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Experience

Award-winning, literature-rich, Christ-centered education your family will love ... guaranteed!



Welcome!

Dear Mom and Dad,

*privilege. A joy. A blessed responsibility.
An adventure!*

Is that how you'd describe homeschooling? 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'd love to help you get there.

Preparing children to 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 the lesson plans, books, activities, teaching tips and materials you need for success.

Since Sonlight does the prep work for you, you are free to do what you do best: encourage, love and guide your children. You can relax and enjoy learning together. You'll be amazed at the education your children receive.

Sonlight prioritizes 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 a delight in learning. This world is a fascinating place. So Sonlight's curriculum brings history, science and more to life. It helps kids learn in a way that sticks, and gives them a thirst to keep learning more.

Sonlight works

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!

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 in the world. My two daughters are now Sonlight moms themselves. And thousands of Sonlight graduates are making a difference in their own way. Don't miss our college scholarship winners on p. 155.

Thousands more families are on the delightful Sonlight journey right now. Browse the photos and stories from real customers throughout the catalog. Would you like to join them in this proven method?

Major improvements this year

I must tell you up front that I am thrilled with the significant curriculum improvements this year.

Many Instructor's Guides are completely redesigned, much easier to use and more effective. Flip to p. 129 to see the changes.

Your Language Arts curriculum is much improved as well. In fact, we're so happy with it, we are including it in our complete curriculum packages (what we call Multi-Subject and Core Packages) and greatly discounting those entire packages as an incentive for you to try one. You can read more about that on p. 156.

Love to Learn. Love to Teach. 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. But I'm confident that once you try Sonlight, you'll be glad you did.

So go ahead—choose Sonlight and get ready to love your homeschool!

Many blessings,



Sarita Holzmann, President

P.S. If you're new to Sonlight Curriculum, discover what it's all about on p. 18.

Sonlight Provides

- ✓ Complete lesson plans & materials
- ✓ Literature-based learning
- ✓ Christ-centered homeschooling
- ✓ A focus on quality family time
- ✓ A missions-minded outlook
- ✓ A global perspective
- ✓ Academic excellence



Featured on the Cover

"My favorite part about Sonlight is watching my kids learn as though it's playtime," writes Christi N of Mishawaka, IN.

Christi snapped the cover photo during a Sonlight-inspired search for tadpoles. "Jadon is five, and looking for tadpoles in the water is about the coolest thing he could imagine. Watching him learn without realizing he's doing it is about the coolest thing I could imagine!"

"When I found Sonlight and read the list of amazing books, the fun science projects, and the hands-on learning opportunities, I decided this was a new kind of home schooling I could really get excited about. It really is the way I wish I'd been taught!" Christi and her boys are studying Core B and Sonlight Science in their third year of Sonlight.

Congratulations to Christi for her winning photo! See the runners-up inside: Cally K on p. 56, Tanya S on p. 27 and Janet W on p. 43. Learn about the Photo Contest at sonlight.com/photos.html.

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Queen Creek, AZ



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ADVISOR
FOR FREE**



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North Hills, CA

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on facebook

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Jaelah, Selah, Chavah, Hosannah
and Noah D with Dad
Denver, CO

With Sonlight, you look forward to ...

Kids who love
to learn

Christ-centered
education

Complete
lesson plans,
schedules &
materials

Your prep work is already done!



Eric W
Australia



Sjaan Y and her friend Christina
Papua New Guinea








Michael H
Little Elm, TX

Multi-Subject & Core Packages (pp. 4-85) come with:

ONE-YEAR see p. 22
MONEY-BACK
LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH
GUARANTEE

Buy a full Core or Multi-Subject Package and breathe easy with an astounding guarantee: Use up to half your curriculum for up to one full year. If your kids don't love to learn or you don't love to teach, simply return it all for a full refund of your purchase price. Details on p. 22.

Sonlighter Club benefits

-  free shipping on all orders (to 48 states) for a year (see p. 23)
-  10% discount on all orders for a year (see p. 23)
-  Free membership to the online Sonlight Forums
-  Interest-free payment plans (see p. 23)
-  and more!

Quality family time
together

Books your
children want
to read

A college
scholarship
program



Isaiah, Joy Marie and Kianté S
Seaside, CA



Quinlan, Jaden and Emerlyn P
Ontario, Canada



Elijah Coleman has used Sonlight from first grade all the way through high school. A National Merit Finalist and math whiz, Elijah is a natural leader with a heart for the Lord. He just won a college scholarship from Sonlight worth \$20,000! Read more on p. 155.

Proven Methods

Check out our Recent Awards:

★ **Best Primers / Readers**

Practical Homeschooling 2011 Reader Awards

★ **Best Kindergarten / Readiness /
Preschool Curriculum**

Practical Homeschooling 2011 Reader Awards

★ **Best Elementary Curriculum**

Practical Homeschooling 2011 Reader Awards

★ **Best Middle School Curriculum**

Practical Homeschooling 2011 Reader Awards

★ **Best History**

Practical Homeschooling 2011 Reader Awards

★ **Best Curriculum**

*Most recent Homeschooling Parent Homeschool Friendly
Stamp of Approval*

★ **Best Overall homeschool company**

Most recent The Old Schoolhouse Magazine Award

★ **Best History**

Most recent The Old Schoolhouse Magazine Award

★ **Literature company of the year**

Most recent The Old Schoolhouse Magazine Award

★ **Friendliest homeschool company**

Most recent The Old Schoolhouse Magazine Award

★ **Most Unique homeschool company**

Most recent The Old Schoolhouse Magazine Award

*"With Sonlight the kids are both
begging to do school every day!"
—Amber S, June 2011*

*"Thank you Sonlight for helping us create memories that will last a lifetime."
—Priscilla G, Aug. 2011*



Complete Preschool program

All you need for one child for one year!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent's Companion:
Fiction, Fairy Tales, and Fun for Little Learners pp. 24-25 • Read-Alouds pp. 24-25 • Bible pp. 24-25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Games & Songs pp. 24-25 • Art Supplies pp. 24-25 <hr/> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> + Plus </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Club Benefits pp. 22-23 |
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More than one child?

An Advisor can help you add resources to use this package with more than one child: sonlight.com/SCA

ONE-YEAR see p. 22
MONEY-BACK
LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH
GUARANTEE

ITEM#
☐ TMSP

Total Retail **\$355.67**

ALL for only

\$269

You save over \$86



Complete Pre-Kindergarten program

All you need for one child for one year!

Core

- **Instructor's Guide** p. 27
- **World Cultures:** Exploring God's World pp. 26-27
- **Bible** pp. 26-27
- **Read-Alouds** pp. 26-27
- **Readiness Skills** pp. 26-27
- **Science** pp. 26-27
- **Language Arts** pp. 26-27

+ Plus

- **Required Resource** p. 127
(a 1-inch Binder to hold your looseleaf Instructor's Guide)
- **Core Club Benefits** pp. 22-23

More than one child?

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ITEM#
☐ PMSP

Total Retail **\$421.07**

ALL for only

\$339

You save over \$82

To customize a complete package for one or more children head to p. 21.

To add fun Electives, see pp. 118-125.



Complete Kindergarten program

All you need for one child for one year!

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- **Bible** pp. 30-31
- **Read-Alouds** pp. 30-31
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"Thank you for a curriculum that speaks to first-year homeschoolers like me, giving me the confidence to do what was best for our family."
—Megan C, Aug. 2011

Used Sonlight Before?

We've made a Kindergarten Multi-Subject Package just for you. Head to sonlight.com/KMSR

More than one child?

An Advisor can help you add resources to use this package with more than one child: sonlight.com/SCA

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ITEM#
☐ KMSP

Total Retail **\$980.86**

ALL for only

\$789

You save over \$191


To customize a complete package for one or more children head to p. 21.

To add fun Electives, see pp. 118-125. We recommend the Electives A package, #ARE (p. 33).



Complete First Grade program

All you need for one child for one year!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor's Guides pp. 129-133 • History: Intro to World History, Year 1 of 2 pp. 34-35 • Bible pp. 34-35 • Read-Alouds pp. 34-35 • Grade 1 Readers pp. 34-35 • Language Arts 1 pp. 34-35 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handwriting: Handwriting w/o Tears 1 p. 96 • Science: Science B w/ Supply Kit p. 100 • Math: Horizons 1 Program p. 109 <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;">  Plus </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required Resources p. 88 • Core Club Benefits pp. 22-23
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An Advisor can help you add resources to use this package with more than one child: sonlight.com/SCA

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You save over \$201

To add fun Electives, see pp. 118-125. We recommend the Electives B package, #BRE (p. 37).



Instructor's Guides
(all your lesson plans and more)

Complete Second Grade program

All you need for one child for one year!

Core

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| • Instructor's Guides | pp. 129-133 | • Handwriting: Handwriting w/o Tears 2 | p. 97 |
| • History: Intro to World History, One Year Condensed | pp. 38-39 | • Science: Science C w/ Supply Kit | p. 101 |
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| • Language Arts 2 | pp. 38-39 | | |
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| | | • Required Resources | p. 88 |
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+Plus



"I'm glad I chose Sonlight for our first year of homeschooling. The Multi-Subject Package eased my nerves. I loved knowing that everything I needed was in one purchase!"

—Rachel S, Aug. 2011

Used Sonlight Before?

We've made a Second Grade Multi-Subject Package just for you. Head to sonlight.com/2MSR

More than one child?

An Advisor can help you add resources to use this package with more than one child: sonlight.com/SCA

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ITEM#
☐ 2MSP

Total Retail **\$1039.04**

ALL for only

\$839

You save over \$200

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To add fun Electives, see pp. 118-125. We recommend the Electives C package, #CRE (p. 41).



All you need for one child for one year!

- Core



"I love that Sonlight provides high quality Instructor's Guides and materials so that I can focus on what I love—spending time with my family."

—Alaina G, July 2011

Used Sonlight Before?

We've made a Third Grade Multi-Subject Package just for you. Head to sonlight.com/3MSR

More than one child?

An Advisor can help you add resources to use this package with more than one child: sonlight.com/SCA

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GUARANTEE

ITEM#
☐ 3MSP

Total Retail **\$1075.07**

ALL for only

\$869

You save over \$206

To customize a complete package for one or more children head to p. 21.

To add fun Electives, see pp. 118-125. We recommend the Electives D package, #DRE (p. 49).



Complete Fourth Grade program

All you need for one child for one year!

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• History: Intro to American History, One Year Condensed	pp. 50-51	• Science: Science E w/ Supply Kit	p. 102
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• Readers D+E	pp. 50-51		
• Language Arts D+E	pp. 50-51		
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		• Core Club Benefits	p. 22-23



"This is our first year using Sonlight. And this is the first year I was not frantically trying to plan out my lessons for the year. Thank you."

—Brooke B, Aug. 2011

Used Sonlight Before?

We've made a Fourth Grade Multi-Subject Package just for you. Head to sonlight.com/4MSR

More than one child?

An Advisor can help you add resources to use this package with more than one child: sonlight.com/SCA

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MONEY-BACK
 LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH
GUARANTEE

ITEM#
☐ 4MSP

Total Retail **\$1020.24**

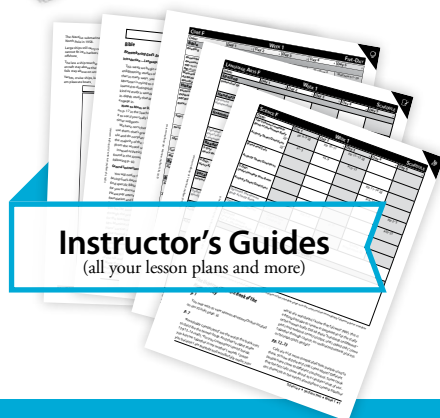
ALL for only

\$819

You save over \$201

To customize a complete package for one or more children head to p. 21.

To add fun Electives, see pp. 118-125. We recommend the Electives E package, #ERE (p. 53).



Complete Fifth Grade program

All you need for one child for one year!

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"After several years of struggling with various (boring) curriculums, we discovered Sonlight. It has been a breath of fresh air to our family!"
—Miriam T, July 2011

Used Sonlight Before?

We've made a Fifth Grade Multi-Subject Package just for you. Head to sonlight.com/5MSR

More than one child?

An Advisor can help you add resources to use this package with more than one child: sonlight.com/SCA

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MONEY-BACK
LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH
GUARANTEE

ITEM#
☐ 5MSPB
for Boys

ITEM#
☐ 5MSPG
for Girls

Total Retail **\$971.12**

ALL for only

\$789

You save over \$182

To customize a complete package for one or more children head to p. 21.

To add fun Electives, see pp. 118-125. We recommend the Electives F package, #FRE (p. 61).

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 learning

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 teach from the perspective of God's truth and His love for all people.

2 Parent-directed education

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.

3 Family-centered homeschooling

Homeschooling is more than a school choice; it's a lifestyle. Sonlight helps you get the most from your



"As a public school educator, I have been deeply impressed by the scope of the Sonlight curriculum," writes Beth K of Pineville, AR. "It combines high academic standards through a variety of exciting methods that weave Christian values through a modern curriculum. This ensures she will be well prepared for her place in the world. The challenging curriculum has started my daughter Elizabeth on her first steps on her journey as a life-long learner." Beth is co-teaching with her husband as they guide 5-year-old Elizabeth through Core A.

time together as a family. Browse this catalog and you'll see pictures and stories from just a few of the families who tell us they've formed closer family bonds through homeschooling with Sonlight. This reality is dear to our hearts. Because sometimes, a child's confidence that her family knows and loves her is worth more than 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 huge 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 is not 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.

We recently tallied the SAT scores of all Sonlight students who have applied for our college scholarship program since 2006. The Sonlight average was 490 points above the national average! And 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 nearly 400 points higher than the average for private religious schools and in 2009 (the latest year for which we have stats), the Sonlight applicant average was 260 points higher than the national average for homeschoolers. We know test scores don't paint the whole picture. But are these Sonlight students well prepared for college or life? You bet.

These five values combine to form one dynamic 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, evolution and creation, moral relativism—with your kids and help them gain sure footing in 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 life-long love of learning.

After high school, your students will be ready to excel in college or the work force. 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 3rd and 5th graders could both get great educations from Core E this year! (Flip to p. 20 to learn about using one Sonlight program to teach more than one child.)

Take 3 sweeps through history

With Sonlight, you journey on a solid progression of learning from preschool to high school graduation. Flip to page 148 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—it's all at just the level for your children.

