspective. We love Sonlight!" Here, 10-year-old Cailey reads God's Word and works on her devotional as part of the Core E program. She is now studying Core F in her fourth year of Sonlight.

### What about handwriting?

Dr. Beechick argues that once handwriting basics are mastered, usually by 3rd grade, students should practice handwriting in the process of writing. Sonlight Language Arts programs follow her advice. We offer separate handwriting materials (see p. 101) and post optional schedules online, so you have these tools when your students need them. They can refine their handwriting in Grade 4 and up through their Language Arts assignments.



Be a grammar ace  
with Grammar Ace  
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**"Last year we added Language Arts. I love the way it integrates with the Readers!"**

*-Teresa M, July 2012*

**W**hen your children were young, you taught them to speak as you spoke to them. In the same vein, children learn to write by learning from good models of writing—and trying out those models for themselves. We call this the “natural” approach to Language Arts.

Sonlight Language Arts programs flow from this principle. Each program guides your children through well-paced writing activities based on the Readers they're already enjoying in their Core program. As your children grow, these activities will guide them through writing their first sentences, simple paragraphs and stories until they're eventually writing gripping creative works and compelling scholarly papers.

### Learn to write naturally—from excellent models

“Workbooks don't really teach children how to write effectively,” says Dr. Ruth Beechick, homeschool expert and author of *The Three R's* (Sonlight item KL01). Instead, students best learn to write well as they:

- **Listen** to good writing,
- **Look at** good writing,
- **Copy** good writing, and
- Then, finally, **write on their own!**

“Benjamin Franklin taught himself to write this way,” explains Dr. Beechick. He outlined essays he admired, put them aside for a few days, and later tried an original article by following his outline. “He compared his writing with the model to see where he fell short. Then he tried another, improving his writing all the while.”

With Sonlight's Language Arts, your students will practice natural learning exercises like these. And practice is the key ...

### Students write a little every day.

Writing lessons come from the books your children read throughout the year. As a result, they remember and comprehend more and more.

Their creative writing lessons apply Dr. Beechick's “natural method”:

- Students practice **copywork** and **dictation** to absorb critical writing skills from the “masters.”
- They learn **writing mechanics**—from similes to diction to organization—as they build on each day's practice.
- They explore **creative writing** with tools like story-starter pictures and journals.
- They also **write about what they learn** in history, science and literature.
- An optional fifth day offers students a chance to **play with the written word** as they try fun exercises from puzzles to palindromes.

### Watch your children's writing skills blossom!

Students encounter spelling words tied to phonics principles in Sonlight® Language Arts (LA) up through second grade. In upper elementary grades, they continue to build vocabulary with words from their books. Meanwhile, they reinforce correct spelling through the highly effective Sequential Spelling program (p. 100).

In Core D, your children make a smooth transition from the basic mechanics of writing to more in-depth independent writing.

In Cores E-G, young writers learn to do research, draft a wide variety of papers and edit their work. Writing assignments range from personal letters and stories to advertisements and news items.

In every assignment, you'll find plenty of examples to follow from the books your students read. These are the “good models” your children learn to emulate. In time, they grow from these examples and ...

### Discover what makes great writing truly great.

As your students grow in understanding, they move from basic writing to analysis.

Students in middle school through high school continue to write creative papers similar to their work in Cores E-G, but at a higher level. They also analyze and write about the books they read, delving into plot, characterization, mood, setting and more.

New and experienced Sonlighters alike will find these “natural method” Language Arts programs a fresh and appealing way to learn to write well.

### Sonlight® Grammar

Establish a solid foundation for effective writing with Sonlight's unique approach to grammar. Sonlight introduces key grammar “gems” gradually, in the context of your children's daily reading and writing within the Sonlight Language Arts program.

#### Grammar Ace

For a strong grammar foundation, we encourage students in (approximately) fourth grade to take advantage of the complete grammar program we offer in a pace-yourself course. See p. 98 to learn more about Grammar Ace.

#### Grammar 5 and 6

For additional grammar study, Grammar 5 and 6 build on the concepts of Grammar Ace and offer fun exercises and practice to solidify your students' grammar knowledge. See p. 98.

**Need a writing coach for research papers?** See p. 98.



## CORES A-C RECEIVE THE READERS WITH LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRAM OF YOUR CHOICE.

Using Cores A-C? Learn about *Readers & Language Arts* programs and optional resources here. You may also buy the appropriate level for each additional student you're teaching with the same Core. Visit [sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment](http://sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment) to find the right level for each child.



### ■ Grade K Readers with Language Arts K

Ages 5 | 6 | 7

KRP

\$87.20

Perfect for children ready to learn the alphabet. Introduces each letter and the primary sound(s) it makes, and gets the creative juices flowing with simple writing activities (with you as your child's scribe).

Features the Sonlight-exclusive *Fun Tales* - a sequence of 27 booklets that help kids start reading as soon as possible. The first story uses only six simple sounds; the last uses all 26 letters.

The included Instructor's Guide (IG) gives you all the tools you need: schedule, lesson plans, Activity Sheets, teaching tips and more. Just follow the guide to teach reading, phonics, spelling, copywork and creative expression. Your guide also schedules the optional workbooks below.

Head to [sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment](http://sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment) to see if this is the right level for your child. Request a sample of the IG at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

See p. 34 for the titles in this package. For descriptions or to order individual items, visit [sonlight.com/LA-K](http://sonlight.com/LA-K).

#### Optional Resources (See p. 99)

- ☐ **Sound Cards** RL20 \$5.99
- ☐ **Explode the Code A, B, C** Consumable KL03 \$24.55
- ☐ **Explode the Code A, B, C Teacher's Guide** KL034 \$10.65
- ☐ **Extra Activity Sheets** Consumable KLG1 \$16.99

### ■ Grade 1 Readers with Language Arts 1

Ages 6 | 7 | 8

1RP

\$157.55

Designed for children who have just begun to master three-letter short-vowel words. Helps them move to advanced short words and short chapter books. With your help, children will "write" their first short stories!

Features books written at a first grade reading level, including Dr. Seuss' unforgettable *Green Eggs and Ham* and the Sonlight-exclusive *I Can Read It!* series.

The Instructor's Guide (IG) gives you the tools you need: schedule, lesson plans, discussion questions, Activity Sheets, teaching tips and more. Just follow the guide to teach reading, phonics, spelling, copywork, creative expression and writing mechanics. Your guide also schedules the optional workbooks below.

Head to [sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment](http://sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment) to see if this is the right level for your child. Request an IG sample at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

See p. 38 for the titles in this package. For descriptions or to order individual items, visit [sonlight.com/LA-1](http://sonlight.com/LA-1).

#### Optional Resources (See p. 99)

- ☐ **Explode the Code 1, 2, 3** Consumable 1L02 \$28.20
- ☐ **Extra Activity Sheets** Consumable 1LG1 \$13.99

### ■ Grade 2 Readers with Language Arts 2

Ages 7 | 8 | 9

2RP

\$127.81

Created for children who can decode most words but are still working toward proficiency in reading. Helps children learn to organize their thoughts, construct basic sentences and write simple paragraphs. You will likely serve as their scribe for writing exercises.

Features books at a second-grade reading level, including beloved stories about Amelia Bedelia and Frog and Toad. Also includes *The Beginner's Bible* - a favorite that gives kids a great sense of accomplishment.

The Instructor's Guide (IG) gives you the tools you need: schedule, lesson plans, discussion questions, Activity Sheets, teaching tips and more. Just follow the guide to teach reading, phonics, spelling, copywork, creative expression and writing mechanics. Your guide also schedules the optional workbooks below.

Head to [sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment](http://sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment) to see if this is the right level for your child. Request an IG sample at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

See p. 42 for the titles in this package. For descriptions or to order individual items, visit [sonlight.com/LA-2](http://sonlight.com/LA-2).

#### Optional Resources (See p. 99)

- ☐ **Explode the Code 4, 5, 6** 2L07 \$28.20
- ☐ **Wordly Wise Book A** 2L10 \$10.00
- ☐ **Extra Activity Sheets** Consumable 2LG1 \$12.99

### ■ Grade 3 Readers with Language Arts 3

Ages 7 | 8 | 9

3RP

\$159.71

Ideal for students who need more advanced reading practice than easy reader books provide. The unique Diamond Notes method guides you step-by-step through the process of teaching your children to write winning paragraphs.

Features books at a third-grade reading level with controlled vocabulary, multiple illustrations, compelling stories and short chapters to encourage reading. Children enjoy detective stories, thrilling historical fiction and heartwarming adventures.

The Instructor's Guide (IG) provides the tools you need: schedule, lesson plans, discussion questions, Activity Sheets, teaching tips and more. Just follow the guide to teach spelling, copywork, writing mechanics, paragraph construction and creative expression. Your guide also schedules the optional workbooks below.

Head to [sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment](http://sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment) to see if this is the right level for your child. Request an IG sample at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

See p. 42 for the titles in this package. For descriptions or to order individual items, visit [sonlight.com/LA-3](http://sonlight.com/LA-3).

#### Optional Resources (See p. 99)

- ☐ **MCP Phonics Level C** 2L19 \$16.99
- ☐ **Wordly Wise Book B** 2L05 \$10.00
- ☐ **Extra Activity Sheets** Consumable 3LG1 \$12.99

### ■ Grade 4-5 Readers with Language Arts 4-5

Ages 7 | 8 | 9

4RP

\$188.13

Excellent for students able to read anything you hand them, but whom you'd like to protect from the grittier "realities of life" that more advanced books often deal with. Helps you guide students to write paragraphs with more independence. You may still want to serve as their scribe on more challenging assignments.

Features books at fourth and fifth grade reading levels, but with content gentle enough for young readers. Your children will adventure in the Wild West, travel with Marco Polo to the far East, and continue to develop a love of books and reading.

The Instructor's Guide (IG) provides the tools you need: schedule, lesson plans, discussion questions, Activity Sheets, teaching tips and more. Just follow the guide to teach spelling, copywork, writing mechanics, paragraph construction and creative expression. Your guide also schedules the optional workbooks below.

Head to [sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment](http://sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment) to see if this is the right level for your child. Request an IG sample at [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples).

See p. 42 for the titles in this package. For descriptions or to order individual items, visit [sonlight.com/LA-45](http://sonlight.com/LA-45).

#### Optional Resources (See p. 99)

- ☐ **MCP Word Study D - Plaid** 3L18 \$17.99
- ☐ **Wordly Wise Book C** 3L01 \$10.00
- ☐ **Extra Activity Sheets** Consumable 4LG1 \$12.99

For Cores D and higher, your full Readers and Language Arts program is already integrated into your Core.

**An example of what to choose:** To use Core A with two kids, you might choose *Core A with Grade K Readers with LA K* and buy *Grade 2 Readers with LA 2* separately, so each child has a program at his/her ability level.

"Petra's reading really took off this year with Sonlight Language Arts 2. She gained fluency by reading *The Beginner's Bible* literally everywhere! Thank you, Sonlight, for choosing wholesome, interesting books that my children WANT to read over and over."

- Jane H., July 2012





## RESOURCES FOR YOUR LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRAM



"I love that Sonlight uses a lot of different ways to teach our children. Language Arts has games, journals, poems, story creators and more," writes Susan R of Chesterfield, NJ. "It isn't just copywork and reading, though those are fun as well. These games bring out the competition in the kids, and make them want to do their best." Here, 7-year-old Zachariah concentrates for an intense game of Sight-Word Bingo. He and 7-year-old Jakob are using Core B with Grade 1 Readers in their second year of Sonlight.



**You know you're a homeschooler when** ... your second grader regularly uses words like "metaphor."



"Sonlight brings our family closer together like nothing else can," writes Katie B of Ontario, Canada. "I was hesitant in the earlier years to use Sonlight because there are so many books and I wasn't sure if I could fit them all in. But over the years I have found that I want to read the books just as much as my children do, and it makes for quality family time." Without prompting, Danielle (8) eagerly showed Luke (5) the amazing facts about helicopters and ships she learned in Core C. In their family's fourth year of Sonlight, Danielle is using Core D as Luke dives into Core A.



### Grammar

☐ **Grammar Ace Package with DVD** RL6 \$44.97  
Includes *The Grammar Ace* Set: Instructional Manual (schedule, examples, answers and teaching helps) and Workbook plus Schoolhouse Rock DVD (the Grammar Rock portion is scheduled throughout the manual). One program designed to start anywhere during grades 4-8 and cover all the grammar your student will need. Set your own pace—take a few months, or a couple years. This package includes the two items below. | Grades 4-8

- ☐ **The Grammar Ace** RL66 \$24.98  
Bolin. All the practical grammar your student needs, in one set-your-own-pace program. For grades 4-8.
- ☐ **The Grammar Ace Workbook** Consumable RL662 \$9.99  
For additional students
- ☐ **Schoolhouse Rock (DVD)** RL65 \$19.99  
Sonlight's Grammar Ace program uses some of the best songs in the collection to help kids learn adverbs, interjections, conjunctions, prepositions and more. 2 DVDs (formatted for Region 1: US and Canada only)

☐ **Grammar 5** 5L15 \$29.98  
Provides logical, straightforward grammar instruction and practice. Perfect for students who have completed Grammar Ace or already have a working knowledge of grammatical terms (e.g., appositive and participial phrase). The self-directed lessons present, guide and review crucial concepts modeled in great passages of literature. Offers ample practice to master the tools students need to improve their writing and succeed on standardized tests. A pre-requisite for *Grammar 6*.

- ☐ **Grammar 5 Answer Guide** 5L151 \$14.99
- ☐ **Grammar 5 Activity Sheets** Consumable 5L152 \$14.99

☐ **Grammar 6** 6L15 \$29.98  
Perfect for students who have completed *Grammar 5*. With straightforward instruction, students dissect great passages from successful authors to study grammatical structure and form. *Grammar 6* contains plenty of practice to give your children a solid grammatical foundation, which aids in writing skills and standardized test prep.

- ☐ **Grammar 6 Answer Guide** 6L151 \$14.99
- ☐ **Grammar 6 Activity Sheets** Consumable 6L152 \$14.99

☐ **Winston Grammar (Basic)** 4L09 \$42.00  
For grades 4-12. Includes Instruction Guide, Workbook & Card Pack. Description at [sonlight.com/4L09](http://sonlight.com/4L09).

- ☐ **Second Student Pack** 4L094 \$18.00
- ☐ **Workbook** Consumable 4L095 \$11.00
- ☐ **Card Pack** 4L096 \$7.50

☐ **Winston Grammar (Adv)**  
Find description at [sonlight.com/7L20.html](http://sonlight.com/7L20.html).



### Composition

☐ **Writers INC** RL04 \$32.49  
Sebranek, Kemper, and Meyer. This is one of those books of which no student should be deprived. It includes all the "how-to" information that every writer ever wished he had: a complete guide to the writing process ... from pre-writing to drafting to revising; the basic elements of writing: sentences, paragraphs, expository essays, persuasive essays; literary genres: stories, plays, poems, persuasive and argumentative essays; style; grammar; documentation, and much more. Latest Edition (2006). | Pb. | Grades 3-12

☐ **Diamond Notes** RL67 \$8.99  
This effective and enjoyable creative writing program helps your students conquer fear of the blank page. With gentle, practical step-by-step guidance, they learn to organize their thoughts and express themselves clearly on paper. *Included in LA 3 Instructor's Guide.*

☐ **Research Paper Packet** RL61 \$6.99  
Holzmann & Ballard. The Research Paper Packet includes every last detail your children will need to know to research for and write a solid research or position paper. Completely updated in 2012.

Note: This item is included in the Core Instructor's Guides for levels D+E-530 | ☞

☐ **Writing Coach: "Pay per Paper" Program**  
Do you struggle to evaluate your children's writing objectively, to give them quality feedback? Could you simply use a break from hours of reading and editing? Let Sonlight connect you with an experienced writing coach, one paper at a time:

"I watched our daughter go from a struggling writer to someone who is confident in her writing abilities with the Write At Home program. Now she writes with maturity and clarity. I appreciate that she has to meet deadlines imposed outside of home, but they are reasonable and not overwhelming. The structure of the program keeps our daughter writing consistently and she enjoys the outside encouragement. The writing coach feedback is so helpful and specific. I hope we are able to use Write At Home all the way through each of our children's home education."

*-Wendy P, March 2010*

Each coach is equipped (and familiar) with our Language Arts programs, ready to help your students develop greater technique, creativity and confidence. View coaching feedback samples and learn details on this "Pay per Paper" program, including a money-saving "family membership" option, on our website at [sonlight.com/writeathome.html](http://sonlight.com/writeathome.html).



□ **Inspiration® Software** RL10 \$69.00  
Recommended for students using our Core 100 and above.

*Inspiration* is a thought processor. It helps you generate ideas and then organize your thoughts for effective analysis, planning, writing and more.

While *Inspiration* is beneficial for anyone age 12 or older, it will particularly benefit children who find it difficult to transition from concepts to actual writing. Where your children may have spent hours trying first, to get their ideas on paper, then to convert their thoughts to an essay or story, *Inspiration* will help them reduce that time to minutes.

*Inspiration* makes it easy to brainstorm and then, with one click of a button, they have an outline for a story, an essay or a simple research paper."

System Requirements: For more information and the requirements for both Windows and Mac, please go to: [sonlight.com/RL10.html](http://sonlight.com/RL10.html).

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## Vocabulary

□ **Vocabulary Vine** RL07 \$11.99  
A spiral of Latin & Greek Roots. Hasseler. Unlock over 100,000 words with Latin and Greek word roots with Vocabulary Vine. Includes suggestions for twelve optional zero-preparation Learning Games to keep the program fun and fresh. | Grades 4-9

## Wordly Wise

Students learn hundreds of new words while they build reading, writing, and thinking skills. As they read in context, apply meanings in different situations, and answer comprehension questions using complete sentences, they make these words their own.

These vocabulary building exercises are fun, even though they require thinking! Learn multiple definitions of words. | Pb. | Workbooks | Consumable | LA: Grades 2-12

Scheduled in Language Arts 2 Instructor's Guide

□ **Book A Grade 2** 2L10 \$10.00

Scheduled in Language Arts 3 Instructor's Guide

□ **Book B Grade 3** 2L05 \$10.00

Scheduled in Language Arts 4-5 Instructor's Guide

□ **Book C Grades 4-5** 3L01 \$10.00

Scheduled in Core D Instructor's Guide

□ **Workbook 3000 Book 3** 3L101 \$12.40

□ **Teacher's Key, Book 3** 3L102 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core D+E and E Instructor's Guides

□ **Workbook 3000 Book 4** 4L101 \$12.40

□ **Teacher's Key, Book 4** 4L102 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core F Instructor's Guide

□ **Workbook 3000 Book 5** 5L101 \$12.40

□ **Teacher's Key, Book 5** 5L102 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core G and W Instructor's Guides

□ **Workbook 3000 Book 6** 6L101 \$12.40

□ **Teacher's Key, Book 6** 6L102 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core H Instructor's Guide

□ **Workbook 3000 Book 7** 7L31 \$12.40

□ **Teacher's Key, Book 7** 7L32 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core 100 Instructor's Guide

□ **Workbook 3000 Book 8** 140-36 \$12.40

□ **Teacher's Key, Book 8** 140-37 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core 200 Instructor's Guide

□ **Workbook 3000 Book 9** 240-36 \$13.25

□ **Teacher's Key, Book 9** 240-37 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core 300 Instructor's Guide

□ **Workbook 3000 Book 10** 340-36 \$13.25

□ **Teacher's Key, Book 10** 340-37 \$5.65

These workbooks are not included in any Instructor's Guide.

□ **Workbook 3000 Book 11** 440-36 \$13.25

□ **Teacher's Key, Book 11** 440-37 \$5.65

□ **Workbook 3000 Book 12** 540-21 \$13.25

□ **Teacher's Key, Book 12** 540-22 \$5.65

## Vocabulary from Classical Roots

Fifer, Flowers. These books teach modern English words based on their Latin and Greek roots. By learning the roots, one learns much about the meanings of whole families of English words. Very helpful ... for life and the SAT tests! | Pb.

Scheduled in Core 200 Instructor's Guide

□ **Workbook A** Consumable 240-21 \$13.25

□ **Teacher's Manual, Book A** 240-22 \$22.90

□ **Test Booklet A** 240-23 \$5.85

Scheduled in Core 300 Instructor's Guide

□ **Workbook B** Consumable 340-21 \$13.25

□ **Teacher's Manual, Book B** 340-22 \$22.90

□ **Test Booklet B** 340-23 \$5.85



## Phonics

□ **Sound Cards** RL20 \$5.99

The full color, sturdier version of the black and white Sound Cards included in our Language Arts for K Readers Instructor's Guide. The full color letters and fun animals that represent each letter's sound will grab your students imagination even better to encourage letter/word acquisition and comprehension.

## Explode the Code

□ **Explode the Code A, B, C Set** KL030 \$35.20

Scheduled in KLG. Introduces all the consonants of the alphabet except the letter "x". Teacher's Guide expands on skills presented in student books and provides options for instruction and reinforcement. Each lesson addresses the principles of effective reading instruction and follows an easy-to-use format. | Pb. | 4 vols.

□ **Book A: Get Ready** Consumable KL031 \$7.95

□ **Book B: Get Set** Consumable KL032 \$8.30

□ **Book C: Go** Consumable KL033 \$8.30

□ **A, B, C, Teacher's Guide** KL034 \$10.65

□ **Explode the Code 1, 2, 3** 1L02 \$28.20

Scheduled in 1LG. Attractive workbooks illustrated by children teach phonetic and spelling rules. Exercises require thinking through the spelling process while lessons focus on specific phonics and spelling rules. Book 1 covers short vowels; Book 2 covers initial and final consonant blends; Book 3 covers open syllables, silent "e" rule, digraphs. | Pb. | 3 vols.

□ **Book 1** Consumable 1L51 \$9.40

□ **Book 2** Consumable 1L52 \$9.40

□ **Book 3** Consumable 1L53 \$9.40

□ **Explode the Code 4, 5, 6** 2L07 \$28.20

Scheduled in 2LG. Book 4 deals with compound words, common suffixes, syllable divisions, open and closed syllables, and vowel digraphs; Book 5 covers -ed, -al, -ol, -ild, -ind, qu-, and -ey words, and three-consonant blends (thr-, shr-, str-, etc.). Book 6 covers -ar, -or, -er, -ir, -ur, wor-, war-, -igh, -oo, -ea, -ie, -oi, -ou, -au, -aw, -ew, -ui, and -ue words. | Pb. | 3 vols.

□ **Book 4** Consumable 2L51 \$9.40

□ **Book 5** Consumable 2L52 \$9.40

□ **Book 6** Consumable 2L53 \$9.40

□ **MCP Phonics Level C** 2L19 \$16.99

Scheduled in 3LG. Attractive, engaging full-color 1998 edition workbook covers development of sentence and paragraph concepts, antonyms, homonyms, and homographs, reading comprehension skills, foundational writing skills and dictionary skills. Students will also learn vocabulary, study skills, concepts of print and alphabetic awareness. | Oversize, Pb. | Color illustrations | Consumable

□ **MCP Word Study D - Plaid** 3L18 \$17.99

Scheduled in 4LG. Two-color workbook with exercises covering short and long vowels, hard and soft c and g; r, s, and h blends; vowel-r combinations; silent letters; suffixes, syllables, vowel pairs, digraphs, diphthongs; plurals, possessives, contractions; prefixes, roots; synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, and dictionary skills. | Oversized, Pb. | b/w illustrations | Consumable



## Spelling

### All About Spelling

*All About Spelling* brings together the three pathways to learning: hearing, seeing, and touching. This multisensory approach, combined with a built-in review system and reinforcement activities, ensures students retain and apply what they learn.



"Sonlight curriculum has so many great ideas for bringing the subjects we study to life!" writes Jill Q of Princeton, ID. "After studying planes, we followed the Instructor's Guide suggestion of finding a place where our kids could actually see how the planes work and fly. In her first year of Sonlight, Isabelle (6) is obviously thrilled to sit in a real plane at a local flight school.





If you are just beginning to teach your children spelling, want a program that appeals to a variety of learning styles, or if your children need remedial help, this customizable program could be an excellent fit. Step-by-step lessons (mastery-based, not grade-level based) build on one another in a sequence that has been carefully tested to produce long-term results.

Each level includes a teacher manual and student packet (need one per student). Features multisensory learning tools and activities such as: Letter Tiles, Flashcards, Segmenting Words activities, Concept-oriented Spelling Lists, Key Cards that present spelling rules, a Jail for Rule Breakers to corral exceptions, Word Banks, Writing Station, Practical Application and Review, Tips for the Teacher, a Progress Chart and more. **Due to restrictions from the publisher, All About Spelling materials do not qualify for any discounts.**

☐ **Basic Interactive Kit** RL80 \$29.95  
Includes Letter tiles, Magnets, Phonogram CD-ROM, and Divider Cards. Necessary for teaching Levels 1 to 6.

☐ **Level 1 Teacher's Manual & Student Packet** RL81 \$29.95  
Sample topics: How to say and write the first 32 phonograms; Short and long vowel sounds; When to double f, l, and s; How to form plural words by adding s or es.



**"It's worth every penny to see my sons loving to learn together!"** writes Kerri H of Hettiger, ND. "Three years ago I was hesitant to purchase our first Core from Sonlight because it was more money than I usually spent on school books, but after the first year I had no qualms about purchasing the next Core. When they read and listen to the same stories and lessons, they can talk about them and even act them out together. Even our youngest son, who isn't doing the same Core as the older three, loves to listen in and join in the fun of 'playing' history. Like reenacting the Boston Tea Party!" Here, Isaac (10) Luke (9), Levi (9) and Elijah (7) crowd in to read together outside. In their third year of Sonlight, the three older boys are sharing Core D as Elijah uses Core A.

☐ **Level 1 Student Packet** RL82 \$14.95

☐ **Level 2 Teacher's Manual & Student Packet** RL83 \$39.95  
Sample topics: How to spell multisyllable words; The most common way to spell the sound of /er/; When to use oi/oy, aw/au, and ow/ou.

☐ **Level 2 Student Packet** RL84 \$19.95

☐ **Level 3 Teacher's Manual & Student Packet** RL85 \$39.95  
Sample Topics: Two more ways to spell the sound of long a; Contractions; Five reasons for adding a silent e to the end of a word; Homophones

☐ **Level 3 Student Packet** RL86 \$19.95

☐ **Spelling Review Box** RL93 \$9.95  
This custom box is the perfect size for your Phonogram Cards, Sound Cards and Key Cards from all seven levels of the program, plus the Word Cards from your current level.

Go online for more levels and options at [sonlight.com/spelling](http://sonlight.com/spelling).

## Sequential Spelling

Your children get immediate results with Sequential Spelling. Minimize study time and reduce test-taking anxiety! Sequential Spelling teaches students to recognize patterns of spelling based on the rules of the English language, but without all the complicated explanations.

The process:

1. Children are asked to spell a simple root word or suffix, such as "-in"
2. They hear the word used in a sentence and write it.
3. They then hear the correct spelling of the word and immediately correct their own work.
4. Each successive day students spell more words that contain "-n" such as pin, sin, spin, skin, and twin. Within five days they spell "beginning" on their own!

*Sequential Spelling* comes in 7 progressive levels of difficulty; students use one level per year. Words learned in Volume 2 build upon the word patterns learned in Volume 1 and so on. Therefore, if you have never used Sequential Spelling before, McCabe urges you to begin with Volume 1 and then progress through Volumes 2-7. (The volume numbers do not relate to grade levels). Sequential Spelling is a Required Resource in Language Arts from D to F and a component of Sonlight Grade 3-5 Multi-Subject Packages. Sequential Spelling is not consumable so you only need one copy of each volume for your family. | Grades: 3-6

☐ **Sequential Spelling 1** RL50 \$14.95

Some of the patterns covered: -in, -en, -et, -ot, -ay, -ime, -and, -ight. Representative words: beginning, disagreeing, permitted.

☐ **Sequential Spelling 2** RL51 \$14.95

Some of the patterns covered: -ob, -ack, -cam, -ame, -ab, -ir, -ub. Representative words: nephew, packed, toaster, disgusted.

☐ **Sequential Spelling 3** RL52 \$14.95

Some of the patterns covered: -are, -ip, -sh, -oun, -sk. Representative words: successfully, assessment, suggestion.

☐ **Sequential Spelling 4** RL53 \$14.95

Some of the patterns covered: -ish, -in, -ar, -ic, -oc, -age. Representative words: outlandish, accomplishment, commercial.

☐ **Sequential Spelling 5** RL54 \$14.95

Some of the patterns covered: -en, -ign, -ance, -nge, -nt, -oit, -ap. Representative words: strengthened, malignant, ignorance.

☐ **Sequential Spelling 6** RL55 \$14.95

Some of the patterns covered: -ity, -um, -ow, -by, -ery, -or, -ty. Representative words: perspicacious, personalities, originality.

☐ **Sequential Spelling 7** RL56 \$14.95

Available online: [sonlight.com/sequential-spelling.html](http://sonlight.com/sequential-spelling.html).

## Communication

☐ **Language and Thinking For Young Children** KL02 \$8.99

An easy-to-use, one-year course in oral language and thinking skills for Pre-K through 3rd grade using regular family activities. Topics: story-telling, measuring, listening, memorizing, calendar, poetry, manners and more. | Pb.

## Keys to Good Language

Build students' competency in grammar, usage, mechanics and composition using content from across the curriculum: literature, science, health, hobbies, and history/geography. Worktext and test booklet Consumable with separate answer key. | Pb.

Scheduled in Language Arts section of Core F Instructor's Guide

☐ **Keys to Good Language 5** 5L09 \$31.98

☐ **Workbook Grade 5 & Tests** 5L091 \$15.99

☐ **Answer Key, Book 5** 5L092 \$15.99

Scheduled in Language Arts section of Core G Instructor's Guide

☐ **Keys to Good Language 6** 6L09 \$31.98

☐ **Workbook Grade 6 & Tests** 6L091 \$15.99

☐ **Answer Key, Book 6** 6L092 \$15.99

## Analogies

Liebman. Analogies are at the root of good communication, the heart of beautiful prose. Simile and metaphor are made of analogies! Find an appropriate analogy and you have half-won the argument, almost fully explained the scientific principle-all but assured yourself of winning your audience's attention. If you can't think analogically, or tell the difference between good and bad analogies ... you may be condemned to poor communication and muddled thinking! In this series, students receive instructions, strategies, and practice in solving analogical puzzles. For junior high and up. | Pb. | Consumable

☐ **Analogies 1** 140-10 \$10.50  
Scheduled in Core 100 Instructor's Guide

☐ **Analogies 2** 240-10 \$10.50  
Scheduled in Core 200 Instructor's Guide

☐ **Analogies 3** 340-10 \$10.50  
Scheduled in Core 300 Instructor's Guide

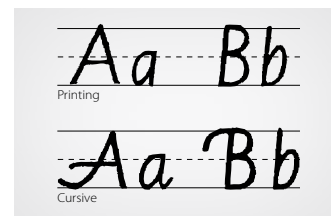
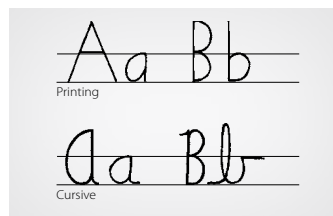




## CHOOSE FROM THREE OUTSTANDING HANDWRITING PROGRAMS

From Kindergarten through mid-elementary, we encourage you to teach your children the art of handwriting. Choose from three highly successful, prize-winning programs: the developmentally-oriented *Handwriting Without Tears*;

the Scripture-oriented and traditional *A Reason for Handwriting*; or the innovative *Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting* program.



### Handwriting Without Tears

According to its developer, a registered occupational therapist, *Handwriting Without Tears* is the only developmentally-based handwriting program on the market today. That means it pays attention, in a way that no other program we know does, to the developmental needs of children who are trying to learn how to write.

In keeping with its developmental concerns, *Handwriting Without Tears* offers extremely basic exercises in figure-ground discrimination and top-to-bottom, left-to-right sequencing.

When it comes to forming letters, it begins with all the capitals. Why? Because, unlike, say, the lower-case p, q, b, and d, the capital letters are all very easy to distinguish. Kids don't mix them up.

#### Potential Strengths

- It works. Even with kids who face significant learning challenges and physical limitations. (Visit the Language Arts section of the Sonlight Forums at [sonlight.com/LAforums](http://sonlight.com/LAforums) to talk with some unbelievably pleased moms! You'll need to sign in to your forum account to access this online conversation.)
- You'll find that it makes sense to you as you are trying to teach.
- Parents say it's particularly easy to use with left-handed students.

#### Potential Weakness

- Cursive letters are formed in a completely upright rather than slanted position. These modified letters may appear unattractive to people who have been trained more conventionally.

### A Reason for Handwriting

*A Reason for Handwriting* uses daily practice focused on verses from Scripture, as presented in the Living Bible paraphrase for 1st grade and higher.

With fancy border sheets for students to use—the authors of *A Reason for Handwriting* seek to motivate students subconsciously to think of the public nature of their work and, therefore, to improve their handwriting.

*A Reason for Handwriting* follows the traditional “ball-and-stick” style of print, and standard cursive.

#### Potential Strengths

- The shapes of the letters are the same as those used in all the other language arts workbooks you are likely to come across.
- The practice drills are based on Scripture.
- Many children are motivated by the attractive border sheets to do their best and write beautifully.

#### Potential Weakness

- Different letter formations for cursive (vs. manuscript) are confusing to some students.



“Sonlight makes homeschooling exciting and provides the structure and planning I need,” writes Harmony M of Elizabeth, CO. “With Sonlight’s Instructor’s Guides, I have no worries about making it work. Without Sonlight, I don’t think this would have been possible.” Cousins Aiden (5) and Samuel (6) are studying Core A together.

### Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting

The *Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting* program, by Portland University, has won a lot of accolades.

We first considered adding it to our line because so many customers requested it. The decision was clinched, however, when one of our sons, whose handwriting was atrocious, and who would not—or could not—make any improvements under the *A Reason for Handwriting* program, began making noticeable strides from the first day we used *Getty-Dubay*.

#### Potential Strengths

- Its cursive characters are almost identical to its print characters, which means the transition from print to cursive is easy—and once a student learns the cursive style, he is less likely to revert to printing.
- At least one national writing contest was won recently by a student who used the *Getty-Dubay Italic* method. Translated: the text looks good. Many people say it reminds them of simple calligraphy.

#### Potential Weaknesses

- *Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting* is completely non-“standard.” There are no school materials of which we are aware that use this italic method as the basis for student practice sheets.
- Children who study *Getty-Dubay Italic* will be unfamiliar with “normal” cursive handwriting and may be at a disadvantage when asked or required to read materials written by someone who writes in a more traditional style.



“I love that Sonlight is literature-based and Christian ... I love the Read-Alouds and *Handwriting without Tears*!”

—Meagan V, Aug. 2012

“Our two-year experience with Sonlight has been everything we hoped for and more! Isaiah asks to ‘do school’ every day.”

—Colleen H, June 2012



**"Handwriting Without Tears is a fabulous program. I have been amazed how much more confident my daughter is at writing within two short months,"** writes Lisa M of Little Elm, TX. "Not only did her handwriting improve but she grasped letters and numbers so much better! It is so well structured that your child learns so much in just a few short lessons. Isabella loves the colorful and fun workbook as well as the hands-on activities that come with it, such as the chalkboard and wood blocks." Four-year-old Isabella proudly displays her handiwork from the Handwriting Without Tears Package K (#HWK).



**Seeds Family Worship CDs**  
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**"Sonlight fits our needs well as a special needs family,"** writes Jennifer S of Citronelle, AL. "Our little one, adopted from China, has significant special needs and often needs to be in my lap. Our entire family can usually be found cuddled together to do our reading. I would not have the time or energy to put together curriculum, a schedule, choose books, or generate discussions and comprehension questions. Now [with Sonlight] I get to spend my time and energy on loving my family, meeting their needs and teaching my children." In her third year of Sonlight, Jennifer finishes up Core D+E with Joshua (9) as Rinnah (4) listens in.

## Handwriting K

Ages 5 | 6 | 7

### □ Handwriting Without Tears K

HWK \$76.22

Included in Kindergarten Multi-Subject Package and scheduled in Language Arts for K Readers Instructors guide. All handwriting schedules are available at [sonlight.com/handwritingschedules.html](http://sonlight.com/handwritingschedules.html) Includes the 5 items listed.

#### □ Letters & Numbers for Me Workbook

KL172 \$12.25

Uses multisensory approach to teach correct capital and lowercase letter placement and formation, correct number formation, consistent printing habits (including how to hold the pencil!). | Approx. K. | Consumable

#### □ Slate Chalkboard w/ Chalk & Sponge

KL173 \$11.99

5" x 7" slate is pre-marked with a smiley face in the top left corner. This gives the child a "frame of reference" for the top and for correctly printing capital letters and numbers. Children love using the "Wet-Dry-Try" slate method explained in the books above.

#### □ Capital Letter Wood Pieces

KL175 \$38.00

Three-dimensional shapes are integral to the Readiness Program. Purchase this set or make your own from wood, styro, cardboard ... instructions found in Teacher's Guide KL171. Set contains 26 pieces.

#### □ Foam Mat for Wood Pieces

KL176 \$7.49

Foam mat, similar to a mousepad, for laying out 3-D pieces above. Easily replaced by a sheet of paper on which you draw a smiley face.

#### □ 5/8" ruled paper, 2-line

KL174 \$6.49

100 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

OR

### □ A Reason for Handwriting K

RFHK \$50.64

Includes the 4 items listed.

#### □ Instruction Guidebook

KL10 \$24.95

A great help to teach your children how to form their letters—both manuscript and cursive. To be used every year through sixth grade. | ♣ | Pb

#### □ Workbook K (approx. K)

KL12 \$17.95

Teaches students how to write manuscript forms—both upper- and lower-case of all 26 letters in the English alphabet. Begins with basic hand motions. | ♣ | Color illus. | Consumable

#### □ K Handwriting Supplies Kit

KL16 \$4.99

Three extra-thick pencils and a thick-pencil sharpener. Pencils are perfect for beginning writers to hold

#### □ 1" ruled paper, 3-line

KL184 \$2.75

50 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

OR

### □ Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting K

GDIK \$32.24

Includes the 4 items listed.

#### □ Instruction Manual

KL13 \$12.75

Contains helpful hints for teaching Books A-G, below. Covers assessment, implementation, activities and supplements.

#### □ Basic Italic A (approx. K)

KL14 \$11.75

Introduces the twenty-six upper- and lowercase letters one letter per page. Letters are arranged according to the simplicity and similarity of strokes in lowercase letters. Progresses from simple to more complex forms. | Consumable

#### □ K Handwriting Supplies Kit

KL16 \$4.99

Three extra-thick pencils and a thick-pencil sharpener. Pencils are perfect for beginning writers to hold.

#### □ 1" ruled paper, 3-line

KL184 \$2.75

50 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

## Handwriting 1

Ages 6 | 7 | 8

### □ Handwriting Without Tears 1

HW1 \$21.49

Included in Grade 1 Multi-Subject Package.

Includes the 3 items listed.

#### □ My Printing Book

1L172 \$12.25

Designed to eliminate problems with reversals, spacing, placement, and letter and numeral formation. Letters are used in simple words and sentences to assure continuous review. | Consumable

#### □ 5/8" ruled paper, 2-line

KL174 \$6.49

100 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

#### □ Print Alphabet Desk Strips

1L174 \$2.75

A sheet of four 10½" x 2" adhesive strips. Stick strips to desk to give students visual clues for letter formation.

OR

### □ A Reason for Handwriting 1

RFH1 \$45.65

Includes the 3 items listed.

#### □ Manuscript A

1L11 \$17.95

Manuscript A continues with manuscript handwriting lessons and practice, focusing on verses from Psalms and Proverbs. | ♣ | Color illus. | Consumable

#### □ 5/8" ruled paper, 3-line

1L184 \$2.75

50 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

#### □ Instruction Guidebook

KL10 \$24.95

See K listing.

OR

**□ Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting 1**

GDI1 \$27.25

Includes the 3 items listed.

**□ Basic Italic B**

1L12 \$11.75

Re-introduces the twenty-six upper- and lowercase letters one letter per page. Letters are arranged alphabetically. Introduces words and sentences. | Consumable

**□ 1" ruled paper, 3-line**

KL184 \$2.75

50 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

**□ Instruction Manual**

KL13 \$12.75

See K listing.

**Handwriting 2**

Ages 7 | 8 | 9

**□ Handwriting Without Tears 2**

HW2 \$18.74

Included in Grade 2 Multi-Subject Package.

Includes the 2 items listed.

**□ Printing Power**

2L172 \$12.25

A complete review of numbers, capitals and lowercase letters. Students write words, sentences, and simple paragraphs. Emphasizes fluency rather than repetitive copying. | Consumable

**□ 3/8" ruled paper, 2-line**

2L174 \$6.49

100 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

OR

**□ A Reason for Handwriting 2**

RFH2 \$45.65

Includes the 3 items listed.

**□ Transition**

2L08 \$17.95

Transition continues instruction and practice in manuscript, then moves, in mid-year, to cursive handwriting. Practice focuses on passages from the Gospels. | Color illus. | Consumable

**□ 5/8" ruled paper, 3-line**

1L184 \$2.75

50 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

**□ Instruction Guidebook**

KL10 \$24.95

See K listing.

OR

**□ Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting 2**

GDI2 \$27.25

Includes the 3 items listed.