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, you do a modified sweep through select aspects of history with Cores 200-400 (including 2,000 years of Church History, 20th Century World History and Civics/American Government). The last Core, British Literature, is a unique literature-only program. Pair it with other upper-level high school courses from

Sonlight, such as Economics, Psychology, Math, Science and College/Career Planning.

How to choose curriculum

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

- Pick a Core (or two) for your children.
- Add Sonlight Science and pick an award-winning Math program.
- OR simply choose the Multi-Subject Package (pp. 4-17) that matches your child's grade level.

Then add any enriching electives you want and get ready for a great year!

What will I actually do each day with Sonlight®?

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 want, enjoy any of the hands-on activity suggestions for the lower Cores.

Then dive into Language Arts (which comes with your Core Package) and explore your writing and learning assignments for the day. These assignments 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 the 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, practice the piano, learn a foreign language ... whatever you like!

Many homeschool families finish school by early afternoon—or sooner, if they want to—and have the rest of the day for free play, extra-curricular 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 teachers. We're committed to giving you the tools you need to love learning at home.

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

Key to Sonlight lingo

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 can take you from preschool to high school graduation.

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 extra money when you get a Multi-Subject Package instead of ordering the components separately. See p. 22 for more.

Instructor's Guide

Customer-renowned Instructor's Guides (IGs) put the path to stress-free learning 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. Flip to pp. 129-133 to see real IG pages and visit sonlight.com/3-week-samples to request a 3-week sample of any IG.



“I attribute the deep friendship between our children in great part to Sonlight,” writes Katrin M of Switzerland. “Discovering history and stories together has created a bond between them. Their daily life is nourished by their common Sonlight education—a springboard for real-life experiences. Here they are getting ready to venture into a nearby forest, to ‘hunt for treasures.’” In their fifth year of Sonlight, Elise (9) is studying Core D, Fernand (11) is using Core G and Aimée (7) is exploring Core B.

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 Core A – Core C, they use grade-specific readers that match their current reading level and give them 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 to get started.

ONE-YEAR MONEY-BACK LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH GUARANTEE see p. 22

When you buy a Sonlight Multi-Subject or Core Package, you get the best money-back guarantee in the business. Use up to half your curriculum for up to one full year. If, for any reason, you don't love it, simply return it—used books and all—for a full refund of your purchase price. This deal is even better than we have room to explain here, so see p. 22 for more.

How to Choose your Curriculum...



“As an army family with frequent moves and strong Christian morals, homeschooling just made sense,” writes Kim C of Colorado Springs, CO. “But I seem to be the only homeschooling mom with no education background or missing the ‘teaching bug.’ My first year was just about survival. Then a wonderful friend (past missionary/teacher) told me about Sonlight. Our second year we thrived and I knew we would homeschool! I sound like a broken record when I say to non-homeschooling moms, ‘Don’t look at me like I’m a saint. It’s all about finding the right curriculum and mine is Sonlight®. I wouldn’t be homeschooling without it.’” Here, 12-year-old Hannah shows off a project she chose for her Eastern Hemisphere studies—designing historical Chinese dresses.

Option

A

Multi-Subject Package

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



ONE STEP
Choose your
Package

(pp. 4-17)



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 4-17 to browse. You'll receive:



A Core Program

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



Science



Handwriting

(for grades K-3 only)



Math



Resources

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 fun
Electives?



Electives (p. 118)

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 choosing

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

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.



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 can help you do this.

- 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.

Remember: we're here to help! Contact a Sonlight Curriculum Advisor for individual advice, free of charge: at sonlight.com/SCA.

Option B

Customizable Package

Build a personalized program



STEP 1 Choose your Core Program

(pp. 24-85)



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. 148 for a chart showing the full progression of Core Programs.



Teaching more than one child? Look to the left to see how.



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 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 our largest 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. 95-98)

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. 95.



Science (pp. 99-104)

In the elementary grades, we recommend teaching all children within four years of each other with a single Sonlight Science Program. Pick a program 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. 105-117)

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. If you buy your Math at the same time as your Core, you have our Love to Learn Guarantee and can easily switch programs if needed. See p. 150.

Want Electives?



Electives (pp. 118-128)

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

Need extra Resources?



Resources (p. 88)

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.

"Sonlight® has brought history to life for all our children, but more importantly, has made school a bonding experience. We never had that kind of bonding prior to Sonlight. School used to be a chore."

—Shelly W, Aug. 2011

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? Most families choose our standard 5-Day programs that schedule 180 days of school in a year.

But some 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.

What do other people pick?

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

Sample 1: the Garcias

Mrs. Garcia's children are ages 8 and 14. She chose the Grade 3 Multi-Subject Package for her 8-year-old. For her 14-year-old, she chose Core 100 (*American History In-Depth*), the Core 100 required/recommended resources, Science 250 (Biology), Teaching Textbooks Algebra I, and Rosetta Stone French Level 2. She added the Piano Wizard Academy as an elective for both students.

Sample 2: the Taylors

The five Taylor children are 4, 6, 8, 11 and 13. Mrs. Taylor decided to teach her 6- and 8-year-old as one group (while her 4-year-old listens in), and her 11- and 13-year-old as another group. Both groups will focus on World History.

Mrs. Taylor went to sonlight.com/placement-tests to determine the best reading levels for her younger students and the best math levels for all her students.

For her three youngest she ordered:

Core B (*Intro to World History, Year 1 of 2*) with grades 1 and 3 Readers & 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 her two oldest she 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!

You can actually use Sonlight while you decide if it's right for you.

Sonlight backs each of our Multi-Subject and Core programs with a one-year money-back "Love to Learn" Guarantee. That means you can use and evaluate the materials in your own home. We can afford this incredible guarantee because once families try Sonlight, very few ever return it.

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!

But when you buy a Sonlight® Core or Multi-Subject Package you have none of these worries or fears.

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 page 150 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."

—happylittlewonders

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:

✓ Love to Learn money-back guarantee.

Take a full year to use and evaluate 18 weeks worth of your curriculum. If you and your kids don't love it, return it—used materials and all—for a full refund of your purchase price. See p. 150 for details.

✓ 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 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.

✓ Exclusive webinars

Find help, support and practical advice wherever you are in your Sonlight journey.

✓ Payment plan options.

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. 150.

Keep your benefits for life ... and even win help paying 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

In the last ten years, Sonlight Curriculum has awarded over \$788,000 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.

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



Sonlighters Club Membership Benefits

	Member Buy any Sonlight® Instructor's Guide or spend \$150 on a single order.	Core Member Buy any complete Sonlight® Multi-Subject or Core Package.	Heirloom Member Buy any four (4) or more Sonlight® Multi-Subject or Core Packages. ¹
One-Year "Love to Learn" Money-Back Guarantee: See p. 150 for details.	✓ 100% refund of your Instructor's Guide purchase price if you or your children don't "love to learn" with Sonlight.	✓ 100% refund of your Core or Multi-Subject (and other eligible material) purchase price if you or your children don't "love to learn" with Sonlight.	✓ 100% refund of your Core or Multi-Subject (and other eligible material) purchase price if you or your children don't "love to learn" with Sonlight.
FREE Shipping² (to the lower 48 states)	✓	✓ Every order for 1 year!	✓ Every order for life!
Discounts!³	✓ 10% off orders of \$500 or more	✓ 10% off all orders for 1 full year!	✓ 10% off all orders for life!
Free Membership to the Sonlighters Club Forums , a remarkable online community.	✓ 1 year	✓ 2 years (Includes access to the New Instructor's Forum with your first Core program.)	✓ Lifetime!
Subscription to the "Beam of Sonlight" eNewsletter: hints & encouragement every other week.	✓ 1 year	✓ 2 years	✓ Lifetime!
Exclusive Webinars: Learn from veteran homeschool moms as they share tips and encouragement.	✓	✓	✓
Payment Plan Options on orders of \$399 or more: See p. 150 for details.	✓	✓	✓
50% Discount on "Repurchased" IG: Replace your old IG with the latest edition for 50% off the retail price.	✓	✓	✓
College Scholarships: Eligible students may apply for college scholarships from Sonlight! (See p. 155 for details.)			✓ When you've purchased 5 Multi-Subject or Core Packages since 2000.
How much are these benefits worth to YOU?	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

1. Count all Sonlight Core packages you've purchased from us (includes Basic, Core Ultra, Core Plus, Core, Newcomer, and Multi-Subject).
2. You can get free shipping to the lower 48 states if: your order is over \$25 and qualifies for Media Mail shipping; OR your order is over \$150 (and therefore gets free, fast, trackable FedEx shipping); OR you are a Core or Heirloom Member (wherein each order you place gets free, fast, trackable FedEx shipping).
3. Due to restrictions from publishers, we are not allowed to discount Rosetta Stone, Teaching Textbooks, All About Spelling, Spelling Power, *A Child's History of the World* and a few other products.

Key to Catalog Listings

AUTHOR'S LAST NAME.

PUBLICATION AVAILABILITY:
S = Sonlight unique (to our knowledge, available for purchase at this time only from us).
X = Christian publisher.

BINDING:
Pb = Paperback
Hb = Hardbound

Required: purchase these items separately to complete your program unless you already own them. Items labeled "Required" are integral to and scheduled as part of the program. They are not bundled with your Core as you may use them with multiple programs and don't need to buy them more than once.

ITEM #

RETAIL PRICE
as of catalog publication date. Subject to change.

Note: "RA" and "R" listings take into account reading level and content to decide what age range is appropriate for a certain book. Some, like the best G-rated movies, engage your entire family—even if geared toward a younger audience. Other books may fit your child's reading level, but the content may better suit older or more mature students. We do our best to take all those factors into account with our listings.

Consumable. You may want one for each student.

Items labeled "Recommended" are great books or resources that enhance your learning experience, but are not scheduled as an integral part of your program.

□ The Story of the USA Book 1 **DH131** **\$12.95**

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, **RA:** K+, **R:** 3+, (Consumable)

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

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



"Homeschooling with Sonlight has shown us that there is a wonderful blur in the line between school and play," writes Erin S of Goldsboro, NC. "Whether it's reading to Dolly or doing Math with blocks, learning can be fun. Thank you Sonlight for encouraging us to embrace the joy in the journey!" Six-year-old Alex loves to read the *Usborne Book of World History* (from Cores B and C) in her first year of homeschooling.



A literature-rich program provides all you need for a complete year of preschool.



Sonlight® P3/4 Multi-Subject Package

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.



“The P3/4 curriculum has met our son exactly where he is, giving him confidence to learn, capturing his attention and his imagination, and making our first year of homeschool a joy and success,” writes Lesley G of Beggs, OK. “It is laid-back, easy, and fun, but through it, I have gently become acclimated to teaching him and intentionally using my days to educate him about God’s amazing world. Meanwhile, he is learning to love ‘school’ and writing and literature. Sonlight does the research; we get to enjoy a box full of products that teach us, that inspire us, that make us laugh ... but most of all, that bring our family closer together.” The games included with the P3/4 package have become some of Lesley’s children’s favorite pastimes, keeping them entertained while teaching them. Here, Anna (4), Gideon (4) and Kate (2) play *Teddy Mix & Match* (from P3/4) with their mom.

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.

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. Re-

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MONEY-BACK
LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH
GUARANTEE

quest a brief sample of the Parent's Companion at 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 to you,
Sara

Sara



"My kids beg to 'have school' even on week-ends," writes Sara A of Duluth, GA. "What I love about Sonlight is how thoughtfully each of the literature books are chosen. Even my older child (who had the same books 2 years ago) and my 5-month-old are intrigued and follow along with the stories in my middle child's P3/4 curriculum. Thanks to Sara and her team's excellent choices, story time is a special time, for the whole family together!" Here, Sara reads with Liel (5), Madeleine (3) and Joshua (5 months). They love Core P3/4 and Core A in their third year of Sonlight.

Your P3/4 Multi-Subject Package includes: (For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/TMSP)

Parent's Companion P3/4

Teaching notes and activity suggestions for the entire year.

TCG (\$11.99 if ordered separately)

Bible P3/4

Family-Time Bible
in Pictures PB02

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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For descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/TMSP

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 & Songs, Art Supplies P3/4

5-Day


☐ TMSP \$269
You save \$86.67!


THIS PACKAGE GIVES YOU

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Plus

-  Free shipping (to 48 states)
-  10% off all purchases for a year
-  50% off IG repurchase

 Hands-on activities that coordinate with P3/4

 Optional, interest-free payment plans (on orders of \$399 or more)

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.
- 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.

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 128 stories from Scripture. Rich, full-color illustrations and thoughtful questions help you get the most from your reading.

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.

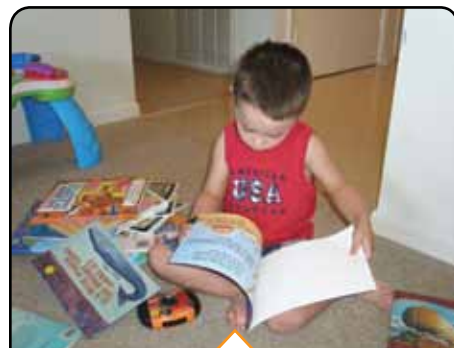
It all adds up

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



“After our first week of homeschooling Levi cried on Saturday and Sunday when we didn't do school,” writes Laura G of Laughlin, TX. “Levi loves to show his little brother Aaron (age 1) what he is learning, and he tries to teach Aaron everything he learns. We are so grateful to Sonlight for making Levi's first homeschooling experience such a positive one for him and for our family!” Levi and Aaron are exploring P4/5 in their first year of homeschooling.

Did you know?

Reason #21 that families love Sonlight: Your Instructor's Guides walk beside you every day, ready to help. Read more on p. 143.



“Sonlight is helping us cultivate loving ambassadors for Christ,” writes Tanya of Asia. “Sonlight's stories of world cultures help our children embrace the unique calling God has placed in their lives. The books give honor and credibility to our family's work as over-sea gospel workers. Through her readings, my preschooler is learning to see beauty and value in the unique qualities of all people. I see it in her actions and hear it in her prayers. It's such a relief knowing I can trust Sonlight's materials and content to be appropriate and Christ-centered. Being well organized, beautifully illustrated and infectious fun is just icing on the cake!” Naomi (4) and Keira (2) are exploring Core P4/5 in their first year of homeschooling. They love to share their Sonlight books with Jiajia (5) and other local friends.



"I view reading to my children as one of the most important gifts I can give them," writes Heidi H of Mount Vernon, NY. "What Sonlight has given us is a breadth and depth to our reading that was lacking previously. As a former elementary school teacher with a master's degree in literacy education, I am picky when selecting homeschool materials. I taught in a literature-based classroom for many years and, having witnessed the power of literature when used across the curriculum, I knew exactly what I wanted for my own children. I sought a program that would nourish our children's minds and hearts through a fantastic selection of books, while being thoroughly grounded in Christianity. Sonlight has fit the bill perfectly." The excitement in the H household on Box Day rivaled that of Christmas and birthdays, as Matthias (4) and Hans (2) dug into their new books. They're doing Core P4/5 and revisiting favorites from P3/4 in their second year of Sonlight.



"Homeschooling five children is not an easy task, but with all the material laid out for me, it has become an enjoyable and memorable adventure that I wouldn't trade for anything," writes Antoinette S of Freeport, ME. "There is nothing more precious to me than God and my family. A huge thank you to Sonlight for helping me to serve both. Sonlight is not just the curriculum that we use. Sonlight is our way of life." As they celebrate Box Day, the S family prepares to dive into Cores P4/5, C and H in their eighth year of Sonlight.

Your P4/5 Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to 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.

Family-Time Bible	
In Pictures	PB02

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		A Treasury of Mother Goose Rhymes	PA02
A Child's Book of Art	PA15	Bedtime Book	PA03	Uncle Wiggily's Story Book	PA18
Classic Tales of Brer Rabbit	PA17	Milly-Molly-Mandy Story Book	PA08		
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 2 (Consumable)	PR012	Developing the Early Learner 4 (Consumable)	PR014

Science P4/5

PS00

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

+ Plus Your choice of a Language Arts program

Language Arts P4/5

PL00

ABC	PL02	First Thousand Words	PL01
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OR

Grade K Readers & Language Arts K

KRP

▼ Grade K Readers

Fun Tales	KR01
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▼ Language Arts K (Now Included)

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

For descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/core-p45

"Everyone who meets our 3-year-old comments on how verbal and well spoken she is. Thanks to two older brothers reading Sonlight books over and over, she's learned far more than most children her age!" —Laura F, Aug. 2011

Get all your subjects in one package!



☐ Multi-Subject Package

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.

5-Day

☐ PMSP \$339
You save \$82.07!

OR

This package is great for families with a slightly older child who is ready to learn to read:

STEP 1
Choose your Core Program



Core P4/5: Exploring God's World

Includes Instructor's Guide P4/5, World Cultures P4/5, Bible P4/5, Read-Alouds P4/5, Readiness Skills P4/5, Science P4/5, Grade K Readers, Language Arts for Grade K Readers.

5-Day

+ Grade K Readers
& Language Arts K

☐ PCK \$409
You save \$68.30!

Required Resource—If you don't already own. (See p. 127)

☐ 3" Binder (use w/Readers K & LA K) (p. 127) B050 \$19.99

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. 96) HWK \$73.46
Core P4/5 students often thrive with *Handwriting Without Tears K*. For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 95-98.



☐ **Horizons Math K Program** (p. 109) HKM \$175.93
Many Core P4/5 students do best with *Horizons Math K Program*. For other outstanding Math curricula, see pp. 105-117.

Want Electives?



☐ **Electives A** (See pp. 118-125) ARE \$53.85
Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend *Electives A*, which includes *Animals in Art* (p. 121), *Enjoying Art with Children* (p. 121) and *Home School Family Fitness* (p. 123).

Need extra Resources?



Resources (See pp. 126-128)

Recommended Resource

☐ **The Three R's by Ruth Beechick** (p. 127) KL01 \$12.00

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"During dinner my 4-year-old was mumbling something to himself. We asked what he was thinking about, to which he responded, 'Cumulonimbus clouds.' Cumulonimbus clouds! I never knew how much both children would learn from this curriculum."

—Tiffany M, Aug. 2011



"Before using this curriculum, planning and organizing different materials was stressful," writes Barbara M of Lake Worth, FL. "Thanks to Sonlight we follow the Instructor's Guide and learn a ton together without all of the hassles and stress. All of the cores have been favorites in our home starting with the earliest ones: P3/4 all the way up to Core C. All of us love to read here--thank you Sonlight!" On his first day home from the hospital, baby Judah snuggles in for his first Sonlight Read-Aloud with Jaedah (4), Isaiah (9), Hannah (2) and Moriah (6). The M family is using Core P4/5 and Core C in their third year of Sonlight.

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Core A



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.



Sonlight® Core A with Grade K Readers

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



“Sonlight brought so much peace, order and happiness to our home during our first year of homeschooling,” writes Jennifer C of Nutterford, WV. “We are so thankful for a complete curriculum that is easy to use and most importantly, effective. The books became instant favorites and our daughter really enjoyed how they corresponded with the map and timeline. It was a pleasure for me to have all the tools I needed to effectively teach her each day.” Jennifer used Core A with Grade 1 Readers with Abigail (5) as little brothers Jackson (3) and Austin (10 months) listened in. Here, Abigail laughs with her uncle as they read a Sonlight story together.

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.

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, Incans, 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

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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.

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 *Eggen's Bible Story Book*—an accurate but kid-friendly story Bible that covers Genesis to Revelation. I remember 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 & 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. 91 to read about the specific programs, then visit 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



"As a first year homeschooler I was overwhelmed by the process of choosing curriculum, until I found Sonlight," writes Sara F of Waikoloa, HI. "Thanks to the help I received from the online chat support [sonlight.com/SCA] and the aid of Sonia [the automated curriculum advisor, sonlight.com/SONIA] the anxiety melted away and I am confident that we got what we need to have a successful first year. There is nothing more beautiful than watching my son read to his little sister. With so many new and enticing books on our shelves I know I have many more of these precious moments to look forward to. Thank you Sonlight!" Jaxen (6) and Ella (4) are using Core A in their first year of homeschooling.



"Core A is great in giving the kids an introduction to the other people of the world outside of their own town and country," writes Deborah H of Kremmling, CO. "We value teaching World Cultures so early in life as Jesus came for the world. As a first year homeschooling mom, the Instructor's Guides were invaluable and made my first year very easy from a teaching standpoint. I could focus on the kids' character and ability level rather than spend time figuring out what we were doing. With Sonlight, I was given the best curriculum possible to succeed as a homeschooling parent." Eight-year-old Joy has taken off with reading this year. She often finds Sonlight books to reread on her own, such as this favorite from Core A.



“Our oldest son told us, ‘I’m so glad we are reading these books because I am getting to see how powerful God is!’” writes Joy D of Ward, AR. “Isn’t that what every parent would love to hear? The best part of Sonlight is seeing our children grow strong in wisdom and knowledge of life through the stories and examples they read. As parents, we appreciate the ‘organized flexibility’ of Sonlight that gives us the plan we need without becoming a daunting task.” In her fourth year of Sonlight, Joy is using Core D with Samuel (8) and Core A with Ethan (6) and Abigail (4). Joshua (2) gets to listen in to great stories (and exciting books about dinosaurs, like this one).



“We love Sonlight because it is opening up a world to our children that is as diverse as our family,” writes Suzanna N of Ooltewah, TN. “For once, their school books will talk about the places where they were born and have pictures of children who look like them and love the Lord. Eliana is actually interested in her school books this year, and Micah loves listening to all the wonderful stories.” The N family homeschooled with a different curriculum last year and is so grateful to have found Sonlight this year. Suzanna is using Core A with 5-year-old Eliana as 2-year-old Micah listens in.

Your Core A Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-a)

Instructor's Guide A

ACG (\$64.99 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

History & Geography A

5-Day AHP

Usborne Internet-Linked Children's Encyclopedia AH04 I Heard Good News Today AH05 Time Line Figures-A (Consumable) AH03 Wild Places AH01

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

Read-Alouds A

4-Day AA4 OR 5-Day AA5

▼ 4-and 5-Day Program includes

The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose AA04
 Beezus and Ramona NEW AA30
 The Boxcar Children AA17
 Dolphin Adventure AA10
 Dolphin Treasure AA22
 A Grain of Rice AA14
 Here's a Penny NEW AA27
 The House at Pooh Corner AA01
 The Hundred Dresses AA15
 Johnny Appleseed: The Story of a Legend NEW AA24

The Light at Tern Rock AA11
 Little House in the Big Woods NEW AA29
 The Llama Who Had No Pajama AA05
 Mary on Horseback AA23
 My Father's Dragon AA09
 No Children, No Pets NEW AA28
 Richard Scarry's Please and Thank You Book AA06
 The Story of Dr. Dolittle AA02
 Twenty and Ten AA16

▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs NEW AA31
 The Complete Adventures of Curious George NEW AA26
 Five True Dog Stories AA19
 In Grandma's Attic AA18
 James Herriot's Treasury for Children AA21
 Least of All NEW AA25
 The Story About Ping AA03

+ Plus Your choice of a Readers w/ Language Arts program

Grade K Readers w/ Language Arts K

KRP (\$87.20 if ordered separately)

▼ Readers

Fun Tales KR01
 Language Arts K Instructor's Guide KL02
 Language Arts K Instructor's Guide KL04
 Language Arts K Instructor's Guide KL08

Language and Thinking for Young Children KL02
 My First Picture Dictionary KL04
 Alphabet Sounds BINGO KL08

Go A to Z! KL11

OR

Grade 1 Readers w/ 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 (Now Included)

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

OR

Grade 2 Readers w/ Language Arts 2

2RP (\$126.81 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 (Now Included)

Language Arts 2 Instructor's Guide 2LG

For descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/core-a



STEP 1
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 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 & Language Arts program.

	4-Day	5-Day
+ Grade K Readers w/ Language Arts K	<input type="checkbox"/> ACKR4 \$329 You save \$79.83!	<input type="checkbox"/> ACKR5 \$409 You save \$92.67!
+ Grade 1 Readers w/ Language Arts 1	<input type="checkbox"/> AC1R4 \$389 You save \$90.18!	<input type="checkbox"/> AC1R5 \$459 You save \$114.02!
+ Grade 2 Readers w/ Language Arts 2	<input type="checkbox"/> AC2R4 \$359 You save \$89.44!	<input type="checkbox"/> AC2R5 \$439 You save \$103.28!

Required Resources—If you don't already own. (See p. 88)

<input type="checkbox"/> 3" Binder & Tabs (p. 127)	B050	\$19.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Book of Time (p. 88)	RR120	\$24.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Markable Map and Markers (p. 88)	MAP	\$27.98

Optional Resources

 > **Language Arts Optional Resources** (See pp. 92-94)

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- ☐ **Handwriting Without Tears K** (p. 96) HWK \$73.46
 Core A students often thrive with *Handwriting Without Tears K*. For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 95-98.



- ☐ **Science A** (p. 100) AS5 \$123.85
 Many Core A customers love Sonlight's Science A. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight Science programs, see pp. 99-104.



- ☐ **Horizons Math K Program** (p. 109) HKM \$175.93
 Many Core A students do best with *Horizons Math K Program*. For other outstanding Math curricula, see pp. 105-117.

**Or 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. 4-17)

**Want
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- ☐ **Electives A** (pp. 118-125) ARE \$53.85
 Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend Electives A, which includes *Animals in Art* (p. 121), *Enjoying Art with Children* (p. 121) and *Home School Family Fitness* (p. 123).

**Need extra
 Resources?**


- Resources** (See pp. 126-128)
Recommended Resource
☐ **The Three R's by Ruth Beechick** (p. 127) KL01 \$12.00

"I loved the Sing The Word from A to Z. Not only did Emily benefit from memorizing God's Word but also Mom, Dad, and her brothers too. What a blessing to hear the kids, even our 2-year-old, singing the Word of God!"
 —Jeremy R, Aug. 2011

"Sonlight has made home-schooling doable for me! It was well worth the investment and it has paid for itself in my children's love to learn. It has made my life so easy with home-schooling three kiddos and a 4-week-old."

—Catherine P, Aug. 2011



"One of the best things about Sonlight for us has been the flexibility we have been allowed through two middle-of-the-school year moves and multiple deployments involving Daddy," writes Robert K of Dublin, CA. "The well-laid-out and clear Instructor's Guides allow us to easily pick up where we left off and to look back and review if necessary. Daddy was even able to continue to participate during his deployment to Iraq!" Darla (8) and Klaraliese (6) skype with their Dad while he is deployed. They're studying Core A and Core C in their family's fourth year of Sonlight.

Core B



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.



Sonlight® Core B with Grade 1 Readers

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



"Sonlight perhaps 'saved' me from giving up on homeschooling," writes Becky of Lake Orion, MI. "The focus of Sonlight is so much better than the curriculum I used last year because it is not only fun and interesting, but it also unifies our family. My oldest son was struggling with enjoying school last year and as a result, I was too! With Sonlight, I can spend time reading fun books to all my children and believe it or not, we're still 'doing school'! This approach is such a great fit for our family and as you can see...we like to do school just about anywhere." Here, Becky reads to Carter (6), Carlee (4) and Caleb (2). They're exploring Core B in their first year of Sonlight.

Travel the globe on a thrilling ancient adventure

- Explore the story of the world from Creation through the fall of Rome.
- Homeschool with confidence: you get the teaching tips, lesson plans and materials you need each day.
- Learn how people lived in ancient Egypt, Greece, Europe, Africa, India & China.
- Gain worthy heroes who followed God's call and shared His love with others.

The way I wish I'd been taught

I wish I could have used this Core as a child. I would have been eager to hear such a fascinating story!

Core B and its companion, Core C, tell the story of world history. How did we get from Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden to this fascinating world with billions of people living in vastly different cultures? I created this Core especially for 7- and 8-year-olds and advanced 6-year-olds.

Bigger than a Texan-sized education

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. But as the author of *A Child's History of the World* says, "To give an American child only American History is as provincial as to teach a Texas child only Texas History."

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. Help them discover the breathtaking, fascinating story of God's whole world.

The purpose of Core B

Core B gives a clear outline of world history from Creation to the fall of Rome. Seem like a lofty goal for young children? Never fear. I've created a challenging but kid-friendly trek.

This program helps your children see beyond their own lives in their own town. Missionary biographies and literary characters worth imitating provide inspiration to follow God and live rightly. And of course, the captivating books of Core B convince kids that learning is a fun, worthwhile endeavor.