**□ Basic and Cursive C**

2L09 \$11.75

Reviews basic italic and introduces the first five joins of cursive italic. | Consumable

**□ 5/8" ruled paper, 3-line**

1L184 \$2.75

50 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

**□ Instruction Manual**

KL13 \$12.75

See K listing.

**Handwriting 3**

Ages 8 | 9 | 10

**□ Handwriting Without Tears 3**

HW3 \$21.49

Included in Grade 3 Multi-Subject Package.

Includes the 3 items listed.

**□ Cursive Handwriting**

3L192 \$12.25

Children learn to write neatly, with speed and confidence. Lowercase letters are taught first. Teaching pages feature large step-by-step illustrations and child-friendly language. Teaches easy techniques for connections and capitals. | Consumable

**□ Cursive Alphabet Desk Strips**

3L194 \$2.75

A sheet of four 10½" x 2" adhesive strips. Stick strips to desk to give students visual clues for letter formation.

**□ 3/8" ruled paper, 2-line**

2L174 \$6.49

100 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

OR

**□ A Reason for Handwriting 3**

RFH3 \$45.65

Includes the 3 items listed.

**□ Cursive C**

3L06 \$17.95

Cursive C completes the transition to cursive handwriting. Practice drills focus on verses from the New Testament epistles. | Color illus. | Consumable

**□ 3/8" ruled paper, 3-line**

3L184 \$2.75

50 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

**□ Instruction Guidebook**

KL10 \$24.95

See K listing.

OR

**□ Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting 3**

GDI3 \$27.25

Includes the 3 items listed.

**□ Basic and Cursive D**

3L10 \$11.75

Reviews then presents the cursive joins in sequence. Concludes with capitals. Practice includes phonograms, prefixes, suffixes, homophones, homographs, poetic forms (couplets, haikus, etc.), letter-writing, and more. | Consumable

**□ 3/8" ruled paper, 3-line**

3L184 \$2.75

50 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

**□ Instruction Manual**

KL13 \$12.75

See K listing.



**"When we started school, my son did not like reading at all. But with Sonlight's great books he's turned into an avid reader and learner,"** writes Mignonne S of Mozambique. "He loves Science, History and Geography and is growing to be a strong follower of Christ. We live on the coast of northern Mozambique and spend considerable time on the road (or boat). Sonlight is so convenient and easy to transport. We love the freedom it gives us to do school the way it works for us. The evening we received our books, the kids were so enthusiastic that even a power failure couldn't keep them from starting school, without Mom!" Simon (12) and Amieke (9) are studying Cores B and E.



**"We have come to rely on Sonlight! The time and work they've put into choosing books and weaving them into a meaningful learning experience just blow me away,"** writes Paula W of Minneapolis, MN. "They've done all the work so I can enjoy more time teaching, learning and simply being with my kids. We've made the schedule our own and feel the freedom to pause school and restart with ease later when life throws something at us." Paula says there's nothing to compare to the moments when she sees the joy of learning light up her children's faces. In the W family's eighth year of Sonlight, 6-year-old Isaac has a "wow, I got it!" moment with Core B.





**“Not only are our girls learning more about the world around them, but Sonlight is giving them daily opportunities to learn more about loving one another,”** writes Jan J of Jackson, MS. “The girls are able to share their books and teach the younger ones all about them, which is a perfect opportunity to bond as sisters!” Here, Emma Grace (5), Ellie Kate (4) and Emerson (2) read, learn and love together. The girls are studying Cores A and B.

**“Thanks, Sonlight, for giving this mom the confidence to guide her children into a love of learning.”**  
— *Melissa D, June 2012*



**“Using Sonlight is now a way of life in our household. Everything is laid out for us, which allows both my husband and me to teach,”** writes Amy J of Madison, WI. “I also appreciate that Sonlight chooses books that I wouldn’t have dreamed of introducing my kids to this young, and yet those are the books they love most!” Here, Lucy (5) practices writing. Lucas (6) will be studying Core B with his sister in their third Sonlight year. Sister Laurelin (2) often pulls books off the shelf and demands that her older siblings read to her!

## Handwriting 4

Ages 9 | 10 | 11

### ☐ Handwriting Without Tears 4

HW4 \$18.74

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Cursive Success** 4L172 \$12.25  
Advanced cursive student workbook can be used as a basic workbook for older students or as part of the development process after completing. Uses smaller size letters, larger words and more advanced sentences. | Consumable

☐ **1/8" ruled paper, 2-line** 4L174 \$6.49  
100 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

OR

### ☐ A Reason for Handwriting 4

RFH4 \$45.65

Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Cursive D** 4L04 \$17.95  
Cursive D continues cursive practice. Focuses on verses from the Gospels. | Color illus. | Consumable

☐ **3/8" ruled paper, 3-line** 3L184 \$2.75  
50 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

☐ **Instruction Guidebook** KL10 \$24.95  
See K listing.

OR

### ☐ Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting 4

GDI4 \$27.25

Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Basic and Cursive E** 4L08 \$11.75  
Reviews basic and cursive writing. Practice includes phonograms, prefixes, suffixes, and other letter combinations. Subject matter of practice: the animal, plant, and mineral kingdoms; solar system, galaxies, and more. | Consumable

☐ **3/8" ruled paper, 3-line** 3L184 \$2.75  
50 Sheets. Extra practice paper.

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

☐ **Instruction Manual** KL13 \$12.75  
See K listing.

## Handwriting 5

Ages 10 | 11 | 12

### ☐ Handwriting Without Tears 5

HW5 \$12.25

Includes the 1 item listed.

☐ **Can-Do Cursive** 5L172 \$12.25  
For students still mastering cursive. Includes teaching tips, fun ways for students to practice cursive, cursive review and ideas for extra practice. Promotes writing skills with grammar, Greek-Latin, and composition. | Consumable

OR

### ☐ A Reason for Handwriting 5

RFH5 \$42.90

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Cursive E** 5L04 \$17.95  
Cursive E continues to refine students' cursive hand. Focuses on passages from the Psalms. | Color illus. | Consumable

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

☐ **Instruction Guidebook** KL10 \$24.95  
See K listing.

OR

### ☐ Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting 5

GDI5 \$24.50

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Basic and Cursive F** 5L08 \$11.75  
More practice. Subject matter includes word origins, word groups and word entertainment; names of Native American tribes, nations, and communities; spiral writing, pop-up card design, and envelope making. | Consumable

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

☐ **Instruction Manual** KL13 \$12.75  
See K listing.

## Handwriting 6 and up

Ages 10 | 11 | 12

Most students in 6th grade or higher no longer need special handwriting practice. However, if your child needs additional instruction in handwriting, please select from our suggested resources.

### ☐ A Reason for Handwriting 6

RFH6 \$42.90

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Cursive F** 6L04 \$17.95  
Cursive F continues to refine students' cursive hand. Focuses on passages from Proverbs. | Color illus. | Consumable

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

☐ **Instruction Guidebook** KL10 \$24.95  
See K listing.

OR

### ☐ Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting 6

GDI6 \$24.50

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Basic & Cursive 6** 6L08 \$11.75  
Continued practice follows a central theme—the history of our alphabet. | Consumable

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

☐ **Instruction Manual** KL13 \$12.75  
See K listing.

**Note:** Additional resources available at [sonlight.com/handwriting-without-tears.html](http://sonlight.com/handwriting-without-tears.html).

## COMPLETE, HANDS-ON SCIENCE PROGRAMS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO COLLEGE-LEVEL LAB SCIENCES



Looking for a low-stress, complete Science curriculum your kids are sure to love? Do you want Science to include tons of hands-on learning and captivating books? Sonlight's Science programs for elementary through high school could be the perfect fit. We revised our elementary programs a few years ago and the results are in: customers LOVE the new curriculum. They tell us Sonlight Science is different from other companies' programs because:

- It is truly easy to use.
  - You're fully equipped to do the experiments. Moms who tended to skip experiments before Sonlight find they actually do them since they already have the materials and instructions they need. Plus ...
  - Kids and moms alike love the *Discover & Do* DVDs in Science A, B, C, D and E. These DVDs demonstrate each experiment in the Instructor's Guide. They even provide plenty of laughs along the way! So if you don't get around to doing an experiment, at least your kids can watch it in action.
  - Beautifully illustrated, amazingly interesting books with robust science content help bring science to life. With Sonlight, your science study becomes a joyful adventure of discovery, instead of a boring trek through a textbook.
- So let Sonlight guide you through each day and simplify your teaching process for less stress and more fun as you learn along with your kids.

### Ignite a love for science in your children with:

Great books. Engaging activities. Hands on experiments. Compelling biographies. Fun and instructive DVDs.

Your children will not only learn the facts of science, but also gain a love of discovery and get to know key scientists such as Isaac Newton, Louis Pasteur, Marie Curie and more.

### Your Instructor's Guide (IG) walks you through each day.

Your Science IG enables you to teach with confidence. You'll know what you're going to study and why. Your complete schedule ensures you cover key concepts in a logical and doable way while explanations in your Guide help you understand the principle of each experiment and activity.

- **Teaching tips** guide you through what to cover each day and how to explain science facts.
- Thorough parent **explanations** leave you feeling confident about each experiment and activity sheet.

- **Extensive notes** offer insights relevant not only to science, but also to cultural literacy, religion, philosophy, ethics, technology, and more.
- **Discussion questions** spark meaningful conversations with your children about what you learn together.
- Science **worksheets** customized for each lesson hammer home important points in fun ways.
- Optional **activities** help make science a real and everyday part of life. These activities take your family's science exploration beyond your books and into the world around you.

### Hands-on experiments help children grasp science ideas.

Lots of experiments capture your children's attention and solidify their understanding.

These experiments give your children a "hook" to absorb new things they learn. They'll remember far more of what they experience than facts they only hear about.

These hands-on experiences provide a connection between what your children read and the real world and help grow their interest in scientific exploration and discovery.

Breathe a sigh of relief knowing there's no need to spend gas money and time hunting for random supplies you need for experiments—we include them in your science supply kit.

### A Christian worldview bolsters your family's learning.

Sonlight integrates a strong Christian worldview into our Instructor's Guides so you and your children can look at the world through the lens of God's Word, the ultimate source of truth.

- We provide a counter balance to non-Christian content and ideas.
- We encourage your family to first seek to understand differing perspectives before critiquing them, so your children gain the ability to discern with you right beside them.
- We present information and a response to evolution, highlighting God as Creator and Intelligent Designer.

### Expect the best education possible for your children.

Sonlight students interact with more scientific subjects and more material—more often—before junior high than many classroom school students cover once by the time they reach high school.

We cover the full spectrum of science studies, such as earth, space, life, health, physical and technological science.

Your kids will learn these subjects at greater and greater depth as they circle back through each topic over the years. We mix challenges with fun so your students will not only learn more science than their peers, they actually enjoy the process!

Start your journey of discovery with your family. Find out more details about each science program in the pages that follow.



**"Sonlight's literature-based approach along with the weekly experiments has fueled my kids' love for learning science,"** writes Ann K. of Reno, TX. As a former public school science teacher, "I looked closely at several [homeschool] science programs. I wanted a curriculum that included experiments. The supply kits along with some household items supply everything we need for hands-on-learning. I have seen too many students subjected to workbook-based learning, and I love how Sonlight books ignite creativity and encourage exploration." In this picture, 8-year-old William enthusiastically investigates lung capacity. He completed Science A two years ago, and was thrilled to do the experiments again when his little sister used Science A. Now, William studies Core C as Caroline (5) uses Core A.





**"Sonlight gives us many opportunities in which even the little ones, who aren't officially 'doing school,' can participate,"**

writes Alaine P. of Georgetown, ME. "I love nothing more than seeing all my children huddled together learning! Sonlight has especially given my kids a love of literature. My husband and I are both huge readers and that is something we always wanted to pass on. Sonlight's selection of great literature has done that." In their third Sonlight year, Madison (9), Alex (6) and Andrew (3) are studying Core C. Here, they complete a successful Science C experiment.



**You know you're a homeschooler when**

... loading the dishwasher is a lesson in spatial relationships.



**"Sonlight has helped us grow closer through these family bonding moments!"**

writes Crystal V. of Youngsville, NC. "We have traveled the globe with missionaries, explored ancient Rome, followed the beginnings of ancient Greece, become zoologists while learning about many different animals, and traveled into the vastness of space. We read together, do experiments together, research together, and question together. While there are definitely opportunities for each child to work alone, it is a joy to see that much of the time my children are working together to achieve the same goals." Here, Logan (7), Carter (5) and Langston (3) happily crowd in for a simple Science experiment. In their third year of Sonlight, the V family uses the Grade 2 Multi-Subject Package and parts of Core A.

## Science A

Ages 5 | 6 | 7

■ 5-Day/wk	AS5	\$124.85
■ 4-Day/wk	AS4	\$104.89



### Biology, Botany, and Physics

Science A sparks children's curiosity and introduces them to Biology, Earth Science, and Physics—topics you'll return to again over the years.

Colorful and engaging for kids and adults, the *Usborne Internet-Linked Children's Encyclopedia* leads children to explore countless wonders from space, botany, geology, and the human body.

Find the answers to questions like:

- Why does thunder come with lightning?
- How much air do your lungs hold?

From clocks, computers, to trains and planes, students study how things work.

Make a weather vane, absorb liquid through sugar cubes, and even taste-test milkshakes! Experiments cover science with air, plants, and science in the kitchen. The hilarious and fact-filled *Discover & Do* DVD enhances each experiment.

**Note:** *Internet-Linked Children's Encyclopedia (Item AH04) is part of the Core A History package. If you are ordering the Science program as a stand-alone package, purchase The Children's Encyclopedia separately.*

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

Science A Instructor's Guide p.139	ASG
Discover & Do Level K (DVD)	AS05
How Flowers Grow	AS02
Isaac Newton and the Laws of Motion	AS03
Weather	AS01
Science Activities, Vol. 2	AS04
Science Supplies Kit A	ASK

#### ▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Caterpillars and Butterflies	AS07
Eggs and Chicks	AS08
Tadpoles and Frogs	AS09
Under the Sea	AS06

#### Required Resources (if you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit	NSK	\$31.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Usborne Internet-Linked Children's Encyclopedia (This book also used in Core A.)	AH04	\$15.99

#### Optional Resource

<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Activity Sheets Consumable	ASG1	\$12.99
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For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to [sonlight.com/science-a](http://sonlight.com/science-a).

## Science B

Ages 5 | 6 | 7 | 8

■ 5-Day/wk	BS5	\$170.87
■ 4-Day/wk	BS4	\$144.90



### Animals, Astronomy, and Physics

From the make-up of the human body to the infrastructure of a skateboard, Science B feeds children's curiosity about how things are made.

They'll uncover mysteries of the human body and health as they enjoy the *First Encyclopedia of the Human Body*. They'll have fun learning about the technology of everyday items in *See How It's Made*.

They'll also learn about animals, space, and water processing, and enjoy a biography of Louis Pasteur. Science experiments cover water, magnets, lights, and mirrors.

The *Discover & Do, Level 1* DVD includes creative presentations of the 92 experiments in the Science B program.

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

Science B Instructor's Guide p.139	BSG
Discover & Do Level 1 (DVD)	BS03
First Encyclopedia of the Human Body	BS04
The Magic School Bus at the Waterworks	BS08
Pasteur's Fight Against Microbes	BS01
Science Activities, Vol. 1	BS07
Space	BS02
Why Do People Eat?	BS09
World of Animals	BS10
Science Supplies Kit B	BSK

#### ▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Night Animals	BS11
See How It's Made	BS05
What Makes You Ill?	BS06

#### Required Resource (if you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit	NSK	\$31.99
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#### Optional Resource

<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Activity Sheets Consumable	BSG1	\$12.99
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For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to [sonlight.com/science-b](http://sonlight.com/science-b).



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on everything when you purchase a Core Package pp. 26-89



## Science C

Ages 6 | 7 | 8 | 9

■ 5-Day/wk	CS5	\$175.85
■ 4-Day/wk	CS4	\$170.86



### Geology, Meteorology, and Mechanical Technology

Awaken your children to the vastness of space and the complex make-up of our earth. *The Usborne Book of Knowledge* serves as the key book for Science C, but a biography of Marie Curie, a colorful book devoted to weather, and a vastly informative yet readable Usborne book, *Planet Earth*, aid students as they study animals, birds, dinosaurs, machines, the human body, technology and inventions, Earth, the solar system, and weather. Science experiments cover batteries (electricity), the human body, and weather.

<b>▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes</b>		
Science C Instructor's Guide p.139	CSG	
Dinosaurs Unleashed: The True Story about Dinosaurs and Humans	CS04	
Discover & Do Level 2 (DVD)	CS05	
The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth	CS06	
The Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System	CS07	
Marie Curie's Search for Radium	CS09	
Science Activities, Vol. 3	CS08	
The Usborne Book of Knowledge	CS03	
Weather	CS01	
Science Supplies Kit C	CSK	
<b>▼ 5-Day Program also includes</b>		
Planet Earth	CS02	

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit</b> See p. 132	NSK	\$31.99
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**Optional Resource**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extra Activity Sheets</b> Consumable	CSG1	\$12.99
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For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to [sonlight.com/science-c](http://sonlight.com/science-c).

"In our house, science experiment day is special. I often have to stop them from doing more than two weeks of experiments at a time. Though Andrew is just three, he asks, 'Can we watch the science experiment DVD?'"

- Melissa D, June 2012

## Science D

Ages 7 | 8 | 9 | 10

■ 5-Day/wk	DS5	\$244.77
■ 4-Day/wk	DS4	\$229.78



### Biology, Taxonomy, and Human Anatomy

Science D gives students an up-close look at the observable world and the forces behind what we can see. Students focus on Physics (energy, gravity, sound, electricity, and machines) and Biology (life, cells, plants and photosynthesis, plant growth, protists, frogs, butterflies, ecosystems, food cycle, water cycle, air cycle, the human body and animals). They'll also explore seas and oceans, water, and creation/evolution. Students will build a greenhouse and conduct botany experiments to understand what living things need. The DVD, *Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution I* leads students to examine the wonders of the world more closely and consider their source.

<b>▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes</b>		
Science D Instructor's Guide p.139	DSG	
Discover & Do Level 3 (DVD)	DS06	
Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution I (DVD)	DS08	
Listening to Crickets	DS11	
The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body	DS04	
Mysteries and Marvels of Nature	DS05	
Real Science 4 Kids: Biology, Level 1	DS01	
TOPS 38-Green Thumbs: Radishes Consumable	DS09	
TOPS 39-Green Thumbs: Corn & Beans Consumable	DS10	
Usborne First Encyclopedia of Seas and Oceans	DS02	
Usborne Science Encyclopedia	DS03	
Science Supplies Kit D	DSK	
<b>▼ 5-Day Program also includes</b>		
Water	DS07	

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit</b> See p. 132	NSK	\$31.99
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**Optional Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lyrical Life Science Vol. 1: Non-Animal Kingdoms and Non-Mammalian Animals (CD, Text &amp; Workbook)</b> See p. 132	RS51	\$29.50
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lyrical Life Science Vol. 2: Mammals, Ecology &amp; Biomes (CD, Text &amp; Workbook)</b> See p. 132	RS52	\$29.50
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extra Activity Sheets</b> Consumable	DSG1	\$12.99

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to [sonlight.com/science-d](http://sonlight.com/science-d).



"If the goal of homeschooling is nurturing a child's God-given curiosity and exciting a love of learning, Sonlight is succeeding in this family!" writes Heather M of Lanse, PA. "Our four kids recently delighted in introducing their aunt to the life-cycle of a butterfly in real life. She was ecstatic! The joy of learning is contagious." Here, Peter (9) carefully watches the newly hatched Monarch. Heather is using Core F with her four children in their seventh year of Sonlight.



Scope out our quality microscopes p. 133



"Sonlight puts together a great science curriculum with fascinating books and engaging activities and experiments," writes Sara D of Durham, NC. "The Instructor's Guide is filled with activities and ideas to explore a topic further. The optional activities, such as this cotton ball race, often use things we have already around the house. It makes it easier to do more with my kids and spend less time planning and hunting for activities to reinforce their learning. We love, love Sonlight Science!" After reading about lungs and the mechanics of breathing in Week 5 of Science C, Jonathan (8), Anna (4) and Luke (7) enjoyed testing out their lungs in some friendly competition. They're using Core D and Core A in their fourth year of Sonlight.



**"Sonlight science kits are the ONLY way I can accomplish experiments without endless anxiety over whether I have the supplies needed each day,"** writes Danielle H Virginia Beach, VA. "They are a complete life saver, perhaps better described as a complete 'science saver.' My kids love it and I get to start the day with the confidence that nothing is going to postpone another experiment." Here, Joshua (12) uses his swimming goggles rather creatively for the first science experiment of the year. He and Joy (10) are studying Core G and Science H in their fifth year of Sonlight.



**"Every year I get more attached to Sonlight and the freedom it gives me to adapt one Core to multiple children,"** writes Christi N of Mishawaka, IN. "I've been able to keep both boys in the same Core and adapt the Readers, Math, and Handwriting to their specific levels. Science is their FAVORITE! They really get into it with 'lab coats' and 'safety glasses.' It's a weight off my shoulders to know the lesson plans are already made and all I need is about an hour Sunday night to preview what's ahead." Corban (9), Jadon (7) and Jeuel (2) have been experimenting with Sonlight for three years. Here they're using the Science B kit to learn about magnets.

## Science E

Ages 8 | 9 | 10 | 11

■ 5-Day/wk	ES5	\$221.84
■ 4-Day/wk	ES4	\$195.86



### Electricity, Magnetism, and Astronomy

Ever wondered what lasers are made of or how to tell a planet from a star? Do you know the most important energy source on earth?

Physics and technology take the stage in Science E. Students explore electricity, magnetism, light, color, microscopes, astronomy and space, inventions, chemistry, modern technology, and early American life.

Books of note include *The Story of Inventions*, *Energy*, and *Bell and the Science of the Telephone*. Chuckle along with Justin in the *Discover & Do 4* DVD as he takes you through over 90 experiments primarily covering electricity and magnetism and sprinkles humor throughout.

▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes		
Science E Instructor's Guide p.139	ESG	
Bell and the Science of the Telephone	ES05	
Diary of an Early American Boy	ES03	
Discover & Do Level 4 (DVD)	ES06	
Electricity & Magnetism	ES09	
Light & Color	ES13	
Mysteries and Marvels of Science	ES07	
TOPS 32-Electricity Consumable	ES10	
TOPS 33-Magnetism Consumable	ES11	
Usborne Complete Book of the Microscope	ES12	
The Usborne Internet-Linked Book of Astronomy and Space	ES01	
Science Supplies Kit E	ESK	
▼ 5-Day Program also includes		
See for Yourself: Energy	ES04	
The Story of Inventions	ES02	

**Required Resource** (if you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit</b> See p. 132	NSK	\$31.99
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#### Optional Resources

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Magnifier/Microscope</b> See p. 132	ES08	\$16.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Microscopy Supplies Kit</b> See p. 132	ESKM	\$18.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extra Activity Sheets</b> Consumable	ESG1	\$12.99

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to [sonlight.com/science-e](http://sonlight.com/science-e).

## Science F

Ages 9 | 10 | 11 | 12

for Boys (includes *The Boy's Body Book*)

■ 5-Day/wk	FSB5	\$187.25
■ 4-Day/wk	FSB4	\$140.29

for Girls (includes *The Body Book for Girls*)

■ 5-Day/wk	FSG5	\$187.25
■ 4-Day/wk	FSG4	\$140.29



### Health, Medicine, and Human Anatomy

Students uncover the wonders of the human body in Science F, including anatomy, gender differences, reproduction, health and nutrition, survival skills, and the history of medicine. Students also learn about geology, fossils, evolution and intelligent design to better understand the broad discussion of the earth's formation. A DVD, *Unlocking the Mystery of Life*, adds depth to the origin of life conversation.

▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes		
Science F Instructor's Guide p.139	FSG	
Almost 12	FS04	
Blood & Guts: A Working Guide to Your Own Insides	FS12	
Food and Nutrition for Every Kid	FS05	
The History of Medicine	FS11	
Improve Your Survival Skills	FS06	
Unlocking the Mystery of Life (DVD)	FS03	
Usborne Internet-Linked Complete Book of the Human Body	FS13	
▼ Choose one of the following titles:		
The Boy's Body Book	FS02	

OR

The Care & Keeping of You: The Body Book for Girls	FS01	
▼ 5-Day Program also includes		
Dry Bones and Other Fossils	FS07	
The Human Body	FS09	
Introduction to Genes and DNA	FS08	
Understanding Your Brain	FS10	

#### Optional Resources

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lyrical Life Science Vol. 3: The Human Body (CD, Text &amp; Workbook)</b> See p. 132	RS53	\$29.50
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extra Activity Sheets</b> Consumable	FSG1	\$12.99

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to [sonlight.com/science-f](http://sonlight.com/science-f).





## Science G

Ages 10 | 11 | 12 | 13

■ 5-Day/wk	GS5	\$221.88
■ 4-Day/wk	GS4	\$189.90



### Geology, Physics, and Origins

Watch students make connections and delve deeper into chemistry, physics, and biology in Science G. Students explore earth science, geology, fossil records, evolution, intelligent design, contemporary technology, plants, animals, and ecosystems. Experiments in two TOPS books cover analysis and cohesion and adhesion. A new DVD, Icons of Evolution, adds a multimedia dimension to the origin of life discussion.

#### ▼ 4- and 5-Day Program includes

Science G Instructor's Guide p.139	GSG	
What's Science All About	GS08	
Evolution: The Grand Experiment	GS07	
Icons of Evolution (DVD)	GS04	
TOPS 10-Analysis	GS05	
TOPS 13-Cohesion/Adhesion	GS06	
Usborne Internet-Linked Encyclopedia of Planet Earth	GS01	
Science Supplies Kit G	GSK	

#### ▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Cool Stuff 2.0 and How it Works	GS02	
The Young Naturalist	GS03	

#### Required Resource (if you don't already own)

■ Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit See p. 132	NSK	\$31.99
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#### Optional Resource

■ Extra Activity Sheets Consumable	GSG1	\$12.99
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For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to [sonlight.com/science-g](http://sonlight.com/science-g).

## Science H

Ages 11 | 12 | 13

■ CD-ROM package	HS0B	\$104.98
■ Textbook package	HS0A	\$148.98

### General Science

Science H provides a wonderful overview of the entire range of scientific inquiry and a superb introduction to the world of science you will explore in years to come. Assuming you have already used four or five years' worth of Sonlight science, however, feel free to use Physical Science 150-00. There are plenty of additional courses to come!

For details about the textbook package go to [sonlight.com/science-H](http://sonlight.com/science-H).

#### ▼ CD-ROM package includes the 3 items listed.

General Science Schedule Plus	HSSA	
Apologia Educational Ministries' Exploring Creation with General Science, CD-ROM Version	HS02	
General Science Supplies Kit H	HSKA	

#### Required Resources (if you don't already own)

■ Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit	NSK	\$31.99
■ Safety Glasses	SS301	\$3.50

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to [sonlight.com/science-H](http://sonlight.com/science-H).

## Science 150

Ages 12 | 13 | 14

■ CD-ROM package	150-05	\$105.98
■ Textbook package	150-00	\$149.98

### Physical Science

In Science 150, students study basic principles of the earth sciences then push on to basic physics. A great foundation for all high school sciences.

For details about the textbook package go to [sonlight.com/science-150](http://sonlight.com/science-150).

#### ▼ CD-ROM package includes the 3 items listed.

Physical Science Schedule Plus	150-30	
Apologia Educational Ministries' Exploring Creation with Physical Science, CD-ROM	150-21	
Science Supplies Kit 150	150-35	

#### Required Resources (if you don't already own)

■ Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit See p. 132	NSK	\$31.99
■ Safety Glasses	SS301	\$3.50

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to [sonlight.com/science-150](http://sonlight.com/science-150).

### High School Science

Sonlight's high school-level biology, chemistry, and physics programs provide an in-depth understanding of the world big and small-from the tiny building blocks of the plant and animal kingdoms to subatomic particles in gas, liquids, and solids.

The Sonlight® High School Science Curriculum provides everything you need for a solid science program. It eliminates the frustration of deciding what to teach, what experiments to do, and how to gather all of the materials for experiments. You can continue to delight in learning along with your children.

## Science 250

Ages 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18

■ CD-ROM package	250-05	\$468.97
■ Textbook package	250-00	\$512.97

### Biology

High School science begins with the 200-Level *Exploring Creation with Biology* program. This program balances subject reading with an optional experimental biology component including microscopy and advanced dissection.



"I value the homeschool helps and podcasts available on the Sonlight website, with tips about teaching babies and toddlers," writes Cindy P of Ontario, Canada. "They're such an encouragement and blessing! As a mother of four, I love that Sonlight encourages us to learn together as a family, including even the very youngest members. Sonlight makes learning so easy that we can take our learning anywhere - even the front porch! The easy-to-follow Instructor's Guide and ready-to-use Science Supply Kit can quickly turn an ordinary morning into an exciting and memorable learning experience the whole family can enjoy." Here, Quinlan (6) and Emerlyn (3) observe the results of an experiment. Along with Jaden (10) and Mae-lyne (2), the family is in their third Sonlight year.



"With Sonlight our kids love to learn and are always looking for learning opportunities!" writes Yolanda S of Ypsilanti, MI. "I am constantly finding science experiments from current and past years all around the house. Just this week Seth was building a rain gauge in the back yard. His grandmother thought he was a genius. It has been such an amazing year of learning. The kids both enjoyed the TOPS experiments and learning what plants need to survive." In their fourth year of Sonlight, Mia (9) and Seth (8) share Core D and Science D. Here, they use the biology book in Science D to create an animal cell worth eating.





The key text, Apologia's *Exploring Creation with Biology*, incorporates an engaging, conversational tone capable of grabbing teenagers' attention and keeping their minds on track. The authors give a Christian viewpoint and lift up God's incredible design for the world. Colorful illustrations, photos, tables and charts reinforce learning items, and bring the awe and intricacy of creation to mind. The biology program includes solutions and tests, and we've also created a Sonlight-style schedule guide to complement the course.

The course study begins with a "macro" view of our living world. Your students learn about Kingdoms and Phyla and the steps needed to identify and classify many animals and plants. Students move on to the "micro" perspective with single-celled organisms and their reproduction, advance to genetics, and finish with ecosystems.

Budding biologists will use the Sonlight Ultra Microscope to uncover the marvelous movement, shape and color of microorganisms invisible to the naked eye. They'll follow detailed instructions from Sonlight's Advanced Dissection Kit to delicately explore the internal organs and external structures of four different specimens from land and sea.

**Please note:** Many colleges look for at least one lab science on a student's transcript. To gain hands-on experience with a microscope, as is often included in a lab course, you may wish to purchase the Microscopy Supplies Kit (item 250-25).

To supplement the course material and hands-on experiments, you'll find outstanding multimedia elements that include audio pronunciations of key vocabulary terms, animated versions of illustrations, and video clips of a variety of microorganisms.

For details about the textbook package go to [sonlight.com/science-250](http://sonlight.com/science-250). For international options go to [sonlight.com/250-45](http://sonlight.com/250-45).

<b>▼ CD-ROM package includes the 5 items listed</b>		
Biology Schedule Plus	250-01	
Advanced Dissection Kit with Specimens	250-30	
Apologia Educational Ministries' Exploring Creation with Biology, CD-ROM Version	250-21	
Microscopy Supplies Kit	250-25	
Sonlight® Ultra Microscope	250-40	

#### Required Resources (if you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit</b> p. 132	NSK	\$31.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Safety Glasses</b>	SS301	\$3.50

Choose one of the following two items:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sonlight® Ultra Microscope</b> p. 132	250-40	\$255.00
<b>OR</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Variable Voltage Microscope</b> p. 132	250-45	\$265.00

**Note:** For use Internationally.

#### Optional Resources

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Digital Microscope Camera Eyepiece</b> See p. 132	SSM20	\$74.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Microscope Carrying Case</b>	SSM4	\$35.00

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to [sonlight.com/science-250](http://sonlight.com/science-250).

### Science 350

Ages 15 | 16 | 17 | 18

■ CD-ROM package	350-05	\$156.98
■ Textbook package	350-00	\$200.98

### Chemistry

The 300-Level *Exploring Creation With Chemistry* addresses the theoretical and mathematical basis of chemistry and follows a sequence of learning similar to the biology. Several fascinating experiments boost learning dramatically as they demonstrate universal formulas and concepts such as mass, density, volume, and more. Several projects include solving for unknown ratios, and *Exploring Creation With Chemistry* explains ratios and their associated calculations better than any math book we've found. (**Note:** Students who have not completed Algebra 1 prior to taking the course will find the work and calculations challenging to master.)

The course includes solutions and tests, multimedia demonstrations and explanations, a Sonlight Chemistry Schedule Plus, and a Chemistry Supplies Kit.

If your student completes the experiments that go with the course, he or she will have a true, upper-level high school science experience.

For details about the textbook package go to [sonlight.com/science-350](http://sonlight.com/science-350).

#### ▼ CD-ROM package includes the 3 items listed

Chemistry Schedule Plus	350-01	
Apologia Educational Ministries' Exploring Creation with Chemistry, CD-ROM Version	350-21	
Chemistry Supplies Kit	350-15	

#### Required Resources (if you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit</b> p. 132	NSK	\$31.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Safety Glasses</b>	SS301	\$3.50

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to [sonlight.com/science-350](http://sonlight.com/science-350).

"I wanted a curriculum that included experiments. The supply kits along with some household items supply everything we need for hands-on-learning. I love how their Sonlight books ignite their creativity and encourage exploration."

- Ann K. August 2012

### Science 450

Ages 16 | 17 | 18

■ CD-ROM package	450-05	\$94.98
■ Textbook package	450-00	\$138.98

### Physics

The 400-Level physics program provides a wonderful, advanced high school level science experience, well-suited for college preparation. Students should have a strong math foundation since the text is filled with formulas, practical applications and experiments.

The course style is similar to the Biology and Chemistry studies. *Exploring Creation With Physics*-supported with solutions and tests, multimedia explanations and demonstrations, and experiments-is the program's central learning tool. It presents 16 modules which follow the format of subject presentation, "solve on your own" problems with answers thoroughly explained, and end-of-module test questions.

The modules cover a variety of physics laws and concepts vital to those considering the engineering or physics fields: velocity, acceleration, friction, momentum, the speed of light and sound, torque, tension, energy, fuses, and circuits. *Exploring Creation With Physics* incorporates situations and objects present in an adolescent's everyday life to help illustrate and reinforce key points.

For details about the textbook package go to [sonlight.com/science-450](http://sonlight.com/science-450).

#### ▼ CD-ROM package includes the 3 items listed.

Physics Schedule Plus	450-01	
Apologia Educational Ministries' Exploring Creation with Physics, CD-ROM Version	450-21	
Physics Supplies Kit	450-15	

#### Required Resource (if you don't already own)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit</b> p. 132	NSK	\$31.99
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Safety Glasses</b>	SS301	\$3.50

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to [sonlight.com/science-450](http://sonlight.com/science-450).

### Advanced Science

Ages 17 | 18

Advanced Programs, if completed successfully, can give your children the equivalent of a university course.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Advanced Biology, CD-ROM Package</b>	550-05	\$276.12
Go to <a href="http://sonlight.com/apologia.html">sonlight.com/apologia.html</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Advanced Chemistry</b>	551-00	\$185.00
Go to <a href="http://sonlight.com/apologia.html">sonlight.com/apologia.html</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Advanced Physics</b>	553-00	\$90.00
Go to <a href="http://sonlight.com/apologia.html">sonlight.com/apologia.html</a>		

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to [sonlight.com/science-550](http://sonlight.com/science-550).

## COMPLETE PROGRAMS AND ENGAGING SUPPLEMENTS FOR K-12



Spark a strong start in math for your kids. Teach confidently with Sonlight's handpicked math resources—the programs we stand behind as the best on the market for elementary math to Calculus. Find guidance for both you and your students so math can be more fun than frustrating.

Every math program has potential strengths and weaknesses, so we've included information to help you find the best fit for your students. Consider Horizons, Singapore, Teaching Textbooks or Saxon Math as your foundation,

then choose from the grade-appropriate resources listed in this catalog. Trying to decide what level your child needs? We offer free placement tests for each program at [sonlight.com/placement-tests.html](http://sonlight.com/placement-tests.html).

At the high school level, we are convinced there is nothing better than Teaching Textbooks for Pre-Algebra through Pre-Calculus and Geometry. Past that, Thinkwell provides a top-notch Calculus program.



### Teaching Textbooks (Grade 3-12)

Glory! A math program designed, from the ground up, for homeschoolers – something with all the tools you need, without the fluff that school-based programs often include. You are virtually guaranteed success with minimal knowledge, skill or oversight on the part of mom or dad.

#### Teaching Textbooks courses offer:

- CD-ROM based “whiteboard” lectures: Students learn from a tutor who has taught homeschoolers for years, since the days he tutored statistics and probability at Harvard.
- Student Workbook: Find every lesson, quiz and problem set for the year in a remarkably clear consumable workbook. (Materials can be reused if students work on separate paper.)
- Solutions CD-ROMs: Audiovisual step-by-step solutions for every workbook and test problem, all on computer CDs your student can watch (and review) anytime.
- Answer Booklet: Your students can find answers for every workbook problem – including all the quiz answers – in the neatly bound set.
- Digital grade book: After they work a problem in the workbook, students enter their answer in the computer – which grades it automatically. Review the digital grade book to see your child's grades for all problem sets and quizzes.
- For parents: A “final-answer-only” key and a complete set of reproducible chapter quizzes and tests.

As a result of the authors' years of experience teaching homeschoolers, Teaching Textbooks includes far more prolific and effective solutions than any other program on the market – bar none. Nothing else delivers half as much explanation! (Even Saxon's DIVE CDs only offer explanation for some of their practice problems, but not full explanations to all homework exercises.)

Teaching Textbooks' authors present in a friendly, conversational style – sensitive to the concerns of conservative homeschoolers. They include light

humor that homeschooled students (and parents) can appreciate, and appeal to all types of students, advanced as well as struggling.

These programs work on a multi-sensory base and follow the “spiral” or “review” method to encourage long-term mastery. Teaching Textbooks is unique among math curricula because of its practical, application-oriented “word” or “story” problems that focus on the kinds of problems that business people, scientists, and regular citizens face every day.

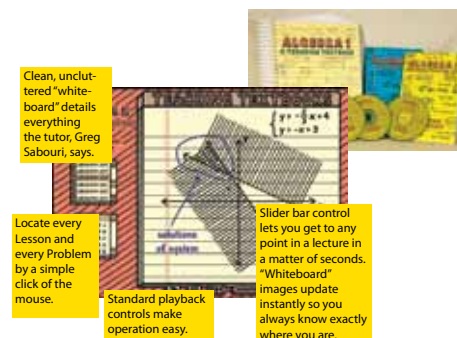
Not only will Teaching Textbooks give you good scores on standardized tests, but they can actually teach you to think mathematically. Teaching Textbooks is so strong that for 7th grade and up, we forgo listing any other programs (where they compete) in our print catalog.

#### Potential Weaknesses

- If your children are absolute math whizzes, they may find some lectures move “too slowly” and spend “too much time” in the basics. Of course, there is a simple solution: these kids can “fast forward” through the “extraneous” material. (Just be sure it truly is extraneous – don't let them skip sections which may truly help!)
- Also, Teaching Textbooks programs have no index or glossary and no search function to more easily locate the topics you may want to find.

What if your students always understand everything upon first written presentation, and really don't want to listen to a whiteboard presentation? We strongly urge you to buy the entire program anyway. Think of the CDs as your inexpensive tutorial backup – you won't have to worry that your children might demand something of you for which you are unprepared ...

**Please note that, due to restrictions by the publisher, Teaching Textbooks materials do not qualify for any Sonlight discounts.** For details on topics covered, placement tests and more, please visit our website at [sonlight.com/teaching-textbooks.html](http://sonlight.com/teaching-textbooks.html).



**“Sonlight gives our homeschool structure, but leaves room for individual personalities,”** writes Becky C of South Dayton, NY. “Where else can a little girl learn Math dressed like a princess (Snow White)? I also appreciate that the Instructor's Guides make it possible for me to easily change a lesson to suit my tastes without having to spend hours planning for every subject.” Here, Alena (6) works on her *Horizons Math*. She and sister Marissa (11) have been using Sonlight for five years.





**"This Pattern Block Set [#RM09] has been an integral part of our Sonlight experience,"** writes Taryn H of South Africa. "All four of my kids have used them in learning patterns, shapes, fractions, addition, subtraction and more. Even my eldest daughter, Kiera, still enjoys trying to create elaborate symmetrical pictures with them. When she was a preschooler, I thought long and hard about whether I should buy the set with the rest of our Sonlight curriculum. I am so glad I eventually took the plunge and bought them. Once again, I am reminded how much I appreciate Sonlight's excellent choices and recommendations!" Here, 10-year-old Kiera poses with her latest pattern block creation. Taryn is using Core D and Core P4/5 with her children in their sixth year of Sonlight.

Be a math hero with



"I bought MathTacular [p. 123] last Christmas for my precocious 3-year-old. His curiosity for math has since grown exponentially. We have other math DVDs, but Justin's personality has the magic that my son wants, over and over."  
- Musica C, Dec. 2012

## Horizons Math (Grade K-6)

For first-time homeschoolers, we recommend the grade-appropriate Horizons Math program for K-2.

Help your children understand math from the ground up. Horizons is easy to use, with a familiar and friendly approach for students plus thorough guidance for you, the teacher. Each year's program consists of three pieces:

- Two colorful, well-organized workbooks, each with 80 lessons and 8 unit exams
- Teacher's Handbook (spiral bound) with daily lesson plans, answer keys, and final exams
- 80 reproducible worksheets

Use a proven "spiral learning" technique to first introduce your children to a concept and then help them learn to solve related and increasingly difficult problems over the course of several days or weeks.