A quick Core B tour

Start your journey with a fun survey of peoples of the world. See how different people groups live, build homes, talk, eat and dress. Then enjoy a little book that introduces how archeologists dig for clues in the ground—clues like homes, tools, toys and pots. When paired with historical documents, these clues help us learn what life was like in ancient times.

As you move into a chronological trek through history, the story-based *A Child's History of the World* serves as the centerpiece of your studies. It is the most readable history I've ever seen. Virgil Hillyer writes in the tone of a wise, kind grandfather. 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 in general. He says the purpose of his book is:

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MONEY-BACK
LOVE TO LEARN, LOVE TO TEACH
GUARANTEE

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 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. x)

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

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.

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 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 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 & 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.

Flip to p. 91 to read about the specific programs, then visit sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment to choose the right level for each child.

Bon Voyage

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



Enjoy!
Sarita

Sarita



"I was initially unsure about homeschooling, but **Sonlight's Instructor's Guide makes it so easy for me to plan our lessons and not worry about missing something important,**" writes Sara R of La Fayette, GA. "I have been surprised by how easy it has been to include both boys (ages 6 and 4) in our Core studies! What first excited us about Sonlight was its international focus. We love how the Core combines maps, missionary stories, and books with a range of cultures and races to show our children the beauty and importance of the world beyond their small town." Jeremiah (6) and Nathaniel (4) love to use their Markable Map (#MAP) to find the places they learn about in Core B.



"**With Sonlight we are truly making memories, not simply completing tasks,**" writes Shelby M of Washington, IN. "A friend introduced us to Sonlight and I was hooked when I realized that learning is a lifelong process centered on a love of learning, and not simply the busy work of knowing dates and times to pass a test. Our whole school experience is such a joy now for our whole family!" Shelby loves the hands-on opportunities in the Core programs that help enhance learning. Here, Haddasah (4), Hope Elizabeth (5) and Keagan (7) help mom bake an apple pie after reading about it in a Sonlight book. The M family is studying Core P4/5 and Core B in their first year of Sonlight.



"Sonlight's Instructor Guides have been an absolute lifesaver for me!" writes Cassandra D of Boise, ID. "As a mother of four very energetic little boys and a newborn baby girl I don't have a lot of spare time. The guides are so easy to understand and adapt to my family's needs, and it only takes about 5 minutes looking it over to get ready for the next day." Here, Kaden (8) reads to Isaac (6), Sadie (2 months), Sawyer (4) and Gage (2). They're studying Core B this year.

**SAVE
BIG**

when you purchase a complete Multi-Subject Package.

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"As a full-time homemaker and mama of young children, it is imperative that we use a curriculum that requires minimal preparation time," writes Mrs. E of Flagstaff, AZ. "However, I refuse to compromise on the quality of my children's education. Sonlight is the perfect solution. My husband and I desired to use living books, similar to the Charlotte Mason method. However, the thought of connecting them into a cohesive curriculum was overwhelming for me. After looking through the Sonlight catalog cover-to-cover with my husband, I shook my head in amusement (and relief!) and said, 'this is exactly what we were trying to accomplish, but they've already done it for us!' The E family is in their second year of homeschooling and first year of Sonlight. Here, Fiona (7), Conor (5) and their cousin Ben (7) experiment with magnets as part of Sonlight's Science B program.

Your Core B Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-b)

Instructor's Guide B

BCG (\$64.99 if ordered separately)

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

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
Time Line 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 **NEW** 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 **NEW** BA18

Little Pear BA15
Mountain Born BA10
Mr. Popper's Penguins BA08
Owls in the Family **NEW** 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 **NEW** BA17
Gooney Bird Greene BA03
Greek Myths for Young Children BA07
Homer Price BA06
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle BA13

+ Plus Your choice of a **Readers w/ Language Arts** program

Grade 1 Readers w/ 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 (Now Included)

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

OR

Grade 2 Readers w/ Language Arts 2

2RP (\$126.81 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 (Now Included)

Language Arts 2 2LG
Instructor's Guide 2LG

OR

Grade 3 Readers w/ 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 (Now Included)

Language Arts 3 3LG
Instructor's Guide 3LG

For descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/core-b



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 & Language Arts program.

		4-Day	5-Day
+ Grade 1 Readers w/ Language Arts 1	<input type="checkbox"/> BC1R4 <small>You save \$95.68!</small>	\$389	<input type="checkbox"/> BC1R5 <small>You save \$103.56!</small>
+ Grade 2 Readers w/ Language Arts 2	<input type="checkbox"/> BC2R4 <small>You save \$84.94!</small>	\$369	<input type="checkbox"/> BC2R5 <small>You save \$102.82!</small>
+ Grade 3 Readers w/ Language Arts 3	<input type="checkbox"/> BC3R4 <small>You save \$87.84!</small>	\$399	<input type="checkbox"/> BC3R5 <small>You save \$105.72!</small>

Required Resources—If you don't already own. (See p. 88)

<input type="checkbox"/> 3" Binder & Tabs (p. 127)	B050	\$19.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Book of Time (p. 88)	RR120	\$24.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Markable Map and Markers (p. 88)	MAP	\$27.98

Optional Resource

 > **Language Arts Optional Resources** (See pp. 92-94)

STEP 2
 Complete your
 Curriculum


- ☐ **Handwriting Without Tears 1** (p. 96) HW1 \$20.73
 Core B students often thrive with *Handwriting Without Tears 1*. For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 95-98.



- ☐ **Science B** (See p. 100) BS5 \$169.87
 Many Core B customers love Sonlight's Science B. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight Science programs, see pp. 99-104.



- ☐ **Horizons Math 1 Program** (See p. 109) H1M \$181.94
 Many Core B students do best with *Horizons Math 1 Program*. For other outstanding Math curricula, see pp. 105-117.

 Or 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. 4-17)

 Want
 Electives?


- ☐ **Electives B** (pp. 118-125) BRE \$45.39
 Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend Electives B, which includes *Exploring Landscape Art with Children* (p. 121), *World of Play* (p. 121) and *Bernstein Favorites: Children Classics* (p. 122).

 Need extra
 Resources?

Resources (See pp. 126-128)

Recommended Resources

<input type="checkbox"/> The Three R's by Ruth Beechick (p. 127)	KL01	\$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Language and Thinking for Young Children (p. 91)	KL02	\$8.99
<input type="checkbox"/> MathTacular® (p. 117)	RM32	\$24.99

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+ Plus

 Free shipping
 (to 48 states)

 10% off all pur-
 chases for a year

 50% off IG
 repurchase

 Hands-on
 activities that
 coordinate
 with Core B

 Optional,
 interest-free
 payment plans
 (on orders of \$399
 or more)


"I love that Sonlight has given Ben a LOVE of learning," writes Shari J of Scottsdale, AZ. "He gets so excited to do school each day. It's a blessing to school him and his older brother (age 8) together using Core B. They are LOVING it so far, and are so enthusiastic about school." Here, 6-year-old Benjamin delightfully reads to his baby sister. The J family is in their first year of Sonlight.



"Sonlight's book selections really have inspired a love for learning in our children," from great Read-Alouds and fun readers, to wonderful history books, missionary stories and exciting science books," writes Sarah R of Adel, IA. "One of my prayers for home-schooling our children was that they would have fun while learning together. Sonlight really does help create a fun learning experience for our whole family with the books and activity suggestions that they provide." When using Core B and Science B this year, the R family learned how caterpillars turn into butterflies. Here, 5-year-old Samantha watches one of the new butterflies with delight.

Core B+C



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.



Sonlight® Core B+C with Grade 2 Readers

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



“Sonlight epitomizes the values and goals at the very heart at our family’s choice to homeschool,” writes Ashley C of Bountiful, UT. “We desire to give our children a love of learning, a wonder in the endless beauty of Our Heavenly Father’s creations, exposure to great literature, and compassion for His diverse children. Through our Sonlight story-times at the beginning and end of each day, we are able to cherish treasured time together obtaining these very gifts as a family! Sonlight is a highlight of our day, and a springboard to so many additional avenues of exploration.” Here, Reilley (8), Shiloh (6), Zipporah (10) and Normandy (4) share the thrill of discovering a snail and marvel at its ability to scale a concrete wall. The family is studying Cores P3/4, P4/5 and B+C in their second year of Sonlight.

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 & more.
- Bond with your kids as you spark their love of learning.

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

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We reinforce the history in Hillyer's book with the fascinating pictures and snippets in *The Usborne 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 until later years to study this more recent history in depth.

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

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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! Memorize 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!

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Flip to p. 91 to read about the specific programs, then visit sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment to choose the right level for each child.

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!
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"Teach your children in the way they should go' (Proverbs 22:6). Sonlight gets this!" writes Krysta C of Oxnard, CA. "My children get a full spectrum of life. Not segmented academic subjects that they struggle to put together. Sonlight is cohesive but most importantly it is holistic. The entire human is nurtured: mind, body and spirit. I really enjoy our discussions and how well Sonlight teaches larger concepts in a way I see my children understand and implement." Marley (8) is studying Core B+C this year as Judah (10) studies Core F. The C family is in their fifth year of homeschooling and second year of Sonlight.



"Using Sonlight took a reluctant reader and turned her into a bookworm," writes Lisa K of Alberta, Canada. "When my daughter 'should have' been reading more fluently, and her younger brother was overtaking her in reading, we worked on the Sonlight Readers and Language Arts Program, and she was transformed. Now, reading is one of her favorite activities in the world!" When Sabrina (11) got on the trampoline with a good book, Jamie-Lynn (5) and Ezra (1) followed suit. Lisa is using Core B+C and Core F in with her six children in their fourth year of Sonlight.



“You can’t put a price tag on peace of mind. Sonlight is worth every penny and then some!” writes Tanya P of Scottsburg, VA. “Our family truly loves learning together with Sonlight. Let’s face it, textbooks are BORING! Sonlight’s ‘living’ books approach is a book-lover’s dream. I no longer have to spend my time searching for good literature because Sonlight has done ALL the work for me. As so many other parents have testified, our boys also plead for ‘just one more chapter,’ and that makes my heart smile.” Here, Hunter (10) enjoys a captivating Sonlight book outside. He and his brother are studying Core B+C in their second year of Sonlight.

Did you know?

Reason #8 that families love Sonlight: It helps you give your children a broad and godly view of the world. Read more on p. 142.



“I was on the verge of giving up on home-schooling when we stumbled upon you! Thank you Sonlight,” writes Lisa G of Shinnston, WV. “The lesson plans have helped me to keep my sanity, and the heavy use of stories has kept my children interested and loving school this year. This was a HUGE change from last year where having school each day was a battle. It was like a switch was flipped! Suddenly school was fun and I was being begged to read just one more chapter.” Here, 7-year-old Erin reads *The Sword in the Tree*, a thrilling Grade 2 Reader. She’s studying Core B+C this year as little brother Liam (5) listens in.

Your Core B+C Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-bc)

Instructor's Guide B+C

BCCG (\$64.99 if ordered separately)

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

History & Geography B+C

4-Day BCH4 **OR** 5-Day BCH5

▼ 4 and 5-Day Program includes

Audio Memory® Geography Songs Kit (CD)	CH06	Time Line Figures-B+C (Consumable)	BCH01
A Child's History of the World	CH07	Usborne The Book of World History	CH02
		Window on the World	CH04

▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Castle Diary	CA15
Peoples of the World	BH05
Roman Diary NEW	BH12

Bible B+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
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Read-Alouds B+C

4-Day BCA4 **OR** 5-Day BCA5

▼ 4 and 5-Day Program includes

The Aesop for Children	CA10	Little Pear	BA15
Cornstalks:		The Little Riders	CA08
A Bushel of Poems	CA01	Red Sails to Capri	CA11
The Cricket in Times Square	CA14	The School Story	CA18
The Door in the Wall	CA03	Strawberry Girl	CA05
George Müller	BH06	Tales of Robin Hood	CA17
Gladys Alyward: The Adventure of a Lifetime	CH13	The Twenty-One Balloons	CA02

▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Detectives in Togas	BA14
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! NEW	CA25
Gooney Bird Greene	BA03
Hidden Tales from Eastern Europe NEW	CA23
Homer Price	BA06
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle	BA13

+ Plus Your choice of a Readers w/ Language Arts program

Grade 2 Readers w/ Language Arts 2

2RP (\$126.81 if ordered separately)

▼ Readers

Amelia Bedelia	2R23	Frog and Toad Together	2R03
The Beginner's Bible	2R17	Greg's Microscope	2R21
The Big Balloon Race	2R15	Hill of Fire	2R09
Daniel's Duck	2R18	Mouse Tales	2R16
The Fire Cat	2R20	Nate the Great	2R19
Frog and Toad All Year	2R22	Owl at Home	2R04
Frog and Toad are Friends	2R02	Pompeii: Buried Alive!	2R11

Surprises	2R24
The Sword in the Tree	2R27
Titanic: Lost and Found	2R12
Wagon Wheels	2R14

▼ Language Arts (Now Included)

Language Arts 2 Instructor's Guide	2LG
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OR

Grade 3 Readers w/ Language Arts 3

3RP (\$159.71 if ordered separately)

▼ Readers

The Chalk Box Kid	3R36	The Littles	3R47
Clara and the Bookwagon	3R30	The Long Way to a New Land	3R31
Cora Frear	3R38	The Long Way Westward	3R32
The House on Walenska Street	3R46	The Paint Brush Kid	3R37
Jake Drake: Bully Buster	3R42	Prairie School	3R33
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie	3R34	A Question of Yams	3R45
The Last Little Cat	3R48	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 (Now Included)

Language Arts 3 Instructor's Guide	3LG
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OR

Grade 4-5 Readers w/ Language Arts 4-5

4RP (\$188.13 if ordered separately)

▼ Readers

Along Came a Dog	4R62	Ginger Pye	4R01
"B" is for Betsy	4R61	Henry and Ribsy	4R40
Betsy & Tacy Go Over the Big Hill	4R41	The King's Equal	4R46
The Children of Noisy Village	4R43	A Llama in the Family	4R56
Emily's Runaway Imagination	4R49	Lumber Camp Library	4R55
Encyclopedia Brown	4R44	Marco Polo	4R65
Frindle	4R59	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 (Now Included)

Language Arts 4-5 Instructor's Guide	4LG
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STEP 1
 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 & Language Arts program.