Children's minds are free to concentrate on each new concept as it comes, without feeling overwhelmed by too much information. Kids feel confident because they can take steady, measured steps-and as they revisit concepts over time, they continually strengthen and reinforce their existing knowledge base.

Horizons was designed for homeschoolers, so you only need to purchase the basic program once for each grade. Along with reproducible worksheets, each package includes consumable workbooks you can order separately for additional students.

The program is also filled with helpful suggestions and great ideas, such as what ordinary household items you can recruit to serve as creative manipulatives. If you prefer, Sonlight offers ready-to-use kits that contain all the manipulatives you need-in a convenient storage case.

You can view scope, sequence and sample pages at: [sonlight.com/horizons-math.html](http://sonlight.com/horizons-math.html).

### Potential Weakness

- For children who are especially sensitive to visual stimuli, Horizons' color illustrations may distract from learning. Saxon programs may prove more helpful. Singapore and Miquon are stronger at developing true understanding of math concepts. For mental math and "story problem" application, Singapore is more rigorous.



## Singapore Math<sup>®1</sup> (Grade K-12)

A distinguished record in international competition and the enthusiastic recommendations of customers convinced us to add Singapore math programs to our catalog.

In 1995, 1999, 2003 and 2007 the IEA (International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement) tested relative strengths and weaknesses of programs in various countries. Students of Singapore ranked #1 in math consistently.

Singapore is extremely clear, highly logical and sequential, with a strong focus on "mental math." Students get the "right" amount of practice-without too much repetition. Challenging word problems build thinking skills and students apply math in a variety of situations. The program teaches geometry throughout. There's even a dedicated user community at [singaporemath.com](http://singaporemath.com).

One year in the Singapore Primary Math programs (K-6) consists of: Two full-color textbooks (which many parents prefer to use as non-consumables) and two black and white consumable workbooks.

Sonlight has also developed unique "Home Instructor's Guides" for the Primary Math programs (2A-6B). These guides bridge the gap between textbook and workbook and walk you through them in a logical, step by step fashion. We lay it all out for you: concepts you'll cover in each unit, pages you'll reference, and numerous exercises to reinforce the concepts you're teaching.

To see sample pages, book subject indexes, and programs not listed in this catalog, visit us on the web at [sonlight.com/math.html](http://sonlight.com/math.html).

NOTE: Singapore Math is generally a year "ahead" of U.S. math programs. Most children need to begin Singapore Math with the "B" book of the year before! Before you choose a program, have your child take a free placement test at: [sonlight.com/singapore-placement-tests.html](http://sonlight.com/singapore-placement-tests.html).

### Potential Weakness

- Sonlight provides Home Instructor's Guides for Level 2A-6B, but lower levels have no teacher's manual (due to simplicity of the math). Also, many students require more review and drill than is contained in the main texts. That's why we provide supplementary materials for most Singapore Math programs.
- Also, though Sonlight offers the U.S. versions of Singapore Math, the sequence of concepts doesn't always follow a typical U.S. curriculum pattern. For instance, students may learn multiplication and division at the same time, rather than in different parts of a semester.



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## Saxon Math (Grade K-12)

With Saxon, your students encounter new skills, concepts and principles each day, then review them (day after day) for weeks. Saxon's approach helps build students' confidence in their own ability to "do" math successfully. The program is extremely strong in areas of arithmetic computation and mathematical principles (i.e., the "distributive principle," "commutative principle," etc.).

Students of the program earn consistently high scores on standardized math tests. Saxon has proven its ability to help marginal students achieve relatively high scores on those same tests.

As teacher, you get lots of guidance on exactly what to say and do. In fact, Saxon Math is relatively easy to teach, and from 4th grade up requires very little parental involvement. The early elementary programs include-and require-a lot of manipulative activities. (Saxon doesn't actually provide the items, so Sonlight offers complete kits we've created for you.)

Our Saxon Math homeschool packages include everything you need to teach one child. To use the program with additional or successive students, simply purchase additional consumable tests and worksheets. To see Saxon Math samples, placement tests, book subject indexes, and programs not listed in this catalog, please visit Sonlight on the web at [sonlight.com/saxon.html](http://sonlight.com/saxon.html).

### Potential Weaknesses

- For students who don't require as much drill, Saxon can be ... boring. And in early elementary grades, it is relatively pricey. But mostly, compared to other programs on the market, it is weak on both application-oriented problem solving and "modern" presentation (use of charts, graphs, spreadsheets and other effective teaching tools).
- This is why we recommend Teaching Textbooks (p. 111) and, at the high school level, Thinkwell Math (see p. 114).

## DIVE Into Math CD Instruction for Saxon

If you wish someone were there to help you teach your 4th grader, you've got a friend. Dr. David Shormann's *DIVE Into Math* (DIVE stands for Digital Interactive Video Education) programs are designed to supplement each of the Saxon Math books, from Math 5/4 on up. As if they were attending a live classroom lecture, your students will hear Shormann's voice and watch him make graphic presentations of similar problems on a digitized whiteboard screen on your computer.

Combine Dr. Shormann's smooth, steady voice and on-screen illustrations with the tactile behavior of students writing out the problems themselves, and you're maximizing the learning experience through the aural, visual and kinesthetic paths to students' minds! All of these elements together make for an outstanding learning environment.

As an experienced math and science teacher to homeschoolers, Dr. Shormann seems to have a good grasp on what students need to hear in order to understand the concepts. Though he usually uses the same methods that Saxon does to solve problems, sometimes he teaches alternative approaches, and he often offers tips to make things easier.

Shormann works out the examples, practice problems, and even a few specific problems from some days' problem sets. He proceeds step by step with good explanations. He also provides his own practice problems so that, if students need extra practice, they can do the practice problems in the book as well.

Requires a computer with sound. You'll need QuickTime player on Windows 98 or higher or Macintosh.

Additional Saxon Dive Programs available online at: [sonlight.com/dive-into.html](http://sonlight.com/dive-into.html).

## Key to ... (Grade 5-12)

Sometimes a certain concept or area of math study just doesn't "stick" or needs more review. Sometimes you want to introduce an advanced student to more difficult topics. That's what the Key to ... series is all about: inexpensive, sequentially-oriented and straightforward help on specialized topics.

The softbound student workbooks present concepts and problems in a friendly manner and allow students to work at their own pace. Vocabulary and reading level are simple; instructions are clear and direct; and only one concept is presented per page so students have time to understand new ideas without being overwhelmed.

Each topic comes with a softbound instructor book to help you anticipate and resolve special problems that may arise during teaching. All answers are written out just as if a student had worked them out, which is especially beneficial for students who can use the book to self-correct their work.

Use the Key to ... programs:

- As preparation for a larger, more intense program of the same subject.
- As a supplement for a regular hardbound text.
- As the text for an individualized course.
- These are consumable workbooks. See page 121 for options.



"I was having trouble explaining basic math concepts to my kids. My kids suggested we watch the video, and BOOM, they got it! I LOVE the actors; they are so excited to help kids, and it shows"

- Emily E. Aug. 2012



**"I love the confidence that my children are learning from the best materials out there,"** writes Gabrielle T. of Austin, TX. "We are very happy with Sonlight. We love the family discussions that naturally come up as we read together. I am so happy to be able to share this exciting journey with my children."

Joseph (10) was so excited to explore his Core F materials, he unpacked his box right away and read the first book scheduled. Joseph and brothers Brigham (10) and Moses (8) are sharing Core F in their second year of Sonlight.



### You know you're a homeschooler when

... your fifth grader is taking a spelling test while your third grader is changing the baby's diaper and your kindergartner is making lunch.



**"One day it hit me that we weren't just 'doing school.' Sonlight is a part of training up our children in the way they should go,"** writes Aida N. of Hanford, CA. "I was undecided about how to incorporate a second child into homeschooling, but Sonlight curriculum has proved to be flexible and has offered so many options and support. My daughters are close enough in age that this is their third Core together. I find it very easy to adjust the schedule and activities to their skill levels. Here, it's Box Day. We dug in to see our treasures and ended up thumbing through each book." In their second Sonlight year of study, Lucia (6) and Celaya (4) are using Core B.



**"Miquon Math has encouraged my children to think creatively about math and to discover their own patterns,** such as when Petra made a series of 'trees' with Cuisenaire Rods after her lesson on series," writes Jane H of Port Jefferson, NY. "I am a 'mathy' person and was planning to develop my own curriculum for my kids, but when I found Miquon Math, it resonated with me. If I had to choose a single math manipulative to use with my kids, it would be the Cuisenaire Rods, hands down. Even my 2-year-old is able to discover mathematical facts by playing with them." Petra (7) and her brother Eleazar (6) are sharing Core A this year.



**"As a former teacher I have looked at other curricula out there but I just love Sonlight for many reasons,"** writes Katie J of Howell, MI. "They make it so easy to start the day. We just open up our binder and go. They teach in a way that opens up my kids' minds to the whole world around them. Also, the company on a whole is wonderful; any time I have a question I can call and someone friendly always has the answer I need." On their first day the new school year, Erik (7), Sara (9) and Karalynn (5) asked to play with the teddy bear cards from the Preschool Multi-Subject Package. Sara is using Core D this year as Erik and Karalynn share Core A.

## Thinkwell (Grade 11-12)

What's to like ... and what's not to like about the Thinkwell programs?

Thinkwell Math provides college-level Internet based video and text courses for both Windows and Mac users. These courses are remarkably inexpensive and include:

- More than 120 online based video tutorials (over 40 hours of instructional material)
- Thousands of interactive questions (good as exercises or quizzes)-complete with instant feedback, answers and explanations
- Comprehensive, printable full-color notes, plus online glossary and lecture transcripts
- Dynamic animations to help explain difficult concepts in novel, easy-to-grasp ways
- Links to other relevant web resources
- Online resources to help you manage, track and report your students' progress

Dr. Edward Burger, a college professor and former stand-up comedian, aims the Thinkwell math programs at a secular college audience that has grown up with TV. That means you get some of the best in college classroom education ... and some of its downsides.

Mr. Burger's friendly, somewhat loose style makes his high-energy lectures very easy to understand, but (or is it "and"? ) ...

He peppers his presentations with occasional one-liners, self-effacing side comments, and audio and graphic gags. Every now and then he will slip in one of the "lighter" crude words you find in modern American society.

Online access is good for one student, for one year.

For more details about the individual *Thinkwell* programs, visit Sonlight on the web at: [sonlight.com/thinkwell.html](http://sonlight.com/thinkwell.html). (See p.121)

"My sweet second grader has such a love for school and loves the time she gets to spend with me individually teaching her math, history, Latin and Read-Alouds."

- Jill W. August, 2012

## Miquon (Grade 1-4)

Help students learn to think mathematically.

*Miquon Math* programs emphasize patterns and relationships rather than pre-set formulas and methods. Using *Cuisenaire Rods* and unique graphic layouts, *Miquon* helps children discover those patterns and relationships with just a bit of guidance from their teacher (you) as necessary.

Some parents use *Miquon Math* as their core math program in the early elementary years because it covers all the standard subjects and more. When they finish the last book in the series, most students are well prepared for the 4th, and sometimes even the 5th year books in competing programs. Along the way, they gain a profound understanding of basic math concepts.

For parents who want the reassurance of a traditional math program as base, *Miquon* provides a wonderful and fun supplemental teaching aid. *Miquon* is one of the best-if not the absolute best- programs to teach younger students how to think mathematically. For advanced and gifted learners as well as those with learning challenges. *Miquon* uses all four arithmetic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) beginning in the "first year," and introduces algebraic notation, geometry, and diagram-reading in the first book.

Due to the difficulty of starting *Miquon Math* in midstream, the publishers-and we-urge you, if you are just beginning the program and have a child in second or third grade, start with the books from the grade before. (See p.122)

You can see scope and sequence, sample pages, and more at: [sonlight.com/miquon.html](http://sonlight.com/miquon.html).

### Potential Weaknesses

- If you or your child prefers a "just the facts, tell me what I need to know so I can get on with it" approach to math instruction, *Miquon's* discovery-oriented approach will drive you crazy. It requires curiosity, flexibility and an attitude of openness to inquiry and investigation.
- It requires more time from the parent than competitive programs. The publisher recommends that parents and children work together as a team to share ideas and discoveries.
- Does not cover long division.



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## Math K

Ages 5 | 6 | 7

### ☐ Horizons K Program HKM \$179.93

Included in Sonlight® Grade K Multi-Subject package. Includes the 3 items listed.

### ☐ Horizons Math K KM30 \$69.95

Students learn to count by 1's, 5's, 10's, 2's and 4's to 100; recognize and write all families to 100; add or subtract a single digit without regrouping; identify colors and shapes; name the days of the week and more. Includes Teacher's Handbook.


☐ Student Workbook 1 Consumable KM31 \$18.95

☐ Student Workbook 2 Consumable KM32 \$18.95


☐ Reproducible Worksheets KM33 \$9.95

### ☐ Manipulatives Kit for

### Horizons Math K KM35 \$84.99

Your students can use all of these "hands on" objects (everything from safety scissors and 12" ruler to 3D shapes and Base Ten blocks) with their Horizons Math K program. New heavy-stock flash cards teach ordinal numbers, addition and subtraction. Includes easy-to-use schedule and instructions, too. Store kit neatly in its sturdy box. | 

### ☐ MathTacular® (DVD) RM32 \$24.99

Learn about addition, subtraction, place value, estimating, ordinal numbers, fractions, mass, area, money and more. This DVD (over 4 hours) teaches math concepts from every Math K program we carry. Check out our one-of-a-kind MathTacular® series on page 123. | 

OR


### ☐ Singapore K Program KMUS \$109.93

Includes the 5 items listed.


☐ Earlybird A Consumable KMS11 \$30.00

☐ Earlybird B Consumable KMS12 \$30.00

### ☐ Pattern Blocks RM09 \$29.95

Two hundred fifty brightly colored, heavy duty plastic geometric shapes that make wonderful "mosaic" designs and lend themselves to great "hands on" learning of math concepts from counting to geometry. Kids love them! Set includes two 4" x 6" mirrors (help see symmetry). | 

### ☐ Pattern Block Cards RM12 \$8.99

20 mosaic puzzles of varying difficulty to work out with pattern blocks. Non-consumable, 8½" x 11" cards. | 

### ☐ Patternables RM11 \$10.99

Use your Pattern Blocks to complete a variety of "puzzles" in fun shapes like animals, flowers and rock-ets. More difficult than Pattern Block Cards. Non-consumable | Pb.

OR

### ☐ Saxon K Program KMS \$148.44


Includes the 2 items listed.

### ☐ Math K Homeschool Kit KM08 \$71.45

Kit includes teacher's manual (with complete schedule) and consumable meeting book (consumed each time the course is taught, not per student). *First edition.*

☐ Meeting Book K Consumable KM09 \$15.25

### ☐ Manipulatives Set S KM07 \$76.99

Complete set of manipulatives for use with the Saxon Math program in grades K through 3. Includes a plastic balance (used K-2); two student clocks (K-3); a set of ten two-colored plastic counters (K-3); 48 one-inch plastic Teddy Bear counters (K); one set of dominoes (K); two geoboards with rubber bands (K-2); one laminated hundreds chart (K-3); 100 three-quarter-inch multicolor multilink cubes (K-1); set of 100 solid plastic pattern blocks (K-3); two flexible, clear plastic angle rulers that measure inches, centimeters and degrees of angle (K-3+); four sets of plastic tangrams, one tangram in each of four different colors (K-2); 100 one-inch multicolor tiles (K-3). Plus a sturdy box to store everything! | 

## Math 1

Ages 6 | 7 | 8

### ☐ Horizons 1 Program H1M \$184.94

Included in Sonlight® Grade 1 Multi-Subject package. Includes the 2 items listed.

### ☐ Horizons Math 1 1M30 \$79.95


Your children will count 1-100 with a variety of number sets; count by 1's from 100-200; learn ordinal and cardinal numbers; add vertically and horizontally carrying in 1's column; subtract vertically and horizontally without borrowing; and understand basic fractions, sets, shapes, graphs and units of measure. Includes Teacher's Handbook.

☐ Student Wkbook 1 Consumable 1M31 \$18.95

☐ Student Wkbook 2 Consumable 1M32 \$18.95


☐ Reproducible Worksheets 1M33 \$9.95

### ☐ Manipulatives Kit for Horizons Math 1-3 RM35 \$104.99

Teach three full years of Horizons Math (grades 1-3) with this one resource kit-complete with schedule and instructions for every step of the way. New heavy-stock flash cards teach multiplication, division, and roman numerals. Also included: thermometer, geared clock, platform scale, and more. If you already have the Math K kit (KM35), skip this item and instead order the "filler" kit (RM40) to save *yourself the cost* of several duplicate items. When math (or play) is over, keep your kit together in its sturdy box. | 

**Optional Resource** (If you own KM35)

### ☐ Manipulatives "Filler" Kit for Horizons Math 1-3 RM40 \$59.99

*Money-Saving Tip:* If you already have the Horizons Math K kit (KM35), simply add this set. You'll have everything you'd get in our Horizons Math 1-3 kit (RM35 above), without having to buy several duplicate items. | 

OR



### "Singapore 1A Math is Karissa's favorite homeschooling activity each day," writes

Amy L of Portland, OR. "This past year has been a complex year of homeschooling, with the blessed arrival of a new baby. Although we weren't able to complete as much curriculum as desired, my children still got an absolutely amazing education. I deeply appreciate how flexible the Sonlight program is, how much confidence the Instructor's Guides give me and how minimal daily preparation is required. We're excited to embark on another exciting year!" Karissa (5) and sister Cherish (7) are using Core C and Science D in their third year of Sonlight study.



### "Four kids and 14 years add up to a big pile of Sonlight books. Each holds more than a story; it holds a history of time well-spent with each child, from the college graduate to my third grader," writes Dawn F of

Prospect, VA. "More than great stories, these books are a myriad of memories, part of our family history. Much like a photo album, they're snapshots into the past. I haven't regretted for a moment our choice all those years ago to give Sonlight a try." Emma Grace (8) has been studying with Sonlight since kindergarten and is using Core B+C.





**"We've used Sonlight for my son, but have just started it with Anneke. She's all over her Horizons Math 1!"** writes Jessica K. The family is stationed with the US Army in South Korea. Anneke (6) and brother Pieter (8) have been studying with Sonlight for two years.

**"We needed a math that better suits our style, and Teaching Textbooks has made teaching math painless"**

*- Ariele O, August, 2012*

## Teaching a child with **SPECIAL NEEDS?**

Find help at [sonlight.com/podcasts](http://sonlight.com/podcasts)



**"I have been thrilled to use Saxon Math with 5 of my 6 kids,"** writes Jill W of Englewood, FL. "Not only are my children learning each day as they repeat and restudy what they've learned, but we have time together, one-on-one or two-on-one, that builds our relationship. Math can be hard, but together we tackle each challenge and solve it with the tools Saxon arms us with!" Now in the family's fourth year with Sonlight, Elizabeth (8) works here with a concept from Saxon Math 2.

### ☐ **Singapore 1 Program** 1M2US \$57.39 Includes the 5 items listed.

☐ **Primary Math 1A** 1MAUS \$23.60  
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one full-color, non-consumable pb textbook; answer key.

- ☐ **1A Textbook** 1MUS11 \$11.80
- ☐ **1A Workbook** Consumable 1MUS12 \$11.80

☐ **Primary Math 1B** 1MBUS \$23.60  
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one full-color, non-consumable pb textbook; answer key.

- ☐ **1B Textbook** 1MUS21 \$11.80
- ☐ **1B Workbook** Consumable 1MUS22 \$11.80

☐ **Clock Face** RM05 \$0.99  
4" laminated clock face (with hands!)-useful for teaching how to tell time.

☐ **Numbers Chart with Activities** RM6 \$2.20  
Great tool for explaining base-10 system and place values. Play "Bingo" number games and more. Includes durable, laminated cardstock chart with 10-by-10-unit grids (labeled 0 to 99), plus activity sheet with instructions for 33 carefully-sequenced activities.

☐ **Addition & Subtraction Flash Cards** RM07 \$7.00  
Sturdy sets of 50 large, double-sided problem cards plus four "game" cards explaining games that increase interest in memorizing math facts.

- ☐ **Addition Cards** RM071 \$3.50
- ☐ **Subtraction Cards** RM072 \$3.50

#### Recommended Resource

☐ **Rainbow Rock** RM167 \$25.00  
Bronze medal-winner in the Educational and Computer Science category of an international interactive multimedia competition. Covers the subject matter of *Primary Math 1A* through *2B* in exciting activities and two fast-paced games on CD-ROM. Covers counting; mental calculation; addition, subtraction, multiplication, division; using fractions; shape and pattern recognition; spatial visualization; and solving word problems. See p.122 For system requirements.

OR

### ☐ **Saxon 1 Program** 1MS \$185.64 Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Math 1 Homeschool Kit** 1M02 \$108.65  
Kit includes teacher's manual, student workbooks, and meeting book and math facts cards (flash cards). First edition. Workbooks and meeting book are consumable (meeting book is consumed each time the course is taught; not per student).

- ☐ **Math 1 Wkbks & Fact Cards** Consumable 1MOSW \$30.95
- ☐ **Math 1 Meeting Book** Consumable 1M09 \$15.25

#### Required Resource (if you don't already own from K)

☐ **Manipulatives Set S** KM07 \$76.99  
See Math K for full description.

## Math 2

Ages 7 | 8 | 9

### ☐ **Horizons 2 Program** H2M \$202.43 Included in Sonlight® Grade 2 Multi Subject package. Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Horizons Math 2** 2M30 \$79.95  
Students use different number sets to: count to 100; count by 1's from 100-999; learn multiplication facts 1-10; find temperature in Fahrenheit; use coins and dollar bills in money calculations; and recognize and find area, perimeter and volume. Includes Teacher's Handbook.

- ☐ **Student Wkbook 1** Consumable 2M31 \$18.95
- ☐ **Student Wkbook 2** Consumable 2M32 \$18.95
- ☐ **Reproducible Worksheets** 2M33 \$9.95

☐ **Manipulatives Kit for Horizons Math 1-3** RM35 \$104.99  
See Math 1 for full description.

☐ **MathTacular®2 (DVD)** RM33 \$17.49  
Learn over 20 math concepts in this 2-hour DVD-such as money, time, place value, statistics, area, perimeter, graphs, estimating, basic geometry and more. Learn more about our MathTacular® video series on page 123.

#### Optional Resource (If you own KM35)

☐ **Manipulatives "Filler" Kit for Horizons Math 1-3** RM40 \$59.99  
See Math 1 for full description.

OR

### ☐ **Singapore 2 Program** 2M2US \$102.17 Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Primary Math 2A** 2MAUS \$41.09  
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one full-color, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

- ☐ **2A Textbook** 2MUS11 \$11.80
- ☐ **2A Workbook** Consumable 2MUS12 \$11.80
- ☐ **2A Home Instructor's Guide** 2M14 \$17.49

☐ **Primary Math 2B** 2MBUS \$41.09  
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one full-color, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

- ☐ **2B Textbook** 2MUS21 \$11.80
- ☐ **2B Workbook** Consumable 2MUS22 \$11.80
- ☐ **2B Home Instructor's Guide** 2M24 \$17.49

☐ **Gram/cm Cubes Kit** RM04 \$19.99  
Approximately 400 plastic cubes that measure 1 cm<sup>3</sup>, have a mass of one gram, and displace one milliliter of water. There is an assortment of 10 colors. Packaged in a zip baggie. Cubes can attach on several sides to form larger cubes or other objects. Ideally suited for demonstrating mathematical concepts, weighing, measuring, doing volume/density experiments, etc. Kids also love to build structures with them and use them for color pattern puzzles. Includes instructions for over two dozen carefully-sequenced activities.



#### Recommended Resource

☐ **Rainbow Rock** RM167 \$25.00  
See Singapore Math 1 for full description.

OR

☐ **Saxon 2 Program** 2MS \$168.64  
Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Math 2 Homeschool Kit** 2M06 \$108.65  
Includes teacher's manual, student workbooks, meeting book, and math facts cards (flash cards). *First edition.*

☐ **Workbooks & Fact Cards 2** Consumable 2MOSW \$30.95  
☐ **Meeting Book 2** Consumable 2M07 \$15.25

☐ **Manipulatives Set S2** 2M05 \$59.99  
Complete set of manipulatives for use with the Saxon Math program in grades 2 through 3 only. Includes everything in Kit 1M08, except it does not include multicolor multilink cubes.

### Math 3

Ages 8 | 9 | 10

☐ **Teaching Textbooks 3rd Grade** 3M20 \$119.90  
Included in Sonlight® Grade 3 Multi-Subject Package

Teach all topics normally covered in 3rd grade: whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percents, units of measure, and simple geometry. Students watch video lectures on CD-ROM, then enter their answer to each workbook Consumable problem in the computer, which records their grades automatically. When they need help or review, you've got a printed Answer Key plus audiovisual solutions for every homework and quiz problem on 4 CD-ROMs. For Windows PC and Mac. Learn more on page 111.

☐ **Teaching Textbook Math 3 Wkbook** Consumable 3M22 \$39.95

OR

☐ **Horizons 3 Program** H3M \$184.94  
Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Horizons Math 3** 3M30 \$79.95  
Lessons cover word numbers up to 1,000,000 and explain order principle, parentheses, distributive property, and positive and negative numbers. The scope for 3 also includes division facts 1-10, advanced multiplication with two-, three-, and four-digit multipliers, and illustrates volume of a cube and rectangular prism. Includes Teacher's Handbook.

☐ **Student Wkbook 1** Consumable 3M31 \$18.95  
☐ **Student Wkbook 2** Consumable 3M32 \$18.95  
☐ **Reproducible Worksheets** 3M33 \$9.95

☐ **Manipulatives Kit for Horizons Math 1-3** RM35 \$104.99  
See Math 1 for full description.

**Optional resource** (If you own KM35)

☐ **Manipulatives "Filler" Kit for Horizons Math 1-3** RM40 \$59.99  
See Math 1 for full description.

OR

☐ **Singapore 3 Program** 3M2US \$89.18  
Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Primary Math 3A** 3MAUS \$41.09  
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and pink, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

☐ **3A Textbook** 3MUS11 \$11.80  
☐ **3A Workbook** Consumable 3MUS12 \$11.80  
☐ **3A Home Instructor's Guide** 3M14 \$17.49

☐ **Primary Math 3B** 3MBUS \$41.09  
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and pink, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

☐ **3B Textbook** 3MUS21 \$11.80  
☐ **3B Workbook** Consumable 3MUS22 \$11.80  
☐ **3B Home Instructor's Guide** 3M24 \$17.49

☐ **Multiplication & Division Flash Cards** RM08 \$7.00  
Sturdy sets of 50 large, double-sided problem cards plus four "game" cards explaining games that increase interest in memorizing math facts (multiplication), 90 cards plus one "game" card (division).

☐ **Multiplication Cards** RM081 \$3.50  
☐ **Division Cards** RM082 \$3.50

#### Recommended Resource

☐ **Vroot and Vroom** RM168 \$25.00  
Covers the subject matter of *Primary Math 3A* through *4B* in exciting activities and two fast-paced games on CD-ROM. Covers angles; area and perimeter; fractions; graphs; problem solving; solid figures; symmetry. See p.122 for system requirements.

OR

☐ **Saxon 3 Program** 3MS \$141.99  
Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Math 3 Homeschool Kit** 3M09 \$112.00  
Kit includes teacher's manual, student workbooks, and meeting book and math facts cards (flash cards). *First edition.* Workbooks and meeting book are consumable (meeting book is consumed each time the course is taught; *not* per student).

☐ **Math 3 Wkbks & Fact Cards** Consumable 3MOSW \$30.95  
☐ **Math 3 Meeting Book** Consumable 3M10 \$15.25

☐ **Manipulatives Set S3** 3M07 \$29.99  
Complete set of manipulatives for use with the Saxon Math program in grade 3 only. Includes everything in Kit 2M05, above, except it does not include plastic balance, geoboards, and tangrams.



"One of my prayers for homeschooling our children was that they would have fun while learning together," writes Sarah R of Adel, IA. "Sonlight has helped answer this prayer by providing great Read-Alouds, history lessons, math manipulatives, science experiments and Bible memory verses set to music that we can enjoy together." Here, Samantha (7), who is studying Core C, works on her math. Sister Karli (4) is using P4/5. The family has been studying with Sonlight four years.



"I was delighted to find my son teaching his little sister, Abigail, arithmetic using a Singapore Math textbook," writes Rowena M of Asia. "This is only one instance of how Sonlight brings children together through shared experiences listening to Mom read aloud, reading historical fiction and playing together to recreate what they've learned." Jonathan (11) is using Core G and Singapore Math in the family's first year of homeschooling with Sonlight.

## PRACTICAL HELP FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

[sonlight.com/homeschool-101](http://sonlight.com/homeschool-101)



## Math 4

Ages 9 | 10 | 11

### □ Teaching Textbooks 4th Grade + MathTacular<sup>®</sup>3

T4M \$144.89

Included in Sonlight<sup>®</sup> Grade 4 Multi-Subject Package

□ **Teaching Textbooks 4th Grade** 4M20 \$119.90  
Teach all topics normally covered in 4th grade: whole numbers, fractions, percents, units of measure, simple geometry and more. Students watch video lectures on CD-ROM, do practice problems in the 640-page workbook Consumable, and take quizzes on your computer-which records their grade automatically. When they need help or review, you've got a printed Answer Key plus audiovisual solutions for every homework and quiz problem on 4 CD-ROMs. For Windows PC and Mac. Learn more on page 111.

□ **Teaching Textbook Math 4 Workbook** Consumable 4M22 \$39.95

□ **MathTacular<sup>®</sup>3 (DVD)** RM37 \$24.99  
Learn over 50 math concepts in this fun DVD (nearly 4 hours), including prime numbers, factors, angles, coordinate planes, time zones, conversion, long division and more! Find all three MathTacular<sup>®</sup> videos on page 123.

OR

### □ Horizons 4 Program

H4M \$194.93

Includes the 3 items listed.

□ **Horizons Math 4** 4M30 \$79.95  
Students multiply "2-digit times 2-digit" with carrying, divide with 2-digit divisor and quotient, and add and subtract with unlike fractions. Also contains graphing, equations, and pre-algebra concepts. Includes Teacher's Handbook.

- **Student Workbook 1** Consumable 4M31 \$18.95
- **Student Workbook 2** Consumable 4M32 \$18.95
- **Reproducible Worksheets** 4M33 \$9.95

□ **Math 4 Manipulatives Kit** 4M35 \$89.99  
The boxed manipulatives set for the Horizons 4 Math program contains a 60-inch tape measure, folding meter stick, compass, pad of graph paper, platform scale and more. Storage box included. Teachers Handbook gives instructions to make your own manipulatives kit.

□ **MathTacular<sup>®</sup>3 (DVD)** RM37 \$24.99  
Learn over 50 math concepts in this fun DVD (nearly 4 hours), including prime numbers, factors, angles, coordinate planes, time zones, conversion, long division and more! Find all three MathTacular<sup>®</sup> videos on page 123.

OR

### □ Singapore 4 Program

4M2US \$86.43

Includes the 3 items listed.

□ **Primary Math 4A** 4MAUS \$41.09  
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and blue, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

- **4A Textbook** 4MUS11 \$11.80
- **4A Workbook** Consumable 4MUS12 \$11.80
- **4A Home Instructor's Guide** 4M14 \$17.49

□ **Primary Math 4B** 4MBUS \$41.09  
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and blue, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

- **4B Textbook** 4MUS21 \$11.80
- **4B Workbook** Consumable 4MUS22 \$11.80
- **4B Home Instructor's Guide** 4M24 \$17.49

□ **8-Piece Protractor, Compass, Triangle Set** RM68 \$4.25

Tools you'll find useful in all upper-level math programs. Includes protractor, compass, two triangles, straight-edge, pencil, eraser, and sharpener all in a convenient plastic case.

#### Recommended Resource

□ **Vroot and Vroom** RM168 \$25.00  
See Singapore Math 3 for full description.

**ONE-YEAR** see p. 24  
**MONEY-BACK**  
**LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH**  
**GUARANTEE**

OR

### □ Saxon 5/4 Program

4MS \$144.00

Includes the 2 items listed.

□ **Saxon 5/4 Homeschool Kit** 4M04 \$94.00  
Softbound student edition, Tests/Worksheets, Solutions Manual. Third edition.

- **Tests/Worksheets 5/4** Consumable 4M041 \$23.10
- **Dive CD Math 5/4** 4M043 \$50.00  
(Windows and Mac; 3rd Edition)

#### Required Resource

□ **Cuisenaire Rods** 4M05 \$11.99  
Seventy-four rectangular plastic rods that vary from one unit (a cube) to ten units in length. Each length comes in a specific color (the one-unit length is always white; the two-unit length, red; etc.). By manipulating the rods, children are able to "see," in a neutral, physical form, what happens on the theoretical level when they add, subtract, multiply and divide. Useful to teach place value and general numerics-or just playing around! We use ours a lot.

## Math 5

Ages 10 | 11 | 12

### □ Teaching Textbooks 5th Grade

5M20 \$119.90

Included in Sonlight<sup>®</sup> Grade 5 Multi-Subject Package.

Teach all topics normally covered in 5th grade: whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percents, units of measure, and simple geometry. Students watch video lectures on CD-ROM, then enter their answer to each workbook Consumable problem in the computer, which records their grades automatically. When they need help or review, you've got a printed Answer Key plus audiovisual solutions for every homework and quiz problem on 4 CD-ROMs. For Windows PC and Mac. Learn more on page 111.

□ **Teaching Textbook Math 5 Workbook** Consumable 5M22 \$39.95

OR



"Sonlight has given me the tools and confidence to school my children at home and bring my family back together," writes Allison H of Bridgeport, WV. "My husband doesn't work a traditional 8-5 job with weekends off. This was never an issue until my oldest went to public school. Some weeks it would be days before we had any time together. Sonlight has allowed us the freedom to school when it's convenient and rebuild strong family ties. Here, Seth (7) takes a break from his work to encourage and help sister Hadley (5) with Math. What an amazing example of how Christ wants us to live our lives! Thank you, Sonlight, for allowing this moment to happen." The H family is using Core A in their first year of Sonlight study.

"The moment I opened the box and brought out the books, my son started flipping through them and playing with the pattern blocks that came with his math set. We started school the very next day. We are now on our third year of home schooling, also our third with Sonlight."

*-Virian T, July 2012*



### ☐ **Horizons 5 Program** H5M \$179.94

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Horizons Math 5** 5M30 \$79.95  
Students write simple ratios; add and subtract fractions with uncommon denominators; use a compass and protractor; calculate probability with one variable; understand percentages; and recognize place value to a hundred billion. Includes Teacher's Handbook.

- ☐ **Student Workbook 1** Consumable 5M31 \$18.95
- ☐ **Student Workbook 2** Consumable 5M32 \$18.95
- ☐ **Reproducible Worksheets** 5M33 \$9.95

☐ **Math 5 Manipulatives Kit** 5M35 \$99.99  
Complete, boxed set of manipulatives for use with the Horizons 5 Math program includes a plastic protractor, index cards, 4-inch geared mini-clock, set of 100 centimeter cubes and construction paper pad. Storage box included. Teachers Handbook gives instructions to make your own manipulatives kit.

OR

### ☐ **Singapore 5 Program** 5M2US \$82.18

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Primary Math 5A** 5MAUS \$41.09  
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and green, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

- ☐ **5A Textbook** 5MUS11 \$11.80
- ☐ **5A Workbook** Consumable 5MUS12 \$11.80
- ☐ **5A Home Instructor's Guide** 5M14 \$17.49

☐ **Primary Math 5B** 5MBUS \$41.09  
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and green, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

- ☐ **5B Textbook** 5MUS21 \$11.80
- ☐ **5B Workbook** Consumable 5MUS22 \$11.80
- ☐ **5B Home Instructor's Guide** 5M24 \$17.49

#### Program requires:

☐ **8-Piece Protractor, Compass, Triangle Set** RM68 \$4.25  
See Math 4 for full description.

#### Recommended Resource

☐ **Wiggle Woods** RM169 \$25.00  
Terrible name, I know, but this CD-ROM does cover the subject matter of *Primary Math 5A* through *6B* by means of exciting activities and two fast-paced games. Covers ratios; area of a triangle; percentages; speed; circles. See p.122 for system requirements.

OR

### ☐ **Saxon 6/5 Program** 5MS \$144.00

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Saxon 6/5 Homeschool Kit** 5M04 \$94.00  
Softbound student edition, Tests/Worksheets, Solutions Manual. Third edition.

☐ **Math 6/5 Tests/Worksheets** Consumable 5M041 \$23.10

☐ **DIVE CD Math 6/5** 5M043 \$50.00  
(Windows and Mac; 3rd Edition)

#### Program requires:

☐ **8-Piece Protractor, Compass, Triangle Set** RM68 \$4.25  
See Math 4 for full description.

## Math 6

Ages 11 | 12 | 13

### ☐ **Teaching Textbooks 6th Grade + MathTacular4** T6M \$199.89

☐ **Teaching Textbooks 6th Grade** 6M20 \$149.90  
Teach all topics normally covered in 6th grade: fractions, decimals, percents, graphs, probability, simple geometry, units of measure, equations and more. Students watch video lectures on CD-ROM, do problems in the 623-page workbook Consumable, and enter their answers on your computer-which records their grade automatically. When they need help or review, you've got a printed Answer Key plus audiovisual solutions for every homework and quiz problem on 4 CD-ROMs. For Windows PC and Mac. Learn more on page 111.

☐ **Teaching Textbook Math 6 Workbook** Consumable 6M22 \$39.95

☐ **MathTacular®4: Word Problems (DVD, Workbook & Answer Key)** RM4A \$49.99  
Watch your students' fear of word problems disappear. In this hilarious mystery, Detective Justin and Amber Waves must crack the code of word problems and find a pork-napped pig! Students will learn a simple method to tackle word problems. The accompanying Workbook and Answer Key let kids work alongside the sleuths and gain mastery of word problems. DVD for ages 9-18/grades 4 and up. Workbook for ages 9 and up.

OR

### ☐ **Horizons 6 Program** H6M \$154.94

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Horizons Math 6** 6M30 \$79.95  
The scope for 6 contains geometric construction of angles, triangles, squares and other shapes; exposure to integers; addition and subtraction with 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 digits; addition and subtraction of equations; and more challenging problem solving. Includes Teacher's Handbook.

☐ **Student Workbook 1** Consumable 6M31 \$18.95

☐ **Student Workbook 2** Consumable 6M32 \$18.95

☐ **Reproducible Worksheets** 6M33 \$9.95

☐ **Math 6 Manipulatives Kit** 6M35 \$74.99  
The boxed set of manipulatives for use with the Horizons 6 Math program includes platform scale, compass, pad of graph paper, 2-color plastic counters, thermometer and more. Storage box included. Teachers Handbook gives instructions to make your own manipulatives kit.

OR



## NEED HELP CHOOSING?

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**"Alexandra has a wonderful foundation for learning, with Sonlight's preschool Core,"** writes Erin S of Germany. "Because of this preparation, she was ready for this year's Core A. She started with *Singapore Math's Earlybird* books in her preschool years, which made her ready for *Singapore 1A* her kindergarten year. She also loves working in her *Explode the Code* books. She likes the funny pictures and sentences and has enjoyed learning with these books from the beginning." Alexandra (6) has been studying with Sonlight for three years.

"Using Sonlight allows our older daughter to work more and more independently. Between using Teaching Textbooks for math and the reading assignments, Marissa is able to do the major part of her school work by herself."

*-Becky C, July, 2012*

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**“Homeschooling seemed like it was going to be difficult for someone like me (who isn’t great at math), but with products like Teaching Textbooks, the work is done for me,”** writes Tracy I of Brownsburg, IN. “I had heard about the Teaching Textbooks curriculum through the Sonlight forums and finally decided to give it a try. It’s great hearing what works for other families and sharing tips and ideas. We’re a little different in that we do more than one math program to keep things fun and lively. (Kind of sounds like Sonlight, huh?!)” In her fifth year of Sonlight, Larkin (10), seen here enjoying her TT math lesson, has a full plate with Core E, Science D and E, ARTistic Pursuits and Rosetta Stone® language learning.



**“I’ve already seen the results [of Sonlight] in the high scores achieved on SATs and ACTs,”** writes Suzanne P of Baton Rouge, LA. “By time they get to college, I’m confident that my children will be capable of picking up almost any book on any subject and teaching themselves the material.” Weighing in on her Teaching Textbooks experience, Joy (10) says, “I like the little characters that give me hints; they’re cute!”

☐ **Singapore 6 Program** 6M2US \$99.98  
Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Primary Math 6A** 6MAUS \$41.09  
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and purple, non-consumable pb textbook, Home Instructor’s Guide.

- ☐ **6A Textbook** 6MUS11 \$11.80
- ☐ **6A Workbook** Consumable 6MUS12 \$11.80
- ☐ **6A Home Instructor’s Guide** 6M14 \$17.49

☐ **Primary Math 6B** 6MBUS \$41.09  
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and purple, non-consumable pb textbook, Home Instructor’s Guide.

- ☐ **6B Textbook** 6MUS21 \$11.80
- ☐ **6B Workbook** Consumable 6MUS22 \$11.80
- ☐ **6B Home Instructor’s Guide** 6M24 \$17.49

☐ **Key To Percents® (Grades 4-12)** RM500 \$17.80  
Includes all three consumable workbooks in the series (listed below), plus the non-consumable Answers and Notes volume. All workbooks are consumable.