	4-Day	5-Day
+ Grade 2 Readers w/ Language Arts 2	<input type="checkbox"/> BCC2R4 \$379 You save \$91.95!	<input type="checkbox"/> BCC2R5 \$439 You save \$101.83!
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Required Resources—If you don't already own. (See p. 88)

<input type="checkbox"/> 3" Binder & Tabs (p. 127)	B050	\$19.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Book of Time (p. 88)	RR120	\$24.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Markable Map and Markers (p. 88)	MAP	\$27.98

Optional Resources

<input type="checkbox"/> Audio Memory® Geography		
Additional Workbook (Consumable)	CH061	\$6.95
> Language Arts Optional Resources (See pp. 92-94)		

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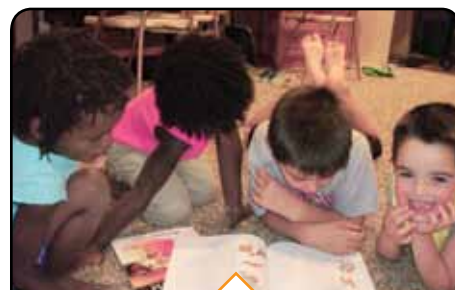
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(on orders of \$399
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“Our family has bonded over the last six years with fascinating stories of intrigue, culture, history and best of all, the unwavering faith of missionaries from all over the world like Hudson Taylor, Mother Teresa and Brother Andrew,” writes Rachelle L. of Bradenton, FL. The L family has used Sonlight for six years now. Aaron (4), Aidan (7), Ashley (9), Aldon (11), Alec (13) and Aislynn (15) are using Cores A, B, F, G and 100 this year.



“In addition to the awesome books we get, I LOVE that a suggested schedule is laid out for me in the Instructor's Guide—so less work for me!” writes Tana K of Colorado Springs, CO. “It gives me peace of mind to know I'm covering everything I should. Josh (5), Aliyah (4) and Christela (4) all gathered around Zach (8) today as he read from *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* [from Core A]. They love to spend hours reading their books from Sonlight. Whenever we are reading one of the Read-Alouds, they beg and beg for ‘just one more chapter.’ I can't imagine ever using anything else now!” The K family is using Core A and B+C in their second year of Sonlight.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting Without Tears 2 (p. 97)	HW2	\$17.98
Core B+C students often thrive with <i>Handwriting Without Tears 2</i> . For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 95-98.		



<input type="checkbox"/> Science C (p. 101)	CS5	\$175.85
Many Core B+C customers love Sonlight's Science C. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight Science programs, see pp. 99-104.		



<input type="checkbox"/> Horizons Math 2 Program (p. 110)	H2M	\$199.43
Many Core B+C students do best with <i>Horizons Math 2 Program</i> . For other outstanding Math curricula, see pp. 105-117.		

**Or 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. 4-17)

**Want
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<input type="checkbox"/> Electives C (pp. 118-125)	CRE	\$85.88
Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend Electives C, which includes <i>How Artists See Feelings</i> (p. 121), <i>How Artists See the Elements</i> (p. 121) and <i>Classical Kids Collection</i> (p. 122).		

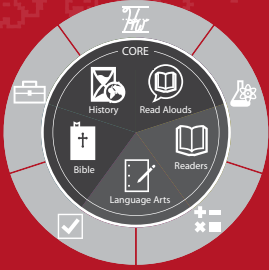
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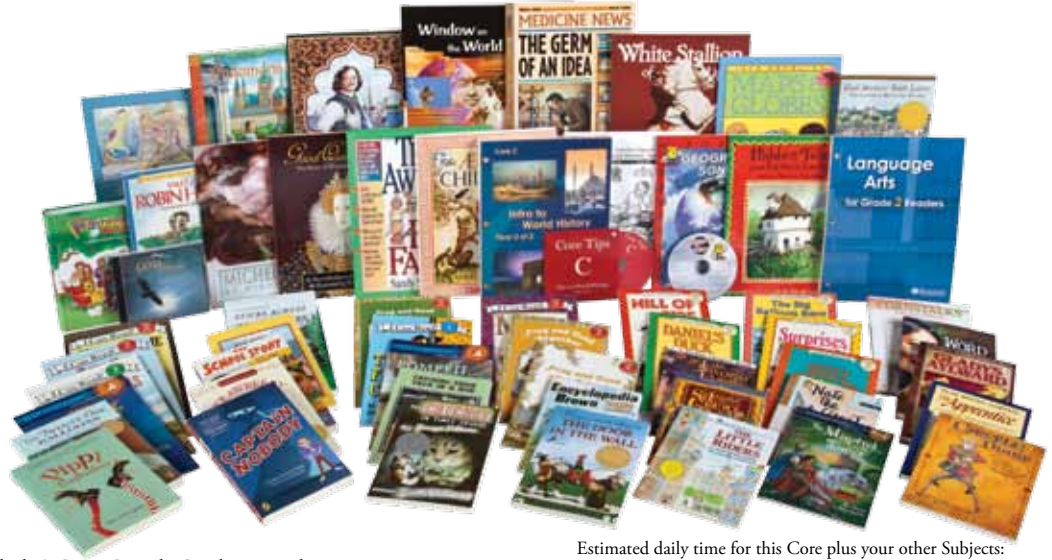
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Core C



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.



Sonlight® Core C with Grade 2 Readers

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



“Sonlight has made homeschooling with different ages so much more enjoyable than I thought possible!” writes Jamie B of Cheney, WA. “The books are so good that everyone wants to listen. Before Sonlight, I would spend hours planning our curriculum and then be exhausted when the time came to teach it. Sonlight’s easy-to-follow Instructor’s Guide saves me so much time planning. Time that I will gladly spend snuggled up, reading our Sonlight books to my four blessings! Sonlight has done the hard work for me, leaving me with the energy to enjoy teaching my children.” Jamie loves reading to her children. Amelia (8) and Silas (6) will use Core C in their second year of Sonlight as Macy (4) and Karalee (1) listen in.

Journey from the fall of Rome through modern world history!

- Finish the story of the world you started in Core B.
- Relax with complete lesson plans and materials for homeschool success.
- Learn from the triumphs and mistakes of our ancestors. Adventure with Vikings, missionaries, astronauts & more.
- Create memories with your children, help them love learning!

study Math and Science? Why are most people in India Hindus while most Indonesians are Muslims? Why do people from different cultures tend to view the world so differently?

Go way beyond Europe

Our purpose is not simply to trace the roots of Western civilization, but to acquire 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.

With this Core, you also gain a special love for modern peoples around the world through the book *Window on the World*. From Afghans to Zulus, meet 92 largely unevangelized countries and people groups. Learn about the globe and help your kids develop a godly heart for the world!

Travel through time

Core C picks up where Core B leaves off. Travel from the fall of Rome through the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the Reformation, Asian dynasties and the Industrial Revolution to modern global history.

As with Core B, three works serve as your history “spines”: *A Child’s History of the World*, and two Usborne books, *The Book of World History* and *Time Traveler*.

Virgil Hillyer, author of *A Child's History*, has the perfect tenor and tone for this age group. Cuddle up on the couch and share his supremely readable tale of how the world moved from Rome

Get a first-class ticket

Watch as God's hand moves, leaders make decisions, cultures shift and empires rise and fall. Core C finishes the journey you started in Core B. It's your ticket to a well-guided tour of the past 1,600 years.

Loaded with Newbery award-winning books, children's classics, little-known treasures and biographies of great people, Core C gives memorable adventures and special moments. This Core is perfect for 8- and 9-year-olds and advanced 7-year-olds.

See that history is real

This second part of *Intro to World History* helps kids see that history has a real impact on how we live today. Let's bring it alive for them; history is not a dry and isolated subject!

Discover together that there are real historical answers to questions such as: Why did castles, knights and jousting tournaments fade away? Why do we now read the Bible in English instead of Latin? Why do Americans use inches instead of centimeters? Why aren't there very many Kings and Queens in the world anymore? Why do children

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to space shuttles. He winsomely recounts a compelling true story.

The two Usborne books are real gems. They've picked the facts that kids should know and placed them in the midst of detailed pictures. These help children grasp the context and story of history.

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 studying 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.

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

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! Memorize 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

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 & 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. 91 to read about the specific programs, then visit sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment to choose the right level for each child.

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!
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Sarita



Did you know?

Reason #2 that families love Sonlight: The literature base makes history "come alive." Read more on p. 142.



See the 2012 curriculum updates at sonlight.com/new



"We're entering our fourth year with Sonlight, and my boys love learning together more and more," writes Janet W of Fairview, TN. "Our boys love their Sonlight books. No matter how much we read to them, they always beg for more. Even with selections I didn't think they'd like, I'll still hear, 'Mommy, don't stop. More!' As an added bonus, even though the boys are almost four years apart, they still enjoy each other's books. This past spring, my 3-year-old would come running whenever he heard us start discussing our science books. 'Mommy, Mommy! Are you reading science? Wait for me!' I love that the whole family—me included—gets excited about what we're learning." Janet took this shot in their backyard this summer on a hot Tennessee morning. Samuel (7) is studying Core C and Science C as Jonathan (3) listens in and explores Sonlight's preschool programs.



“Does Sonlight really develop a love for learning? You bet!” writes Angela O of Canonsburg, PA. “Emma reads in the morning, afternoon and just before bedtime. Here, she just HAD to start a new book ... prior to breakfast, getting dressed or doing her morning chores. How could I say no to this insatiable love for reading that Sonlight has helped develop? Sonlight has helped our first three years of homeschooling be a blessing and success! School is fun, not boring, and the books are so exciting.” Eight-year-old Emma is diving into Core C this year as little sister Audrey starts on P3/4.



“Sonlight gives us so much flexibility to learn when we want, where we want, and how we want!” writes Lezli U of Aurora, CO. “I love that it is already planned for me, and I can just open up the Instructor’s Guide, grab our books, and go! I’m so excited about all the adventures that await our family. There is nothing more special than a dad spending time with his son. I love that Sonlight gives David the ability to be a very vital part of our homeschool. I know that our children will be stronger and more confident as a result.” In their first year of Sonlight, Dad and Caleb (5) head outside to enjoy a good read from Core A.

Your Core C Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-c)

Instructor's Guide Core C

CCG (\$64.99 if ordered separately)

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

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

Medicine News **NEW** CH14
Michelangelo CH11
Peter the Great CH05
Time Line 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

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 **NEW** 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 **NEW** CA20
Red Sails to Capri CA11
The School Story CA18
Sticks Across the Chimney **NEW** CA24
Strawberry Girl CA05
Tales of Robin Hood CA17
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White Stallion of Lipizza CA12

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Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great **NEW** CA21
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Hidden Tales from Eastern Europe **NEW** CA23
Pippi Longstocking **NEW** CA27

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Instructor's Guide 4LG

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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 & Language Arts program.

	4-Day	5-Day
+ Grade 2 Readers w/ Language Arts 2	<input type="checkbox"/> CC2R4 \$409 You save \$101.30!	<input type="checkbox"/> CC2R5 \$459 You save \$104.69!
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+ Grade 4-5 Readers w/ Language Arts 4-5	<input type="checkbox"/> CC4R4 \$459 You save \$112.62!	<input type="checkbox"/> CC4R5 \$509 You save \$116.01!

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“Sonlight has given my 7-year-old daughter a real understanding of the flow of history,” writes Libby G of Indianapolis, IN. “I knew we’d love reading the books in our Sonlight curriculum, but I wasn’t prepared for how much she would gain from the *Book of Time* [the timeline that goes with Cores A-300] and the rich historical content in the Instructor’s Guide. One day last year, as she was placing a sticker about Hannibal in her *Book of Time*, she looked up and exclaimed, ‘Mama, did you know that Hannibal lived at the time the Great Wall of China was being built? History connects! And education actually means something when a child makes connections like that on her own ... with a bit of help from Sonlight. Thank you!’ Here, Talia (7) uses her timeline to explain the Trojan War to 4-year-old Zoe. Talia is using Core C as Zoe sits in for the family’s second year of Sonlight.

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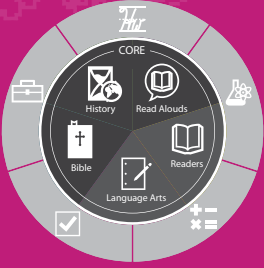
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Recommended Resources

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Core D



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.



Sonlight® Core D with Regular Readers

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:
Student: 3½-4½ hrs / **Parent:** 2-3 hrs.



“Thank you Sonlight for creating a curriculum that promotes family fellowship,” writes Farrel R of Copper Canyon, TX. “Sonlight has allowed our family to slow down, enjoy time spent together, and enjoy learning! We love the fact that Sonlight is a curriculum based upon wonderful literature that engages the whole family ... even the littlest ones like to listen in.” Here, Jared (11), Hope (9), Lily (5) and Adam (3) listen to *Johnny Tremain* (from Core D). The R family is studying Core E in their fourth year of Sonlight.

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

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 serves as your central History book this year. It's a fascinating approach to American culture and events over the past 350 years. 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.

And 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

Totally interconnected learning

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, then see him in a Reader. Get to know George Washington in a biography, 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.

Core D is great for 9-, 10- and 11-year-olds and advanced 8-year-olds.

**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

Founding Fathers struggled mightily to create a new sense of equality and write a living 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.

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 we don't dwell on them.

Instead, we focus on the creative, hard-working, vibrant spirit that helped families of early settlers, immigrants, pioneers and pilgrims overcome great 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 a lot of good in our history to teach our children.

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.

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.

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!
Sarita

Sarita



"Thank you for making history so memorable for my daughter," writes Stefanie S of Virginia Beach, VA. "Sonlight book selections often make us feel like we're part of the history. We tagged along on a trip to historical Jamestown, and Mackenzie impressed the guide with her knowledge of the period." Mackenzie (10), who was moved by the *American Indian Prayer Guide* in Core D also thoroughly enjoyed exploring a historical American Indian village on their trip. Mackenzie just finished Core D; Kayleigh (3) is exploring Core P3/4.

Did you know?

Reason #10 that families love Sonlight: It helps you direct your children toward worthy life goals. Read more on p. 142.



"One of the greatest blessings of home-schooling is that my children are NOT learning to separate God from school," writes Tanya W of San Marcos, TX. "They learn about the world, science, history, reading and life in the context of it all being about God. They are not learning to compartmentalize their faith and their education as two separate entities. Sonlight honors that truth, while not creating a bubble for them where they don't learn about the rest of the world. This opens the door for critical thinking and understanding." After reading about Zechariah in Luke, the W family decided to dress up and pretend they were there when the angel appeared in the temple. Jeremiah (6), Caleb (8) and Elijah (3) are studying Cores C and D in their third year of Sonlight.