- ☐ **1: Percent Concepts** RM501 \$3.95
- ☐ **2: Percents and Fractions** RM502 \$3.95
- ☐ **3: Percents and Decimals** RM503 \$3.95
- ☐ **Answers & Notes for Books 1-3** RM505 \$5.95

#### Required Resource

☐ **8-Piece Protractor, Compass, Triangle Set** RM68 \$4.25  
See Math 4 for full description.

#### Recommended Resource

☐ **Wiggle Woods** RM169 \$25.00  
See Singapore Math 5 for full description.

OR

☐ **Saxon 7/6 Program** 6MS \$154.10  
Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Saxon 7/6 Homeschool Kit** 6M04 \$104.10  
Softbound student edition, Tests/Worksheets, Solutions Manual. Fourth edition.

- ☐ **Math 7/6 Tests/Worksheets** Consumable 6M041 \$28.00

☐ **DIVE CD Math 7/6** 6M043 \$50.00  
(Windows and Mac; 4th Edition)

#### Program requires:

☐ **8-Piece Protractor, Compass, Triangle Set** RM68 \$4.25  
See Math 4 for full description.

## Jr. High/Sr. High Math

Ages 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18

## Teaching Textbooks

☐ **7th Grade** 7M20 \$149.90  
More on fractions, percents, decimals, probability and graphs-plus statistics, inequalities, geometry and “real-world” math. 588-page workbook Consumable<sup>1</sup>, answer booklet and 4 CD-ROMs with 115 animated lectures, automatic grading and step-by-step solutions to every homework and quiz problem. For Windows PC and Mac.

☐ **Teaching Textbook Math 7 Textbook and Wkbook** 7M22 \$39.95 Consumable

☐ **Pre-Algebra (7th or 8th grade)** 7M10 \$184.90  
Get ready for algebra with 126 multimedia lessons and nearly 3,000 homework problems. 600-page workbook, answer key/test bank booklet, 3 CD-ROMs with animated lectures and practice problems, and 5 CD-ROMs with audiovisual solutions to every homework and test problem. For Windows and Mac.

☐ **Teaching Textbook Pre-Algebra Textbook and Answer Key** 7M101 \$59.95

☐ **Algebra 1 (9th grade)** 171-10 \$184.90  
Learn basic algebra concepts in 129 multimedia lessons and thousands of homework problems. 654-page workbook, answer key/test bank booklet, 3 CD-ROMs with animated lectures and practice problems, and 5 CD-ROMs with audiovisual solutions to every homework and test problem. For Windows and Mac.

☐ **Teaching Textbook Algebra 1 Textbook and Answer Key** 171-101 \$59.95

☐ **Algebra 2 (10th grade)** 271-10 \$184.90  
Continue mastering new algebra concepts. 753-page workbook, answer key/test bank booklet, 4 CD-ROMs with animated lectures and practice problems, and 7 CD-ROMs with audiovisual solutions to every homework and test problem. For Windows and Mac.

☐ **Teaching Textbook Algebra 2 Textbook and Answer Key** 271-101 \$79.95

☐ **Geometry (11th grade)** 371-11 \$184.90  
Equip students in deeper concepts of geometry. 753-page workbook, answer key/test bank booklet, 4 CD-ROMs with animated lectures and practice problems, and 7 CD-ROMs with audiovisual solutions to every homework and test problem. For Windows and Mac.

☐ **Teaching Textbook Geometry Textbook and Answer Key** 371-111 \$79.95

☐ **Pre-Calculus (12th grade)** 471-20 \$184.90  
High schoolers with a gift or love for math can soar into advanced concepts and get ready for college-level Calculus: 906-page workbook, answer key/test bank booklet, 4 CD-ROMs filled with audiovisual practice problems, and 8 CD-ROMs with audiovisual solutions to every homework and test problem. For Windows and Mac.

☐ **Teaching Textbook Pre-Calculus Textbook and Answer Key** 471-21 \$79.95

<sup>1</sup>. Textbooks are consumable if your student writes in the book. Can be re-used if your student does work on another paper.





## Thinkwell

- ☐ **Calculus Complete** 571-11 \$179.00  
Includes full College Calculus I and II—two full semesters of college coursework; closer to two years of high school math.

## Resources

When your child needs a little extra instruction in a particular topic, check out these useful supplements.

## Key to ...

- ☐ **Key To Algebra®** RM100 \$57.35  
Includes all ten consumable workbooks in the series (listed below), plus the three Non-Consumable Answers and Notes volumes. All workbooks are consumable, Grades: 5-12

- ☐ **1: Operations on Integers** RM101 \$3.95
- ☐ **2: Variables, Terms, and Expressions** RM102 \$3.95
- ☐ **3: Equations** RM103 \$3.95
- ☐ **4: Polynomials** RM104 \$3.95
- ☐ **5: Rational Numbers** RM105 \$3.95
- ☐ **6: Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions** RM106 \$3.95
- ☐ **7: Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions** RM107 \$3.95
- ☐ **8: Graphs** RM108 \$3.95
- ☐ **9: Systems of Equations** RM109 \$3.95
- ☐ **10: Square Roots and Quadratic Equations** RM110 \$3.95
- ☐ **Answers and Notes for Books 1-4** RM111 \$5.95
- ☐ **Answers and Notes for Books 5-7** RM112 \$5.95
- ☐ **Answers and Notes for Books 8-10** RM113 \$5.95
- ☐ **Workbooks 1-10 only** RM10X \$39.50

- ☐ **Key To Measurements®** RM600 \$21.75  
For the English/imperial system of measurement. Students learn how the measuring systems work and do engaging activities related to the various measurements. Includes all four consumable workbooks in the series (listed below), plus the Non-Consumable Answers and Notes volume. All workbooks are consumable, Grades: 5-12

- ☐ **1: English Units of Length** RM601 \$3.95
- ☐ **2: Measuring Length & Perimeter** RM602 \$3.95
- ☐ **3: Finding Area & Volume** RM603 \$3.95
- ☐ **4: English Units for Weight, Capacity, Temperature, & Time** RM604 \$3.95
- ☐ **Answers & Notes for Books 1-4** RM605 \$5.95
- ☐ **Workbooks 1-4 only** RM60X \$15.80

- ☐ **Key To Fractions®** RM300 \$21.75  
Includes all four consumable workbooks in the series (listed below), plus the Non-Consumable Answers and Notes volume. All workbooks are consumable, Grades: 4-12

- ☐ **1: Fraction Concepts** RM301 \$3.95
- ☐ **2: Multiplying and Dividing** RM302 \$3.95

- ☐ **3: Adding and Subtracting** RM303 \$3.95
- ☐ **4: Mixed Numbers** RM304 \$3.95
- ☐ **Answers and Notes for Books 1-4** RM305 \$5.95
- ☐ **Workbooks 1-4 only** RM30X \$15.80

- ☐ **Key To Decimals®** RM400 \$21.75  
Includes all four consumable workbooks in the series (listed below), plus the Non-Consumable Answers and Notes volume. All workbooks are consumable, Grades: 4-12

- ☐ **1: Decimal Concepts** RM401 \$3.95
- ☐ **2: Adding, Subtracting, and Multiplying** RM402 \$3.95
- ☐ **3: Dividing** RM403 \$3.95
- ☐ **4: Using Decimals** RM404 \$3.95
- ☐ **Answers & Notes for Books 1-4** RM405 \$5.95
- ☐ **Workbooks 1-4 only** RM40X \$15.80

- ☐ **Key To Percents®** RM500 \$17.80  
Includes all three consumable workbooks in the series (listed below), plus the Non-Consumable Answers and Notes volume. All workbooks are consumable, Grades: 4-12

- ☐ **1: Percent Concepts** RM501 \$3.95
- ☐ **2: Percents and Fractions** RM502 \$3.95
- ☐ **3: Percents and Decimals** RM503 \$3.95
- ☐ **Answers & Notes for Books 1-3** RM505 \$5.95
- ☐ **Workbooks 1-3 only** RM50X \$11.85

## Singapore Math® (see p.112)

### Supplements

Singaporean students succeed in math not only because of the great curriculum they have to work with, but because of the practice problems they do outside the base curriculum.

We carry the following materials (US Editions) to permit you to acquire the same “extra” practice.

### Primary Mathematics Intensive Practice

These exercises provide a wide variety of questions to enhance the concepts covered in Singapore Primary Math. The problems are generally presented in an interesting format that does not repeat the course material but rather extends the student's understanding of the concepts. “Take the Challenge” sections contain “thinking-skills” or non-routine problems designed to enhance the students problem solving abilities. Consumable

- ☐ **Primary Math Intensive 1A** RM182 \$10.80
- ☐ **Primary Math Intensive 1B** RM183 \$10.80
- ☐ **Primary Math Intensive 2A** RM184 \$10.80
- ☐ **Primary Math Intensive 2B** RM185 \$10.80
- ☐ **Primary Math Intensive 3A** RM186 \$10.80
- ☐ **Primary Math Intensive 3B** RM187 \$10.80
- ☐ **Primary Math Intensive 4A** RM188 \$10.80
- ☐ **Primary Math Intensive 4B** RM189 \$10.80
- ☐ **Primary Math Intensive 5A** RM190 \$10.80
- ☐ **Primary Math Intensive 5B** RM191 \$10.80
- ☐ **Primary Math Intensive 6A** RM192 \$10.80
- ☐ **Primary Math Intensive 6B** RM193 \$10.80

Additional products available at [sonlight.com/singapore-grade-overview.html](http://sonlight.com/singapore-grade-overview.html).

### Manipulatives

Complete descriptions available online.

- ☐ **Mini Plastic Balance K-2** MM10 \$10.99
- ☐ **Base 10 Starter Set K-3** MM12 \$39.99
- ☐ **Gram Scale 2-6** SS595I \$8.99
- ☐ **Angle Ruler 2-6** MM05 \$4.49
- ☐ **Hundreds Board Set K-5** RM06 \$2.20
- ☐ **Multi-link Cubes K-3** MM04 \$14.95
- ☐ **Bingo Markers K-5** KL081 \$1.75

- ☐ **Handbook for Singapore Math Teachers** RM170 \$35.00  
Want to learn the “method behind the madness,” the “secrets” to how and why Singapore Math is taught as it is? This is your book. Written by math teachers from Singapore, it is a general handbook for all elementary (i.e., “Primary”) levels. Filled with teaching tips, relevant examples, lesson plans, ideas for enrichment activities; heuristics (methods or processes) for problem-solving. Discusses assessing students’ progress and the use of information technology in math education. Oversize spiral bound. Please see [sonlight.com/RM170.html](http://sonlight.com/RM170.html) for further information and samples.

### Singapore Math Answer Keys for levels 1-6

- ☐ **SM Answer Key Only, Levels 1-3** RM180 \$10.80
- ☐ **SM Answer Key Only, Levels 4-6** RM181 \$10.80



**“We love how Teaching Textbooks turns Math into a positive learning experience,”** writes Jennifer W of Richardson, TX. “‘Why are you doing Math?’ ‘Lukas is asked by his sister. ‘Because I want to!’ came the reply. It may seem odd that he would want to work on on a summer day, but not really, when you understand how much he loves Math. Here, he’s finishing up Teaching Textbooks’ Pre-Algebra program so he can start Algebra I when summer break is over. He enjoys the animations that come along with his lessons, giving clues and hints as he works on new material after listening to a lecture. He also loves to check his scores with the automatic grading feature.” Luke (11) and sister Vashti (13) are studying Cores H in their seventh Sonlight year.





## Singapore Math® CD-ROMs

These interactive CDs provide interesting, challenging, and fun-filled activities that reinforce students' understanding of mathematical concepts and help develop mathematical skills. Guided explorations, word problems, clear explanations and immediate feedback all combine to maximize the learning opportunity. Windows 95/98/ME/XP/Vista/7. **Requires 32-Bit machine. Not compatible with Mac computers.** To maximize the experience, your computer should have a Windows-compatible sound card. **CDs cannot be returned for a refund if they have been opened.**

- ☐ Rainbow Rock** RM167 \$25.00  
 Bronze medal-winner in the Educational and Computer Science category of an international interactive multimedia competition. Covers the subject matter of Primary Math 1A through 2B in exciting activities and two fast-paced games on CD-ROM. Covers counting; mental calculation; addition, subtraction, multiplication, division; using fractions; shape and pattern recognition; spatial visualization; and solving word problems.
- ☐ Vroot and Vroom** RM168 \$25.00  
 Covers the subject matter of Primary Math 3A through 4B in exciting activities and two fast-paced games on CD-ROM. Covers angles; area and perimeter; fractions; graphs; problem solving; solid figures; symmetry.
- ☐ Wiggle Woods** RM169 \$25.00  
 Terrible name, I know, but this CD-ROM does cover the subject matter of Primary Math 5A through 6B by means of exciting activities and two fast-paced games. Covers ratios; area of a triangle; percentages; speed; circles.



**"Core A was truly a survey of world cultures and history. My kids often talked about different times and had pretend play that mimicked what they were learning about,"** writes Alyssa P of Bethel, AK. "I am very glad that we chose Sonlight since it is very complete and well organized. We are in the first few weeks of Core B now and Core P4/5 for the second time. Thank you Sonlight for making my job a little easier." While studying the medieval time period last year in Core A, Alyssa thought it'd be fun to make a castle cake. Adeline (5) and Andrew (3) were adamant that it needed a moat, flags and a drawbridge. Here, they happily apply (and eat) the frosting.

## Horizon

- ☐ Manipulatives "Filler" Kit for Horizons Math 1-3** RM40 \$59.99  
*Money-Saving Tip:* If you already have the Horizons Math K kit (KM35), simply add this set. You'll have everything you'd get in our Horizons Math 1-3 kit (RM35 above), without having to buy several duplicate items. | 📦

## Miquon

- ☐ Annotated Lab Notes (Teacher's Guide)** RM02 \$17.95  
 Though you can get significant value from the workbooks on their own, the Lab Notes offer specific and helpful instructions, suggestions, and anecdotes for each and every page. A great value. Provides helps for all the Miquon workbooks.
- ☐ First Year Program (First/Second Grade)** 1MM \$33.85  
 Includes the Orange and Red Workbooks 1M03 and 1M04, plus the *Annotated Lab Notes* RM02. **Requires Cuisenaire Rods** 4M05.
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  - ☐ **Red Level Workbook** 1M04 \$7.95
- ☐ Second Year Program (Second/Third Grade)** 2MM \$15.90  
 Includes the Blue and Green Workbooks. Normal prerequisite to using 2MM: 1MM. **Requires Cuisenaire Rods** 4M05.
  - ☐ **Blue Level Workbook** 2M02 \$7.95
  - ☐ **Green Level Workbook** 2M03 \$7.95
- ☐ Third Year Program (Third/Fourth Grade)** 3MM \$15.90  
 Includes the Yellow and Purple Workbooks. Normal prerequisite to using 3MM: 2MM. You need not do 1MM, but you should do 2MM. Make sure you purchase the *Annotated Lab Notes*. **Requires Cuisenaire Rods** 4M05. Also purchase *Annotated Lab Notes* RM02 if you don't already own it.
  - ☐ **Yellow Level Workbook** 3M03 \$7.95
  - ☐ **Purple Level Workbook** 3M04 \$7.95
- ☐ Cuisenaire Rods** 4M05 \$11.99  
 See below for full description.

## General

- ☐ Cuisenaire Rods** 4M05 \$11.99  
 Seventy-four rectangular plastic rods that vary from one unit (a cube) to ten units in length. Each length comes in a specific color (the one-unit length is always white; the two-unit length, red; etc.). By manipulating the rods, children are able to "see," in a neutral, physical form, what happens on the theoretical level when they add, subtract, multiply and divide. Useful to teach place value and general numerics-or just playing around! We use ours a lot.

- ☐ Time for Friends** RM31 \$9.99  
 Holzmamm. Frog wakes up to a beautiful day. He wants to share it with friends, but ... where have they gone? Follow the clocks as Frog learns that, although his day doesn't go as planned, unexpected surprises can bring great joy. Charmingly illustrated introduction to teaching kids about time. | Hb | @ P-3 | 📦 3-5

- ☐ Wooden Pattern Blocks and Boards** RR57 \$14.99  
 Colorful and sturdy, these 120 wooden shapes fit together in limitless design possibilities. Use the 10 different patterned boards included or let your children "free play" as they practice shapes, colors and spatial relationships. | Ages: 3-6

- ☐ Math on Call** RR801 \$29.49  
 This extraordinary reference is the perfect aid for any parent who wants assistance helping her child with math homework. Math on Call covers a wide range of topics from number theory to fractions to algebra to geometry, all in an easy to understand, highly illustrated format. | Pb.

- ☐ 8-Piece Protractor, Compass, Triangle Set** RM68 \$4.25  
 Tools you'll find useful in all upper-level math programs. Includes protractor, compass, two triangles, straight-edge, pencil, eraser, and sharpener all in a convenient plastic case.

## Audio Memory® Materials

If your child is struggling with his or her math facts, you can hardly ask for a more "patient" teacher. Easy sing-along echo songs drill what you need to know. Vocalists' diction is extremely clear.

- ☐ Addition Songs (CD)** RM65 \$12.95  
 Learn counting 1 to 20 and all the addition facts from 1+1 to 9+9. Includes a reproducible songbook/workbook.
- ☐ Subtraction Songs (CD)** RM66 \$12.95  
 Learn all the subtraction facts from 1-1=0 to 20-12=8. Easy sing-along echo songs plus a reproducible songbook/workbook.
- ☐ Multiplication Songs (CD)** RM67 \$12.95  
 Learn the multiplication tables from 2x2 through 12x12.

**"Since we got MathTacular, my girls have really been into math!"**  
*- rcmom, Feb. 2011*

**"We've been using the FlashMaster almost every day for more than two years now and it's greatly helping with learning math facts."**  
*- Jt/srj, Sept. 2012*





## Your children can understand and enjoy numbers like never before.

### Who would guess learning math could be this much fun?!

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*MathTacular®* can be a great teaching help for the ages/grades shown here, and a fun "refresher" for older students. Founded in concrete skills, enriched with creativity, and splashed with humor, *MathTacular®* could become your children's favorite math supplement.

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*- Vicktoria M, June 2012*

"My children watch MathTacular after school. [We often] find neighbor children huddled around laughing and enjoying Justin as he explains a math concept."

*- Geoffrey B, Aug. 2011*

#### ☐ MathTacular® RM32 \$24.99



In nearly 100 fun real-life examples, Justin demonstrates addition, subtraction, ordinal numbers, mass, fractions, measuring and more. For ages 4-7/grades PreK-2. DVD video (about 4 hours) includes printable PDF helps. Included in Sonlight® Kindergarten Multi-Subject Package.

#### ☐ MathTacular®2 RM33 \$17.49



Students review addition and subtraction facts from the original *MathTacular®*, and discover new tricks to help them memorize. Justin's clear, funny real-world scenarios help teach over 20 concepts: money, time, place value, area, statistics, perimeter, graphs, estimating, basic geometry and more. For ages 7-10/grades 2-4. DVD video, about 2 hours. Included in Sonlight® Grade 2 Multi-Subject Package.

#### ☐ MathTacular®3 RM37 \$24.99



Start with a review of multiplication and division facts from *MathTacular2*, then watch Justin and friends take the mystery out of more than 50 new concepts, including: prime numbers, factors, angles, coordinate planes, time zones, conversion, long division and lots more! For ages 8-11/grades 3-5. DVD video (about 4 hours). Included in Sonlight® Grade 4 Multi-Subject Package.

#### ☐ MathTacular®4: Word Problems (DVD, Workbook & Answer Key)

RM4A \$49.99



Watch your students' fear of word problems disappear. In this hilarious mystery, Detective Justin and Amber Waves must crack the code of word problems and find a pork-napped pig!

Students will learn a simple method to tackle word problems. The accompanying Workbook and Answer Key let kids work alongside the sleuths and gain mastery of word problems. DVD for ages 9-18/grades 4 and up. Workbook for grade 6 and up.

#### ☐ MathTacular4: Word Problems (DVD only)

RM41 \$24.99

#### ☐ MathTacular4 Workbook

RM42 \$14.99

#### ☐ MathTacular4 Answer Key

RM43 \$12.99

#### ☐ MathTacular® Bundle (1-4)

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## FlashMaster: the fun way to master math facts!



With *FlashMaster*, a hand-held electronic device, math facts become gripping games. One mom wrote, "When we received the *FlashMaster*, our 6-year-old daughter, who was very reluctant to practice her math facts, transformed into an eager learner."

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Another wrote, "I cringed at spending \$50 for a 'flashcard' machine, but after having used it with

my kids, I think I'm going to have to buy another to keep them from fighting over it!"

You'll never have to use flashcards to drill reluctant children again. Even if they still don't love math facts, you'll all appreciate how much more effective and independent it is compared to regular flashcards. *FlashMaster* replaces flashcards, timed practice and timed tests. It includes:

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- Subtraction: 0-0=0 through 18-9=9
- Multiplication: 0x0=0 through 12x12=144
- Division: 0÷1=0 through 144÷12=12
- Nine levels of difficulty
- Time limits-per activity or per problem
- Choice of format: 1+2=?, 1+?=3 and ?+2=3
- Option to focus on specific sets of problems (including ones your kids miss the most)
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If your children have ever struggled to learn math facts or lacked motivation to practice their tables, then *FlashMaster* is precisely what you need. (Batteries included.)

#### ☐ FlashMaster®

RM25 \$59.95

(ages 6 & up)

"My 9-year-olds are fluent in +, -, × and ÷ through 12s and they love the drill time."

*- M&C Momma, Aug. 2011*

\*Note: Due to import restrictions, we cannot ship FlashMaster to some countries. Go to [sonlight.com/RM25](http://sonlight.com/RM25) for details.





**“[This is] Aaron, caught in the act of getting into the new Sonlight books before I could organize them and put them down lower for his use,”** writes Lisa B of Appleton, WI. “After Box Day and letting the boys look through the books for a few days, I put the new books on the highest shelf of our bookcase until I could get myself ready for school. But the science books kept mysteriously disappearing. Aaron was getting up to the top shelf and helping himself – he just couldn’t wait for school to start to read his science books. Sonlight has certainly inspired a love of learning in our house!” Here, 6-year-old Aaron smiles for the camera as he is caught red-handed with *Animals* from Science B. He’s in his fourth year of Sonlight.



**“Before I heard of Sonlight I was piecing my own curriculum together of the same literature-based ideals, thinking I was pioneering some kind of educational frontier,”** writes Amy M of Olivehurst, CA. “I was sure that was the way I wanted my children to learn, but at the same time, I wished for some guidance and help. When a friend suggested I look into your curriculum I discovered that I was not the only one with this type of educational vision. I was so relieved and excited that I bought the preschool curriculum right away. My kids and I devoured it! I am so thankful and blessed to have you as a resource, Sonlight!” Here, William (4) and Israel (5) enjoy a Sonlight favorite incognito. They’re using Core A in their second year of Sonlight.

## EXPAND YOUR CHILDREN’S HORIZONS. HELP THEM EXPLORE THEIR GIFTS

So you’ve picked out your Core, Language Arts, Handwriting, Math and Science? Great! That’s all you really need to do with your kids to start.

But when you’re ready for some extra enrichment, don’t miss Sonlight’s exciting options for Electives. Consider ...

### Three Reasons to Use Electives

#### 1 Electives broaden children’s horizons

Art, music, foreign language, PE and practical life skills all help kids understand more about the world and themselves. In other words, electives help create well-rounded students. Once you get to high school, know that colleges expect to see some electives on your kids’ transcripts—particularly foreign language and some exposure to the fine arts.

#### 2 Electives help kids discover their gifts

Even if you are not musical, artistic or gifted in languages, you might have a child who is. You won’t know until you give them a chance to explore these areas and see where they shine. Maybe you have a budding artist in the house, just waiting for a chance to discover it.

#### 3 Electives are fun

From silly art projects to fun music CDs, electives let you step back from the regular routine of school and just enjoy your unique children.



### Electives Packages

Make it easy on yourself and give your children a carefully-selected, broad range of Electives experiences. Choose the pre-assembled Electives Package that matches the Core each child is studying this year.

☐ **Electives A** ARE \$53.85  
Includes *Animals in Art* (p. 127), *Enjoying Art with Children* (p. 127) and *Home School Family Fitness* (p. 129). | Recommended in Core A (ages 5-7).

☐ **Electives B** BRE \$45.39  
Includes *Exploring Landscape Art with Children* (p. 127), *World of Play* (p. 127) and *Bernstein Favorites: Children Classics* (p. 128). | Recommended in Core B (ages 6-8).

☐ **Electives C** CRE \$85.88  
Includes *How Artists See Feelings* (p. 127), *How Artists See the Elements* (p. 127) and *Classical Kids Collection* (p. 128). | Recommended in Core C (ages 7-9).

☐ **Electives D** DRE \$59.93  
Includes *Usborne: Children’s Book of Art* (p. 127), *Story of Orchestra* (p. 128) and *Critical Thinking Activities K-3* (p. 130). | Recommended in Core D (ages 8-11).

☐ **Electives E** ERE \$40.90  
Includes *Mark Kistler’s Draw Squad* (p. 127), *Recorder* (p. 129) and *Nine Note Recorder Method* (p. 129). | Recommended in Core E (ages 9-12).

☐ **Electives F** FRE \$66.47  
Includes *Typing Instructor Platinum* (p. 130), *Classics for Kids CD* (p. 128) and *Critical Thinking Activities 4-6* (p. 130). | Recommended in Core F (ages 10-13).

☐ **Electives G** GRE \$101.93  
Includes *ARTistic Pursuits Grades 4-6 Book 1* (p. 126), *Art Supplies Kit For Grades 4-6* (p. 126), *Classical Music Start Up, Vol 1* (p. 128). | Recommended in Core G (ages 11-13).

☐ **Electives H** HRE \$26.98  
Includes *Classical Music Start Up, Vol 2* (p. 128) and *Usborne Intro to Art* (p. 127). | Recommended in Core H (ages 12-14).

☐ **Electives W** WRE \$35.97  
Includes *Classical Music Start Up, Vol 1 and 2* (p. 128) and *Usborne Intro to Art* (p. 127). | Recommended in Core W (ages 12-13).

☐ **Electives 100** 100E \$61.95  
Includes *Fallacy Detective* (p. 130) and *The Story of Art* (p. 127). | Recommended in Core 100 and 200 (ages 12-18).

☐ **Electives 200** 200E \$61.95  
Includes *The Story of Art* (p. 127) and *The Thinking Toolbox* (p. 130). | Recommended in Core 100 and 200 (ages 12-18).

☐ **Electives 300** 300E \$356.99  
Includes *Drivers Ed in a Box* (p. 130) and *Non-Designer’s Design Book* (p. 127). | Recommended in Core 300 (ages 15-18).

☐ **Electives 400** 400E \$223.99  
Includes *Understanding the Times: Homeschool Edition* (p. 130) and *Secrets of Great Communicators* (p. 129). | Recommended in Core 400 (ages 16-18).



## SAVE BIG

when you purchase a complete  
Multi-Subject Package.

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## Foreign Language

Many colleges require applicants to complete two years of foreign language study at the high school level. College aside, learning a language is great mental and intellectual exercise.



Studies prove: Children who learn two languages become more flexible and creative. They improve their overall ability to learn (even in math). Students also build strong communication skills that can pay off big when they reach the job market.

These benefits all increase with starting early, too! That's why Sonlight strongly recommends that your students learn a foreign language, and begin by 6th grade, at least.

### Rosetta Stone® Version 3

More than any other foreign language computer program we've tested, Rosetta Stone "hooks" students so they want to keep learning on their own. The "immersion" approach is natural, even fun—almost addicting.

Imagine yourself in a foreign country, trying to figure out ... everything. Rosetta Stone mimics that experience—except the people are unbelievably patient! They keep repeating simple words (and clues) until you're sure you know what they are saying.

Students dive right into practical everyday words and phrases. Vocabulary and grammar just "sink in" while they develop every major language skill: listening, speaking, reading, and writing in a new language.

### Clues lock new words into your memory

When you begin, photos appear on your computer screen and you hear the voice of a native speaker of the language. Your job—figure out which photo the speaker is referring to, and click on it. At first you may need to guess, but each new set of words and images holds clues that help you make more correct clicks.

As you compete against yourself, clues begin to lock new words into your memory. When the short lesson ends, your computer reports that you got, say, 93 right answers and 7 wrong. Not bad! You're encouraged and think,

"Hey, this is pretty easy! Could I go faster or be more accurate? I'd bet I can do both!"

### Don't learn to translate—learn to truly understand

Rosetta Stone never teaches you to relate a word in one language to a word in the other. Instead, you see—and understand—what the speaker is saying.

Along the way come Milestones, engaging "simulations" of real-life conversation. After each, the program tailors review to reinforce strengths and patiently train problem areas.

Practice speaking and writing, too! Type what you hear, and the program checks your work—then alerts you to mistakes and lets you correct them. Through the headset mic (included), the program analyzes and compares your speech to native voices. Away from your computer, use the Audio Companion CD to practice almost anywhere.

### How to choose your language

Consider a language you can use informally, with people you meet who speak it fluently. In North America, you might choose Latin American Spanish ... unless you live in or near eastern Canada, where many people speak French.

For academic or graduate-level studies, however, German is very important. On the other hand ... if your children show strong interest in a particular language, why not help them learn it? Motivation counts for much more than any practical benefit.

### Guaranteed: you will succeed.

While your students enjoy the learning "play," you can track and review achievements, print out progress records, create custom exercises and quizzes, and more. A robust Student Management System walks you through every step.

Do you need help to engage "less than enthusiastic" students? With loads of auditory, visual, numeric and chronological feedback, Rosetta Stone gently guides them to success at every turn. In fact ...

Rosetta Stone makes this 6-month unconditional money-back guarantee: if your children don't succeed; if they (or you) don't like the program—for any reason—return it within six months from your purchase date, and Sonlight will refund your entire purchase price, with no questions asked.

### Rosetta Stone programs include:

- ✓ Program Version 3 and Student Management System on CD-ROM (Windows 2000, XP or Vista; Mac OS X 10.4 or later; for complete computer system requirements visit our website at the address below)
- ✓ Language CD-ROM disc(s), one per level
- ✓ Headset (USB) with built-in microphone
- ✓ Audio Companion CD (Version 3 only)
- ✓ Student's Guide
- ✓ Parent's Guide
- ✓ FREE unlimited support by phone, email, and on the internet!
- ✓ FREE standard shipping from Sonlight to lower 48 U.S. states (see page 156 for details)

### Rosetta Stone® Version 3 for Homeschool

#### □ Level 1

Greetings, colors, numbers, family relations, time of day, adjectives, prepositions, definite/indefinite articles, singular/plural nouns, and more.

□ Latin American Spanish	RL11A	\$159.00
□ French	RL21A	\$159.00
□ German	RL31A	\$159.00

For these levels, see [sonlight.com/rosetta-stone.html](http://sonlight.com/rosetta-stone.html).

□ Level 2	\$159.00
□ Level 3	\$159.00
□ Levels 1+2	\$279.00

□ Level 1-3 \$379.00  
These packages include the entire programs for Levels 1, 2, and 3.

□ Latin American Spanish	RL10A	\$379.00
□ French	RL20A	\$379.00
□ German	RL30A	\$379.00

□ Level 1-5 \$479.00  
These packages include the entire programs for Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

□ Latin American Spanish	RL100	\$479.00
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*Choose from 25 of the world's most commonly spoken languages. For a complete listing, "live" demonstration, and much more—visit Sonlight on the web at: [sonlight.com/rosetta-stone.html](http://sonlight.com/rosetta-stone.html).*

Some languages may take an additional 7-10 business days to ship. **Please note:** due to restrictions by the publisher, Rosetta Stone® materials do not qualify for Sonlight discounts.

### The LATIN Road to English Grammar

If you've decided to study Latin, we recommend *The LATIN Road to English Grammar*. One of the most important reasons: it was designed to be used at home by homeschooling parents.



**"We started homeschooling in the 5th grade and have always used Sonlight. Tyler went from moaning about reading to actually reading books just for pleasure,"** writes Elizabeth R of Soddy Daisy, TN. "His twin sisters, Sara and Kayla, were luckier; they only went to public school for kindergarten. They got to start on the earlier Cores. Sometimes Tyler couldn't help sitting in on some of their Sonlight books, as well. He would complain about how he hadn't been able to read those books. Here, Tyler gets comfortable for Rosetta Stone® Spanish. I'm not sure he could do this at a public school." Tyler (15) has been studying with Sonlight for six years.



Furthermore, the program is designed so you can simply pick it up and do it with virtually no preparation. The whole schedule is laid out for you and the teacher's instructions are exceptionally easy to follow.

All the key resources you need are in the package: a pronunciation audio CD, instructional/practice flashcards, student textbook, loose-leaf teacher's guide/answer key with binder, and a set of tests. These resources are intended for the teacher.

Three things you are expected to provide: paper, 10 tabbed dividers, and a binder for your student's work-all included in complete Program RL57.

*The LATIN Road to English Grammar* teaches Latin the same way that a good phonics program teaches English. It begins with the very basics and moves outward and upward from there.

Rather than learning how to "parrot" what you happen to hear as in other programs, you and your children will be truly learning the language.

Most traditional Latin texts emphasize Roman culture, including its gods and goddesses in their readings and sample sentences. *The LATIN Road* readings have to do with Roman history and biblical themes. Practice sentences do not dishonor the God of the Bible by glorifying the gods and goddesses of pagan Rome.

#### A few details

- *The LATIN Road to English Grammar* will require about 40 to 45 minutes per day of concentrated time if you hope to complete one



**"The free shipping, money-back [Love to Learn] Guarantee, 10% discount and free forum access [with Core or Multi-Subject Package purchase] are great bonuses of one-stop Sonlight shopping!"** says Tia J of Selah, WA. "I love that I can order our extracurricular items, as well as our Core programs, from Sonlight. It's so nice that I don't have to spend time searching around for quality items." Here, Josie (13) shows off her new art supplies. She'll use Core W in her fourth Sonlight year. Siblings Isaac (7), Nathan (15) and Jordyn (19) are also Sonlight students.

volume in a single school year. Anything less than about 15 minutes per day is too little to permit reasonable progress. Significant parental involvement required.

- The publisher does not recommend this program for use by students younger than advanced 5th or average 6th grade, due to the formal grammar.
- By the time you have completed Volume III, you will have finished well over two years' worth of high school Latin.

For further information about why you might want to study Latin, please see our article, "Latin? You've got to be kidding!" at: [sonlight.com/whylatin.html](http://sonlight.com/whylatin.html).

**Volume I Complete Program** RL57 \$159.00  
Includes a pronunciation CD, instructional/practice flashcards, teacher's guide with three-ring binder, index tabs, and textbook with consumable worksheets and tests.

#### Recommended Student Supplies

- ☐ **Volume 1 Textbook** RL57T \$39.95
- ☐ **Volume 1 Extra Worksheets and Tests Only** RL57W \$17.95

#### Additional Resource

- ☐ **Teacher Training (DVD)** RL57DVD \$95.00

**Volume II and Volume III available online:** [sonlight.com/latinroad.html](http://sonlight.com/latinroad.html).



#### ARTistic Pursuits

Your children will jump right in to the creative process with this fun, easy-to-use complete art curriculum. They'll develop foundational art skills and create beautiful works of art in a variety of mediums. Designed specifically for homeschoolers, Artistic Pursuits incorporates art history right into the fun lessons.

Each book contains between 32 and 64 hands-on projects. We've done the prep-work for you and assembled art supplies kits with everything for book 1 of each level. You'll have whatever the book calls for—from soft pastel chalks to black graphic pens and quality sketch pads!

**ARTistic Pursuits Grades K-3 Book 1** RA40 \$47.95

Ellis. Third Edition. Delight young students and capture their imaginations as they get to know many fundamental principles of visual art. Features sharper images, 32 lessons, plus 17 small-yet-gorgeous fine art prints. Need supplies? Add the kit below and have everything you need. Spiral-bound. | Pb.

☐ **Grades K-3 Book 2** RA41 \$47.95

☐ **Grades K-3 Book 3** RA42 \$47.95

☐ **Art Supplies Kit for Grades K-3**

RA45 \$97.99



With this supply kit, your young artists are ready for every lesson in ARTistic Pursuits, Grades K-3 (above). Includes a roomy drawstring backpack plus all this:

ebony pencil, vinyl eraser, soft pastel chalks, pastel oil crayons, watercolor crayons, watercolor brush, watercolor paper (9" x 12"), sketch pad (9" x 12"), construction paper and art tissue (assorted colors), children's scissors, self-hardening clay (4 lbs.). For use with Book 1.

☐ **ARTistic Pursuits Grades 4-6 Book 1**

RA50 \$47.95

Ellis. Third Edition. Students discover their own creative strengths in art. Introduce them to sixteen elements of art and composition through progressive lessons with 64 hands-on projects. Includes masterpiece pictures, expanded art history section, special projects, and more. Excellent help for young ones as they learn to work independently. Start drawing at once with the supply kit below—includes all the items you need. Spiral-bound. Pb.

☐ **Grades 4-6 Book 2**

RA51 \$47.95

☐ **Art Supplies Kit for Grades 4-6**

RA55 \$44.99

All the tools your children need for ARTistic Pursuits, Grades 4-6 (above). Includes a deep drawstring backpack plus: two ebony pencils, vinyl eraser, metal pencil sharpener, two black graphic pens (1mm, 2mm), white colored pencil, heavy black construction paper, sketch pad (9" x 12"), and "scratch" art paper. For use with Book 1.



☐ **ARTistic Pursuits Junior High Book 1**

RA60 \$47.95

Ellis. Third Edition. Get your middle schooler involved in the creative process while they refine observation skills. 16 lessons with 64 more practice projects. Includes well-reproduced images (including many works by European masters), expanded World art history section, special projects and more. Don't forget supplies; stock up on everything you need with the kit below. Spiral-bound. | Pb.

☐ **Junior High Book 2**

RA61 \$47.95

☐ **Art Supplies Kit for Junior High**

RA65 \$65.99

Every artistic tool called for in ARTistic Pursuits, Junior High (above). Includes a tough vinyl drawstring backpack plus: four drawing pencils (Hb., 4B), vinyl eraser, metal pencil sharpener, "sandpaddle" sharpener, watercolor brush, pen holder with two nibs (Imperial #101), waterproof black ink, two pads of 9" x 12" paper, and 32 feet of 16-gauge wire. For use with Book 1.



☐ **ARTistic Pursuits Senior High Book 1**

RA70 \$47.95

Ellis. Third Edition. Older art students develop new composition skills and practice ever-stronger basics. Sixteen lessons, with a total of 64 projects, teach them





how to look at fine art and explore new subjects and techniques. Includes quality images of master artworks, expanded European art history section, special projects and more. Spiral-bound. | Pb.

☐ **Senior High Book 2** RA71 \$47.95

☐ **Art Supplies Kit for Senior High** RA75 \$63.99

Every artistic tool called for in ARTistic Pursuits, Senior High. Includes: six drawing pencils (2 each Hb., 4B, 2H), vinyl eraser, metal pencil sharpener, blending stamps, kneaded eraser, sketch pad and charcoal paper pad (both 9" x 12"), charcoal sticks (several each, regular and "jumbo"), plus a spacious nylon drawstring backpack to carry it all. For use with Book 1.

☐ **P3/4 Art Supplies** TRE \$16.73

Develop motor skills and creativity with child scissors, 100 pages of construction paper in a rainbow of colors, and an 8-pack of non-toxic, Colorix 3-in-1 pastel/watercolor/crayons.

☐ **Colorix** RA036 \$21.99

To call them "crayons" is like calling the Mona Lisa a mere painting. These 24 clean, plastic-cased color sticks twist up and glide like lipstick, mix like watercolors (brush included), and blend like fine pastels. Professional artists love them as much as 2-year-olds. Creative. | Ages: 5-A

☐ **Do You Doodle?** RR58 \$12.95

Catlow. Let your children express their own imaginations to complete over 200 whimsical drawings. Simple and fun, no real art skills required! Excellent way to nurture your students' self-awareness and confidence. Big pages (8.25" x 11.5") leave plenty of room for doodles. | Pb. | Consumable

☐ **Mark Kistler's Draw Squad** RR74 \$20.00

Kistler. A humorous skill-building exercise book composed of 30 carefully sequenced, developmental lessons. Teaches "Ten Key Words of Drawing" and demonstrates how they create the illusion of three-dimensionality. The ten words? Foreshortening, shading, surface, size, contour lines, density, shadow, attitude, ... and daily application. Highly recommended for Grade 3 through adult. | Oversize Pb. | Recommended in Core D+E and E.

☐ **The Non-Designer's Design Book** RR100 \$29.99

Williams. Non-threatening yet thorough mini-course in "design and typographic principles for the visual novice." Poignant before-and-after examples illustrate how to improve the appearance and overall impression of text and graphics presented on a page. The perfect fast-start for those who want their layouts to look more professional and interesting. A book you'll value and refer to for years to come. | Pb. | 7-A Recommended in Core 300.



## Art Appreciation

### Come Look with Me series

Blizzard. Perfect for early elementary students. Full-page, full-color reprints of famous paintings are

accompanied by brief historical and biographical commentaries about the paintings and artists, plus thoughtful questions that engage young people in thinking about the works. | Four oversize Hb. vols. | illus. | @ K-A | 3-A

☐ **Animals in Art** RA098 \$16.95

Recommended in Core A

☐ **Enjoying Art with Children** RA099 \$16.95

Recommended in Core A

☐ **Exploring Landscape Art with Children** RA101 \$16.95

Recommended in Core B

☐ **World of Play** RA102 \$15.95

Recommended in Core B

### How Artists See series

Carroll. 16 works of art in each volume to demonstrate how different artists may uniquely represent four threads within each title's stated theme. Author's comments include general introductions and guide students to explore-physically and mentally-the unique relationships between art and the real world. | Oversize Hb. | illus. | @ K-A | 3-A

☐ **How Artists See the Elements** RA203 \$12.95

Recommended in Core B+C and C.

☐ **How Artists See Feelings** RA204 \$12.95

Recommended in Core B+C and C.

☐ **Michelangelo** CH11 \$6.99  
Stanley. Story of Michelangelo. With large, full-color illustrations of his paintings and sculptures. Part of the Core C program. | Oversize Pb. | illus. | @ K-A | 3-A

☐ **The Story of Art** <sup>New</sup> RR89 \$39.95

"The world's best-selling art book," E. H. Gombrich's history combines more than 400 full-color plates and stunningly readable text. Written specifically for newcomers, Gombrich highlights everything from cave paintings to mid-20th Century works, and covers architecture, painting, and sculpture. Originally written for high schoolers, it's also a great bedtime story selection for younger children. | Recommended for Core 100 and continued in Core 200.

☐ **Usborne: Children's Book of Art** RA302 \$14.99

Dickens. A survey of 32 masterful works of art by the world's most loved artists. Artist biographies, fascinating facts, and internet links to view more pictures, play art games, and create art online. 64 colorful pages. | Hb. | @ 3-A | 5-A | Recommended in Core D.

☐ **Usborne Introduction to Art** RA601 \$17.99

This stunning book includes more than 160 of the world's greatest works of art and internet links for thousands more. Contains breathtaking paintings from the Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance, and Modern periods among others. | Hb. | Recommended in Core H.

For our complete line of products, go to [sonlight.com/art.html](http://sonlight.com/art.html).



**"Sonlight inspires creativity and freedom and leaves plenty of time in our schedule to branch out,"** writes Jane G of Gaithersburg, MD. "After reading *The Snowy Day* [from *The 20th Century Children's Book Treasury*] for P3/4 during our lackluster winter, the girls decided to make chalk angels, since we couldn't make snow angels. Mommy outlined them, and the girls colored them in!" In their third year with Sonlight, Jenna (5), Sarah (3) and Autumn (1) are using Cores A and P3/4.



**"Thank you, Lord, for Sonlight, and for Christ-centered curriculum that makes it easy to share our faith with our children,"** writes Erin B of Evans, GA. "On 'Box Day,' our girls couldn't wait to see all the books they would read this year. When they pulled out *Leading Little Ones to God*, I teasingly said, 'It looks like I'm going to lead you to God this year.' With a serious look, Meghan said, 'But you already have.' Wow! Tears of thankfulness filled my eyes." In their second Sonlight year, Meghan (8) and Ava (6) are using Core B.





**"Sonlight has ignited my children's passion for learning,"** writes Jennifer P of Hill AFB, UT. "I love Sonlight's well-rounded approach. The kids are learning so much and I'm learning right along with them. Dad has also been very involved. Anya especially loves Piano Wizard [#MU40] and asks to play all the time." In their first year with Sonlight, Anya (5) and siblings Ciera (12), Christian (11) and Jayson (7) are studying Cores A and G.



**"We love that Sonlight is Christ-centered, even for the little ones,"** writes Jessica Z of Harlingen, TX. "We are full-time missionaries and we knew from the start that we would homeschool. Sonlight has made it easy. We've loved doing the preschool curriculum with our 4-year-old and have even found our 2-year-old interested in the stories and activities. It has been great to have the lessons all laid out for us and to also have the flexibility to take it further when we see an opportunity to answer simple questions like, 'What is a musician?' Here, Daddy teaches Emma and Paige about music. They've just finished reading *The Musicians of Bremen* in *Stories From Around The World*." Emma (4) is studying P4/5 in her first year of Sonlight.

## Music Appreciation

### □ Bernstein Favorites: Children's Classics

MU13 \$12.49

New York Philharmonic; Leonard Bernstein conducts full-length versions of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* and Saint-Saens' *Carnival of the Animals*. Includes Britten's *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* designed to introduce the four classes of instruments: strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. 75 mins, CD. | Recommended in Core B.

### □ Classical Kids Collection

JG06 \$59.98

This internationally-acclaimed, best-selling series of CDs brings some of the world's great classical composers and their music "to life." Includes four recordings: *Mr. Bach Comes to Call*, *Beethoven Lives Upstairs*, *Vivaldi's Ring of Mystery*, and *Mozart's Magic Fantasy*. | Recommended in Core B+C and C.

### □ Classical Kids Collection Vol. 2

JG07 \$59.99

Includes four CDs: *Song of the Unicorn*, *Mozart's Magnificent Voyage*, *Tchaikovsky Discovers America* and *Hallelujah Handel*.

### □ Classical Music Start-Up Kit

MU20 \$17.98

Explore beloved, influential masterpieces of classical music (over 2½ hours on 2 CDs), from the 1500s right up to 1945! Excellent introduction to classical music for junior high students and up.

#### □ Volume I (A.D. 1500-1825)

MU21 \$8.99

Recommended in Core G.

#### □ Volume II (A.D. 1825-1945)

MU22 \$8.99

Recommended in Core H.

### □ Classics for Kids

MU14 \$11.49

23 tracks feature music from 17 different pieces, all carefully selected to please the ears of children. *The Nutcracker*, *March of the Toys*, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, and more. 72 mins, CD. | Recommended in Core F.

### □ The Story of the Orchestra

MU15 \$19.95

Levine. Stellar introduction to the various instruments, famous composers, and 41 well-known segments of music for orchestra. Delightful! | Full-color Hb. book and CD | @ 3-A | Recommended in Core D.

### □ World's Very Best Opera for Kids ... in English

MU23 \$16.98

Award-winning, kid-friendly introduction to 14 best-loved arias. Sung in English by some of the world's finest opera voices, this 72-minute collection helps move children from passive to active listening. Includes lyrics, synopses, and bonus sing-along tracks. A fun way to build cultural literacy, too! CD



## Music Performance

*Frances Rauscher of the University of California, Irvine, ... compared 19 preschoolers who were given 15 minutes a week of private keyboard instruction and participated in group singing at preschool to 14 classmates who were enrolled in no special music programs.*

*After eight months, Rauscher found that the children who had received music instruction had a 46% average increase in spatial IQ; their classmates improved an average of only 6%.*

*"Music instruction can improve a child's spatial intelligence for long periods of time-perhaps permanently," Rauscher told the American Psychological Association.*

### □ Piano Wizard Academy 2.0

MU40 \$497.00



Reading and creating music become almost effortless (and incredibly engaging) with this complete turnkey system. Children will naturally learn the keyboard as they play a fun computer "game." Instead of having to learn to decode written music before they start to play real songs, students learn to read music through actually playing real songs! The sheer joy of making music (and the incentive of getting high scores) keep them moving forward with joy.

Now with enhanced graphics and sound, and help aids that get you up and running effortlessly and let you navigate with ease, Piano Wizard Academy provides everything you need to be your children's piano teacher. Use with one or several children and save hundreds of dollars over traditional lessons. Piano Wizard comes with a six-month guarantee; if you're not happy with the results, send it back for up to six months from the date of purchase for a full refund! Head to [sonlight.com/MU40.html](http://sonlight.com/MU40.html) for the exclusive Sonlight package.

*"How good is it? Our testers could play the songs they had learned on Piano Wizard on a real piano later that same day - without having to be nagged to do so!"*  
— MacLife

### □ Piano Wizard Academy Software

MU41 \$399.99

### □ Key Rig 49 - MIDI Keyboard

MU42 \$149.99

## Bastien Piano Basics Series

Attractive, self-teaching piano books for ages 7-11.

**Piano Method**-The Bastien Piano Basics lesson series. Uses a carefully graded, logical learning sequence to teach piano from "scratch." Students use this series to teach themselves.

### □ Piano Method Primer

MU03 \$6.95

### □ Piano Method 1

MU04 \$6.95

### □ Piano Method 2

MU05 \$6.95

### □ Piano Method 3

MU06 \$6.95

### □ Piano Method 4

MU07 \$6.95

**Theory**-contains written work and some short pieces to reinforce each concept introduced.

### □ Theory Primer

MU08 \$5.50

### □ Theory 1

MU09 \$5.50

### □ Theory 2

MU10 \$5.50

### □ Theory 3

MU11 \$5.50

### □ Theory 4

MU12 \$5.50



☐ **Piano for Quitters** MU25 \$29.95  
The award-winning *Piano for Quitters* program on DVD is paced perfectly for beginners, or for those who have had lessons and want to be able to play without having to read notes. Pianist Mark Almond carefully explains chords and how they are used.

Although designed primarily for teens and adults, much of the material can easily be adapted for children even under the age of five.

90-minute video (DVD format) with ten piano lessons; also comes with a companion booklet, which gives brief descriptions of each piano lesson.

☐ **Recorder (Soprano "C")** MU01 \$7.95  
The recorder is easy and inexpensive! Thus it's often the first "real" instrument children encounter in classrooms, typically around 4th grade. This model is a fully chromatic soprano (key of C) instrument with pleasing sound-not a cheap tonette or flutophone. For excellent beginner instruction, check out the *Nine Note Recorder Method* below. | Recommended in Core D+E and E.

☐ **The New Nine-Note Recorder Method** MU16 \$12.95  
Beginners start easy (real songs with just three notes). Soon they learn to read time signatures and note values, count out rhythms and meters-even practice syncopation, alternate fingerings and basic expression techniques as students progress through 125 songs! For use with soprano and tenor (but not alto) recorders. | Spiral-bound | Pb. | Recommended in Core D+E and E.



## Physical Education (PE)

*Home School Family Fitness* is focused upon purposeful activities (games)-and, usually, *group* activities-that family members can do together in pursuit of fitness goals.

Well-suited for use by adults and children even from the earliest elementary grades.

☐ **Home School Family Fitness** PE03 \$19.95  
Whitney. Written by a Ph.D. professor of physical education who is also a homeschooling father of eight children, this manual on physical education is designed for use by homeschoolers young and old. The book includes 40 weeks' worth of outline lesson plans, easy-to-use and fully explained fitness tests, and thorough explanations of rules and proper techniques and skills for a wide variety of popular sports and worthwhile physical activities. | Pb., illus. | Recommended in Core A.



## Sex Education

### God's Design for Sex

Jones, ed. Designed to help you communicate comfortably and truthfully about those sometimes difficult or embarrassing questions that every child asks.

☐ **The Story of Me** (3-5 years old) RR44 \$10.99  
"Tell me my story again, Daddy," asks a little boy. And this is the story of how he came to be ... beginning from God's love in making everything in the world, to the family as a context for growing up, to

the specialness of being a boy or a girl. Includes a discussion of proper names for private body parts. Written and illustrated for you to read with and to your child. | X | Pb.

☐ **Before I Was Born** (5-8 years old) RR45 \$10.99  
Beginning from the same foundation as *The Story of Me*, this volume carries on and discusses, tactfully yet directly, how our bodies change as we become men and women, the basic nature of sexual intercourse between a husband and wife, how a baby grows inside its mother and is eventually born. Written and illustrated for you to read with and to your child. | X | Pb.

☐ **What's the Big Deal?** (8-11 years old) RR46 \$11.99  
Reviews, expands upon and reinforces the material in the first two books. Focuses on why God intends sex to be reserved for marriage while also seeking to "inoculate" your child against the negative moral messages of the world. Written for you to read with and to your child. | X | Pb.

☐ **Facing the Facts** (11-14 years old) RR47 \$11.99  
All the material from the earlier books plus more ... and in much greater detail. Talks about love and dating (and how not to confuse hormonal urges with something really serious!); how to deal with friends who are not following God's ways; masturbation; homosexuality. ... You'll want to read it, of course, but written for your child to read on his or her own. | X | Pb.



## Life Skills

☐ **Life Skills for Kids** RR115 \$14.99  
Field. Challenges parents to raise kids purposefully. What do you want to teach your children about time and space organization? Healthy lifestyle skills? Decision-making? Money management? And more. Some things you'll want to think through while your children are still young! | X | Pb.

☐ **Dating with Integrity** RR11 \$16.99  
Holzmann. Offers a practical Biblical model of male-female relationships based on our status as sons and daughters of God. Raises basic questions too often overlooked. Challenging! Highly recommended for parents of children beginning to show interest in members of the opposite sex and for mature sixth graders and older. | Pb. | Included in Core 100.

☐ **Secrets of Great Communicators (DVD)** CR101D \$64.99  
Myers. A video/workbook course, *Secrets of Great Communicators* teaches students how to conquer their fear of public speaking, organize a talk for maximum impact, reach the heart of an audience, and deliver a speech with confidence! The base program includes one DVD and a 188-page workbook in an attractive, hard plastic case. The program comes with a 100% no-risk guarantee. *Secrets of Great Communicators* is aimed at high school students and above-ages 14 and up. | Recommended in Core 400.



"Steven's heart is growing so deeply in his love of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in no small part due to the discussions we have around the wonderful Christian literature included with the Sonlight curriculum," writes Diane G of Simi Valley, CA. "We are so fortunate to help him journey down the road of life in a God-centered path. It makes our task so much easier since we have found such a wonderful Christian curriculum to come alongside us in this endeavor." Diane is using Core A with Steven (6) as little sister Megan (4) listens in.



"Sonlight is the best and easiest-to-use curriculum I've tried," writes Misty L of Puerto Rico. "I really need no preparation time. We love using the Sonlight books and doing fun little activities to make them memorable. Furthermore, the books are those I would want to buy no matter what curriculum I used. It just makes sense to use Sonlight!" In their second Sonlight year, Sophia (6) and Hudson (5) pretend to be archeologists digging for clues.





**"One of the things our family loves about Sonlight is that when an 'aha moment' of excitement strikes, we don't have to rush on to the next thing,"** writes Annette P of Del Rio, TX. "We take our time and enjoy the learning experience for as long as they're excited about the subject. We then move on, knowing the next 'aha' is just around the corner, waiting in the next book! After reading *Michelangelo* during our study of *Core C, Intro to World History*, the girls decided they'd like to experience first-hand what it was like to paint on the ceiling of the Sistine chapel. They painted diligently for four days straight!" Sarah (11), Maya (9) and brother Benjamin (8) have been studying with Sonlight since kindergarten and have now moved on to *Core D, Intro to American History*.



**"What initially attracted us to Sonlight was the global-minded, literature-rich curriculum,"** writes Elizabeth C of China. "It just made sense to us, living overseas, in terms of what was important to teach our children and our access to good books. Even though I don't have the kind of kids who beg me to do school, we would all agree that our family culture has been positively shaped by Sonlight. We've never been disappointed and never looked back since we started using it 14 years ago!" Here, 10-year-old Tim enthusiastically tried to recreate the conditions of General Washington's troops at Valley Forge after reading about that fateful winter in *Core D*.

☐ **Driver Ed in a Box®** RE203 \$327.00  
Barrett. Equip your teens to develop safe, collision-free driving habits. Check with your state's DMV and your insurance company to ensure they will honor the *Driver Ed in a Box* completion certificate. Available in electronic or print version (electronic version for Windows only!) Find many more details at [sonlight.com/RE203](http://sonlight.com/RE203). | Recommended in *Core 300*.



## Critical Thinking

☐ **The Fallacy Detective** RN051 \$22.00  
Bludorn. Amazing! A fascinating (truly!), fun (yes!), complete, easy-to-use introduction to 23 logical fallacies and 10 propaganda techniques: what they are, how to spot them, how to avoid them. Divided into 36 brief and enjoyable lessons that include "perfect" high school-level examples and 10 to 20 quick exercises that reinforce and teach the concept *through use*. Complete answer key. Instructive "Fallacy Detective Game." Occasional Scripture quotations. | Pb. | ☐ 8-A | Recommended in *Core 100*.

☐ **The Thinking Toolbox** RN050 \$22.00  
Bludorn. A follow-up to the successful *The Fallacy Detective*, this fun and entertaining guide gives your teen the tools for clear thinking. It's like a toolbox with a Christian view of logic! | Pb. | ☐ 8-A | Recommended in *Core 200*.

## Dale Seymour Critical Thinking Activities

Seymour & Beardslee. Activities help students develop three important elements of critical thinking in mathematics: recognizing patterns, using visual imagery, and logical reasoning. Reproducible blackline masters. Answer keys included. Fun mental exercise! Pb.

☐ **Critical Thinking Activities K-3** RN052 \$24.99  
Seymour & Beardslee. Students enjoy fun mental exercise as they complete activities involving patterns, puzzles, and logical problems with shapes, words, and numbers. Answer key included. | Consumable @ K-A | ☐ K-3 | Recommended in *Core D*.

☐ **Critical Thinking Activities 4-6** RN053 \$24.99  
Seymour & Beardslee. Students learn deductive reasoning, logic of number and shape patterns, creative bisecting, grid designs, equal distance problems and calendar patterns. Answer key included. | Consumable | @ 3-A | ☐ 4-A | Recommended in *Core F*.



## Worldview For Teen



☐ **Understanding the Times Homeschool Edition** RE110 \$159.00  
*This is the full Teaching Package* with DVD-ROM videos! Sonlight now offers this 18-week curriculum

complete with its greatly expanded paperback text and student manual, teacher's manual, and 46 video lessons on DVD-ROM.

Prepare your students to recognize and confront the worldviews that saturate Western society.

Examine each of the five dominant Western worldviews (Secular Humanism, Marxism/Leninism, Cosmic Humanism, Islam and Biblical Christianity). Learn how each of these five worldviews uniquely interprets reality in ten different areas: theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history.

Life-changing. Challenging. Vital for anyone heading toward college. Student Manual is consumable. | Textbook Pb. | Student Manual Pb. | Teacher Manual Hb. | X | ☐ 9-A | Recommended in *Core 400*.

☐ **Student Manual only** Consumable RE111 \$19.95



## Money Management

☐ **Money, Possessions and Eternity** RR110 \$14.99  
Alcorn. (Part of Economics course.) A thorough study on what the Bible says about money. Alcorn deals with materialism, stewardship, debt, and more. You probably won't agree with Alcorn on everything, but this is a great starting-point for Biblical thinking about money. Thought-provoking. Includes study guide. | X | Pb.

☐ **Money Matters for Teens Workbook** RR109 \$14.99  
Burkett. A practical how-to manual for teens: how to balance a checkbook, how to buy a car, how to get a job, and much more. Biblical perspective. | X | Pb.



## Computer Skills

These days, every student from 5th grade up should learn this essential skill. From writing assignments to internet research, they will improve their homework quality, and get more from each school day.

☐ **Typing Instructor Platinum** RR05 \$29.99  
Have fun improving your typing skills today! Award-winning, step-by-step plans use travel themes with engaging challenges to motivate as you gain accuracy and speed. Dynamic design adjusts to your strengths and weaknesses. | Recommended for ages 8 and up  
**CD-ROM: Windows 7/Vista/XP/2000 & Mac OS X 10.4 or higher. Sorry, software cannot be returned once it is opened.** | Recommended in *Core F*.

☐ **Typing Instructor for Kids Platinum** RR15 \$19.99  
Proven methods and exciting fun help skills, speed, and good habits grow. Personalized settings let students move at the perfect pace. | Ideal for ages 7 to 11. Version 4. **CD-ROM: Windows 7/Vista/XP/2000 & Mac OS X 10.4 and higher. Sorry, software cannot be returned once it is opened.**

☐ **Professor Teaches: Microsoft Office 2010 & Windows 7** RR07 \$39.99  
From beginner to advanced, children can learn to do quality work in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, Publisher and real-life simulations







to improve their retention. Choose what you need from over 800 self-paced lessons in 16 separate courses included! DVD-ROM for Windows (Pentium PC or higher, Windows Vista, 7, or XP SP2); visit [sonlight.com/RR07.html](http://sonlight.com/RR07.html) for complete system requirements.

**□ Professor Teaches: Web Pages & Graphics** RR17 \$29.95

Your computer-whiz students complete twelve courses in one program, or just the ones they need! Over 700 self-paced lessons teach them fundamentals of web design and HTML, advanced HTML, and how to create and change all sorts of web pages and graphics using top programs from Microsoft (Publisher 2007, Expression Web, and FrontPage) and Adobe (Dreamweaver CS3 and 8, Photoshop CS2 and CS3, and Flash CS3 and 8). Real-life simulation exercises-not videos-plus chapter quizzes make learning fast and easy. CD-ROM for Windows (Pentium PC or higher, Windows Vista, XP, SP2, or 2000); visit [sonlight.com/RR17.html](http://sonlight.com/RR17.html) for complete system requirements.

**□ KidCoder™ New**

Hands-on computer programming for 4th-8th graders. Windows Programming introduces students to Visual Basic, where they learn to write Windows programs. In the follow-up Game Programming course, students create their own Windows games from scratch.

**□ Windows Programming Package** RE1 \$90.00

**□ Game Programming Package** RE2 \$90.00

DVD-ROM, Windows 8/7/Vista/XP. Sorry, software cannot be returned for a refund once it is opened.

**□ TeenCoder™ New**

Hands-on computer programming for 9th-12th graders. Courses build on each other progressively and result in real-world skills. First-semester Windows Programming teaches C# language basics. Second-semester counterpart, Game Programming, gives students an easy-to-use game-creation framework. Java Programming and next-step Android Programming courses introduce a technology popular with many applications that also help prepare high schoolers for the AP\* Computer Science A exam.

**□ Windows Programming Package** RE3 \$95.00

**□ Game Programming Package** RE4 \$95.00

**□ Java Programming Package** RE5 \$95.00

**□ Android Programming Package** RE6 \$95.00

DVD-ROM, Windows 8/7/Vista/XP. Sorry, software cannot be returned for a refund once it is opened.



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## AP Preparation\*

**□ Economics** 570-00 \$231.92

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**□ Psychology** 590-00 \$284.98

See p. 92 for course description.

**□ British Literature** 530-MD \$449.00

See pp. 90-91 for description.

**□ Cracking the AP English Literature Exam** RL08 \$18.00

The experts at The Princeton Review study the AP English Literature Exam and other standardized tests each year to make sure you get the most up-to-date, thoroughly researched study guide possible.

Includes two full-length practice AP English Literature tests. | Oversize Pb. | Recommended in Course 530.

**□ Advanced Biology, CD-ROM Package** 550-05 \$276.12

Go to [sonlight.com/apologia.html](http://sonlight.com/apologia.html)

**□ Advanced Chemistry** 551-00 \$185.00

Go to [sonlight.com/apologia.html](http://sonlight.com/apologia.html)

**□ Advanced Physics** 553-00 \$90.00

Go to [sonlight.com/apologia.html](http://sonlight.com/apologia.html)



## Reference Works

**□ American Heritage Student Dictionary** RL01 \$19.95

Recommended Resource for Levels D-G & W. This volume includes more than 65,000 concise, easy-to-understand entries. You will find geographic and biographical entries, more than 2,000 photographs and illustrations, plus a thorough Guide to Using the Dictionary. The publisher says this volume is for 6th through 9th grade students. Our sense: it can serve for mid-elementary through junior high. | Oversize Hb.

**□ Merriam Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus** RL03 \$21.95

Recommended Resource for Levels H-High School. Wow! This thesaurus was, in our opinion, the simplest to use. Organized completely alphabetically (unlike its competitors!), it includes concise definitions, examples of the words used in context, synonyms, antonyms, related and contrasted words, idiomatic equivalents, and, where necessary, warning about a word being considered vulgar. Wonderful! | Oversize Hb.

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**□ Writers INC**

RL04 \$32.49

Valuable resource for Grade 3 through high school. Sebranek, Kemper, and Meyer. This is one of those books of which no student should be deprived. It includes all the "how-to" information that every writer ever wished he had: a *complete* guide to the writing process ... from pre-writing to drafting to revising; the basic elements of writing: sentences, paragraphs, expository essays, persuasive essays; literary genres: stories, plays, poems, persuasive and argumentative essays; style; grammar; documentation, and much more. Latest Edition (2006). | Pb.

**□ Math on Call**

RR801 \$29.49

This extraordinary reference is the perfect aid for any parent who wants assistance helping her child with math homework. *Math on Call* covers a wide range of topics from number theory to fractions to algebra to geometry, all in an easy to understand, highly illustrated format. | Pb.

**□ World Book® Deluxe Encyclopedia (Windows + Mac DVD-ROM)** RR50 \$39.95

One DVD-ROM holds the entire 22-volume print edition plus: scores of new and revised articles, over 10,000 images, 2 hours of video and sound clips, more than 1,500 maps, time lines, hyperlinked dictionary, built-in search engine, step-by-step research projects, and more. | Included in Core and History packages for Level F. For detailed computer system requirements, visit us at [sonlight.com/RR50.html](http://sonlight.com/RR50.html). For Windows and Mac.



**"Literature-based learning brings history alive,"** writes Catherine W of China. "We

would never school without Sonlight to lead us through these exhilarating real-life journeys. Not only do facts and figures stay in their minds, more importantly, the children get to 'experience' the past, being swept up in the story; they also reflect a higher level of comprehension towards everyday life, all due to 3-D learning. Active learning over dry book learning is one of the definite advantages of Sonlight learning." The W family has used Sonlight for more than 10 years and say Core F is what they've been waiting for! Here, Dad does PE with the kids, teaching Josiah (5), David (13) and Genevieve (12) the basics of sword fighting.



**"Before Sonlight our days started with 'Aww Mom, do we have to do school?'"** writes MaryEllen P of Grants Pass, OR. "Now that we are enjoying Sonlight together I get complaints only when we aren't doing school! Before when I would try to engage them in a discussion about something we read or saw, they were not willing to interact. Since we began Sonlight, they have become willing! And I don't worry that I am missing anything anymore. I know just what to do and even how much to do in one day. The subjects are all there and the IG ties everything together." Here, MaryEllen, Ryan (4) and Cody (6) discover how much air is in their lungs through a simple Sonlight Science experiment. They love using Core B and Science B in their second year of Sonlight.



Find out what it takes to be a Sonlight All-Star!  
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## Science

### ☐ Lyrical Life Science Vol. 1 Non-Animal Kingdoms and Non-Mammalian Animals

This musically and lyrically rich sound recording and text set covers the scientific method, plants, protists, monera, invertebrates, cold-blooded vertebrates, birds, and more.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CD, Text &amp; Workbook</b>	RS51	\$29.50
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Workbook</b> <small>Consumable</small>	RS51B	\$5.95

For additional students

### ☐ Lyrical Life Science Vol. 2 Mammals, Ecology, & Biomes

Covers in rather remarkable detail the various orders of mammals plus basic concepts of ecology.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CD, Text &amp; Workbook</b>	RS52	\$29.50
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Workbook</b> <small>Consumable</small>	RS52B	\$5.95

For additional students

### ☐ Lyrical Life Science Vol. 3 The Human Body

This musically and lyrically rich sound recording and text set, both humorous and challenging, covers the human body in detail: from its general structure (cells, genes, tissues, organs, and organ systems), to the details of all 11 of its organ systems: skeletal, muscular, nervous, digestive, respiratory, etc.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CD, Text &amp; Workbook</b>	RS53	\$29.50
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extra Workbook</b> <small>Consumable</small>	RS53B	\$5.95

### ☐ Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit

NSK \$31.99

Required for all Science packages except P4/5 and Science F. Includes basic, non-consumable science supplies which will be used in several levels for years to come. This kit includes: Clay, clothespins, coated wire, corks, dowel, eyedropper/pipette, iron filings pack, large paper clips, magnet pack, magnifying glass, marble, masking tape, mirrors, small paper clips, spools, steel nail, straight pins, tacks, thermometer, tubing, and washers. |

## Optional Microscopy Resources for ES12

*The Usborne Complete Book of the Microscope* contains several experiments that require a high power microscope (250-40) and microscopy supplies (ESKM). These experiments are optional. We have scheduled experiments using the Palm-size Magnifier/Microscope (ES08) to give your children a real hands-on experience. If you don't want to spend the money at this time for either instrument, the illustrations within the book are perfectly adequate to convey the basic information and concepts you want your children to know.

### ☐ Magnifier/Microscope

ES08 \$16.99

Palm-size, 30-power magnifier with self-contained, AA-battery-powered light source. (AA-batteries not included.) High-quality optics; focusable. Microscopy supplies kit ESKM is not necessary with this magnifier.

### ☐ Microscopy Supplies Kit for ES12

ESKM \$18.99

For use with *advanced* projects in *The Complete Book of the Microscope*, ES12. Includes iodine; glass slides; slide storage box; dextrose powder; bent and straight teasing needles; match stick; scalpel; forceps; petri dishes; gelatin pack; bouillon cube; slide covers; lens paper; graph paper. | **Requires** a high power microscope like our item 250-40 below.

### Recommended Resources (Science 250)

#### ☐ Digital Microscope Camera Eyepiece

SSM20 \$74.99

For use with the Sonlight Ultra Microscope 250-40. This easy to use and install eyepiece allows you to send images directly from your microscope to your home computer.

#### ☐ Microscope Carrying Case

SSM4 \$35.00

## Quality Student Microscope at an Unbeatable Price

### ☐ Sonlight® Ultra Microscope 250-40 \$255.00



4x/10x/40x monocular microscope is constructed around high-quality, **fully achromatic, parfocal and parcentered** optics. The **40x objective lens** is spring-loaded and the eyepiece has a built-in pointer. The ocular tube is tilted at a 45° angle and the **microscope head rotates 360°** around the microscope base. Beyond that, this instrument features **coaxial coarse and fine focal adjustment** with a slip clutch; **fluorescent light source**, Abbe light condenser, and **iris diaphragm**. To top it off, we've added a **mechanical stage**.

There's no scrimping on quality with this microscope! Constructed by quality-conscious entrepre-

neurs in their ISO9002-certified factory, the scope weighs 7 pounds; base is 7" x 5"; 12" high. It features solid metal construction, and comes with an industry-standard, five-year mechanical/one-year electrical warranty. The cord and light are UL approved.

Should it malfunction, the manufacturer's warranty includes FREE pickup and return after the microscope has been repaired or replaced (U.S. only).

You can purchase the Sonlight Ultra for \$240.00, shipping included. If you're a Sonlight Core Club Member, you'll enjoy an additional 10% savings. Your discounted cost: just \$216.00, including shipping.

If you'd like to know more about this 1000x microscope, the significance of its many features, and how your family will benefit from using it in your studies, please visit [sonlight.com/microscope.html](http://sonlight.com/microscope.html).

OR

### ☐ Variable-Voltage Microscope 250-45 \$265.00

For Sonlighters living or traveling outside the U.S., this "international" version of the Ultra microscope has all the same features as Ultra 250-40, plus it works virtually anywhere in the world. "Continuously variable voltage" design adapts to any power source from 85-265 volts. A durable halogen bulb handles the range of current (gets a bit warmer than the 250-40). Rugged housing. | **Requires** plug adapter for non-U.S. outlets

"I don't think I've ever heard anyone who has this scope say it's not all that they expected and then some. It's very high quality and very user friendly."

-Debbie, May 2011







## Geography

### □ The Global Puzzle RR103 \$14.99

A unique 600-piece puzzle that has proven to increase its users' geography knowledge by an average of 472% after completing the puzzle only one time. Three feet wide, 600 pieces. Includes: all 193 countries and their capitals, all 50 states of the U.S. and their capitals, and all 13 territories and provinces of Canada and their capitals. | For ages 9+

### □ The United States Puzzle RR30 \$15.99

Find a great geography lesson on your floor! This big puzzle (30" x 18") lets your children learn about the United States as they put the 55 extra-thick pieces (shaped like the states) in place.

## Teacher Resources

### □ 3" Binder and Tabs B050 \$20.99

Organize your Instructor's Guides in this 3" locking D-ring binder with index tabs. Each binder holds one set of Core, Reader and Science IGs plus extra materials. Includes numbered dividers for each of the 36 weeks in IGs, plus dividers for sections 3 and 4. Binder (#VB30) and tabs (#IN01) available as separate items. | Recommended for Core A - 400.

### □ Binder (1.5" Binder w/Tabs) PB25 \$14.99

Big enough to hold the P4/5 Pre-Kindergarten Instructor's Guide. Sturdy construction, with poly-vinyl cover, powerful rings, and Sonlight logo on the binding.

### □ Sonlight's Create-A-Calendar AE01 \$10.99

This sixteen-month calendar covers your entire school year, and teaches kids about the calendar while they learn days, weeks and months of the year. 17" x 11". Comes with 140 fun and colorful stickers. | Consumable | Included in Core A

### □ The Three-R's KL01 \$12.00

Beechick. An essential resource for any parent who homeschools children grades K-3. Jam-packed with practical advice and down-to-earth help to give you all you need to start teaching your young children reading, writing, and arithmetic. | Indispensable | Pb.

### □ You Can Teach Your Child Successfully RR03 \$14.00

Beechick. A follow-up to *The Three R's*, this volume will tell you everything you need to know to start teaching your 4th through 8th grader. This book will give you confidence in your ability to homeschool, and prepare you to do a great job. Pb.

### □ The Way They Learn RR102 \$13.99

Tobias. If you have ever wondered if your child has a learning disability, or if you have ever questioned the crazy way your child prefers to learn, then this book is for you! | Pb.



**You know you're a homeschooler when**  
... a cable salesman drops by and no one cares that the TV hasn't worked for months.

### □ Why Gender Matters RR59 \$15.99

Sax. The differences between girls and boys are more profound than we ever imagined. The good news: you can use what you learn about your children's unique design to teach and parent more effectively. Understand their "hardwired" differences, and you can better help boys and girls reach their fullest potential. Insightful and provocative. | Pb.

### □ San Diego Quick Reading Assessment Free!

Need a reliable reading assessment for a really tight budget? Sonlight offers a free, modified version of the San Diego test on our website. Short sets of words and sample reading pages help you measure your students' word recognition ability and approximate reading level. Find out more, and take this reading assessment for free, at [sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment.html](http://sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment.html).

### □ Let's Go Learn: Online Reading Assessment

Measure your children's reading levels, strengths and weaknesses instantly, online. For less than most formal evaluations cost, this one covers six areas of reading-plus you get activities and teaching ideas to help your children improve where each needs it most. Works great before and after a test, to determine how much your children learn, or as an objective appraisal of how they read compared to their peers. Computer with internet connection required. Get discounts when you order multiple tests for your whole family. To find more details, view sample parents' reports, and take the test, visit [sonlight.com/letsgolearn.html](http://sonlight.com/letsgolearn.html).



## Resources for Mom

### □ Miserly Moms RR116 \$14.99

McCoy. The subtitle says it all: "Living on one income in a two-income economy." Filled with practical suggestions and recipes (and not primarily recipes for food, but for kids craft projects, garden pesticides, and far more). Her "11 Miserly Guidelines" will help you save thousands of dollars a year. | Pb.

### □ Nourishing Traditions RR52 \$27.00

Fallon. Tired of cookbooks half-filled with recipes you don't like? This one's so good, you may not even notice you're saving money by eating at home more. Over 700 recipes, plus a wealth of information on wise food choices and proper technique. Delicious! | Pb.



**"Time for science' used to mean a fight in our home. Ben just never enjoyed the two other curriculums we tried. Then I purchased a microscope through Sonlight using the 6-month payment plan and Sonlight's guarantee,"** writes Laura C of Story City, IA. "We put it to use with Sonlight E, and a formerly reluctant science learner now enjoys using the microscope in his studies. Purchase of the microscope through Sonlight has enhanced his learning and made my job as his teacher much easier. Thanks Sonlight!" Here, 12-year-old Ben uses the Sonlight Ultra Microscope (#250-40) to study pond and garden life.



**"Sonlight provides plenty of 'doing' activities that capture the attention of my little ones,"** writes Jeremy W of Jacksonville, IL. "As parents of three young boys, the more hands-on action the better! The preplanned, easy-to-understand lesson plans capture the boys' attention, keep them interested in learning and have them begging for more. I'm continually amazed at how much our 5-year-old is learning. We especially enjoy the Science experiments. Here we've made a 'tornado' out of two soda bottles." Eli (5) is studying Core A in his first year of Sonlight. Dad, Jet (1), and Bram (3) enjoy storm-making, too!

**"It's really wonderful to be able to sneak in a little geography with little-to-no effort and have my daughter enjoy it."**

*-Kevin S, Aug. 2012*





**"I love being able to open up my Instructor's Guides and have everything scheduled for me, with vocabulary and geography woven in naturally,"** writes Maria C of Coconut Creek, FL. "Being a busy mom of four, I appreciate not having to spend hours planning and researching. Reading with my boys is one of my favorite things. History is no longer dry and dull, and the richness of the literature has developed a love of books and an advanced vocabulary for their ages. I wholeheartedly recommend Sonlight to fellow homeschoolers who keep trying out different curriculums!" Here, Maria cuddles up and reads with Nathan (11), Luke (3), Seth (9) and James (6). They're studying Core P3/4, Core A and Core F in their fourth year of Sonlight



**"Sonlight has enabled us to be the ordered, relaxed, welcoming family that we want to be,"** writes Chris D of New Zealand. "Testimonies have convinced us that all the hard work has been done by a team we can trust. I feel freed to enjoy being a mum and I have the capacity to continue serving as a wife, a daughter, a big sister, a friend, a next door neighbour, etc. Thank you." Almost done with their first year of Sonlight, 5-year-old Laura reads to 2-year-old Kate from *A Treasury of Mother Goose Rhymes* in Core P4/5.



## Just Great Books

### Ralph Moody Collection

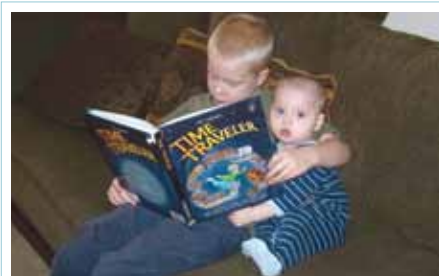
Moody. With great vigor and deep insight into the human condition, Mr. Moody tells gripping tales of his boyhood, his adventures in business, and the wonderful (and sometimes not-so-wonderful) people he knew. | @ 3-A | @ 4-A

- ☐ **Little Britches (vol. 1)** EA08 \$14.95  
Included in Core E
- ☐ **Man of the Family (vol. 2)** RR76 \$12.95
- ☐ **The Home Ranch (vol. 3)** 130-43 \$14.95
- ☐ **Mary Emma & Company (vol. 4)** RR78 \$13.95
- ☐ **The Fields of Home (vol. 5)** RR79 \$15.95
- ☐ **Shaking the Nickel Bush (vol. 6)** RR80 \$13.95
- ☐ **The Dry Divide (vol. 7)** 420-20 \$12.95  
Included in Core 400
- ☐ **Horse of a Different Color (vol. 8)** RR82 \$13.95

☐ **I Dared to Call Him Father** RR53 \$13.99  
Sheikh. The author recounts her conversion to Christianity from upper-crust Islamic family in Pakistan, where family members who "betray the faith" are killed as "traitors." Anniversary edition includes new epilogue. Gripping. | X | Pb. | @ 5-A | @ 7-A

☐ **The Wisdom of Pixar** RR13 \$15.00  
*The Wisdom of Pixar* explores the many Christian virtues found in films created by Pixar Animation Studios such as friendship, courage, family, and love. Join author and Sonlight employee Robert Velarde for a unique and animated look at virtue! Includes discussion questions.

For our complete line of products, go to [sonlight.com](http://sonlight.com).



**"By teaching my children to love to read, they will be equipped to be lifelong learners,"** writes Christina W of Jber, AK. "Thank you Sonlight for the fantastic selection of quality books, which always have great story lines and wonderful illustrations/photos/artwork. I have three crazy boys, yet despite their high-energy nature, they absolutely love to read!" Baby J.J. already loves books and tries to get in on the reading whenever he can. Here, he sits with big brother Caleb (6). The W family is using Core A and Core C in their third year of Sonlight.



## Remedial Reading

This program works even if tutors, classes and expensive programs have failed

☐ **Sonlight® Remedial Reading** RRP1 \$58.95  
If your children have trouble with reading, they may begin to struggle in other subjects. This gentle program can help. Unlock key phonetic patterns your students may have missed as you enjoy dozens of short stories. Includes *I Can Read It!* set, *Reading ReFlex*, and instructions.

☐ **I Can Read It! (4-vol. set)** 1R16 \$39.96  
Holzmann. Three volumes of wonderful short stories use real plot, action and humor-and progress through a controlled sequence of vocabulary words, sounds and patterns. Volume Four is filled with word lists to help phonetic and spelling rules make sense. | Pb. | @

☐ **Reading Reflex** RR117 \$18.99  
McGuiness. Confidently help your students overcome their reading weaknesses. Detailed instructions and illustrations for plenty of teaching strategies and fun, easy exercises. | Pb.

**"We love using Sonlight for more reasons than I could possibly name. The great books alone are worth every penny, but the convenience of having a plan to follow (or not) is equally valuable since I am organizationally challenged."**

*- Amy G, June 2012*

**"Thank you, Sonlight, for fostering the love of reading in my little ones!"**

*- Talisa S, May 2012*

## Interest-free payment plans!



Did you know you can pay for your curriculum over 3, 6 or 9 months at no extra cost?

Plans are available for U.S. and Canadian customers on orders of \$399 or more. If you qualify, you can choose the 9-month plan if you order in April; the 6-month plan if you order in April, May or June; and the 3-month plan any time of the year. Head to [sonlight.com/timepayments](http://sonlight.com/timepayments) for details and a payment calculator.