“We are a military family that highly benefited from using Sonlight during my husband’s last deployment to Afghanistan,” writes Alisha L. of Liberty, NC. “Responsibilities were great during this time: keep my house, homeschool my three children, and make time to stay connected to their daddy. The Instructor’s Guide allowed me to continue homeschooling when family life during the deployment became tough. If it had not been for the guide, I would have spent so much time planning our school instead of cuddling up with them and reading. It is like my best friend to guide and even encourage me on a daily basis.” Here, 6-year-old Lorelei reads with her dog. She’s using Core D in her third year of Sonlight.

Did you know?

Reason #27 that families love Sonlight: When you buy from Sonlight, you encourage Kingdom efforts and charitable work around the world. Read more on p. 143.



“What I love about Sonlight is that my husband can be involved and help out when he is home,” writes Jennifer F of Shakopee, MN. “He loves to be involved as much as possible while enjoying great reading material. Here you see him reading to my kindergartner Gabriella. My youngest daughter loves to listen in when she can and my son (who was suppose to be doing chores) couldn’t resist but sit in on Daddy reading from *Egermeier’s Bible Story Book* [from Core A], which seems to captivate any listening ear.” Gabriella (5) is using Core A this year as Isaiah (10) studies Core D and Isabella (3) listens in.

Your Core D Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-d)

Instructor's Guide D

DCG (\$99.99 if ordered separately)

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

History & Geography D

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

▼ 4-and 5-Day Program includes

Adoniram Judson: Bound for Burma **NEW** DH20
And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? DH02
If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution DH03
Incans, Aztecs & Mayans DH05
The Landmark History of the American People, Vols 1 & 2 DH09

The Lewis & Clark Expedition DH14
North American Indians DH12
Pedro’s Journal DH08
Story of the USA, Book 1 (Consumable) DH131
Story of the USA, Book 2 (Consumable) DH132
Time Line Figures–D (Consumable) DH16

What’s the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? DH01
▼ **5-Day Program also includes**
From Sea to Shining Sea for Young Readers **NEW** DH19
The Light and the Glory for Young Readers **NEW** DH17
The Very First Americans **NEW** DH18
The Winter at Valley Forge DH04

Bible D

DBP

Scripture reading & 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

Read-Alouds D

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

▼ 4-and 5-Day Program includes

Calico Bush DA10
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch DA06
A Child’s Introduction to Poetry DA13
Johnny Tremain DA04
The Journeyman DA11

Justin Morgan Had a Horse DA09
The Sign of the Beaver DA02
Swift Rivers DA12
Walk the World’s Rim DA08
The Witch of Blackbird Pond DA03

▼ **5-Day Program also includes**
The Candymakers **NEW** DA17
Lawn Boy **NEW** DA14
The Secret of the Sealed Room **NEW** DA16
Toliver’s Secret DA05
Tree in the Trail **NEW** DA15

+ Plus Your choice of a **Readers** set

Readers D Regular

DRP (\$108.85 if ordered separately)

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain DR11
The Cabin Faced West DR09
The Courage of Sarah Noble DR08
A Lion to Guard Us DR13
The Matchlock Gun DR02

Meet George Washington DR05
Meet Thomas Jefferson DR03
Om-kas-toe DR16
Phoebe the Spy DR04
Pocahontas and the Strangers DR01
Robert Fulton, Boy Craftsman DR06

Sarah, Plain and Tall DR07
Sarah Whitcher’s Story DR12
The Skippack School DR14
Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims DR10
The Thanksgiving Story DR15

OR

Readers D Advanced

DRX (\$176.77 if ordered separately)

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain DR11
The Cabin Faced West DR09
The Courage of Sarah Noble DR08
A Lion to Guard Us DR13
The Matchlock Gun DR02
Meet George Washington DR05
Meet Thomas Jefferson DR03
Om-kas-toe DR16
Phoebe the Spy DR04

Pocahontas and the Strangers DR01
Robert Fulton, Boy Craftsman DR06
Sarah, Plain and Tall DR07
Sarah Whitcher’s Story DR12
The Skippack School DR14
Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims DR10
The Thanksgiving Story DR15

Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia DX07
George Washington DX02
The Corn Grows Ripe DX09
Mr. Revere and I DX08
Naya Nuki DX03
Stone Fox DX06
The Story of Eil Whitney DH15
Tikta’liktak DX05
Vostaas: White Buffalo’s Story of Plains Indian Life DX04

Language Arts D (Now Included)

Included in your Core D Instructor’s Guide.

For descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/core-d

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 Choose your
 Core Program

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.

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+ Readers D Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> DCX4 \$459 You save \$110.80!	<input type="checkbox"/> DCX5 \$529 You save \$117.20!

Language Arts D

Included in your Core D Instructor's Guide.

Required Resources—If you don't already own. (See p. 88)

<input type="checkbox"/> 3" Binder & Tabs (p. 127)	B050	\$19.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Book of Time (p. 88)	RR120	\$24.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Markable Map and Markers (p. 88)	MAP	\$27.98
<input type="checkbox"/> Sequential Spelling (p. 94)	RL50-RL56	\$11.95

Optional Resources (See pp. 92-94)

<input type="checkbox"/> Wordly Wise 3000 Book 3 Set (p. 93)	3L100	\$16.90
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Language Arts Activity Sheets (Consumable)	DLG1	\$12.99

STEP 2
 Complete your
 Curriculum


- ☐ **Handwriting Without Tears 3** (p. 97) HW3 \$20.73
 Core D students often thrive with *Handwriting Without Tears 3*. For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 95-98.



- ☐ **Science D** (p. 101) DS5 \$238.77
 Many Core D customers love Sonlight's Science D. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight Science programs, see pp. 99-104.



- ☐ **Teaching Textbooks Math 3** (p. 111) 3M20 \$119.90
 Many Core D students do best with *Teaching Textbooks Math 3*. For other outstanding Math curricula, see pp. 105-117.

**Or 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. 4-17)

**Want
 Electives?**


- ☐ **Electives D** (pp. 118-125) DRE \$59.93
 Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend Electives D, which include *Usborne: Children's Book of Art* (p. 121), *Story of the Orchestra* (p. 122) and *Critical Thinking Activities Book K-3* (p. 124).

**Need extra
 Resources?**

Resources (See pp. 126-128)

Recommended Resources

<input type="checkbox"/> The Three R's by Ruth Beechick (p. 127)	KL01	\$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Lyrical Life Science, Vol 1 Non-Animal Kingdoms and Non-Mammalian Animals (p. 126)	RS51	\$29.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Lyrical Life Science, Vol 2 Mammals, Ecology, & Biomes (p. 126)	RS52	\$29.50

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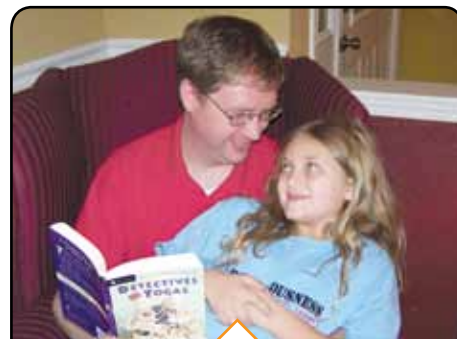
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*"This is our first year of home-
 schooling and we are so happy
 with our Core D curriculum.
 Sonlight has brought the love
 of reading into our home."
 —Kim M, Aug. 2011*



"With a few clicks of a mouse I can have all of my homeschool materials for an entire school year delivered right to my door," writes Tammy A of Plainfield, IN. "Not only does Sonlight save me time, it saves me the headache of finding the 'extras' like handwriting and spelling. My children love Sonlight's choices. Why would I need to shop anywhere else? Instead of having bookshelves full of used workbooks, we have a rich library overflowing with great literature that our children will continue to enjoy long after they've finished each core." Tammy loves that Sonlight makes it easy for her husband to be involved in school. Here, he reads with Emily (10) from Core D. Emily has used Sonlight since preschool.

Core D+E



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.



Sonlight® Core D+E

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



"We just completed our first year of home-schooling and loved it!" writes Brenda A of Wister, OK. "It has been a sheer joy to watch my children grow and learn this year on all levels. Sonlight made choosing curriculum easy and placed our avid readers into just the right fit for them. Our girls loved being able to go to the reading shelf and pick up their Readers, and I loved watching their love for reading grow even more. I also really enjoyed the fact that the Readers corresponded with the History program in the Core D+E program - what an added learning bonus!" Here, 7-year-old Alyssa thoroughly enjoys a Grade 2 Reader. Her older sister Alexis is using Core D+E this year.

Journey through all of American History!

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

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. *The Landmark History of the American People* is a true gem! While the book covers the key events you want to teach, it focuses more on the social history of America. The result is a work that gives children a fresh view of life in the U.S. And if *The Landmark History* leaves a gap in fully explaining a crucial event, we more than make up for it with the other components of this program.

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

ONE-YEAR see p. 22
MONEY-BACK
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GUARANTEE

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.

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 living 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.

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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.
- Experience the Great Depression alongside an 11-year-old girl. Will her letter to President Roosevelt's wife save her family's dignity?

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:

- *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



“This past year of History opened Sarah's eyes to the great sacrifices made so that we can enjoy so many freedoms, including home-schooling! Thank you for whetting her appetite for American history—which is her story, as well!”
—Rebecca J, Aug. 2011



“Following a recent church service, a Sunday School teacher approached us remarking what a wonderful vocabulary our boys had,” writes Kathy M of O Fallon, MO. “And they know what the words mean, too! This is one of the many benefits from spending time together reading the wonderful books in the Sonlight curriculum. We are so thankful the Lord directed us to Sonlight early in our homeschool journey.” In their fourth year of Sonlight, Kathy discusses the concept of “Food as Fuel” from Sonlight Science with Joshua (9), Josiah (7), Jonathan (5) and Joy Grace (3).



“When asked what his favorite parts of school are, my son answers ‘the Sonlight parts!’” writes Raina J of Iron Mountain, MI. “Thanks to the rich literature selections of Sonlight, my son has grown from being a reluctant reader to a passionate book fiend! He absolutely loves reading, and it’s because of the great selections from the Cores we’ve used!” Here, Seth (9) does the magnet activity in Science E where he pulls the string slowly away from the cup to watch the paperclip ‘float’ in midair. He’s studying Core E in his sixth year of homeschooling and fourth year of Sonlight.

Did you know?

You can read “Sonlight moments” from other customers at forums.sonlight.com.



“As a parent with a background in teaching and curriculum writing, finding a curriculum that meets all my standards is a tall order. I even toyed with the idea of writing my own. God bless the day I found Sonlight,” writes Lacy B of Montrose, CO. “Sonlight has all the academic rigors I demand, seen through the lens of a ‘with-God life’; and I didn’t have to do any of the work. We have used Sonlight for six years, with two children. When my youngest daughter finishes one core, we pass it on to missionaries in Northern China. Five children will be educated with our investment, what a return!” Here, 10-year-old Aidan enjoys a book from Core E.

Your Core D+E Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-de)

Instructor's Guide D+E

DECG (\$99.99 if ordered separately)

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

History & Geography D+E

DEHP

Hero Over Here	ER19	Pedro's Journal	DH08	Story of USA, Book 4 (Consumable)	EH102
If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution	DH03	Story of USA, Book 2 (Consumable)	DH131	Time Line Figures–D+E (Consumable)	DEH01
In Search of the Source	EA13	Story of USA, Book 3 (Consumable)	DH132	Wee Sing America (CD)	EH04
The Landmark History of the American People, Vols 1 & 2	DH09		EH101		

Bible D+E

DEBP

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide

American Indian Prayer Guide	DB01	Sing the Word: The Heavens Declare (CD)	EB02	Starting Strong	EB01
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Read-Alouds D+E

DEAP

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

Readers D+E

DERP

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

Language Arts D+E (Now Included)

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

For descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/core-de

“We love how Sonlight history lessons are brought alive by the corresponding Readers, giving our son the opportunity to relive history through engrossing tales of intrigue and adventure.”

—Linda K, Aug. 2011

“History has come to life because Sonlight has presented it through literature that has helped our family understand, remember, and relate history to current events.”

—Amy B, Aug. 2011

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

Required Resources—If you don't already own. (See p. 88)

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Recommended Resources

<input type="checkbox"/> Writer's INC (p. 125)	RL04	\$32.49
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<input type="checkbox"/> Magnifier/Microscope (p. 127)	ES08	\$16.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Microscopy Supplies for ES12 (p. 127)	ESKM	\$18.99

"Thank you Sonlight for choosing living history books for our children. I know it makes great writers and stimulates wonderful imaginations in our children!"

—Michelle L, Aug. 2011

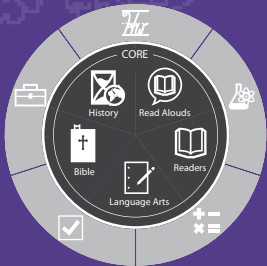


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"Sonlight made the transition from public school to homeschooling so much easier," writes Kathie M of Manitoba, Canada. "The ready-made materials left me free to teach rather than spending time trying to figure out what to teach. We were thrilled with the fantastic books." Seven-year-old Emma was ecstatic to receive her very first box of Sonlight materials. She's using Core B in her first year of homeschooling.

Core E



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.



Sonlight® Core E

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



“I credit Sonlight’s literature-based program for my family’s joy in learning - a joy that is picked up and carried on by even the youngest members of the family!” writes Tara S of Honeoye Falls, NY. “When Daddy sits down to read a book, children come flying from all directions. The older children seem to find a particular delight in hearing material from completed Cores as they re-live their fond memories of the past - which infuses their younger siblings with a greater sense of excitement and importance (“this must be something good!”). It’s the fun of hearing Daddy and the feeling of being together that count!” Daniel (8) and Anna (7) are sharing Core E this year as Elizabeth (5) and Joshua (3) study Core A and Mary (2) listens in.

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!

book completely gripped me! While *The Landmark History* covers the key events you want to teach, it focuses more on the social history of America. The result is a work that gives children a fresh view of life in the U.S.

If *The Landmark History* leaves a gap in fully explaining crucial events, we more than make up for it with the other components of the Core.

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.

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 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 2000. 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

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.

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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?

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.