## SONLIGHT INSTRUCTOR'S GUIDES INCLUDE COMPLETE LESSON PLANS AND NOTES FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR!



### Peek inside an Instructor's Guide (IG)

Parents often rave about their Core, Language Arts and Sonlight Science Instructor's Guides! Take a look and see what the excitement is all about ...

Imagine having a personal homeschool mentor plan and organize your entire homeschool year. What if she gave you customizable schedules, complete lesson plans, pertinent activities, and thoughtful questions to aid your students' comprehension? What if she left you handy tips and pointers to help you relax and homeschool with confidence all year long? This is exactly the support you get with a Sonlight IG.

#### IGs show you the way every day, all year long:

Your IG is a road map for the entire school year ... with virtually all the planning done for you. You get:

- **Complete 36-week lesson plans** that integrate your children's various subjects into an exciting, unified learning experience.
- **Activities, teaching tips, discussion questions, counter-balancing commentary** and more.
- **Two schedule options (5-day or 4-day)** to fit your needs (in many of the IGs for early grades). Choose a full 5-day schedule, or pick the 4-day to leave room for a day of extra-curricular activities each week. High schoolers use a 5-day schedule.

#### IGs eliminate the stress of everyday planning:

Imagine falling asleep tonight relaxed, with no worry about what you're going to teach in the morning. That's what an IG does for you. It does the planning for you. Put simply, these guides just make your life easier. As Lois M writes:

"Everything is put together and organized better than I could have done in a million years. The kids have my time instead of my stress!"

#### Curriculum experts develop each IG ... so you're free to focus on your expertise: knowing and guiding your children.

Each Sonlight Instructor's Guide is the result of untold hours of research and experience (see p. 141 for more on that). This saves you significant time, stress and frustration, so you can **spend time teaching and enjoying your kids, not planning lessons.**

This sentiment is echoed by many customers: "Sonlight helped save me loads of time so I could focus on teaching instead of planning."

*—Lois B, June 2011*

#### IGs turn your books into curriculum

Each **Core Package**, **Language Arts** course and **Sonlight Science** program includes an Instructor's Guide (see pp. 136-139 for more). That guide weaves your books and supplies together into a cohesive full-year curriculum.

"The schedule is already written for us, which makes it easy, worry-free, and keeps us on track and accountable for reaching our school year's goals."

*—Jennifer G, Aug. 2011*

#### See for yourself!

Interested? Turn the page for an in-depth look inside an IG. Better yet, visit [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples) to request a free sample of any IG.

#### Backed by a money-back guarantee

Buy any Core program (or any individual IG) and your purchase is backed by a one-year money-back guarantee. If for any reason you don't love the materials, simply return them for a complete refund of your purchase price. That's confidence you can bank on!



Protect and organize your IGs with a convenient and sturdy binder and tabs. Look for the binder and tabs listed as a **Required Resource** for your specific Core program.

For a full 3-week sample of any IG, go to [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples)



With Sonlight's Core, Science and Language Arts programs, you get an Instructor's Guide that takes you step by step through each day. Just follow along – no planning necessary!

"We now have time to pursue our hobbies and passions, thanks to Sonlight's well-structured yet flexible schedule and Instructor's Guides."

*—Chantal P, Aug. 2012*



"I love Charlotte Mason principles and have floundered through the last four years trying to piece together an education for my kids. So I was thrilled to find it was already done for me by Sonlight," writes Kristen J of Sierra Vista, AZ. "Here, we thought we'd lost our tadpole when we realized he had turned into a toad! And although the children all use different Cores, they all appreciate a good picture book to help identify their wild toad. The book is from Core A Science readers, but it certainly brought kids of all ages together for a moment in time." In their initial Sonlight year, Ben (5), Bryan (15) and Caleb (9), as well as brother Tim (18, not pictured) are studying Cores A, D, 100 and 400.





## Our IGs Will Make Your Day (Easier)

**How? Take a look at some of the noteworthy benefits you'll realize with Sonlight IGs.**

See pp. 137-139 for Core, Language Arts and Science specifics.

### Easy to use

- **Get started quickly.** At the beginning of your school year, read the essential "how" and "why" information for your Core, located at the front of your IG. This will ensure a good start.
- **View your schedule options on one page.** In the early grades, 4-day users only do Bible and Readers on Day 5 each week; 5-day users do that plus enriching History and Read-Aloud assignments on Day 5. High schoolers use a 5-day schedule.
- **Everything you need is in one place.** Find each week's schedule, notes, discussion questions, timeline and map activities, vocabulary and teaching tips, all in one section. Your daily notes for subjects are all right behind your weekly schedule.
- **Take school with you on the go.** Want to do Sonlight outside or on a road trip? Just pull out that week's section of the IG, grab the scheduled books, and enjoy your adventure.

### An intuitive setup

The Core IG setup makes sense. You can find what you need quickly and follow along. For example:

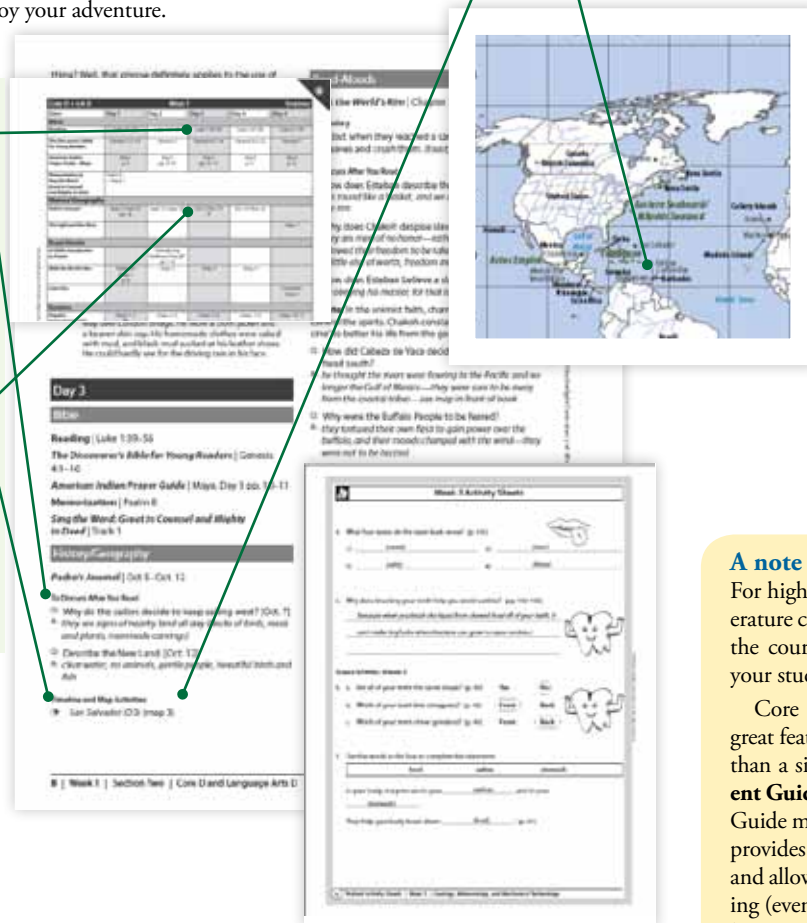
- **Mapping helps you incorporate geography seamlessly into the school day.** Younger students use their Markable Maps to locate places they read about. Parents get full color maps with answers to that Core's assigned map points. These hole-punched, laminated maps fold into your IG and also serve as a bookmark to hold your place. With clear location names, students make a visual connection to how all their Readers, History books, and Read-Alouds relate geographically. Parent notes provide place names and coordinates, so you can easily find and check each map point. High schoolers' black-and-white maps are included in their Student Guide, while the Parent Guide has identical answer keys. Just watch your students' geography knowledge soar!

### Comprehensive and effective

- **Q&A format helps you focus on what's important.** Discussion questions with answers for each day's reading hone in on the key points. They help your kids get more meaning out of their reading and allow you to assess how well your children understand what they're learning.
- **Understand the rationale behind scheduled activities and methods.** We offer abundant explanations that let you in on the "why" behind many of the suggested activities. We explain the purpose behind these activities and what your children can gain. So you're better equipped to take advantage of the ideas behind the activities and perhaps make modifications.
- **Numerous notes help you take advantage of teachable moments.** We want you to know why we chose a certain book or what we hope your children learn. We talk about "heart matters" (e.g., "Note the beauty of family relationships revealed in this book."). We give you warnings about specific books or about difficult content, telling you what to expect and often suggesting how to discuss it. This helps you capitalize on teachable moments and discuss important issues (such as racism).
- **Science and Language Arts IGs Activity Sheets reinforce your teaching and further engage learners.** A variety of activity options coordinate with your students' Science and Language Arts studies and draw on a range of skills and interests. (See pp. 138-139.)

#### How it works:

1. Do the scheduled readings.
2. Do the vocab and Discussion Questions in the Notes that follow your Schedule page.
3. Do the Timeline, Map and any other activities.
4. Now you're ready to move on to Language Arts!



#### A note about upper-level Core IGs

For high school, you can "mix and match" History and Literature courses from any upper level (see pp. 74-91). Choose the course combination to create the Core that's best for your students.

Core 100-400 IGs continue to offer many of the same great features and benefits found in the lower grades. Rather than a single IG, **each upper-level course includes a Parent Guide and also a separate Student Guide.** Your Parent Guide mirrors the Student Guide, but also includes answers, provides extra notes about book plots and literary elements, and allows you to check their progress and discuss their reading (even if you haven't read the books). **This setup lets you be as involved as you want and gives your high schoolers the tools to work independently.**







## Core Guide

### What you get in a Core IG:

#### 1. Complete, ready-to-use lesson plans

All your books and activities are fully scheduled for the entire year. No need to create your own plans!

#### 2. Daily schedules

Daily schedules outline 36 weeks of material for Bible, History / Geography, Read-Alouds, Readers and Language Arts.

#### 3. Discussion questions

Discussion questions (with answers) for the assigned reading help you track your children's comprehension.

#### 4. Timeline and map activities

Put your learning in chronological and geographical context. Timeline Activities tell you when to add people, events and dates to your timeline of history. Map Activities help you plot the places you visit in your reading. Your kids plot points on their Markable Map, and you have all the answers in the included map keys.

#### 5. Vocabulary and cultural literacy notes

Find clear definitions for important vocabulary that appears in your reading. Enjoy useful cultural literacy notes that add depth to your reading and explain things students probably should know but likely don't know (e.g., what a hoop skirt looks like).

#### 6. Teaching tips for Mom or Dad

See the rationale and educational philosophy behind Sonlight's methods and activities. Get help discussing tricky topics (such as poverty) with your kids. We've got you covered, so you can teach with confidence.

#### 7. Extensive notes

Train your children to read discerningly. Our notes provide counter-balancing arguments to lopsided readings. These notes help you "listen to the other side" - as Proverbs 18:17 seems to encourage - in order to hone understanding. You won't believe how much you'll learn!

#### 8. An easy record-keeping system

With space to record completion dates, your children's initials, extra notes and even extra subjects, all your records are in one place for reporting requirements.

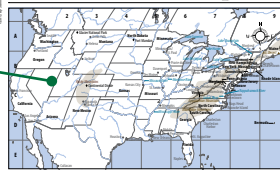
#### 9. Complete Language Arts program (for Cores D and up)

Turn the page for a peek at the Language Arts portion of your Core. In Cores A-C, this comes with your Core, but as a separate Instructor's Guide. In all other Cores, it comes as part of the Core Instructor's Guide.

Complete lesson plans save you hours of planning time and frustration every week and maximizes quality time with your kids.

CORE D + LA D		WEEK 1					SCHEDULE
Date:	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5		
<b>Bible</b>							
Reading	Luke 1:1-23	Luke 1:24-38	Luke 1:39-56	Luke 1:57-80	Luke 2:1-20		
<i>The Discoverer's Bible for Young Readers</i>	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Genesis 3	Genesis 4:1-16	Genesis 6:5-22	Genesis 7		
<i>American Indian Prayer Guide—Maya</i>	Day 1 p. 9	Day 2 pp. 9-10	Day 3 pp. 10-11	Day 4 p. 11	Day 5 p. 12		
<b>Memorization &amp; Sing the Word: Great in Counsel and Mighty in Deed</b>	Psalms 8 —Track 1						
<b>History/Geography</b>							
<i>Pedro's Journal</i>	Aug. 3–Sept. 10	Sept. 13–Sept. 30	Oct. 5–Oct. 12	Oct. 16–Nov. 25			
<i>The Light and the Glory</i>					chap. 1		
<b>Read-Alouds</b>							
<i>A Child's Introduction to Poetry</i>		"Introducing Professor Driscoll" pp. 7-8					
<i>Walk the World's Rim</i>	Preface & chap. 1	chap. 2	chap. 3	chap. 4			
<i>Lawn Boy</i>							
<b>Readers</b>							
<b>Regular: A Lion to Guard Us</b>	chaps. 1-2	chaps. 3-4	chaps. 5-6				
<b>Advanced: The Corn Grows Ripe</b>	chap. 1	chaps. 2-3	chap. 4				
<b>Other Subjects (Math, Science, etc)</b>							

Core D & LA D (Map 2)



Timeline Suggestion Application Assignments

Section Two | Week 1 | Schedule: Core D

For a full 3-week sample of any IG, go to [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples)

### Your Core IG gives you flexibility:

- **Choose between a 4- or 5-day schedule.** In Cores A-W, Bible reading and Readers are scheduled all five days; 5-day users also do enriching History and Read-Aloud on Day 5. High school students have a 5-day schedule.
- **You are in the driver's seat.** The IG is a guide, not a taskmaster. As you become comfortable teaching your children, you can skip or alter assignments to fit your family's unique needs.

- **You have options to work how you want.** If you prefer to do a week's worth of a single subject in one day, work horizontally across your schedule page. If you prefer doing a little bit from every subject each day, work vertically.
- **Day-by-day schedule frees you from a traditional Monday through Friday school calendar.** Take breaks when you want and pick up right where you left off.



## Language Arts Guide

Teach writing naturally and with confidence!

### Your Language Arts Guide includes:

#### 1. Clear Language Arts instruction

Our Language Arts programs helps you get the most from your studies each day. Assignments are as clear and engaging as possible. An appropriate level of grammar instruction and copywork/dictation passages ensure that you get the most helpful assignments.

Simply follow the daily schedule for a complete year of learning. Extensive teaching notes help you instruct your students with excellence, answer questions and ensure that they grasp key concepts. (See p. 96 to discover Sonlight's "natural learning" approach to Language Arts.)

#### 2. Copywork/Dictation assignments

Weekly copywork or dictation assignments help children learn the basics of writing based on the models of master communicators. Assignments are based on your child's age and ability level, and most passages come from the Readers in their Core or Language Arts program.

#### 3. Phonics instruction (in Cores A-C)

Assignments and activities coordinate with your children's Readers to develop confidence in reading and spelling.

#### 4. Readers' Schedule & Notes (Cores A-C)

Cores A-C let you pick the appropriate Readers / Language Arts set for each child, so your Language Arts Guide includes the Schedule and Notes for those corresponding Readers.

#### 5. Grammar and writing mechanics

Each week in Cores A-W, you receive clear grammar instruction about a specific concept that ties into the week's copywork/dictation passage. Then your students get a few exercises to practice and cement what they learned.

#### 6. Effective creative writing instruction

Our step-by-step direction encourages exploration, sets children free to develop their creative side and helps them become superb written communicators, too.

#### 7. Activity Sheets and answers

Students complete assignments on the included Activity Sheets. Weekly Notes show the answers to grammar questions and suggested responses for Creative Writing assignments.

#### 8. Your choice of a 4- or 5-day schedule

Extra Friday activities mean you can get complete instruction in four days each week, plus some fun and stretching activities with the enriching fifth day.

LANGUAGE ARTS 2					
WEEK 2					
SCHEDULE & NOTES					
Date:	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
<b>Spelling/Phonics</b>					
Spelling	Rule & Write	Pre-Test	Check	Post-Test	Optional: Write a Sentence
Activity	Index Cards				
Optional: Explore the Code 4	pp. 9-10	pp. 11-12	pp. 13-14	pp. 15-16	
<b>Handwriting</b>					
<b>Readers</b>					
<i>The Beginner's Bible</i>	"A New Home" pp. 39-45	"The Visitors" pp. 46-51	"A Bride for Isaac" pp. 52-57	"Isaac's Blessing" pp. 58-62	"Jacob's Dream" pp. 63-65
<b>Vocabulary Development</b>					
Optional: Wordly Wise A				True or False 1 p. 4	
<b>Creative Expression</b>					
	A: Copywork 1	B: Copywork Application	C: Similes	D: Like What?	5-Day: Simile Shout Out
<b>Other Notes</b>					

WEEK 2	NOTES	LANGUAGE ARTS 2
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	
<b>Spelling/Phonics</b>	<b>Spelling/Phonics</b>	
<b>Rule &amp; Write</b>	<b>Pre-Test</b>	
Rule: When using a suffix (an ending added to a root word, like -ful, -ing, -est, -ed, -ness), usually the root word spelling doesn't change.	Words: hopeful, helpful, gladness, sadness, wishing, blackest, longest, careful, fishing, sing	
When counting the syllables in a word with a suffix, if you pronounce the vowel in the suffix, the suffix is a syllable (hopeful, glad/ness, wish/ing). If you do not pronounce the vowel in the suffix, then the suffix is not all of the syllable (loved, copied, folded).	Optional: Explore the Code 4   pp. 1	
<b>Words:</b> hopeful, helpful, gladness, sadness, wishing, blackest, longest, careful, fishing, singing	<b>Readers</b>	
<b>Activity:</b> Index Cards	<i>The Beginner's Bible</i>   "The Visitors" pp. 46-51	
From your spelling words, write the root word on an index card and a suffix on a separate card. Have your children combine the two cards to form the new word. How many suffixes work appropriately with the various words? (e.g., hopeful, hoping)	<b>Vocabulary</b>	
Optional: Explore the Code 4   pp. 9-10	Isaac means "he laughs."	
<b>Readers</b>	To Discuss After You Read	
<i>The Beginner's Bible</i>   "A New Home" pp. 39-45	Q Why did Sarah laugh when she heard she had a son?	
To Discuss After You Read	A She was too old physically; a woman after she is about 50 years old, and 50	
Q What blessing did God give Abraham?	<b>Timeline and Map Activities</b>	
A All the land that Abraham could see would be his, and he would have many children.	Isaac (ca. 2100-2000 BC)	
<b>Timeline and Map Activities</b>	<b>Creative Expression</b>	
Abraham (ca. 2100 BC)	B: Copywork Application	
Hebron (ID) (map 1)	What action words (called verbs) are of the copywork passage? (creeped, crawled, galloped) Discuss how using such inter verbs makes the sentence more lively!	
<b>Creative Expression</b>	Can your children think of any more verbs that might be used? (Answers will vary. Possible: end, thundered, strolled, inched, etc.)	
A: Copywork 1	What animals might the verbs be of? (Answers will vary. Possible: creepers, crawlers, gallopers, etc.)	
Ask your children to copy the passage on Week 2 Activity Sheet "A: Copywork 1."	Below "B: Copywork Application" on the Activity Sheet, ask your children to write a story about the particular animals that might board in these specific ways. (Answers will vary. Possible: Two bunnies hopped onto the ark. The p loyed onto the ark.)	
Optional: Copywork 2		
The servant gave her the gifts, and they went to meet her father. The servant asked for his permission to take Rebekah to Isaac.		
1. The Beginner's Bible, "A Bride for Isaac," p. 56		
2   Week 2   Section Two   Language Arts 2		

LA Week 2 Activity Sheet

Copywork 1

Animals crept, crawled, hopped, and galloped onto Noah's new boat.

After everyone was inside, the rain began to fall.

B: Copywork Application

Write two sentences about animals that might have boarded Noah's ark in particular ways they creep? crawl? jump?.

C: Similes

Choose at least three of the descriptive words that you created last week. For each of those descriptive words, dictate at least two imaginative similes on the lines below.

1. Descriptive word: \_\_\_\_\_

Similes: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Descriptive word: \_\_\_\_\_

Similes: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Descriptive word: \_\_\_\_\_

Similes: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The Beginner's Bible, "Noah's Ark," pp. 28-30

• Your Language Arts program comes with your Core Package and coordinates with what your children are already reading and studying each week.

• Your children write daily in a wide variety of genres: from copywork or dictation to brainstorming notes, imaginative pieces to research papers (starting at Language Arts D). You'll be thrilled with what they create.

• Weekly notes give you well-thought-out assignments and lots of variety. These notes walk you through what to teach your children and help you guide them in their assignments.

• Activity Sheets provide assignments that make your children eager to learn how to write well. Reproduction rights mean these sheets are good for the entire family.

• Large print copywork assignments mean your children can read and complete these assignments on their own. You're free to concentrate on other things while they work.

#### 9. Schedules for optional workbooks

If you want more instruction in phonics, grammar or vocabulary, we include schedules for optional workbooks.

### Where do I find the Language Arts Guide?

In Cores A-C, you receive a separate Language Arts Instructor's Guide with your Core purchase. This guide coordinates with the

Readers Pack you choose and integrates your Readers' Schedule and Notes.

For Cores D and higher, the Language Arts Schedule is in your Core IG, on the back of the main Schedule each week. Your Language Arts Notes and assignments come after the other Core notes and assignments each day.

For a full 3-week sample of any IG, go to [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples)





## Science Guide

Science lessons made easy (and fun)!

### Your Science IGs (for Science A-G) provide:

#### 1. Complete, ready-to-use lesson plans

All your science books and experiments are fully scheduled for the entire year. No need to create your own plans!

#### 2. Detailed teaching notes

Weekly Notes help you get the most from your materials. They explain each assignment and activity, point out fun facts about your reading and provide extra information about important topics.

#### 3. Weekly experiments and activities

Simple, engaging experiments coordinate with your reading and provide hands-on learning. Sonlight's Science kits provide the key supplies ... so you actually do the experiments.

Many experiments are simple activities that build on the day's lesson - such as exploring taste buds using basic ingredients like lemon juice and sugar. Again, no planning necessary!

Your kids will relish the discoveries they make throughout the year. (And you'll love that they're demonstrating concepts that make learning stick.)

#### 4. Organizational tools to plan ahead

See at-a-glance the supplies you need for experiments this week and in the coming week. Know what supplies you'll find in your Sonlight Science kits, and which household items you'll want to have ready.

#### 5. Interactive Activity Sheets

Your Activity Sheets - with hundreds of activities, illustrations, charts and pictures - help students remember what they've learned.

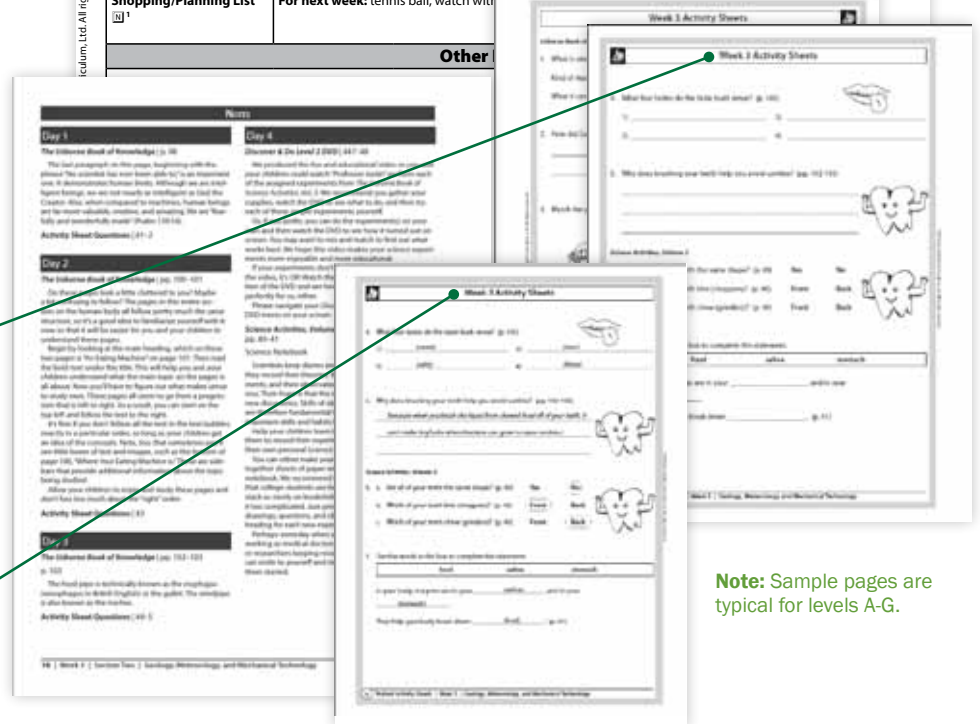
Activities progress with children's abilities: from cutouts, matching, circle-the-answer and dictation to fill-in puzzles and sequencing analysis.

Prep time? Zero! Educational value? Immense. Reproduction rights mean one guide is good for the entire family.

#### 6. Complete Answer Keys

Separate Answer Keys mirror your Student Activity sheets for easy grading. You get continual insight into your students' comprehension. No testing necessary!

SCIENCE C	WEEK 3					SCHEDULE
Date:	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
<i>The Usborne Book of Knowledge</i>	p. 98	pp. 100-101	pp. 102-103			
Activity Sheet Questions	#1-2	#3	#4-5			
5-Day: <i>The Usborne Book of Knowledge</i>						pp. 66-67
Activity Sheet Questions						#8-10
<i>Discover &amp; Do Level 2 DVD</i>				#47-48		
<i>Science Activities, Vol. 3</i>				"Feeding Your Body" pp. 40-41		
Activity Sheet Questions				#6-7		
Supplies	We provide: NSK—mirror. You provide: apple, milk, kiwi, box of gelatin, two large bowls, box of pudding (if you want to do the alternate experiment).					
Shopping/Planning List	For next week: tennis ball, watch with					
	Other					



**Note:** Sample pages are typical for levels A-G.



"Sonlight Instructor's Guides lay out everything for me, saving so much time and frustration," writes Emmy D of Pinedale, WY. "It's evident that much research and thought has been put into the curriculum, and I'm amazed at how quickly and well my oldest son learned to read. I believe that if I hadn't discovered Sonlight my first year of homeschooling, I wouldn't have wanted to continue. I look forward to teaching without any of the anxiety many homeschool parents experience." Adrianna (6) and Thane (7) are both using Core C in their third Sonlight year.

For a full 3-week sample of any IG, go to [sonlight.com/3-week-samples](http://sonlight.com/3-week-samples)



# Is Sonlight Worth the Investment?

Sonlight isn't the cheapest homeschool curriculum on the market. Nor is it easiest academically. It requires that you spend time reading to and talking with your children.

So you might wonder ... is Sonlight worth the investment? Thousands of homeschool families worldwide give a resounding YES! Why? Customers consistently tell us about the return on their Sonlight investment: a truly enjoyable, successful and rewarding homeschool experience.

## Invest dollars ... get peace of mind

Sonlight gives you curriculum you can use again and again, provides a lasting library, saves you untold hours of stressful planning and material-gathering, and gives you peace of mind because you know your kids are getting a great education.

Get details on Sonlight's financial value on p. 148 (see reason #13) and p. 144 (reason #4). For a close look at the cost of Sonlight vs. private school, public school, using the library, or creating your own curriculum, visit [sonlight.com/pinching-pennies](http://sonlight.com/pinching-pennies). These are just a few of the returns you can expect on your Sonlight investment. There are more!

## Invest shelf space ... and build a library with lasting benefits

Sonlight programs include lots of books. You'll get a box (or two or three) full of quality books with your curriculum purchase. Why so many?

You probably know that great books help students interact with history, geography and faith. When children form emotional connections with characters, they actually remember what they read. They gain the context they need to understand the flow of world history. You just can't get these benefits from a few books each year.

But why should you own these books? An ex-



**"One of the things our kids love most about Sonlight is the hands-on experiments,"** writes Bryan G of San Diego, CA. "I was pleasantly surprised to discover that my children were able to construct them almost entirely themselves just by watching the Sonlight Science DVD and following the step-by-step instructions. Even our preschool-aged daughter can join in the fun at her own level and learn!" In their fourth year of Sonlight study, Ethan (9), Austin (10) and Katie (5) are using Science D and Language Arts 2.

tensive new study shows, "A child from a family rich in books is 19 percentage points more likely to complete university than a comparable child growing up without a home library."<sup>1</sup> In fact, the size of a home library greatly affects educational achievement, "even adjusting for parents' education."

This library also provides quality family entertainment that will last for years. Sonlight books are so good, kids really do read them again and again. And that nurtures a love for reading and learning.

## Through hard work, students get prepared for life

Sonlight students will work hard. They will read more books, cover more history, learn more science, do more experiments and complete broader writing assignments than most other students.

We often hear stories of Sonlight students wowing parents, pastors, public school teachers and college professors with their understanding of geography, the flow of history and the world. Sonlight students are academically prepared for life.

## Sonlight fosters a love to learn

Much of this success comes because Sonlight students truly love to learn. You can only force-feed an education for so long, and with limited success. As children read great books and learn with Sonlight, "force-feeding" becomes unnecessary. And once that fire is lit, the sky is the limit for what students will accomplish.

## Sonlight prepares students to think critically

Sonlight is different than most other curricula because it asks you to do the significant work of listening to more than one point of view. Instead of sticking to "safe" topics and books that all agree with one another, students and parents (especially in the older years) interact with top-notch books from diverse viewpoints. All with the guidance, balancing commentary and firmly Christian perspective of your Instructor's Guide.

Because of this crucial work, your kids will be able to discuss tricky topics with their hearts and minds when they graduate – topics such as evolution and design, postmodernism and absolute truth, politics and reasons for their faith.

## Sonlight prepares students to live in this world

Many young Americans from Christian homes walk away from their faith in college and early adulthood. One study reports that "a majority of twentysomethings – 61% of today's young adults – had been churched at one point during their teen years but they are now spiritually disengaged."<sup>2</sup> We suspect most didn't face the tough questions of faith and modern culture until college. Since they hadn't been prepared to navigate these issues from a Christian perspective, they reached an intellectual or emotional impasse and walked away.

1. "Home Libraries Provide Huge Educational Advantage," April 2010. Accessed at [miller-mccune.com](http://miller-mccune.com) in Jan. 2012.

2. "Most Twentysomethings Put Christianity on the Shelf Following Spiritually Active Teen Years," Sept. 2006. Accessed at [barra.org](http://barra.org) in Jan. 2012.

Sonlight doesn't ignore these tough questions. Students engage with them from the safety and guidance of their parents' home as they grow. We can't guarantee that your children will always walk with the Lord (no one can guarantee such a thing). But with Sonlight, you can help your children gain sure footing before they head out into the world.

## Sonlight equips students to do whatever God calls them to do

The well-rounded education that comes from a rigorous literature-rich approach prepares students for whatever God may have for them.

Sonlight graduates are now college students, pastors, engineers, missionaries, musicians, elected officials, entrepreneurs, doctors, farmers and more! Meet recent grads and read their stories on p. 161 or at [sonlight.com/scholarship-winners-2013](http://sonlight.com/scholarship-winners-2013).

## Parents invest time with their children ... and reap lifelong benefits

The most important investment you'll make with Sonlight is yourself and your time. In return ...

Sonlight fosters a genuine connection between parents and children. Our curriculum involves lots of parent-child interaction because we believe you are your child's most valuable teacher and guide. Customers tell us that the special times reading and talking together have created family bonds stronger than they could have imagined.

One of the big benefits of Sonlight – a true return on your investment of time and energy – is that the curriculum opens up all sorts of conversations you may not have otherwise had with your children. You'll learn about character development, hard choices, difficult points in history and the amazing stories of people who follow God. You'll naturally talk with your kids about everything from politics and faith to nature and history. (Don't worry – we provide tools to guide you in those discussions.)

When children learn to trust their parents as a valuable source of guidance, this helps instill an important lesson: You are a trusted, safe and good source of life wisdom and direction.

We often hear from parents of high schoolers who have used Sonlight for years. "You won't believe the caliber of conversations we're having!" they write. "The years of hard work and talking are paying off in ways I would have never imagined. My teenagers and I are close, and talk about everything." Oh, what many parents would give for a relationship with their teenagers like that!

So you decide: Is Sonlight worth the investment? With a one-year money-back guarantee (see p. 24), give it a try and find out.

**"We've done our best to keep costs in check and continue to offer significant discounts on Multi-Subject Package and Core purchases."**

*-Sarita Holzmann, President*

# What Makes Sonlight Programs Remarkable

**H**ow do we choose books for each Sonlight Core? Is a Core more than just books? Well, here's the inside scoop of how we pick books and turn them into robust curricula. Head to [sonlight.com/sarita-letter](http://sonlight.com/sarita-letter) for more details (and the story of my \$1,000 rookie homeschooling mistake), and please enjoy *the rest of the story* ...

*-Sarita Holzmann, President*

**ONE-YEAR** see p. 24  
**MONEY-BACK**  
LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH  
**GUARANTEE**

## For each Core, we ...

### 1 Start with a strategic topic

The curriculum development team and I have outlined what children should learn from preschool through high school. Each Core has a unique place in that plan (see p. 154 for the full outline). Armed with a strategic topic, the creation process begins ...



### 3 Pick the very cream of the crop.

Of every hundred books I read, I find only two or three that merit consideration for a Core Program. From that small pile I, with help from the curriculum development team, strategically choose the History books, Readers and Read-Alouds.



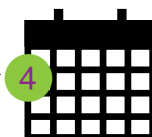
### 4 Create a schedule to weave those books together.

My team and I look at the span of each Core (e.g., World History from the fall of Rome through the present) and create a schedule that logically moves through the material in an intellectually and emotionally satisfying manner. We make sure to cover what is most important: from events and ideas to key people and places.



### 5 Turn that schedule into a full Instructor's Guide with assignments, extensive notes, maps, teaching helps and more.

In this stage, we transform a pile of books into a cohesive learning package. We develop academic exercises, dictation assignments, discussion questions and writing assignments to accompany the books. We provide relevant maps and cultural literacy notes. If passages in a book are unclear or biased, we do the research and give explanations, commentary or counterbalancing arguments. We craft teaching pointers to help you discuss important but tricky subjects (such as slavery in the US before the Civil War) with your kids.



Know that each Guide is the result of hundreds - probably thousands - of hours of work by Sonlight's curriculum developers. We do the work so you don't have to!



### 2 Read stacks of books

I constantly review new books (on average, over 50 every week). I read - I mean really *evaluate*, in-depth - nearly a dozen books a week. So in 20 years, I've read *at least* 10,000 books. Being able to compare and contrast so many books helps me evaluate any new ones I read. And it helps me find the true all-stars, which are the only books that make it into a Sonlight Core.

#### What it takes for a book to become a

**Sonlight**  
**ALL★STAR**


Except in rare circumstances, every book in a Sonlight Core must pass my **7-point test**:

1. **Real/realistic characters.** Heroes should not be flawless. Anti-heroes ought not to be thoroughly detestable. They need to be nuanced and complex - the way real people really are.
2. **Solid character development.** The protagonist must change (for the better) over the course of the book.
3. **Content that adds to the reader's cultural literacy.** The book's plot, setting, characters, or vocabulary - something - must contribute to a reader's knowledge about world events and cultures, or their understanding of "the way things work" in human relations ... in life.
4. **Intriguing, multidimensional plot.**
5. **Emotionally compelling.** The story has to move me.
6. **Verbally beautiful.** The writing must be superb and allow for fluent reading - silently or out loud.
7. **Re-readable.** You have to want to read it over and over again.

### 6 Add hands-on activities (for Cores P3/4 through F, ages 3 through 13).

From the built-in activities in Cores P3/4 and P4/5, to the "Core Tips" CD-ROMs that accompany Cores A-E, to the engaging activities in the Core F Instructor's Guide, we give you ideas for relevant, simple, hands-on activities and enriching extras whenever you want them.

#### And don't forget, you also get ...

- Your materials shipped to your doorstep
- A one-year money-back guarantee (p. 24) 
- Non-stop support if you ever have questions about orders or using your materials ([sonlight.com/contact](http://sonlight.com/contact)).
- The benefit of our constant work to research, update and improve our Core, Language Arts and Science Programs. This means you enjoy an up-to-date, truly remarkable home-school experience with your children.

# “Can we *please* do school today?”



**“Taking time to read each night with the kids has been one of the highlights of my husband’s day,”** writes Kathryn Z of Columbus, MS. “I think he enjoys Sienna’s Read-Alouds as much as she does! I am very glad we finally chose to purchase Sonlight. The layout of the Cores is easy to follow and we know what we need to do. I needed a more organized approach to school, but not so rigid that it would interfere with the flexibility of our home life. Sonlight is exactly what our family needed!” On a typical evening, Dad settles in for a Read-Aloud with Micah (8), Sienna (6), Luca (3) and baby Elijah. Micah is using Core D this year as Sienna enjoys Core A and Luca explores Sonlight preschool.



**“Sonlight Science D is excellent in answering so many of their questions about the world around them,”** writes Jeff G of Ramsey, MN. “Both Tate and his sister Abby eagerly pull out the science books (spelling and writing can wait) and want to hear about biology, water, animals and LIFE. [Overheard] ‘We get to do real science today! At the pond! Let’s find a water snake. Hey, that’s a tadpole, and that’s algae over there! It grows from lots of sun.’ That’s how it went as Tate introduced his cousin Curtis (who had a day off from school) to science class, outside!” Tate (6) is studying Core C and Science D in his third Sonlight year of study.

Cal wrote,  
*If a curriculum can help me to develop a passion for learning that’s stronger than the love of unwrapping presents in a 5-year-old, 4-year-old, and 2-year-old, then you know it’s a keeper!*

*On Christmas morning, I had to tell my girls, “No, we cannot do Sonlight. It’s Christmas and we are supposed to be eating blueberry pancakes, opening presents, and celebrating Jesus’ birth. It is not a school day today.” And that was met by groans.*

*They had asked to do lessons before they even asked about opening the presents that were sitting in a nice big pile under the tree right beside me at that time.*

Okay. That’s a bit extreme. But it’s definitely not “over the top.” Countless moms have told us similar stories - about Sunday mornings, holidays and summer vacations.

Amanda wrote on January 3, 2009, about her 6-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son:

*We took two weeks off for Christmas break and I thought my kids were gonna go bananas!*

*“Mommy, when can we do school? Mommy, aren’t we going to do school today? Mommy, is it time for school, yet? Why can’t we do school until after Christmas? But Mommy, you said Christmas was 8 days away and that’s a really long time to wait to do school again!”*

*Finally, today I told them it was almost Monday and that we would begin our schoolwork again.*

*“Yay, Levi! Did you hear that??? Mommy said we can do school in just two more days!!!” At that last point her voice went just about to dog frequency.*

*After that they both scuttled off upstairs talking and planning about all the schoolwork they would soon get to do. It made my heart smile.*

And if you’re like me, you’ve got to ask Why? Why do children get so excited when they use Sonlight Curriculum? What does Sonlight offer that other programs don’t?

## Sonlight’s award-winning series of “real” books makes history come alive.

Sonlight helps your children see, feel, and hear what happened as it happened - even 2,000 years ago.

In other words, Sonlight history is almost as good as being there. Kids don’t suffer through boatloads of boring textbook recitations of “testable information.”

No. The story draws them in. And whatever those textbooks would have highlighted as important (*Remember this name! Remember this date!*) your children will remember incidentally. You can hardly forget a key character, place or event if “you were there”!

## Learning happens naturally, easily.

When your children enjoy reading their school books; when reading is one of their favorite things to do each day; it’s easy to remember one’s lessons ... and you, the homeschooling parent have the easiest and most enjoyable teaching process possible.

Read the quotes we’ve sprinkled throughout this catalog. We’ve been receiving stories like these, unsolicited, since Sonlight began. And in our more than 20 years of producing a catalog, we’ve featured new ones each year.

## Your kids won’t want the school day to end - and you won’t, either!

Don’t get me wrong - you’re sure to experience discouraging days using any homeschool curriculum ... including Sonlight. Almost assuredly, you will experience days when you want to chuck homeschooling right out the window.

It happens to all of us.

But we all have bad days, don’t we? No matter what our responsibilities, work can drive us nuts sometimes.

But ignore those worst-case-scenarios. What is your general experience? With Sonlight, you’re far more likely to feel like Kristi W than the discouraged mom down the street:

*Okay, Sonlight books may be meant for my kids, but they are such a treat for me. The way our society has been doing education for so long, it feels positively criminal to have materials that are so appealing and so rich. I keep catching myself saying, “This is far too much fun to be work.”*

Imagine having FUN teaching your kids!

If you use materials that you and your kids enjoy, do you think you’ll want to quit? Not likely. Certainly not for long.

In fact, many Sonlighters tell us one of the biggest problems they face is that they would rather spend time teaching their kids than just about anything. Housecleaning, laundry, dishes ... Yep, even the dinner goes on the back burner while mom and kids “Sonlight” together!

We expect you’ll find Sonlight informs, challenges, and inspires you as much as it does your kids. You and they, together, will feel drawn to find out whatever you can in all the different subjects: Science, Math, Geography, History, Literature, and more. Even subjects that never inspired you back when you were in school.

Best of all, you won’t want to quit. You’ll finish the course.

And while you’re enjoying the benefits of Sonlight’s literature-rich approach ...





# The plaintive cry of Sonlight children when school is out.

## You'll experience other unexpected benefits as well.

We've heard this from many moms: Once they began to use Sonlight, their husbands (who had been only mildly interested in what the children were doing) suddenly began to ask if maybe they could read a few books to the kids. Or, at least, listen in while mom read. "May I borrow that book when you're done?"

Case in point, Tammy:

*My husband never took much interest in home-school. Now he looks forward to reading with us every day. He was hooked from the first Read-Aloud!*

*Sonlight has brought our family closer together as we look forward each day to the next adventure. I know that sounds corny, but it's so true.*

Others have told us that until they first began using Sonlight, they were addicted to TV. They would watch the same programs together, but never talked about anything of substance. But once they began "Sonlighting," parents and kids began to lose interest in what was on television. The stories suddenly seemed thin or contrived...

Now the kids actually choose to read their Sonlight books in the evening! If they don't have enough Sonlight books, they beg to go to the library so they can find more books by the same authors they found in Sonlight.

## What makes a HUGE difference in those difficult teen years?

Especially as kids get older, Sonlight families find they discuss things as a family. Sonlighters often talk about all kinds of interesting subjects...

*"Tim, I was reading your Sonlight book last night," Dad says. "What did you think about [idea or issue the story raised]?"*

You can look forward to the engaging discussions you'll enjoy with your teens as a result of the strong communicative relationships you establish with them as they grow up using Sonlight.

From the very earliest years, as you and your kids laugh and cry over the diverse and emotionally compelling stories that make up the majority of Sonlight Curriculum, you will have established a habit of sharing with one another from the heart. By the time they are young adults, your kids will know they can turn to you with any issue of concern, and they can trust you to tell them the truth... from the heart. How different from all their peers, homeschooled or not!

Not only can your kids get a great education with Sonlight, your entire family is likely to find itself drawn together... for good. And for life.

## A great investment for your family!

Lots of people tell us how much they appreciate that Sonlight books are their children's favorites.

They don't just read their Sonlight books for school. And they don't just read them once. They keep going back over and over again.

Becky wrote,

*I was trying to trim down our shelves and had set aside some books I might sell. I asked my son to look through them to be sure I wasn't getting rid of any he wanted. Every single Sonlight book went back on the shelf.*

"Mom," he said, "you can't sell these books - they're from Sonlight!"

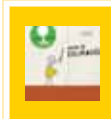
Sonlight is a worthy investment - even in difficult economic times. Invest not only in your children's education, but in top-notch "recreation"... for you, the parents, too. You will want to read many Sonlight books for your own pleasure and education. Really.

Deb F commented:

*Usually, at the end of the school year, I rush to the library to find something to read for myself. After this first year with Sonlight, I didn't feel that urgent need - your books satisfy my soul."*

Enjoy a greatly "multiplied blessing" as you invest in your children's education. As your entire family treasures these wonderful books, you can amortize the cost of your Sonlight programs not just over one year's education of a single child, but over the life of your family's growing library.

Make learning natural, easy and fun. Build life-long bonds with your family, and a valuable library for generations to come. We invite you to join this satisfying life of discovery today.



Seeds Family Worship CDs  
— music to live by  
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*"We've been using Sonlight for two years now and all I can say is my kids have an insatiable desire for learning. They never ask to quit reading. One time I decided I would try to out-read them. It lasted for 2 1/2 hours. They were still attentive, but my mouth was dry!"*

*- Anne K, Aug. 2012*



**"With a brand new baby at home, Sonlight has made homeschooling so easy,"** writes Janet V of Orlando, FL. "My oldest son Jacob could go to the Instructor's Guide and pick out the books himself. He would hand me the books and tell me what pages to read. It was so nice to continue homeschooling while nurturing our newest son. I am so thankful that the Sonlight curriculum is so easy to use and my boys love 'doing school.'" Jacob (5) and Noah (4) are sharing Core C in their third year of Sonlight. Here, they meet their beautiful baby brother for the first time.



**You know you're a homeschooler when**  
... you own more books than movies.



**"Sonlight has helped make eager learners of our children. They are becoming quite the God-loving, intelligent, critical thinkers,"** writes Laurie H of Lockport, IL. "The Instructor's Guides are very user-friendly and take the time out of lesson planning, so we have more time to enjoy the actual learning. The books and Read-Alouds are among our favorites and Bible time at breakfast is how we start our day. I truly wish Sonlight was the way I'd been taught!" After reading about the life cycles of frogs and tadpoles in the Kindergarten Multi-Subject Package, 6-year-old Joey joyfully heads off to catch some!

# 27 Reasons NOT to Buy Sonlight

Let's just get this out in the open: Sonlight® curriculum may not be a good fit for you. If it's not, what better time to discover that than now – while you're just reading our catalog?

Here at Sonlight, we've heard from many, many customers in the past 20 years. Most feedback is very positive, but we appreciate the constructive and sometimes painful feedback as well. It helps us understand what we can do better and how we can help families make informed choices about our curriculum.

The following 27 reasons why you may not want to purchase Sonlight come from former customers who found our curriculum to be a poor fit for their families.

If only a few of the following reasons apply to you, know that many families happily modify Sonlight to fit their needs. You can ask questions about your family's situation and get helpful, realistic feedback from Sonlight customers at [sonlight.com/choosing-forum](http://sonlight.com/choosing-forum).

And if you buy Sonlight, start using it and then decide it's not for you, you can still return it for a full refund. (Learn more about our "Love to Learn, Love to Teach" Guarantee on p. 24 or at [sonlight.com/love](http://sonlight.com/love).) To minimize the possibility that you'll be disappointed, please consider the main reasons people say they DON'T want to buy Sonlight curriculum:

## 1 They don't want a lot of reading.

When you use Sonlight, you and your children will read. A lot. Sonlight is thoroughly grounded in literature and reading.

If you don't like to read; if you won't enjoy reading out loud to your young children; if your older children find no pleasure in reading, you may need



**"Sonlight helped foster a love of reading in my former reluctant reader,"** writes Tanya P of Scottsburg, VA. "I can't begin to describe the joy I felt when I peeped into Mason's room after hearing him talking and found him reading to his 'children.' We love reading a quality Sonlight book together. Read-Aloud time is a time we look forward to and don't want to miss for any reason. Our family loves Sonlight with a passion!" Mason (8) is sharing Core D with his brother Hunter (11) in their fourth year of homeschooling and third year of Sonlight.

to either find audio versions of Sonlight books or use a program other than Sonlight.

On an encouraging note: Many parents have used Sonlight in hopes that the great books will "hook" their reluctant readers. I can happily report that in the vast majority of cases this strategy has worked!

## 2 They want a curriculum that revolves around hands-on activities.

Several programs on the market advertise their strong activity orientation. While Sonlight has more options for hands-on activities in the elementary grades than most of our competitors, we have chosen a different primary emphasis.

We recognize that hands-on learning greatly helps many children, and we give parents specific tools to incorporate hands-on learning in many areas. Core P4/5 brims over with developmentally-appropriate hands-on activities that are simple to prepare and that truly help your children grow. Cores A through E (for ages 5-12) come with weekly suggestions of many activities to correlate with your learning.

Sonlight's Science programs are loaded with activities and experiments. We also emphasize hands-on activities in early elementary Math programs. Such activities are particularly helpful for kinesthetic learners; they help families with different types of learners all enjoy Sonlight together.

But on the other hand, we don't schedule time-consuming activities that put the emphasis on parent preparation. We've found these activities often don't have a strong enough educational payoff to make them worthwhile. When my wife was homeschooling, she'd come across suggestions to do things like make raccoon-skin caps, create play-ground-sized maps of the world, cook Pilgrim-era Thanksgiving meals and so on.

While these kinds of activities may, no doubt, be loads of fun, it is our opinion that their educational value is not worth the hours parents must spend doing preparatory work. So if you want to do them, we bless you in your desire. But we have not incorporated them into our fundamental educational program.

We find that as parents read dynamic and engaging books to their children, they fill their minds with strong mental images and challenging ideas. Then children decide on their own, what activities they want to do. And they prepare for those activities on their own with minimal guidance from us. (Ever seen what kids will do with a cardboard box? Or a stick? They create ideas without Mom or Dad preparing something for them!)

Our own children and countless Sonlighters over the past 20 years have borne witness to these ideas. We have seen positive effects in many families when parents focus on reading great books

with their kids and do few if any parent-directed hands-on activities.

So even though we do include lots of hands-on activities that tie directly into what you're learning, these activities are never the main thrust of our curriculum. They're more of an optional, child-directed, supplemental tool.

We realize, however, that your situation could be different from ours. Perhaps you've found your children need intense, parent-driven, hands-on activities in order to master the material you're teaching; or maybe you yourself feel energized by such activities.

In either case, you may want to do one of two things. 1) Come visit [forums.sonlight.com](http://forums.sonlight.com) and find loads of activities your fellow teachers suggest for Sonlight programs. (There are many moms who love to prepare hands-on activities and use Sonlight curriculum with joy and good success!) Or, 2) purchase one of the activities-based programs on the market.

## 3 They prefer classroom-style study with lots of quizzes, tests and grades.

Unlike most classroom teachers, most homeschool parents have daily, personal, one-on-one contact with each of their students. Particularly with a literature-based curriculum, we've found that this one-on-one contact equips parents to evaluate their students' progress without quizzes and tests.

When you read a book, for example, you'll discuss it with your children: "Why do you think he wanted to do that?" "What does this mean?" If your children are able to answer your questions, you will know exactly how much they have understood – or failed to understand.

Sonlight does provide tools for you to measure your children's progress. Our methods are less formal (and some say a lot simpler) than classroom-oriented programs. Still, Sonlighters have found that these methods can give you all the feedback you need, plus all the stimulation and test-taking practice your children need.

## 4 They believe Sonlight is too expensive.

Sonlight® Core packages cost between \$285 and \$765. Multi-Subject Packages with all the main subjects for one child for one year cost between \$285 and \$889. Let me acknowledge up front that these costs are beyond the means of many families. Sonlight absolutely may be beyond your financial capacity. And if it is, we don't want to see you place your family in jeopardy by buying from us.

For many years, our family lived on the edge financially. We took full advantage of giveaways and garage sales. We budgeted very carefully and pinched our pennies.

# Sonlight is not right for everyone. Find out why.

At the same time, we recognized that if we were going to purchase certain products, it was worth it to go for the (more expensive) high-quality brands. I tried generic vanilla ice cream a few times, and then decided it wasn't worth it. If I was going to buy ice cream at all, I wanted to savor it. The flavor of the generic variety simply provided no pleasure. Some things you want to pay a bit more for.

And that's been our attitude toward Sonlight.

Yes, you can buy used. You can piece together your own program. You can use a state-sponsored curriculum.

But if you want to enjoy a delightful program that has been coordinated, scheduled and laid out for you; if you want curriculum full of the finest literature available; if you want the assurance that comes from a one-year, money-back, "Love to Learn, Love to Teach" Guarantee, complete with all the support provided by its award-winning publisher and amazingly inquisitive customers; if you want to enjoy those special extras that Sonlight Core customers have been delighted to receive through the years; if you want to buy from a company known for bend-over-backward customer service, a commitment to the highest ethics, and one that dedicates a high percentage of its profits to charitable causes you can believe in, you may decide it's worth it to go for Sonlight curriculum.

I should also point out that Sonlight (compared with other homeschool programs), reduces your costs by ...

- Making it possible for children at different grade levels – as much as three or four years or more apart – to study the same subjects together. (See "How to Choose Your Curriculum," p. 22.)
- Allowing you to re-use curriculum with your younger children when age differences are too great to combine all your children with one Core each year. When the younger ones are ready for each Core you've already used with the older kids, you can pull it off the shelf, order a few extra resources and get started! There are very few consumable items in Core packages.

Sonlight also offers additional value by ...

- Providing education and entertainment. (Families often say their children re-read their Sonlight books again and again for fun after they finish each Core.)
- Providing opportunities for significant family times together: times that no one – not even a never-read-a-book-in-my-life husband – will want to miss.

You get all these "extras" from Sonlight for an investment that ranges from only \$7.47 to \$24.42 per week of school. Compare this with your other curriculum options and you may realize what a good deal Sonlight really is.

Take a detailed look not only at Sonlight, but also at your alternatives: "built from scratch," discounters and second-hand sources, other homeschool curriculum providers, state-sponsored homeschool curricula, and public and private classroom schools.

Once you do the full calculation, you may decide – as we have – that Sonlight is a better deal than you thought. Don't forget about Sonlight's interest-free payment plan options (see p. 156).

For a deeper discussion of Sonlight's cost, take a look at [sonlight.com/pinching-pennies](http://sonlight.com/pinching-pennies).

## 5 They want their children to study what their public-school peers study.

Many traditional schools boast that their curricula have no gaps – that their students will acquire complete educations, with no missing pieces.

This claim puzzles us. We don't see how anyone can be taught everything he or she will need to know by age 17 or 18.

When we first began to develop Sonlight curriculum, we consulted several standard scope-and-sequence lists and quickly realized that no two curricula completely agree on what your children ought to know. Even programs that claim to have no gaps have differences between them!

We seek to offer a thorough education – more thorough than you can find in almost any classroom school. But Sonlight also aims to create within students a genuine inquisitive spirit and love for learning, more than just to teach a specific set of facts that their peers may or may not learn in another curriculum or school environment.

With Sonlight, you set the stage for your students to continue learning even after they have completed their formal education. Your students will pick up, later, any information they may have missed during their school years. Why?

Because they will want to learn. We've heard over and over that Sonlight gives kids an unquenchable love of learning.

Far better, we believe, to lack a few facts, love to learn, and grow for the rest of your life than to have "all the right information" and hate the learning process when you graduate.

## 6 They would rather not address false, foolish or questionable ideas.

Parents who object to Sonlight curriculum on this ground may:

- 1) believe it is wrong to mention or teach about beliefs or practices that are different from their own;
- 2) want to begin introducing these ideas much later than families who love Sonlight tend to;
- 3) lack the time or confidence to process difficult or controversial ideas with their children.

Parents who fall into one of these categories often feel uncomfortable with Sonlight's commitment to present all sides of a case.

If the thoughts I've just expressed create a fearful lump in your chest, however, let me note that your children will run into these ideas and practices some day.

Since that is the case, consider with me: What better place is there for your children first to encounter and learn how to address false beliefs, foolish ideas or questionable arguments ... than in the supportive environment of your home – with your help?

We believe that you, the parent, should introduce your children to the difficult subjects, carefully instruct them about why certain positions are false, foolish or questionable, and then teach them how to respond to people you (and they) may view as opponents – in gracious strength and humility.

We designed Sonlight® Instructor's Guides to help you do all these things. You don't have to wade into difficult material alone – you just need the courage to put your toes in and talk with your kids.

## 7 They can't invest lots of time participating in school with their children.

With Sonlight, your children will do a fair amount of work on their own. Math and Handwriting, for example, require independent work. But in Sonlight's areas of unique strength – History and Literature – the program will not work if parents hand it to their elementary or middle school children to do on their own.

With Sonlight, you'll even be involved in the high school years, though to a lesser extent. Your high schoolers will take initiative; but after they've done their work, they will get the most from the curriculum if you engage them in discussions about what they've studied and what they're thinking as a result.



**"Sonlight's relaxed schedule allowed Bobby to take three weeks off for a mission trip to Slovenia,"** writes Rebecca J of Chiefland, FL. "We'd just finished reading about Brother Andrew, so it was a great opportunity to reach out to the same people group. Thanks for choosing Read-Alouds that are so amazing!" Bobby (14) is using Core 200 in his fifth Sonlight year.



# Continued 27 Reasons NOT to Buy Sonlight

The complete curriculum, including History and Literature, Language Arts, Science and Math, requires the kind of parental time commitments mentioned at the start of each year's program description (about 1.5-2 hours a day in the early years, 2-3 hours in the middle years and 1-2.5 hours for older students).

Why?

Because it is Sonlight's purpose to equip you to pass on your values, your dreams and your worldview. And as the Bible says, you should talk with your children about these things "when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Deuteronomy 6:7, 11:19). In other words – at least if we are to believe what the Bible seems to teach, here – you must invest a significant amount of time and talk with your children. And Sonlight equips you to make the most of that time.

First, we've done the lesson preparation for you, so you can invest almost all of your homeschooling time in direct, face-to-face interaction with your children, reading and talking about things that matter.

Second, we provide a broad range of thought-provoking experiences for you to share with your children. But how do you ensure you talk about

worthwhile things? In our opinion (borne out in practice): by enjoying numerous and varied opportunities to identify with and discuss believable characters in literature and history. These are exactly the kinds of experiences customers tell us they get when they read the books Sonlight provides.

Your steadying hand and thoughtful input as you read and discuss helps bind you to your children and them to you. As a result, they gain confidence in you and turn to you more readily for insight and guidance. You find yourself serving as trusted confidant – a privileged role that most parents would love to fulfill.

## 8 They want most school years to focus on U.S. history and culture.

In a standard American history/social studies curriculum, students begin with study of "my community," then move outward to "my state," "my country" and so on. They devote 10 of 12 years – more than 80% of their homeschool time – to study of the history and culture of a nation that has existed for less than 10% of recorded history and encompasses fewer than 5% of all the people in the world!

We recognize that Western culture – and American society in particular within the last 150 years – has enriched the world in many ways. We want to highlight its unique contributions.

But because we believe that God is no respecter of persons on the basis of their racial or cultural backgrounds, Sonlight also seeks to emphasize the unique contributions, strengths, weaknesses, and needs – both physical and spiritual – of the other major peoples and cultures on Earth.

With Sonlight, your children begin their studies outside the United States (see our P4/5, A, B and C programs) so that when they look at American history and culture (beginning in D and E), they will understand more fully how and why American culture is different.

In all, Sonlight devotes four solid years to U.S. history and culture. Due to their astonishingly rich content and engrossing presentation, however, those four years are equivalent to at least eight in almost any other program.

But Sonlight also devotes eight years to the rest of the world, including not only Western history and culture, but also the cultures and histories of Asia, Africa, the Middle East and indigenous peoples around the globe.

We believe God desires to bless all nations and peoples of the world (Rev. 5:9), so we help you prepare your students – wherever God may lead them – to think about, pray for and serve peoples and cultures around the world.

Of course, in addition to our spiritual interest, as international commerce increases, there are practical "secular" reasons we think you should want to teach your children about the world beyond America's borders.

If our larger-than-average emphasis on other cultures bothers you, we understand. There are legitimate reasons to focus on the U.S., and if you are convinced you want to teach along those lines, we want to support you in that endeavor. In that case, we invite you to consider purchasing only those specific programs within the overall Sonlight curriculum that will meet your needs.

## 9 They want a more "Bible-centered" homeschool program than Sonlight offers.

We believe that academics ought to be based on and intentionally related to Scripture. Bible reading, themes, memory verses and Scripture study are an integral part of each Sonlight Core program. In the upper levels, the included Bible study (including Apologetics and Church history) can be quite rigorous as we help students find sure footing in their faith. As we have discovered, however, this is not enough for many people. They want their materials more frequently connected directly to Scripture references. They like to see a reference or quote from Scripture on nearly every page.

We believe there are many times when a certain passage of Scripture will provide insight or new understanding concerning a subject. We will of course quote or reference the appropriate Scripture there. But in general, our approach is to provide rich materials that help parents engage in more natural conversations about Scripture with their children.

When you read *The Hundred Dresses* in Core A, for example, the story itself presents wonderful opportunities to discuss biblical principles in real-life settings. Why should we care for others? What does kindness look like? How do we stand up for what is right?

Instead of Sonlight filling up your Instructor's Guide with "Bible lessons" for each of these principles for such a small book, we let you decide what is most applicable to discuss. Depending on the unique needs of your children, you can teach whatever character principle you want to! We find that this fluid, natural method tends to stick with kids much more than simplistic moral tales about character traits.

But if you are looking for a program that displays a certain number of Scripture references per paragraph, page, chapter, etc., Sonlight curriculum will not satisfy your wishes.



**"The exuberant phrase, 'Mom, this is what we read about!' is frequent evidence of our kids' joy in learning,"** writes Julia H of Saint Johnsbury, VA. "Sonlight has melded together our family's love for reading with a selection of captivating and instructional books. Our children love to cuddle up on the couch for Read-Aloud time, as we explore the past and delight in the present. As a parent, it's delightful to have our kids connect everyday experiences with what they learn in school. In this photo, my son Danny, who is particularly interested in the life sciences, is thrilling over one of God's fascinating creatures: a frog." Danny (5) is using Core C in his third year of Sonlight.

# Sonlight is not right for everyone. Find out why.

## 10 They enjoy creating their own plans and schedules and assembling lesson supplies.

Sonlight Curriculum, Ltd. was founded to help those who don't want to spend much time (or hardly any at all) creating schedules or doing preparatory work. Our Instructor's Guides, supply kits, and other materials help such parents spend more time teaching and interacting with their students, and less time preparing.

If you would rather do for yourself the work we have done; if doing such work leaves you feeling energized rather than worn down, we encourage you to develop your own curriculum.

Of course, we believe the individual books we offer can help you teach your children, so we are delighted to make them available to you. But we have no interest in pushing any services on you that you don't want or need.

You should note that while a Sonlight program is robust and sufficient in and of itself, you certainly can use it as a starting point and create additional lessons and activities in areas where your kids are interested. Our programs suggest a certain structure and schedule, but they are also as flexible as you want to make them.

## 11 They don't want any sad books or heavy content.

One of the criteria Sarita uses to choose books has to do with their ability to make a lasting emotional impact upon her. She looks for books where she feels an emotional connection with the characters. As a result, you are likely to find Sonlight includes more than the usual number of books that will bring tears to your eyes.

Please know: Sarita does not choose maudlin, sappy, romantic, nostalgic or sentimental books. Rather, she looks for emotions that fit more with words like poignant, heartwarming, powerful, deep and thought-provoking. (Read her 7-point criteria for "Sonlight All-Star books" on p. 141.)

If you enjoy books like these, you and your children are likely to love Sonlight. As different moms have suggested, these books create a "wonderful heartache" or "positive mark on your heart." The emotions not only make these books memorable, but also strengthen your broader learning experience. We have found that students remember much more of what they read when they have emotionally connected with the characters.

We also believe that reading emotionally stirring books helps children develop moral imagination. As your kids read and imagine how the world looks and feels to someone else, they develop the capacity to empathize with others. The emotional impact of such books helps children understand how their actions affect the lives of others far better than if they only understood intellectually that actions have consequences.

On the other hand, we have discovered that some people – parents and children – find emotionally-stirring books unpleasant. They not only don't enjoy having their eyes well up with tears, they find the experience downright painful. They think of such books in terms like heavy, sad, dark, gut-wrenching and so forth. And such parents may joyfully abandon Sonlight for what they view as happier climes.

If you or your children fit in this latter group, then we encourage you not to buy Sonlight. There are plenty of curricula on the market that avoid emotional issues and/or avoid touching emotional nerves. Sonlight is definitely not one of them!

## 12 They want a light study schedule, so their kids can pursue non-academic interests.

Or ...

## 13 They feel compelled to do everything their Instructor's Guide mentions.

We are convinced that homeschooling is much more time-efficient than traditional education, and homeschoolers don't need to spend near as much time in formal educational activities as students in classroom settings. But we also believe that we homeschooling parents have a responsibility before God to help our children acquire wisdom, knowledge and a foundation for future success as much as possible while they are under our care.

That's why Sonlight Instructor's Guides make lots of suggestions about reading assignments, reports students might write, subjects they might study, languages they might learn, skills they might want to develop, and so forth.

But think about an elaborate Thanksgiving feast where the banquet table was spread with scores of delectable dishes. No one would expect you to sample "some of everything." Indeed, even if you wanted to, there would be far too much food for you to accomplish such a feat.

So it is with Sonlight. Most parents pick and choose among the assignments we suggest. Almost everyone does all the readings, but many will ignore some of the comprehension questions.

... Or they will just use the *Discover & Do* DVDs in lieu of a full Science program in the early years.

... Or they will stretch a Sonlight program out over more than one year.

... Or they will do the Read-Alouds (some of them, anyway) at night, thinking of them as bedtime stories, or they will read the books during the summer, when the kids are bored.

Some parents, however, just can't shake the feeling that they are failures if they don't do every last item mentioned in the Instructor's Guide (and do

it in the same order and at the same pace that the Guide seems to suggest).

If you are this kind of person – if you feel compelled to check every box – then we want to warn you: It is quite likely Sonlight will be a bad fit for you. You might consider whether another company's program will better meet your needs.

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Do any of these reasons "speak" to you? Visit [sonlight.com/not-to-buy.html](http://sonlight.com/not-to-buy.html) or scan the code on the right to read all 27 reasons why some families choose not to use Sonlight.



If these reasons cause you no great concern, or if you are willing to work around any difficulties you see (look to an advisor, [sonlight.com/SCA](http://sonlight.com/SCA) or the Choosing Forums, [sonlight.com/choosing-forum](http://sonlight.com/choosing-forum) for help with this) ... then welcome to Sonlight. We look forward to serving you.

And whatever program you choose, from whatever supplier, we wish you God's blessing as you teach your children!

– by John Holzmann, father of the original four Sonlight students and co-founder of Sonlight Curriculum.



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"Our boys love to read the many Sonlight stories that bring history, people and places all over the world to life for them," writes Sonja H of River Falls, WI. "Reading has become their favorite activity and we are so glad they've developed a real love for books early in life – largely due to exposure to such wonderful literature through Sonlight's curriculum over the past five years." Here, Jon (13) enjoys a riveting read from Core 100 Literature, alongside his curious canine companion, Cameron.

# 27 Reasons Families Love Sonlight

Homeschool parents tell us that Sonlight® curriculum helps them joyfully learn alongside their children instead of simply handing them materials and expecting their children to educate themselves. They say the entire process becomes a joy for parents and children.

Sound intriguing? Here are 27 reasons customers tell us they're convinced Sonlight is a captivating, user-friendly, God-honoring curriculum.

Might these become your reasons for using Sonlight, too?

## With Sonlight you receive:

### 1 Great books that form the foundation of a great education.

Sonlight helps you build a library your entire family will want to read again and again. You'll pass on a love for truly great books that inspire your kids – AND you – to be lifelong learners.

### 2 Literature-based learning that makes history “come alive.”

Sonlight's story-centered approach transforms “schoolwork” into “edge-of-your-seat” living history. Your children will remember more of what they learn because they won't merely study it in dry textbooks; they will experience it through living books.



**“I'm not sure which part of Sonlight makes my son more alive: History or the Science experiments,”** writes Pendo G. of Uganda. “We live in Uganda, and when we invite one child from the neighborhood to join our class, we get the whole village! One boy agreed to an offer I jokingly made for our family to adopt him. But first, his face turned serious. He had an important condition to request: ‘Will I get to do Science with Tai?’ I answered in the affirmative, and with that, he happily said ‘Okay!’” Talema (9), is studying Core D+E in his third Sonlight year. Here, his experiment suggests that plants don't like to feel crowded.

### 3 The benefit of experts who research and gather all the best tools for you.

Our curriculum development team strategically chooses the best books and products and we send them straight to you, ready for a year of learning. Sonlight does the searching so you can spend that busy “hunting for books” time with your family instead.

### 4 More time to interact with your children.

Sonlight minimizes the prep work and maximizes the time you have for discussions with your children about issues that matter to you (many of which you wouldn't have even thought to bring up). With our Instructor's Guides – designed for homeschoolers – you'll find you engage in heart-felt, thoughtful discussions on a regular basis.

### 5 A learning (and teaching) experience that you enjoy as much as your children do.

According to most of our customers, Sonlight's educational materials inform, challenge and inspire YOU, the teaching parent, as much as they do your children. Not only does that create great memories for you and your kids together, it means you're motivated, yourself, to finish the course.

### 6 A biblical base that provides a solid intellectual and spiritual foundation for your kids.

Sonlight Curriculum's purpose and world-view are grounded in and motivated by Scripture. We believe the Bible is a necessary foundation for all learning and we unapologetically seek to arm students with a strong understanding of their faith as it relates to every area of life.

### 7 Curriculum that helps children gain a balanced perspective on controversial issues.

We do the research necessary to reduce one-sided arguments to a minimum and provide responsible answers to the biases inevitably present in almost every book. We help students fairly analyze different views from a Christian worldview.

### 8 Curriculum that fosters a broad and godly view of the world.

Your children will discover cultures and rich histories that span thousands of years. Indeed, they will engage three times as much world history as found in any typical educational program. Sonlight sparks interest and compassion in your children for the peoples and cultures of different lands and helps them develop a godly heart for the world.

### 9 A liberal arts and hard sciences emphasis that prepares children to be cultural leaders.

Traditionally, the scholarly pursuit of the liberal arts and sciences is the best training to influence culture. Scriptural examples of influential “lettered men” include Moses, Daniel and the Apostle Paul.

### 10 Curriculum that directs your children toward worthy life goals.

The greatest heroes are those who not only overcome their personal limitations, but who also stand up to fearsome foes and put ends to great evils. Sonlight highlights these kinds of heroes in order to direct students to purposeful lives and godly goals.

### 11 Curriculum that trains students to engage different points of view with gracious humility.

In anticipation of their world-changing roles, Sonlight strives to develop students who will listen carefully so as to understand the views of people who hold opinions different from theirs. So when the opportunity comes, they are able to express opinions worth hearing in such a way that their audience is willing to listen.

### 12 A friendly community of homeschoolers to help and encourage you.

The Sonlighters Club Forums ([forums.sonlight.com](https://forums.sonlight.com)) offer warm community, great advice and the chance to meet kindred spirits. Occasionally, these parents get together locally to meet and share in person. You can also find community at [facebook.com/sonlight](https://facebook.com/sonlight) and [sonlight.com/blog](https://sonlight.com/blog).

### 13 A tremendous value.

Even if you never enjoy the incredible discounts – huge savings on Multi-Subject and Core Packages, plus 10% off nearly everything else you buy from Sonlight for an entire year (not to mention the free shipping, one-year trial and college scholarship opportunities that are yours when you purchase a Core or Multi-Subject Package) – Sonlight curriculum is still an excellent value.

You can reuse much (sometimes 90%) of Sonlight® materials with multiple children. And the majority of your books, you will find, will build a library your family will enjoy for a lifetime. Great education and top-notch entertainment all at once. Can you imagine a better use of your family's funds?

### 14 The option to teach two or more children with one program.

Our literature focus gives you the flexibility to combine ages as you teach. Older and younger kids alike can benefit from the books you read aloud. Why not save time and money?



# Find out if they might be your reasons, too.

## 15 Assignments that readily meet all your children's academic needs.

Our programs provide academic challenges for advanced students, yet average students and others with learning disabilities find remarkable success with Sonlight. You don't have to reinvent the wheel to make it work for your family. We've made adaptation easy.

## 16 Maximized educational value through strategic attention to children's developmental needs.

At early ages, children can understand far more than they are able to read. That's why we urge parents to read aloud to younger kids – and why we carefully design child-friendly type size and layout in books children will read for themselves. They grow in excitement to learn instead of frustration.

## 17 One-stop shopping convenience.

Sure. You can purchase many of the books we carry elsewhere. But you won't be able to find all the components in one place nor order them with a single click of a button – not in any one place besides Sonlight Curriculum, Ltd.!

We gather your materials together, package them and ship them to you FREE (or at deep discounts). Which means you can enjoy more time with your family and less time "book hunting."

## 18 Homeschool support, from personal consultations to videos and articles.

Sonlight® Curriculum Advisors are experienced homeschool moms ready to answer your questions for free, offer curriculum suggestions and share in your struggles. SONIA, Sonlight's automated internet advisor, can also guide you as you choose everything you need to homeschool your children. And please don't hesitate to sign up at [sonlight.com/subscribe](https://sonlight.com/subscribe) for our email series full of homeschooling tips.

## 19 Four- and five-day schedules you can easily follow or modify as you go.

Your entire week's schedule is outlined for you. You can see it at a glance and choose whether to nibble on a bit of each subject each day or focus on one subject at a time.

## 20 Access to a company that actually listens to you!

We want to make your job as a homeschool parent easier, give you more confidence, help you overcome obstacles and protect your family's interests. So we offer lots of ways for you to give us feedback and get help. We listen to your suggestions and incorporate your ideas. Many of our products and services today sprang from customers' input!

## 21 Instructor's Guides that walk beside you every day, ready to help.

No formal jargon or heavy-handed statements about the "right" way for you to teach your kids. Instead you'll find a knowledgeable and experienced friend who speaks your language, addresses your concerns and offers suggestions.

Sonlight® Core Instructor's Guides schedule every Core subject (History, Geography, Bible, Reading and Language Arts) as an integrated learning experience. You can easily add our separate Science Packages with complete Instructor's Guides as well.

## 22 Time (because we eliminate unnecessary busy work).

Tap into the Sonlight® Forums anytime to get activity ideas from other parents. But we've carefully screened out materials that require unnecessary effort or "learning" activities that, in our opinion, involve more preparation than their educational benefits merit. In other words, we save you time.

## 23 An unparalleled one-year trial.

No other homeschool curriculum offers such a generous, comprehensive guarantee: Take a full year to use up to 18 weeks of your Sonlight® Multi-Subject Package or Core package. If it doesn't surpass all your expectations and desires, please return it (used books and all) for a full refund. (Full details on p. 156 or at [sonlight.com/love](https://sonlight.com/love).)

## 24 FREE shipping (for all Core purchasers in the lower 48 states).

We make shipping more affordable than any outside option for all our customers, even if they're overseas.

## 25 A 10% discount on all additional materials for a year when you purchase a Core or Multi-Subject Package.

A Core or Multi-Subject Package curriculum purchase also makes you eligible for a full year of discounts, free forum access, e-newsletters, special gifts and more. (See pp. 24-25 for more details.)

## 26 Payment plan options that help make Sonlight budget-friendly.

You can choose to pay for your curriculum over three, six or nine months. For more information, go to [sonlight.com/timepayments](https://sonlight.com/timepayments).

## 27 The opportunity to encourage Kingdom efforts around the world when you buy from Sonlight.

We count it as a privilege to support international missions, church planting, literacy, education and disaster relief efforts that touch the lives and

hearts of people around the world – especially in the neediest parts of the planet, such as the "10/40 Window." We also enable motivated customers to participate directly in these efforts along with us.

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Thanks for reading a few of the reasons families love Sonlight. If these reasons appeal to you, I encourage you to give Sonlight a try. With that unbeatable one-year guarantee, you have nothing to lose and a whole world of learning to gain. (Find out more about Sonlight's guarantee on p. 156.)

By the way, this is a shortened version of an article available at [sonlight.com/to-buy](https://sonlight.com/to-buy). Check it out if you'd like to learn more about any of these topics.

God bless you as you choose which curriculum will help you mold and shape your children into lifelong learners.

To see customers share in their own words what they love about Sonlight, head to [sonlight.com/quotes](https://sonlight.com/quotes) or scan the code to the right.



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"Sonlight really brings Science to life," writes Tiffany H. of Garrison, TX. "The adventures and experiments make learning a great bonding experience for our family. Our five children and I all enjoy exploring outside with Sonlight Science A. It allows our family to have much more time together through learning and fun because the lesson plans and materials are there for us. We are thankful that we can learn in a natural style and all together." Using the *Children's Encyclopedia* [from Core A and Science A] for reference, Tiffany explores outside with Briley (7), Bryce (6), Kelsey (2), Kinley (2) and baby Blake.

# Our Top Ten Goals: Do they match yours?

**W**hat are your goals for education? What do you hope to accomplish in your homeschool?

As John and Sarita Holzmahn taught their four children and developed Sonlight® curriculum, they laid out clear goals to guide their steps. We'd like to share those goals with you here, so you can evaluate Sonlight in light of your own values and goals. If you haven't spelled out your own goals yet, perhaps this list will serve as inspiration. Sonlight seeks to help parents:

## 1 Teach students to seek God's Kingdom above everything else.

We believe this is the primary goal Jesus set before all of us who claim to be His disciples: "Seek first His [God's] kingdom and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33).

The books we choose and the discussion questions we provide are designed to spark "teachable moments" and meaningful conversations between you and your children, to help them learn to put God's Kingdom purposes first, before all else.

## 2 Create a learner's heart, an enthusiasm for discovery.

What good does it do to fill children's minds with information if they never acquire a heartfelt desire to learn and grow in wisdom?

We want our kids to grow up with the same attitude and conviction Solomon had: "Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her" (Proverbs 3:13-15).

When students want to learn, we believe they are equipped to improve their skills throughout life so they can press toward the goals God wants them to pursue.



**"Sonlight helps us find God everywhere. I love the Scripture 'nuggets' packed in the IG,"** writes Amanda C of Bethel, AK. "Hannah especially enjoys all of the creative activities. I asked her what she thinks of Sonlight, and she said, 'I love it!'" In the family's second Sonlight year, Hannah (7) and Abigail (3) paint scenes from History B+C.

## 3 Encourage children to honor God's "Great Commission" by maintaining an international focus; to raise kids with a godly heart for the world.

God's plans are for all peoples. We seek to make that evident through the year-by-year organization of our studies, through the books we carry, and through the notes in your Instructor's Guides.

Rather than following the standard social studies approach – "teaching" early elementary children about familiar things ("our community") and then slowly working outward to unfamiliar things ("our state," "our country," "our world") – Sonlight curriculum turns the learning experience on its head.

We figure kids already have at least a working knowledge of their local communities. They know, more or less, what the police do and why the fire department exists. What they can't imagine is that anyone lives differently than they do. Most have no idea that there is a big world around them, filled with people who have completely different experiences from their own.

So we begin exposing students to world history right from the start – in *Core A: World Cultures*.

By Core D, when we begin on American history, children understand instinctively that American history is no ordinary, boring subject. Rather, they are studying a unique culture that contrasts with other world cultures and is fascinating in its own right. With this global perspective, students are better equipped to understand their potential role in God's global Kingdom work.

## 4 Inspire students to honor Christ boldly – in speech and conduct.

We believe the Christian faith is not merely intended to grant us eternal personal comfort; it is meant to change the way we live and, through us, to alter the world around us.

That's why, from the earliest years, we include materials to help children memorize Scripture and understand what the Bible is all about.

But the legacy of God's people extends far beyond the Scriptures; it continues to the present day. In order to emphasize this amazing legacy of God's people, we must provide children an historical and biographical view of the world.

We want children to find true heroes – people whose lives they can and want to emulate.

We want children to read biographies that not only tell about the good deeds of others and the wise habits they demonstrated, but also help children see these people as they really were: people whom God used despite their shortcomings.

We also want children to know the tremendous risks (from the human perspective) these people took to fulfill God's call on their lives. Some of them, by God's grace, confronted and overcame the greatest evils imaginable in cultures around the world.

We want children, through their reading, to see, know and understand the sacrifices that they themselves may be called upon to make if they are to fulfill God's purposes in their lives.

We want our students to understand that they are part of a movement and plan (God's plan) that is far bigger than they are – a movement and plan that has been carried forward through the centuries by "a great cloud" of faithful, self-sacrificing people who fulfilled their callings (see Hebrews 12:1).

We want children to sense the excitement and challenge of following Jesus in big and little things – not only at home, at church and in family relations, but also in their work and culture.

## 5 Train children to become winsome and effective ambassadors for Christ.

Most curricula (especially Christian curricula) seem to focus entirely on "message" content – what students need to know and believe so they will quickly recognize and reject whatever is false.

Christians often justify this educational focus by referring to the U.S. Secret Service's method of preparing anti-counterfeit agents. New agents are made so familiar with honest-to-goodness \$20, \$50, and \$100 bills that they recognize counterfeit bills immediately.

We believe this analogy is good ... to a point.

But, interestingly, Scripture uses more active language than that of anti-counterfeit agents. The Apostle Paul speaks of ambassadors and soldiers for Christ. And ambassadors and soldiers don't merely identify the enemy or what is alien and then run away. It is their job to engage or interact with whatever is not "their own."

And so, ambassadors must not only be intimately familiar with the Truth (i.e., "so familiar with real money that they can identify the counterfeits immediately"). They must also know their audience. They must understand what their audience thinks, believes and values.

Using the biblical military analogy: Soldiers for Christ must learn not only to recognize who the enemy is; they must also learn to discover the peculiar strengths and weaknesses of the enemy, what strategies the enemy will use and what strategies they may use against the enemy. Soldiers must also acquire a minimal amount of (at least simulated) combat experience before entering the fray.

Therefore, Sonlight is designed to ...

## 6 Teach students not only biblical content, but how to listen to others.

The Greek philosopher Epictetus said, "We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak." Those of us who wish to be effective communicators for Christ might do well to listen twice as much as we talk.

After all, who would you believe truly cared for you, and who would you pay attention to: someone who listens intently to what you have to say before giving a gracious and thoughtful reply? Or someone who – before you’ve even finished speaking – launches into a prepared monologue designed to “set you straight”?

Sonlight uses two vehicles to teach students to listen. First, it has them listen while Mom or Dad reads.

Studies have shown, and we’ve seen it proven time and again: Children whose parents read to them regularly and at length are better at listening and understanding what they hear than are children whose parents only read to them a little.

Sonlight Read-Aloud classics entice you and your children to read together – often, and at great length. Neither you nor your children will want to stop! And so they learn to listen.

A second means by which we teach students to listen has a slightly different purpose and more difficult method. Yet we believe this additional step is vital if we are to raise up effective communicators.

The second step? To convey different sides to an argument.

Many people – both children and adults – are afraid of what “the opposition” may say. Our minds become so filled with fear about our potential inability to reply appropriately that we never hear what the other person says.

Thus, most of us are far more comfortable to remain ignorant of other people’s claims than (first) to become familiar with what they have to say and (second) to find quality answers or, possibly, to admit they have a point we had never before considered.

Sonlight seeks to teach students never to bow to fear or ignorant laziness. Instead, we seek to:

## 7 Teach students, through experience, that God is faithful; they can listen to other perspectives without having their faith destroyed.