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:

- The only biography to win a Newbery Medal.
- 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 ...

- 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

Sarita



"I went to tuck Josephine in for the night and found her reading ahead of the rest of us. Her book light had burned out, so she improvised from the supplies in our science kit — proof she understood how to make a circuit from our experiments from Science E," writes Robert P of Fort Myers, FL. "This year was her first introduction to the Civil War, and she was really invested in the outcome, thanks to Sonlight. Josephine lived through the war right along with Hannalee and the children in our other readers. I often hear, 'Just one more chapter, PLEASE!'" Josephine (8) reads *Turn Homeward, Hannalee* by the light of her science experiment as she studies Core E in her fourth year of Sonlight.

*"Thanks Sonlight for making history fun and exciting."
—Amy L, Aug. 2011*



"I'm grateful for the content of the Sonlight curriculum, which provides us with books like this," writes Kristina G of Ontario, Canada. "Books I probably wouldn't have sought out without Sonlight scheduling them for me — that capture and present the truths of the Gospel in a fresh, meaningful way for me to share with them." Kristina loves to walk laps in the pool while reading to Caroline (13) and Meredith (10). Here, they're enjoying *In Search of the Source* from Core E in their seventh year of Sonlight.



"I hated reading growing up. Because of Sonlight, my children LOVE to read and now so do I," writes Angie R of Florence, KY. "I love that I have multiple children, because it means that I will get to read these books again. Thank you, Sonlight, for giving my children the gift of loving books. I do not believe this would have been the case had it not been for Sonlight." Teirstynn (10), Nicholas (8), Faith (4), Halleigh (3) and Kirsten (2) are studying Cores A, E and G this year. They've all used Sonlight since the beginning.



"We are a missionary family from Malaysia working with the Moken people on islands off Thailand," writes Cally K of Thailand. Here, Cally is having "a Read-Aloud session with daughters Denalyn and Alyssa on the deck of a Moken Sea Gypsy fishing boat while Moken children excitedly gather round to listen to the story and view the book." Cally says the children appreciate the lavish illustrations of unreachable people groups in *From Akebu to Zapotec* (from Core B). This year, Denalyn (10) is studying Core E while Alyssa (6) explores Core A with Grade 1 Readers. As Cally reads, friends Pooh (8) and Yooi (9) peer in while Beam (8) and Thongdi (9) play nearby.

Your Core E Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-e)

Instructor's Guide E

ECG (\$99.99 if ordered separately)

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

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

Time Line Figures–E (Consumable)	EH11
Wee Sing America (CD)	EH04
William Wilberforce	EH06
The World Wars	EH05

▼ 5-Day Program also includes

American Tall Tales NEW	EH15
Sounding Forth the Trumpet for Young Readers NEW	EH13
South America (Consumable)	EH07

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
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 NEW	EA18
The Great Wheel	EA10
The Kitchen Madonna NEW	EA17
The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs NEW	EA16
Thee, Hannah! NEW	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
Thimble Summer	ER09
Turn Homeward, Hannalee	ER05
The Wright Brothers	ER15

Language Arts E (Now Included)

Included in your Core E Instructor's Guide.

For descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/core-e



"As an ex-high school science teacher I am thrilled with the content and experiments in Science E," writes Amy N of Normal, IL. "Joshua (9) had a great time learning about electricity and magnetism." Here, Joshua uses his homemade electromagnet to pick up washers. He's studying Core E and Science E in his sixth year of Sonlight. The other two children in the N family are using Cores P4/5 and Core B this year.

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Language Arts E
Included in your Core E Instructor's Guide

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 der, sibling closeness and
 friendship."*

—Nichole F, Aug. 2011

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 + **MathTactular3** (p. 112) T4M \$144.89
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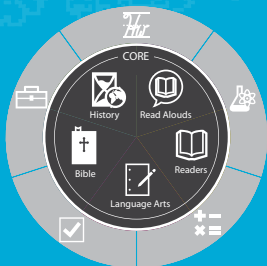
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 to many Instructor's Guides
 this year. p. 130



"Thank you Sonlight for providing the tools for my husband and me to teach our four boys to be men after God's own heart," writes Erika M of Cheyenne, WY. "We love how our kids' hearts have become tender and their lives have been changed while learning about [missionaries like] Bruce Olson, Gladys Aylward, George Mueller and more. I cannot even count the times when we have read a story about God richly using an imperfect person's life and then reflected on how that same God is preparing Isaac and Ian for an exciting future that we can now only imagine." Isaac (10) and Ian (8) will study Core F together in their fourth year of Sonlight. Here, they read a thrilling Core E book together.

Core F



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.



Sonlight® Core F

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:
Student: 4-6 hrs / **Parent:** 2-3½ hrs.



“Sonlight gives us the best educational opportunities without much preparation time,” writes Karen A of Hendersonville, TN. “The value of Sonlight is that it can be used for multiple children and the books become treasured friends for life. We plan to continue with Sonlight throughout high school because we trust the company to help us prepare our children for their futures in college and beyond.” The A family also loves that Sonlight gives them freedom to take their school work wherever they go. Here, Dad, Katelyn (14) and Riley (11) work on Science F out on the boat.

Did you know?



If you buy a Core program, you get free shipping (to the lower 48 states) on all your curriculum. See p. 23.

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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.
- Teach like a pro: your complete lesson plans, materials and teaching tips are waiting for you. Just follow along!
- Gain courage and compassion from inspiring biographies and gripping stories.
- Meet Mother Teresa, brave explorers, and typical families who live on the other side of the world.

Will this Core be your favorite, too?

This beloved Core is unique among Sonlight programs. Its subject matter stands out from homeschool 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.

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.

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

In keeping with a theme of Core F, you'll focus on the idea that our individual lives and culture are not the center of the universe. A surprisingly profound book, *101 Differences Between Cats and Dogs*, will inspire challenging conversations with your children about how we view God. Are we like cats, who think that their master (or in our case, God) exists to serve us and make us happy? Or are we more like dogs, who eagerly recognize that we exist to serve and glorify our Good Master?

The core of the Bible program comes through your daily Scripture reading together. Your kids 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 the journey,
Sarita

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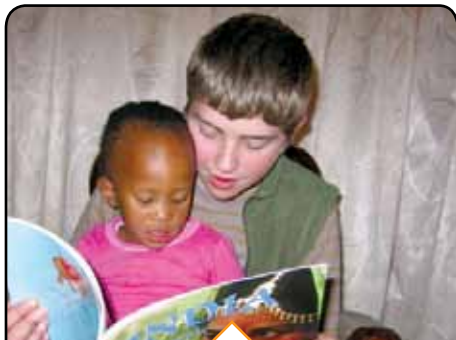


"Sonlight has had an amazing impact on bringing our family closer. This last year, my husband deployed and it was such a relief [for the children and me] to all be together. We were able to support one another all day, and adjust our schedule to relieve some of the stress that a deployment can bring."

—Nara E, Aug. 2011

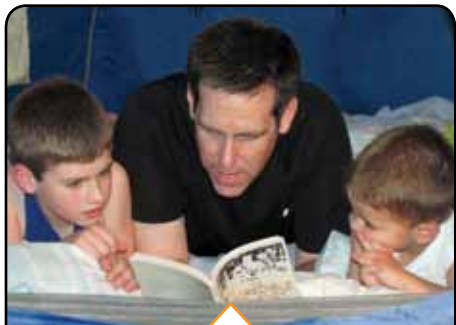


"We learned so much about world religions in Core F this year," writes Jennifer W of Richardson, TX. "We are so thankful Sonlight clearly explains the other major religions of the world, so as we come in contact with people of these religions, we can start up conversations with them since we know quite a bit about their belief systems. Thanks to Sonlight, we are not afraid to get to know people of other religions, but we are instead more inclined to understand the importance of sharing the gospel with them." In their sixth year of Sonlight, Lukas (9) and Vashti (11) particularly enjoyed getting to try recipes from the Eastern Hemisphere countries they "visited." Here, they show off their Australian lamingtons.



"I love the multi-cultural aspect of Sonlight," writes Beth R of South Africa. "South Africa is a country of many cultures and people groups, and this has naturally enabled us to expose our children to different cultures. However, Sonlight has aided that even more as we read about distant people—people we may not ever meet but people we can think about and pray for." Here, 14-year-old Michael reads to 2-year-old Abigail about India. Michael, Abigail and their four siblings are all studying (or listening in to) *Core F: Eastern Hemisphere* in their family's fourth year of Sonlight.

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"I have become so much more relaxed and confident in homeschooling since switching to Sonlight four years ago," writes Minda S of Windsor Heights, IA. "The Instructors Guides and discussion questions provide me with everything I need to cover the material in a well-thought-out and thorough way. Good, quality books and time together learning about God's amazing world have helped deepen our relationships in so many ways. We love the fact that even though our boys are seven years apart, they can be best friends. It is fun to see how the journeys that we take through the books we read become a part of our lives and have added such a richness and depth." Josiah (10) and Benjamin (3) love reading with dad. Josiah is using Core F in his fourth year of Sonlight.

Your Core F Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-f)

Instructor's Guide F

FCG (\$99.99 if ordered separately)

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

[NOTE: You may order now. We will start shipping Core F 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.]

History & Geography F

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

▼ 4 and 5-Day Program includes

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The Land I Lost FA64
Mary Slessor: Forward into Calalabar FH18
The Master Puppeteer FA52
Seven Daughters and Seven Sons FA63
Shadow Spinner FA67

Teresa Of Calcutta FH07
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon ^{NEW} FA01
Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze FA62
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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 ^{NEW} FR30
The Cat Who Went to Heaven FR06
God's Adventurer: Hudson Taylor FR07
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Henry Reed, Inc. FR02

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Homesick FR14
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Listening for Lions ^{NEW} FR27
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Rickshaw Girl ^{NEW} FR28

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Star of Light FR13
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Language Arts F (Now Included)

Included in your Core F Instructor's Guide.

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"As former overseas missionaries, we know that Sonlight's content will reinforce and strengthen our Biblical worldview, while instilling a love for the whole of God's creation, and a longing to understand other cultures." —Susan B, June 2011

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Core F: Eastern Hemisphere

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Language Arts F

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Required Resources—If you don't already own. (See p. 88)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Book of Time (p. 88)	RR120	\$24.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Markable Map and Markers (p. 88)	MAP	\$27.98
<input type="checkbox"/> Sequential Spelling (p. 94)	RL50-RL56	\$11.95

Optional Resources

<input type="checkbox"/> Wordly Wise 3000 Book 5 Set (p. 93)	5L10	\$17.55
<input type="checkbox"/> Keys to Good Language 5 Set (p. 94)	5L09	\$30.98
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☐ **Science F** (p. 102) FSB4 **OR** FSG4 \$187.25
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☐ **Teaching Textbooks Math 5** (p. 112) 5M20 \$119.90
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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. 4-17)



☐ **Handwriting Without Tears 5** (p. 98) HW5 \$11.49
Core F students often thrive with *Handwriting Without Tears 5*. For a different level or other award-winning methods, see pp. 95-98.

**Want
Electives?**


☐ **Electives F** (pp. 118-125) FRE \$66.47
Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend Electives F, which includes *Typing Instructor Platinum* (p. 124), *Classics for Kids CD* (p. 122) and *Critical Thinking Activities 4-6* (p. 124).

**Need extra
Resources?**

Resources (See pp. 125-128)

Recommended Resources

<input type="checkbox"/> Writer's INC (p. 125)	RL04	\$32.49
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Dictionary (p. 125)	RL01	\$19.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Lyrical Life Science Vol. 3 The Human Body (p. 126)	RS53	\$29.50

Did you know?

You can read (and post!) stories about "Box Day" at sonlight.com/blog/author/box-day.



"Sonlight has opened up our hearts and minds to the way other cultures live their daily lives," writes Shell B of Mansfield, TX. "I have fallen in love with the simple moments my children take to act out the wonderful stories that embrace their hearts from Sonlight's collection of wonderful books. After reading about other cultures, my girls made their own skirts and wanted to carry their dolls on their backs." Ashley (10) and Rebecca (8) just finished Core E and couldn't wait, so they dove right into Core F for their fourth year of Sonlight.

Core G



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.



Sonlight® Core G

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other Subjects:
Student: 4-6 hrs / **Parent:** 2-3½ hrs.



“Sonlight has instilled a love of learning and curiosity about God’s world in our daughters,” writes Sue E of La Crosse, WI. “When Afton was in public school, she hated to read (and, that’s an understatement!). It must have been the content because ever since schooling with Sonlight, she has a tremendous love for reading and a deep love for history. Through rich literature, our daughters are able to learn about historically significant events, people, and places in a fun and engaging way. Who am I kidding? I’m learning right alongside them!” Here, Afton (14) and Anja (14) read their Core G books with Grandma and Grandpa ... who love Sonlight books too!

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to many Instructor's Guides
this year. p. 130

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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.

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 could not 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.”

But history is the story of real people, real families, real adventures, real triumphs and defeats, and real cultures. There's no reason that should 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 children 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?

The Sonlight mom who thought ancient history was boring certainly enjoyed these questions. Half-way 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 cannot 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.

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 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!



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"We love Sonlight books, which is why we buy the complete Cores," writes Meredith F of Ada, MI. "One of the benefits of owning Sonlight books is that our kids reread them - providing review, strengthening their knowledge, and continuing their enjoyment of history and literature." In this picture, 10-year-old Bethany decided to reread a Core B book on Marco Polo after studying about him in Core G. Bethany and her four siblings (ages 2 through 11) are studying Core B and Core G in their fifth year of Sonlight.



“Sonlight is my GPS device in our home-school adventure: making sure we get where we’re going, and giving me the flexibility to enjoy the journey,” writes Carla B of Mount Juliet, TN. “With Sonlight’s Instructor’s Guide providing the structure (and making sure all my bases are covered), I’m free to take advantage of opportunities that bring the lessons to life. Sonlight helps ensure that I fulfill the responsibility to be complete and thorough.” Here, 12-year-old TJ studies Core G and reads about the Trojan Wars in front of the Parthenon. Talk about bringing learning to life!