In other words, with the supportive help of their parents, we teach students the tools, techniques, knowledge and skills of godly intellectual engagement.

How do we do that? By introducing them to some of the alternative perspectives people hold on various matters. In the early elementary years, of course, we deal with relatively easy issues, but upper-level students move on to issues of deep moral and spiritual importance. For example:

- In the early grades, instead of merely giving a young-earth creationist perspective, we discuss the old-earth creationist perspective and use some books that present an evolutionary point of view as well. The Instructor’s Guides equip parents to guide their children in this.
- In Core E, when we come to the so-called

American Civil War, we present materials from both sides – from a Union perspective and from the perspective of Confederate sympathizers.

- In high school, rather than only learning church history from evangelical Protestants, we invite apologists for the three other main historic branches of Christianity – the “Church of the East,” the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church – to speak in defense of their respective communions.

I could go on with examples of issues where we present the “other” side. But I think you get the point.

We want students to be convinced, through experience, that they can find legitimate answers to questions that people coming from “the other side” may ask. Even when students don’t happen to know the answers, they need not run in fear.

There is no need to fear because the Truth – God’s Truth – will prevail. He who is in us truly is greater than he who is in the world (cf. 1 John 4:4). And He who is by our side really will give us the right words to say when the time comes (cf. Matthew 10:18-20). Through their Sonlight education, students come to know this not just in their heads, as an article of faith, but in their hearts, through experience.

And this is intimately tied to another goal:

## 8 Inspire students to fulfill the work of true scholars.

Through the books we have chosen and through our Instructor’s Guides, Sonlight Curriculum seeks to demonstrate true scholarship.

Through assignments, and by means of integral notes in the Instructor’s Guides, Sonlight seeks to draw students along in the scholarly process.

Some may question the value of quality scholarship. We believe it has a direct and valuable impact on a person’s ambassadorship. Those who have “done their homework” are in far better positions than those who haven’t to communicate effectively with people who hold different perspectives.

## 9 Prepare students to think deeply about, cry over and prepare themselves for action on significant social, personal and ethical issues.

We who continue to develop Sonlight curriculum can’t imagine a quicker, easier, more enjoyable way to gain wisdom and knowledge than to read great books. We believe quality literature, whether written by Christians or non-Christians, should cause us to search the Scriptures to find out how Jesus would respond in certain circumstances.

As students seek these answers and think carefully about these subjects, they prepare themselves for the future when they will find themselves in situations similar to those they’ve read about.

## 10 Raise “culturally literate” students.

As E.D. Hirsch, Jr., demonstrates in his bestselling work, *Cultural Literacy*, there is a certain basic set of background information people must know if they are to get along in a culture – let alone to influence it.

They must be aware of the key historical events, significant persons, movements, groups and ideas that have shaped the culture.

Sonlight seeks to raise world-changers: people who will make a difference ... for good. And so we place a premium upon cultural literacy.

That’s why you’ll find so many famous books in our curriculum (some of which, especially in the older years, are rather “un-Christian”).

We believe our children must be aware of these books and their content so that they have a foundational base of knowledge and, more importantly, so they will be prepared to respond to these cultural influences in a strong and godly fashion.

The question is: Does this kind of education work? Jesus said we should judge a tree by its fruit.

Some of the “fruit,” customers say, has come largely from their children’s use of Sonlight:

One Sonlighter was recently the first in her family to graduate college. Another just started at Stanford. Another Sonlight grad is headed to the Navy to study nuclear engineering. Another student plans to be a medical missionary, while another has served as a page in her governor’s office and is already working to fight human trafficking.

All around us, students are discovering their gifts and using them to further God’s Kingdom in relevant ways. For this we are very grateful.

Now you know our top goals. What are yours when it comes to educating your children? Do you think Sonlight might help you achieve them? If our goals are in alignment, we’d count it a privilege to come alongside you.



**“Sonlight makes it so simple to give my kids the love of learning I’d always hoped for,”** writes Becky C of Pinetops, NC. “In our first year homeschooling, I couldn’t be happier with their progress!” Here, Mandy (8) and Bryan (11) educate Mom on the length of a giraffe’s tongue (45 cm).



# Why Sonlight Uses Certain Books ...

Sonlight attempts to avoid books that include unnecessarily scary, boring, or offensive passages. We know, however, that different readers have different tolerance levels and expectations. So what is intellectually challenging to one may be highly offensive to another.

I once read a consumer magazine that rated frozen pizzas on a number of factors, including the volume of contaminants they contained. I remember being aghast at the things the authors said they found: rodent hairs, insect parts ... even feces!

And most astonishing and depressing of all: not one manufacturer's pizza was clean. Not one! With the aid of a microscope, the researchers found contaminants in every pizza.

Before you decide never to eat a frozen pizza again, however, consider this truth: At some level of analysis, you will find contaminants in everything in the world. Whether hair, insect parts or bacteria in pizzas; heavy metals, oxidants or damaging lipoproteins in the human body; ... or false, foolish or inaccurate ideas in books.

## A Fundamental Truth

In Philippians 4:8, God tells us He wants us to think about "whatever is true ... noble ... right ... pure ... lovely ... admirable ... excellent or praiseworthy."

Many people interpret this verse to mean we should avoid everything that is impure, unlovely, lacking in excellence, and unworthy of praise or admiration. But I would like to propose a different view.



**"Whoever thought to make Sonlight's [large shipping] box turn into a castle is a genius! Just the help a mom needs,"** writes Katie D of Milpitas, CA. "I was busy in the other room and peeked in on my daughters to see how their castle was coming along. What a joy to discover the fun they were having together! Sonlight has blessed our family by making homeschooling fun for my girls and me. The daily schedule is amazing." In their second Sonlight year, Michaela (6) and Madison (4) are studying Core A.

Rather than telling us absolutely to avoid all such things, I believe God is telling us on what we ought to *focus*.

He is not telling us to close our eyes to what is ugly, contemptible, unhealthy or evil and pretend it doesn't exist. No. He wants His people to be aware of such things so we can avoid their dangers.

But, says God, we need to *focus on the good*.

Imagine a feast set before you. A thick, juicy steak sizzles on your plate, making your mouth water as the tender meat succumbs to the touch of your fork. Crisp vegetables, in bright reds, yellows and greens, and filled with disease-defying nutrients, garnish your plate and crunch at every bite. When such a delicious, nutritional masterpiece is placed before you, side-by-side with a dish of re-constituted, freeze-dried prunes, which would you choose?

Before you make your choice, let me warn you! Some food scientists have analyzed these culinary options and, upon careful examination, they will assure you that the prunes are free of rodent hairs, insect parts, and other impurities to the level of 0.21 ppb [parts per billion], whereas the feast is nearly 100 times dirtier – at 19.27 ppb of purity.

Now make your choice.

I would like to suggest *there is no compelling reason you should ignore the feast and eat the prunes*.

Similarly with literature – especially the literature Sonlight offers.

Sonlight®, I can assure you, presents you with a literary feast. And I can also assure you the literary equivalent of germs, insect parts and rodent hairs are present as well – because, when we get right down to it, they are present in all literature.

And what is the appropriate response to the kind of feast Sonlight offers? We think students and parents should focus on the true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy qualities of the books we offer. And they should offer thanks to God for the delightful feast ... even as they ask Him to protect them from the contaminants!

The truth is, if you find something objectionable in a book Sonlight carries, you can be sure we chose it because we believe its excellent and praiseworthy content far outweighs its imperfections. Indeed, we chose it because we believe it contains far more high value content than any work that covers the same subject available on the market.

"Okay," someone will say. "A swear word here or there is one thing. But what about deeper issues – issues like the misleading character of historical fiction; books that include references to magic, witches or other scripturally prohibited practices\*; and books in which the author promotes non-Christian or even anti-Christian views?"

## What About Historical Fiction?

Some people note that historical fiction distorts the truth. For example, it often includes "real"

historical figures, but places them in the midst of people who never existed. Sometimes authors have fictional characters do what the historical record clearly tells us a specific, known person did. They create imaginary dialog. And on and on it goes.

In many ways, say the detractors, historical fiction misleads students. And, therefore, they conclude, no self-respecting history program should include such books.

We have had a number of people complain about the historical fiction we carry after they've discovered exactly how inaccurate one of our books really is. When this has occurred in the past, I have asked the critic how he or she discovered the inaccuracies.

"Well," says the critic. "After reading \_\_\_\_\_, I began to wonder how true it really was. So I went online and ..." Or, "... My daughter wondered whether \_\_\_\_\_ (a character in the story) really existed, so she went to the library and began to do some research ..."

Frankly, I find these stories fascinating. And a bit humorous. When was the last time you or your child read a history text – or textbook – and found yourself motivated to do further research?

Is it because these books are fully accurate? (You can be sure they're not! Just do a Google search on textbook inaccuracies and see what you find!)

No. I would hazard the guess that the primary reason you weren't motivated to do any further research on the subject matter of the books is because the books *failed to grab your interest!*

But stories do grab readers' interest. And once a great work of fiction grabs your children's attention, you'll find that the educational process becomes marvelously joyful. Your children will actually want to investigate the things they're reading.

As long as a work of historical fiction is portrayed as fiction, and as long as we know of no more accurate work a child can read that will inspire further study, Sarita and I believe it is *preferable* to teach a child using emotionally and intellectually engaging historical fiction that will encourage kids to dig deeper ... rather than uninspiring textbooks full of dry facts that are *possibly* more accurate (at some relatively insignificant level).

## What About Works with Anti- or Sub-Christian Themes?

Many homeschoolers say, "I don't want to expose my children to evil, and I don't want to be exposed to evil myself." They believe this is a way to obey God's commands to "flee the evil desires of youth" and to "be separate" from the wickedness of the world (2 Tim. 2:22; 2 Cor. 6:17).

These people will often suggest we should train our children spiritually in much the same way that the U.S. Secret Service trains its anti-counterfeit agents: by making them so familiar with the real currency (or, in the case of homeschoolers, with

# Some Homeschoolers Won't Touch

true doctrine) that they will recognize a counterfeit immediately.

The advice these people give and the analogy they use are both good – to a point. However, it seems to me that Scripture speaks far more about our need to interact with the world than to isolate ourselves from it or turn our backs upon it.

The Apostle Paul, for instance, says we are to be *ambassadors* for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20) and he speaks of Christians as *soldiers* for Christ (2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 6:11-18; 2 Tim. 2:3-4; etc.).

Soldiers and ambassadors must be trained not merely in the (necessary!) art of *discernment* – the kinds of skills an anti-counterfeit agent requires – but they must master the active skills, too, of *engagement with the enemy*.

If we study the Bible primarily so we can avoid that which is false or alien, how can we act as ambassadors or soldiers?

To stay prepared for battle, good soldiers must learn self-discipline and must not let their bodies waste away from misuse. But they must do more than fight internal temptations toward moral failure, sloth and the like. Soldiers are called on to defeat external enemies. That's their job.

And, therefore, just as sword-bearing soldiers in the days of yore used their weapons for more than shaving their beards and defending their honor in private duels, so our children must be taught to use the sword of the Spirit (the Word of God; see Eph. 6:17) for more than personal spiritual hygiene and protection from evil.

But we are faced with a question: How do ambassadors and soldiers train for active duty in the physical realm? Answer: not merely through academic, classroom instruction. They also participate in “live” debates (ambassadors) and mock combat (soldiers).

It is the same with spiritual soldiers and ambassadors as well. We believe quality literature written from a sub-Christian or anti-Christian perspective can help provide the context for the kinds of mock debate and mock combat young people need to prepare themselves for spiritual warfare in the bigger, adult world to which they are being called. Such books can provide sparring partners against whom our children, backed by the coaching help of their parents, can engage in “round tables” and “war games” without having to face live opponents who are actively engaged in twisting their efforts to our children's destruction.

“The difference in the Sonlight books, to me, is like the difference between a house and a home, or a woman and a mother. I choose Sonlight!”

—Deanna P, Aug. 2012

It seems to Sarita and me that elementary level children ought to be engaged in lightweight sparring. With Mom and Dad's help, they need to learn how to discern and respond to the subtle (and sometimes not-so-subtle!) appeals of the Enemy.

Then, by high school, students should be prepared to engage in heavy-duty mock combat and ought to interact with books written by well-spoken, devout proponents of opposing viewpoints. Our kids need to face these authors' deceits and learn to recognize their strategies and approaches. It's the only way to train them for warfare!

## How to Strengthen Your Children's Spiritual Immune System

Let me return to the contaminated pizzas I mentioned at the start of this article. You may have thought, “But what if we're talking not about relatively harmless impurities, but truly deadly poisons – or a virus, perhaps?” It's a good question.

Obviously, you don't want to expose your children (or yourself) to something that will kill you. But there is a way to protect against viruses, infections and deadly toxins.

The method? You encourage your immune system to generate antibodies that will overwhelm the toxins, should they ever invade.

And how do you encourage your immune system to build up antibodies? Not by avoiding toxins! Rather, you build your immune system by exposing your body to small doses – or weakened versions – of the toxin ... over time ... under supervision ... and according to a definite plan. It's called inoculation.

Carefully-chosen books written from sub- or anti-Christian perspectives can make great vaccines.

Are you ready to prepare your children for the battles of life? Do you want to motivate them to learn? Do you want them to build up spiritual antibodies against the evils of the world? If so, then perhaps you, too, will want to join us and use some books other homeschoolers won't touch!

— by John Holzmänn

*\*For additional information, including Sonlight's position on books that mention witches or magic, please go to [sonlight.com/thatbook.html](http://sonlight.com/thatbook.html).*



**“Sonlight exposes students to a variety of new experiences and topics that spark excitement about potential career paths.”**

writes Johanna G of Rochester, NY. “Sonlight Science provides high school-level courses and also college preparation. Rebecca's interest in science and nursing as a possible career were sparked by Sonlight's recommended *Apologia Biology*.” Here, cousins Rebecca (16) and Alexandria (14) dissect a cow's eye for a summer lab project. The two families have used Sonlight for 11 years and 9 years, respectively. Rebecca is studying Core 300 and *Apologia Chemistry*, while Alex is studying Core 200 and *Apologia Biology*.



**“The Sonlight Cores were igniting a love for learning in my girls. So we decided to give Sonlight Science a try,”** writes Edelwina L of Southeast Asia.

“When my older girls were smaller, we often overlooked science. But since [starting Sonlight Science], science is a subject that gets done. As soon as any of the children are reading comfortably, I find them independently poring over their engaging science books. The supply kits and the *Discover and Do* DVD (a favorite even of our 4-year-old) allow us regular lab work with little effort to get everything together. And my high schoolers have everything they need – from weekly schedules to chemicals to microscopes!” Here, Marco (4), Danielle (7), Miguel (9), Camilla (13) and Beatrice (15) study Science in the family's tenth year of Sonlight.

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# Curriculum Scope & Sequence

## A strategic map from Preschool through High School

Does graduation day seem far away? Relax with this map to get from here to there. Sonlight gives you the tools you need to academically prepare your kids for excellence in high school and be-






yond. You'll help them get ready for college, trade school, the military, the workforce or family life.

From preschool to high school, your Sonlight journey includes three sweeps through history and a solid foundation of Biblical knowledge. Watch your kids progress from learning to read and write

to composing well-crafted research papers and creative works. Journey from the very basics of science to college-level lab work. Take a look at the road ahead!

## ○ Sonlight Core

Choose a Core program (or two) that fits with your children's age ranges and interests.

	Core Program	Title	Age Range	History & Geography Focus	Spiritual Focus	Total Daily Time Commitment (accounts for all subjects, even Math, Science, etc.)
 Intro to the World	<b>Core P3/4</b>	Fiction, Fairy Tales, and Fun for Little Learners	3, 4	Informal preschool program with books and games to naturally encourage development and character.		
	<b>Core P4/5</b>	Exploring God's World	4, 5, 6	Discover fascinating differences (and similarities) between people around the world.		Student & Parent: 20 mins to 1.5 hrs (depends on child's age and parent's approach to learning)
	<b>Core A</b>	Intro to the World: Cultures	5, 6, 7	Explore Geography and Cultures around the world and across time from creation through modern times.		Student: 1.5-2 hrs. Parent: 1-1.5 hrs.
 1st Sweep through History	<b>Core B</b>	Intro to World History, Year 1 of 2	6, 7, 8	World history from early civilizations through the fall of Rome.	Learning to love Scripture. Discovering God's heart for the nations. Exploring how to pray for and serve others.	Student: 2-3 hrs. Parent: 1.5-2 hrs.
	<b>Core B+C</b>	Intro to World History, One Year Condensed	7, 8, 9	Cores B and C combined into one year. World history from early civilizations through the late 1900s.		Student: 2-3 hrs. Parent: 1.5-2 hrs.
	<b>Core C</b>	Intro to World History, Year 2 of 2	7, 8, 9	World history from the fall of Rome through the late 1900s.		Student: 2-3 hrs. Parent: 1.5-2 hrs.
	<b>Core D</b>	Intro to American History, Year 1 of 2	8, 9, 10, 11	American history from early Native Americans through the 1850s.		Student: 3.5-4.5 hrs. Parent: 2-3 hrs.
	<b>Core D+E</b>	Intro to American History, One Year Condensed	9, 10, 11, 12	Cores D and E combined into one year. U.S. history from the early Native Americans through the late 1900s.		Student: 3.5-5 hrs. Parent: 2-3 hrs.
 Transition year: learning to research	<b>Core E</b>	Intro to American History, Year 2 of 2	9, 10, 11, 12	American history from the Civil War (1860s) through the late 1900s.		Student: 3.5-5 hrs. Parent: 2-3 hrs.
	<b>Core F</b>	Eastern Hemisphere	10, 11, 12, 13	A fascinating cultural study of the Eastern Hemisphere, including Asia, Oceania, the Middle East and Africa.		Student: 4-6 hrs. Parent: 2-3.5 hrs.
	<b>Core G</b>	World History, Year 1 of 2	11, 12, 13, 14	In-depth World History from ancient Egypt through the Reformation.	Overview of each book in the Bible. Discovering God's heart for the nations.	Student: 4-6 hrs. Parent: 2-3.5 hrs.
 2nd Sweep through History	<b>Core H</b>	World History, Year 2 of 2	12, 13, 14	In-depth World history from the Reformation through the late 1900s.	Learning different methods of studying the Bible in-depth.	Student: 4-6 hrs. Parent: 2-3.5 hrs.
	<b>Core W</b>	One Year World History	12, 13	A one year alternative to Cores G and H. World history from ancient Egypt through the late 1900s.		Student: 4-6 hrs. Parent: 2-3.5 hrs.
	<b>Core 100</b>	American History	12, 13, 14, 15, 16	In-depth study of U.S. history from pre-Columbian America through the present.		Student: 5-7 hrs. Parent: 2-3.5 hrs.
 3rd Sweep through History	<b>Core 200</b>	History of the Christian Church	14, 15, 16, 17, 18	In-depth study of the spread of the Gospel and the growth of the Church worldwide from the time of Christ to the present.	Practical and challenging application of Scripture. Serious study of apologetics.	Student: 5-7 hrs. Parent: 1-2.5 hrs.
	<b>Core 300</b>	20th Century World History	15, 16, 17, 18	Modern world history.		Student: 6-8 hrs. Parent: 1-2.5 hrs.
	<b>Core 400</b>	American Government	16, 17, 18	U.S. government, with emphasis on the Constitution and its historical interpretation, plus a close look at the three branches of government.		Student: 6-8 hrs. Parent: 1.5-2 hrs.
		Economics	16, 17, 18	Modern economics, from basic theory to politics and trade.		Student: 6-8 hrs. Parent: 1-2 hrs.

Want to see what your student's long-term educational plans might look like? Visit [sonlight.com/sample-paths](https://sonlight.com/sample-paths) to consider your potential options and see what other Sonlighters do.





# What will you learn with Sonlight?

## Sonlight Language Arts

A full Language Arts program is included in every Core.

Program	Coordinates with:	Focus	Subjects Covered
<b>Language Arts P4/5</b>	Core P4/5	A gentle introduction to the alphabet, rhymes and the “first thousand words.”	Phonics and vocabulary.
<i>Cores A-C, you get the Language Arts program that matches the Readers Package you select.</i>			
<b>Language Arts K</b>	Grade K Readers	Learn alphabet and letter sounds. Begin creative writing with a parent as scribe.	Phonics, spelling, vocabulary, creative expression, copywork and writing mechanics.
<b>Language Arts 1</b>	Grade 1 Readers	Read more advanced short words. Write short stories with a parent as scribe.	Phonics, spelling, vocabulary, copywork, creative expression and writing mechanics.
<b>Language Arts 2</b>	Grade 2 Readers	Learn to construct basic sentences and simple paragraphs.	Spelling, writing mechanics, copywork and creative expression.
<b>Language Arts 3</b>	Grade 3 Readers	Learn to write winning paragraphs step-by-step.	Spelling, writing mechanics, paragraph construction, copywork and creative expression.
<b>Language Arts 4-5</b>	Grade 4-5 Readers	Write sentences and short paragraphs relatively independently.	Spelling, writing mechanics, copywork, paragraph construction and creative expression.
<b>Language Arts D</b>	Core D	Explore various writing styles; learn about similes, metaphors and more.	Spelling, vocabulary, dictation, writing mechanics and creative expression.
<b>Language Arts D+E</b>	Core D+E	Explore various writing styles; practice advanced writing mechanics.	Spelling, grammar, dictation, vocabulary, writing mechanics and creative expression.
<b>Language Arts E</b>	Core E	Explore various writing styles; practice advanced writing mechanics.	Spelling, grammar, dictation, writing mechanics, research writing and creative expression.
<b>Language Arts F</b>	Core F	Take on more challenging writing assignments and explore writing styles.	Spelling, grammar, dictation, vocabulary, writing mechanics, research writing, creative expression and literary analysis.
<b>Language Arts G</b>	Core G	Advanced writing assignments and basic literary analysis.	Spelling, vocabulary, dictation, advanced writing mechanics, creative expression, literary analysis and editing.
<b>Language Arts H</b>	Core H	Increase writing skills; fully integrated with History & Literature.	Creative writing, essay composition, research and literary analysis.
<b>Language Arts W</b>	Core W	Advanced writing assignments and basic literary analysis. (Same basic material as Language Arts G.)	Spelling, vocabulary, advanced writing mechanics, creative expression, literary analysis and editing.
<b>Language Arts 140</b>	Literature 130 See p.76	Increase writing skills; fully integrated with History & Literature.	Critical thinking, essay composition, literary analysis and creative writing.
<b>Language Arts 240</b>	Literature 230 See p.80	Increase writing skills; fully integrated with History & Literature.	Essay composition, literary analysis, research papers and creative writing.
<b>Language Arts 340</b>	Literature 330 See p.84	Increase writing skills; fully integrated with History & Literature.	Creative writing, literary analysis, research writing and essay composition.
<b>Language Arts 440</b>	Literature 430 See p.88	Prepare for college-level writing; fully integrated with History & Literature.	Creative writing, literary analysis, essay composition and research papers.
<b>Language Arts 540</b>	Literature 530 See p.90	Tackle college-level assignments; fully integrated with Literature.	Creative writing, literary analysis and vocabulary with Latin and Greek roots.
<b>British Literature 530</b>	Language Arts 540	Prepare for the AP* English Literature exam with a yearlong survey of British Literature.	Key works of British Literature.

## Sonlight Science

Choose a Science program that fits with your children's age ranges and interests.

Science	Age Range	Focus
<b>Science A</b> Biology, Botany, and Physics	5, 6, 7	Animals, plants and the way things move. Experiments and hands-on activities.
<b>Science B</b> Animals, Astronomy, and Physics	5, 6, 7, 8	Animals, outer space and the way things move. Experiments and hands-on activities.
<b>Science C</b> Geology, Meteorology, and Mechanical Technology	6, 7, 8, 9	Weather, geology and basic machines. Experiments and hands-on activities.
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**Note:** Orders received with returns will be delayed. To receive better service please place a new order via our website, fax, email, or mail. Ensure items are eligible for return according to the 18-Week "Love to Learn" Guarantee or the 6-Month Return Policy as detailed above. Then:

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# 2013 Sonlight Scholarship Winners

**C**ongratulations to our 2013 Sonlight scholarship winners! Like so many Sonlight students, they have a heart for learning, exhibit exceptional character, are active in their communities, demonstrate leadership skills, are creative, cultivate spiritual depth and are well-prepared for the academic rigors of college.

What part does a Sonlight homeschool education play in the past successes and future goals of these students? All have completed at least five Sonlight Core programs (including high school-level Cores). Their exceptional talent, along with an eagerness to follow God's leading, make it a joy for Sonlight to invest in their continuing education.

Sonlight has awarded \$968,500 since we began the scholarship program, and will award \$92,000 over the next four years to these 13 winners. We look forward to seeing all God does in and through them as they take what they've learned – through Sonlight and their homeschool experience – into college and the world beyond.

## \$20,000 Scholarship Winner

(\$5,000 each year)



**Adam Springer** of **Huntsville, TX**, might well be considered a developing Renaissance man – scholar, speaker, debater, performer, outdoorsman, worship and Bible study leader, missionary and future engineer.

His resume reveals an individual accustomed to setting and attaining goals. Academically accomplished, he's a National Honor Society member, National Merit® Finalist and Scholar, scored 34 on the ACT, and will graduate high school with approximately 40 hours of college credit.

Equally effervescent in numerous theater productions, as well as a force-to-be-reckoned-with on both local and national speech and debate circuits, Adam has also given his time and talents in more than 1,300 hours of service to his community.

Adam has been studying with Sonlight since 2004 and says he's prepared to pursue the "one goal that is most important to me" – to make disciples of all nations, one relationship at a time.

First anticipated stop: Texas A&M, where he'll study civil engineering and join the Corps of Cadets, one of the top ROTC programs in the nation.

## \$10,000 Scholarship Winners

(\$2,500 per year)



When her family moved half a world away from their Illinois home and everything she found familiar, **Sarah Duffer** of **Mongolia** had no idea what God had in store for her in a country where power outages are frequent, temperatures drop below

zero for nearly half the year and foreigners aren't always welcome.

During this life-changing journey, she turned loss to gain and discovered her calling, too.

*Capable, helpful, trustworthy, thankful, compassionate, leader and individual of integrity* – these by all accounts describe the young woman (and Sonlight student of nine Cores) who assists with kids' clubs, an AIDS orphanage and other community projects; lends a lovely soprano voice in the Mongolian worship services; gracefully manages the family household when called on; and is a tenacious team player on the volleyball court, soccer and baseball fields, too.

"Ever since I was a little girl," Sarah writes, "I've wanted to follow in my maternal grandma's footsteps by becoming a nurse." Even as she makes plans to attend Central Illinois College to fulfill her dream in the hometown she left nearly a decade ago, she considers how she'll be able to help those in need again one day soon.



A Sonlight student since 2006, **Rachael Reeves** of **Monticello, MS**, has involved herself in a spectrum of extracurricular activities: Southern Mississippi Youth Orchestra, The Quivering Pen, Institute for Cultural Communicators, USA Tri-

athlon Southeast Region junior team, Upward basketball coach, Forerunners cross country, Generation Joshua student action team, weekly volunteer at Hattiesburg Cancer Center and Lawrence County Nursing Home, and more.

After once teaming with her dad to build a canoe, Rachael concedes that the vessel soon sported scrapes and gouges from "less than expert piloting." She offers the analogy of the Master Builder who patiently shapes our lives (not unlike the persistent pushing and planing of rough boards) to endure life's storms.

An aspiring journalist, Rachael read *The Greatest Generation*, and afterward conducted interviews with local elders to preserve their stories. "I hope to give my generation a glimpse of the incredible accomplishments of the people we often brush off as simply 'old,'" she writes. Rachael plans to attend Mississippi College this fall.



Whether playing with a Rubik's Cube or predicting the reaction of hydrochloric acid with ammonia, **Sara Simpson** of **Russellville, AL**, delights in solving problems – particularly when she can create and implement solutions to benefit others.

An academic standout and National Merit® Finalist who scored 2230 on her SAT, Sara is headed for either Auburn University or Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she'll earn the chemi-

cal engineering degree that will enable her, among other things, to find cost-effective, efficient ways to provide clean drinking water to peoples with limited access.

Having studied Sonlight's globally inclusive curriculum since kindergarten (her favorite: *Core 200, History of the Christian Church*) and having also lived in East Asia for the past nine years, Sara has a heart for missions. Through prayer and practice, she seeks to follow the "still small voice," and most recently flew unaccompanied to a limited-access country, where she shared her faith in coffee shops, taught English in slum schools and encouraged local believers.

"With confidence, I rest ... and wait in anticipation ... No matter where He leads, I will proclaim His name," says Sara.



From a young age, **Ellie Williamson** of **Honduras** immersed herself in Sonlight books. God called Ellie out of introspection and gave her a powerful voice, which she wields with a passionate pen, composing poetry, short stories, devo-

tions, blogs and more. She'll continue making her literary mark this fall in Taylor University's Professional Writing Program, through which she has already published two book reviews and a devotion.

The daughter of pioneering missionaries in rural Honduras, Ellie wears many hats: she co-teaches a toddler class, leads girls' Bible study, has served as a camp counselor, speaks at churches (and on Honduran cable TV) and more. Fluent in Spanish, one of her favorite roles is translating for summer work groups and medical teams from the U.S.

A lover of music, Ellie seizes every opportunity to expand her musical repertoire, from taking voice lessons while on furlough, to composing music, to teaching herself to play piano and guitar so she can accompany her family in their ministry.

Her life's ambition? "I want my legacy to be a trail of footprints that lead straight to Him."

## \$4,000 Scholarship Winners

Sonlight will additionally award these eight outstanding students a \$1,000 scholarship for each year of college, up to four years:

**Lydia Cupery** (Turkey); **Justine Macurer** (Austin, TX); **Hannah Messerschmidt** (Holland, NY); **CJ Pine** (China); **Olivia Reel** (Tishomingo, OK); **Jessica Shaklee** (Stillwater, MN); **Nathaniel Sweigart** (Charlottesville, VA) and **Emily Vivanco** (Mexico).

## Your student could be a winner next year!

Families who have purchased and used at least five Core programs since 2000 are eligible. Visit [sonlight.com/scholarships](http://sonlight.com/scholarships) to find out the requirements and details for next year's scholarship competition.

# What's New at Sonlight

I count it a privilege to be part of your family's ongoing journey as you learn together. As we do every year, we again took a critical look at our program in light of your homeschooling needs. Accordingly, as we considered each update to our curriculum, we prayed for wisdom, knowing that you've entrusted your children's education to Sonlight. Based on your feedback and innovations offered by our team, I'm thrilled to share some "new and improved" curriculum changes with you here.

## New for P4/5: *101 Favorite Stories From the Bible*

Bible reading and memorization have always been a foundation of Sonlight studies. As parents, we can instill a lifelong love for God's Word by helping our kids hide Scripture in their heart from an early age. It's my desire to put in young hands the books they will treasure and return to, time and again. The Bible selections I've chosen for your children are no exception.

You may remember *101 Favorite Stories From the Bible* in past, when it was offered in our P3/4 program. I believe, as many of you have shared, that it's actually better suited for slightly older children. And though it's harder than you might guess to find a children's Bible that tells the stories accurately, respectfully and succinctly, this one does just that.

I think you'll find this Bible to be a spiritually and developmentally-appropriate resource, with pictures and stories that delight and invite dialogue with your children.

## Core H and Core W updated

As you may recall, we made some major improvements to Cores A-G last year. This year, we implemented similar innovations across *Core H: World History, Year 2 of 2* and *Core W: One Year World History*. New questions and answers will aid your reading discussions and help gauge your children's comprehension. More notes will help you talk about tough topics. We've added behind-the-scenes rationale to reveal the "why" behind activities. Consolidated maps provide a quick reference and are easier to use. I believe you'll find these improvements let you teach with greater effectiveness and confidence. Cores H and W updates include:

### ✓ More intuitive Instructor's Guides

Everything you need to teach – schedule, notes, discussion questions, teaching tips, laminated color maps and more – all consolidated together in one place for each week (see p. 136).

### ✓ New books

I reread all the books in Cores H and W and evaluated whether they're still the best choices for the programs. As a result, I swapped out some and you'll see these marked "NEW" in the title listings. Like those they replaced, the new books are Sonlight "All-Stars" (see p. 141 for the criteria a book must meet to make the grade). I hope your family enjoys these as much as I did.

### ✓ Language Arts enhanced

In both Cores H and W, we've strengthened the Language Arts program. You'll find an Instructor's Guide with more specific parent instructions, and an overall better balance of creative writing, grammar and writing mechanics. Each week's Language Arts content is located right after the Core content in one easy-access place. I think it's our best Language Arts curriculum ever!

## Two-volume *Landmark History* revision better accommodates Cores D and D+E

We've worked to make a great American history book even better! We spent this past year transforming the primary text used in Cores D and D+E. Many kudos to my husband, John, who worked untiringly with the family of former Librarian of Congress and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Daniel Boorstin to completely revise *The Landmark History of the American People* – a daunting task, to say the least! I'm very pleased with the result. I believe the revised text will be easier to use and will help you teach more effectively.

By way of background, we've long included this book in our curriculum. I like it because it reveals the unique spirit that is America – our "go-getter" attitude, the diverse backgrounds from which we come, the drive for westward expansion and more. While we appreciated the information and breadth of history, we've found the text, originally written for adults, to be a stretch for some students. In keeping with my desire to provide you with open-and-teach solutions and eliminate any learning obstacles, we revised the book to offer you a better experience.

The revised *Landmark History* comes as two separate volumes, with an age-appropriate level of writing. It includes many new, full-color illustrations and a host of maps, which provide context and aid understanding. Additionally, the updated Instructor's Guide includes helpful notes.

I'm excited to hear how the "new and improved" text enhances your teaching and invigorates your children's interest in and study of history!

## *Children's Encyclopedia of American History* new for Cores D and D+E

While *Landmark History* covers some traditional American history (e.g., the Pilgrims), it focuses more on America's unique history (e.g., the invention of elevators). Along with the massive revision to *Landmark History*, we found a marvelous new title, the *Children's Encyclopedia of American History*, which provides a more traditional historical flow overall. This book replaces the four-volume *Story of the US*.

The *Children's Encyclopedia* offers a two-page spread for each historical event, more than 1,000 stunning photos, a running timeline and the text of some of our nation's most important documents (e.g., the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Gettysburg Address).

I think your children will enjoy this fascinating, visually enticing book that appeals to even the most reluctant readers.

(Note: If you used Core D last year and are continuing with Core E, you'll still be able to use the *Landmark History* and *Story of the US* texts you received last year with your Core D package.)

## Customizable high school Cores offer flexibility for a robust transcript

I believe that as our children grow, we must increasingly equip them with the tools that allow them to independently chart their life's course. To that end, we chose to modify all our high school programs so that your students (with your help) can customize their coursework and build the experience that best fits their unique needs and goals.

Our recommended Cores work well for most families. Should you choose to create a unique Core experience, you'll find it easy to do. We broke down each high school Core into two separate "chunks": a History and Bible course, and a Literature and Language Arts course. To customize, simply select a History and Bible course *from any high school level* and combine it with a Literature and Language Arts course *from any other high school level*.

Whether you use the recommended Core or choose the "mix and match" approach to build your own Core, you'll get a Parent Guide and Student Guide for each course selected. *All Core benefits will still apply to your unique Core* (see p. 25).

This flexible approach to course selection will better allow your students to create a plan of study that is tailored to their interests. They can fulfill basic requirements in some subjects and "load up" in those areas for which they have a real passion. It will also help you more effectively fulfill your state's graduation requirements. And finally, your students can build the transcript that meets the entrance requirements of the college they want to attend, should they choose that path.

## Core 400 completely revised and updated

We also made large-scale changes to our *Core 400: American Government* program. My daughter, Amy Lykosh, read a pile of titles and chose a new collection. We decided to keep Carson's *Basic American Government*, which I really like, and added additional titles to clarify the various branches of government. As I reviewed the material, my understanding of how our government works grew by leaps and bounds and I believe your students will have a similar experience. Here are some of the specifics:

### ✓ New 18-week American Government course, with 18-week Economics pairing

We previously scheduled American Government for an entire year. In an effort to sharpen the content and focus, we have updated the government portion and condensed the course into 18 weeks. Studying American Government for one semester, as required by a majority of school districts, allows your students



to complement and complete their year with Economics, also an 18-week course and college prep elective. Together, these two 18-week courses, along with the 36-week American Literature and Language Arts course, comprise Core 400.

Content-wise, the new one-semester American Government course offers a thorough, enjoyable tour of U.S. government, from the colonial days, before the United States was a nation, to current Beltway issues and practices. You'll discover the roots of our government through the *Basic American Government* spine. We supplement this with an additional overview text and have also added books on each of the government branches – all of which I believe will engage your students and cultivate informed dialogue.

#### ✓ **New Bible additions**

Is the Bible still relevant today? I think we all know how it has influenced us individually, but to see the broad impact it has had is both insightful and compelling.

Our curriculum writer and Bible scholar, Robert Velarde, discovered two fresh texts that I believe will challenge your high schoolers. *Truth and Transformation* demonstrates the impact the Bible has had on society. While we are often aware of the Bible's power on a personal level, this text shows how an entire culture is positively affected by Christianity. The second, *God and Politics*, features more than a dozen contributors and offers an in-depth exploration of how we as Christians can integrate our faith with civil government. We have included extensive notes and questions for both books in the Instructor's Guide.

Take a thought-provoking ride through these Core 400 Bible newcomers with your high schoolers and see where your perspectives fit in the scheme of current thought.

#### ✓ **New literature focus**

Core 400 American Literature remains a 36-week course, with an increased emphasis on learning to read literature with greater understanding. Using *How to Read a Book* as the primary text, students are exposed to a wide range of American literature classics. You'll find new notes to aid your instruction, with a roster of literary stars that boasts 13 new award-winning books and authors (including Pulitzer, Nobel, Hugo and Nebula winners!)

Put it all together, from the Constitution to Civil Rights, economic theory to actual trade practices, Christian faith to cultural application, and Core 400 is an invigorating adventure in learning you won't want to miss! You can find the complete Core 400 description on p. 86.

### **Computer programming courses your children will understand and enjoy**

Do your children like to play computer games? Are they fascinated with the latest technology? Could there be a future programmer among them?

I'm excited to get the word out about a new

Sonlight partnership and product offering called Homeschool Programming. The KidCoder™ (for 4th-8th graders) and TeenCoder™ (for 9th-12th graders) courses are designed specifically for homeschoolers. What I like about these courses is that they build on each other, and the natural progression results in real-world skills. Windows Programming, for example, introduces younger students to Visual Basic, where they learn to write actual Windows programs. From there, students move to the next course, Game Programming, where they create their own Windows games from scratch. Talk about fun!

Similarly, older students have access to a two-semester series, Windows Programming/Game Programming, as well as a two-semester Java Programming/Android Programming series. As always, I want to offer you and your children educational options that open doors to the future. Homeschool Programming is no exception. Learning Java, a popular technology with many applications, for example, will help prepare high schoolers for the Advanced Placement (AP)\* Computer Science A exam.

Hands-on professional programming that kids and teens easily understand and really enjoy, and that nontechnical parents can readily teach – what could be better? If you'd like to add computer-related technology to your children's studies this year, I think you'll find these new programming courses an excellent opportunity. To get started, visit [sonlight.com/homeschool-programming.html](http://sonlight.com/homeschool-programming.html).

### **Interactive, web-based BibleMesh brings Scripture to life**

I love a great story, don't you? Of all the books I've shared with my children over the years, I most wanted them to know the epic narrative of the Bible – the Greatest Story Ever Told! Which is why I'm delighted to let you know about a challenging new Bible course for both high schoolers and adults.

BibleMesh is an interactive, web-based course that makes God's Word come alive. Imagine inviting the world's best Bible scholars into your home – internationally known and respected teachers like Tim Keller, Alistair Begg, Mark Dever, Ligon Duncan and Vaughan Roberts – for ongoing discussion. You'll explore evangelical theology driven by the story of the Bible. You'll make connections between the Old and New Testament that you've never seen before. Ultimately, you'll see Christ in Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation.

The course is designed to be self-paced, so you or your high schooler can easily follow the 36-week lesson plan laid out for learners and/or teachers. Students can track personal progress independently, with helpful interactive quizzing tools. Or, consider making this a family affair: Set the example, learn alongside your teens and quench your

spiritual thirst, too! The included Parent Guide will certainly spark meaningful discussions.

Cultivating your knowledge of the Word and giving your teens the tools to stand strong in their faith is a worthwhile investment and pursuit that can yield far-reaching, life-changing dividends. If you'd like to experience Scripture in a dynamic new way, start the journey at [sonlight.com/biblemesh](http://sonlight.com/biblemesh).

### **Coming soon: Core 500 ...**

Finally, please look for an upcoming announcement about a new high school Core offering that is in the works. It's not available in the catalog yet because we haven't finished all of the notes and questions. Lord willing, it will be available sometime this summer.

I particularly want to give you a preview of the History and Bible component, which I'm calling World History and Worldview Studies. This new course will cover ancient history to the present, interweaving the philosophies and worldviews that have arisen throughout. My goal is to help your children better understand history and to provide the background that contributed to the rise of the particular philosophies that came into vogue during the various historical periods.

I've been involved in many new projects over the years, but this one truly fascinates me. I believe that you and your high schoolers will be equally intrigued by the ideologies that have significantly influenced our world in all areas – religion, science, literature, fine arts, education and more. I can't wait for you to see and experience the final product.

I pray that these improvements will help you love homeschooling even more this year.



Blessings to you and yours,

*Sarita*  
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