“Thanks, Sonlight, for helping us have a home school where learning is a lifestyle!” writes Leslie R of Duncanville, TX. “When I ordered my first Sonlight Core in 1999, I was excited about the quality of the literature, but I wondered if my kids would someday grow weary of so much reading every day. Thankfully, I did not have to worry. The Sonlight books cultivated a love of learning in my children which ignited their own creativity. Sonlight has inspired their imaginative play with puppet shows and role-plays, created an interest in cooking international dishes and in a variety of art forms. Sonlight has propelled my kids to pursue many creative and interesting hobbies.” As sisters Lydia (8) and Sophia (12) both studied World History (in Cores C and G), they were inspired to conduct their own Middle Ages style squire training.

Your Core G Package includes:

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Instructor's Guide G

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History & Geography G

4-Day GH4 **OR** 5-Day GH5

▼ 4 and 5-Day Program includes

The Kingdom Strikes Back GH01
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Story of the World: Ancient Times GH05
Story of the World: Middle Ages GH06
Time Line Figures—G (Consumable) GH04

▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Usborne Encyclopedia 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 (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 Galston **NEW** 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 **NEW** 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
D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths GR09

Hittite Warrior GR12
The Ides of April GR14
Leonardo da Vinci GR11
Luther: Biography of a Reformer GR16
Mara, Daughter of the Nile GR07
Mary, Bloody Mary GR15
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 **NEW** GR21
Theras and His Town GR20

Language Arts G (Now Included)

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“Yeah for Sonlight! I think more students would like or understand history and literature if schools taught the subjects together. Life is not comprised of unrelated subjects.”

—Photo Ninja, March 2011

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<input type="checkbox"/> Markable Map and Markers (p. 88)	MAP	\$27.98

Optional Resources (See pp. 92-94)

<input type="checkbox"/> Wordly Wise 3000 Book 6 Set (p. 93)	6L10	\$17.55
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<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Language Arts Activity Sheets (Consumable)	GLG1	\$12.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Grammar 6 (p. 92)	6L15	\$29.98

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- ☐ **Science G** (p. 103) GS5 \$215.13
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- ☐ **Teaching Textbooks Math 6 + MathTacular4®** (p. 113) T6M \$199.89
 Many Core G students do best with *Teaching Textbooks Math 6* and *MathTacular4®*. For other outstanding Math curricula, see pp. 105-117.

 Want
 Electives?

Electives (See pp. 118-125)

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:

- ☐ **Electives G** GRE \$91.93
 Includes ARTistic Pursuits Grades 4-6, Book 1 (p. 120), Art Supplies Kit for Grade 4-6 (p. 120) and *Classical Music Start Up*, Vol 1 (p. 122).
- ☐ **Foreign Language** (See p. 119 for recommendations)

 Need extra
 Resources?

Resources (See pp. 125-128)

Recommended Resources

<input type="checkbox"/> Writer's INC (p. 125)	RL04	\$32.49
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Dictionary (p. 125)	RL01	\$19.95

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 on p. 92



*"I love how well Sonlight
 presents Christ at work
 in the world through his
 people. I love how it opens
 the whole world up for
 exploration and study."
 —Peregrinus, July 2011*

"I have seen an incredible (and positive) change in Hannah's attitude towards school since we started your curriculum," writes Patricia B of Owings, MD. "Her love of learning has always extended to the things she learns on our farm, but now she has opened new worlds in the wonderful books that arrived from Sonlight. I'm so glad my friend encouraged me [to try Sonlight], based on her great experience using Sonlight for her six children. It's important for us to have them enjoy learning from a curriculum as much as they enjoy learning from things in nature." In her first year of Sonlight, 13-year-old Hannah has come to enjoy school as she studies Core G.

Core H



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.



Sonlight® Core H

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other subjects:
Student: 4-6 hrs / **Parent:** 2-3½ hrs.



“Reading these books brings history to life for the kids and they learn in an almost experiential way—by relating to the characters in the book,” writes Heather H of Kansas City, MO. “With the Read-Alouds all the kids get interested. All five kids, ages 5 to 13, will eagerly listen to the stories—and retain the knowledge!” Heather loves that since great stories are at its core, Sonlight lends itself to all ages. She is using Cores B, F and H with her five children in their fifth year of Sonlight.

Did you know?



Reason #8 that families love Sonlight: It helps you give your children a broad and godly view of the world. Read more on p. 142.

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Explore the ever-changing world of the past 500 years

- Finish the breathtaking journey through World History you started in Core G.
- Enjoy your children as they grow: you get the lesson plans, tools and materials to guide them each day.
- 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 to learn with gripping historical fiction, fascinating biographies and great literature.

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 perfect 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.

Three authors from Core H also provide the backbone for your Core H adventure: The final two volumes of *The Story of the World* provide a gripping story-based trek through history. *The Usborne Encyclopedia of World History* adds color (literally!) with vivid photographs, images, diagrams and intriguing supplemental information. Genevieve Foster’s works complement these with a 360-degree view of the world at the time of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, including biographies of key contemporaries from around the world.

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 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 siblings, 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 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

With all your lesson plans and organization done for you, 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.

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.

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.

Readers

Give your children heroes who inspire them to become people of courage, strength and honor. Meet:

- 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.
- 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

With writing exercises fully integrated into Core H History and Literature, students write creatively, compose essays, research and analyze literature. They 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!
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Sarita



“We are a pastor's family and people get curious about our homeschool approach. **We highly recommend Sonlight because it pairs structure (I don't lose a lot of time planning a curriculum) with flexibility (we grab some books and go!)**” writes Kerry B of the UK. “These factors work well with a ministry lifestyle. We like to encourage our children to explore and experience God's world ... and Sonlight encourages us to do so. We love the global perspective that Sonlight Curriculum brings to our homeschool.” Here, the B family poses in front of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Rebehak (12) and Samuel (8) are in their fourth year of Sonlight as Sarah (4) prepares to join in.



“**Since we have only used Sonlight, our library of schoolbooks is MASSIVE.** Books are read over and over and across different age brackets,” writes Christy H of Urbandale, IA. “For our family, homeschooling never stops ... we are learning and experiencing and studying things all the time. In this picture, the children found a monarch caterpillar in our garden. Our oldest son raced inside to bring out the *Caterpillars and Butterflies* book [from Science A] to do some more research. Sonlight has enabled us to homeschool everywhere from vacations, cars, doctors' offices and yes, even gardens.” Kenzie (11), Keegan (2), Makayla (7) and Bryce (13) have used Sonlight since the beginning and are studying Cores C, H and 100.

“No longer is the TV or video games the central focus for entertainment. We can discuss characters and relate them to events that are happening in our lives. We cried many times together while turning the pages of Sonlight books, the characters will be impressed into the memories of us and our children for the rest of our lives. It is an education like no other.”
—Holly S, Aug. 2011

Your Core H Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-h)

Instructor's Guide H HCG (\$89.99 if ordered separately)

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

Language Arts H (See p. 92)

Included in your Core H Instructor's Guide.

History & Geography H 4-Day HH4 OR 5-Day HH5

▼ 4 and 5-Day Program includes

George Washington's World	HH05	Time Line Figures-H (Consumable)	HH03
The Story of the World: Early Modern Times (Vol. 3)	HH01	▼ 5-Day Program also includes	
The Story of the World: Modern Age (Vol. 4)	HH02	Abraham Lincoln's World	HH04

Bible H

Scripture reading & 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 and 5-Day Program includes

The Kidnapped Prince: The Life of Olaudah Equiano	HA14	The Sherwood Ring	HA05
The Arrow Over the Door	HA16	The Singing Tree	HA02
Banner in the Sky	HA10	▼ 5-Day Program also includes	
Classic Poetry	HA15	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	HA07
The Endless Steppe	HA11	Dr. Jenner and the Speckled Monster	HA04
Escape Across the Wide Sea	HA09	Great Expectations	HA03
God's Smuggler	HA12		
A Heart Strangely Warmed	HA18		
		The Ravenmaster's Secret: Escape from the Tower of London	HA01

Readers H

Angel on the Square	HR07	The Good Master	HR03	Madeleine Takes Command	HRP
Anna and the King	HR20	Homeless Bird	HR08	Nory Ryan's Song	HR12
Betsy and the Emperor	HR04	I Am David	HR19	Only the Names Remain: The Cherokees and the Trail of Tears	HR13
The Breadwinner	HR01	In Search of Honor	HR16	Snow Treasure	HR14
The Broken Blade	HR05	The Iron Peacock	HR09	Stowaway	HR18
Escape from Warsaw	HR15	It's a Jungle Out There!	HR17	Year of Impossible Goodbyes	HR02
The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn	HR06	The King's Fifth	HR10		

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Core H: World History, Year 2 of 2

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

	4-Day	5-Day
<input type="checkbox"/> HC4	\$469 You save \$52.17!	<input type="checkbox"/> HC5 You save \$64.10!

Required Resources—If you don't already own. (See p. 88)

<input type="checkbox"/> 3" Binder & Tabs (p. 127)	B050	\$19.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Book of Time (p. 88)	RR120	\$24.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Markable Map and Markers (p. 88)	MAP	\$27.98
<input type="checkbox"/> Usborne Encyclopedia of World History (p. 88)	GH07	\$19.99

Optional Resource (See pp. 92–94)

<input type="checkbox"/> Wordly Wise 3000, Book 7 Set (p. 93)	7L30	\$17.55
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STEP 2 Complete your Curriculum



Science (See pp. 99-104)

Choose an easy-to-use, hands-on Science program, such as:

<input type="checkbox"/> Science H (p. 103)	HS0A	\$139.98
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Science (p. 103)	150-05	\$104.98



Math (See pp. 105-117)

Choose one of several outstanding Math curricula, such as:

<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Textbooks Math 7 (p. 114)	7M20	\$149.90
<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Textbooks Pre-Algebra (p. 114)	7M10	\$184.90

Want Electives?



Electives (See pp. 118-125)

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:

<input type="checkbox"/> Electives H	HRE	\$26.98
Includes <i>Classical Music Start Up, Vol 2</i> (p. 121) and <i>Usborne Introduction to Art</i> (p. 121).		
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language (See p. 119 for recommendations)		

Need extra Resources?



Resources (See pp. 125-128)

Recommended Resource

<input type="checkbox"/> Writer's INC (p. 125)	RL04	\$32.49
<input type="checkbox"/> Collegiate Thesaurus (p. 125)	RL03	\$21.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Math on Call (p. 125)	RR801	\$29.49





Sonlight® Core W

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other subjects:
Student: 4-6 hrs / **Parent:** 2-3½ hrs.

Core W



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.

Journey through the highlights of World History

- Sweep through ancient and modern history with this one-year program.
- Homeschool with confidence: you get daily 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? This 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 come from? 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



"Our family has created unbreakable bonds because of Sonlight's recommendations to read together and sing together, all while learning together," writes Shawna P of Bakersfield, CA. "Sonlight provides a way for my children with large age gaps to read together and learn from each other. We are able to have all our children work together from Preschool to Junior High. They love finding creative ways to learn together and combine subjects. With Sonlight we work, play and relax together!" Whether they're reading on the porch, singing *Geography Songs* as they work in the garden, or snuggling in for a Read-Aloud, Hollie (4), Tucker (9) and Brock (12) have discovered the joy of learning together. They're using Core B+C and W in their first year of Sonlight.

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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 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*



"When we read such wonderful stories we sometimes forget that this IS school!" writes Sheila G of Fort Ashby, WV. "The concept of Read-Alouds is so clever. It strengthens families while at the same time provides drama and adventure to life." Sheila's 15-year-old daughter, Shakayla said this past year: "I wouldn't change the way I'm learning! I love the writing ... and I feel like I have learned so much just by reading a bunch of books!" Here, 13-year-old Rachella poses with her brand-new stack of Core W books. The G family is studying Cores W and 200 in their fourth year of Sonlight.



"Thank you Sonlight for going through thousands of books and resources for me, saving me valuable time and always giving us the best books there are!" writes Amy K, whose family is stationed with the U.S. military. "I enjoy having the children home with me each day, watching them delight in learning. Sonlight is amazing because the children learn so much when they just read, read, read! My 9-year-old surprised me the other day by spelling scythe and scrumptious. It's because he reads so much." Here, Dad gets involved in a little geography with Joel (10) and Manny (9). They're studying the Eastern Hemisphere in their fifth year of Sonlight.

the World volumes. But if we put all four volumes 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 challenging works such as *Augustus Caesar's World*, *The World of Columbus and Sons*, and *The Usborne History of the 20th Century* 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 reading 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 out loud. 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

With all your lesson plans and organization done for you, 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.

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

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 W 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.

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.
- Venture to Siam with an English school teacher as she experiences the beauty and brutality of this ancient paradise.
- 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. Meet:

- 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. 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.

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,
Sarina

Sarina



Your Core W Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-w)**Instructor's Guide W** WCG (\$89.99 if ordered separately)

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

Language Arts W (see p.92)

Included with your Core W Instructor's Guide.

History & Geography W 4-Day WH4 OR 5-Day WH5

▼ 4 and 5-Day Program includes

Augustus Caesar's World	GH02	The World of Columbus and Sons	GH03
The Kingdom Strikes Back	GH01	▼ 5-Day Program also includes	
Time Line Figures—W (Consumable)	WH02	George Washington's World	HH05
Usborne History of the 20th Century	WH01		

Read-Alouds W

▼ 4 and 5-Day Program includes

Eagle of the Ninth	GA08	I, Juan de Pareja	GA07
The Endless Steppe	HA11	Master Cornhill	GA05
Favorite Poems Old and New	GA06	Number the Stars	HA13
God's Smuggler	HA12	Otto of the Silver Hand	GA03
The Golden Goblet	GA01	The Second Mrs. Giaconda	GA09
		The Trojan War	GA04

4-Day WA4 OR 5-Day WA5

▼ 5-Day Program also includes

Anna and the King	HR20
Banner in the Sky	HA10
The Westing Game	GA02

Bible W

Scripture reading & 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		

WBP**Readers W**

Adam of the Road	GR03	The Great & Terrible Quest	GR06	Mara, Daughter of the Nile	GR07
Archimedes and the Door of Science	GR13	Hittite Warrior	GR12	Mary, Bloody Mary	GR15
The Beduin's Gazelle	GR08	I Am David	HR19	The Mystery of the Roman Ransom	GR10
Betty Greene: Wings to Serve	WR01	The Ides of April	GR14	The Phantom Tollbooth	GR05
The Bronze Bow	GR02	In Search of Honor	HR16	The Samurai's Tale	GR01
D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths	GR09	It's a Jungle Out There!	HR17	Shadow of a Bull	GR04
Escape from Warsaw	HR15	Leonardo da Vinci	GR11	The Shakespeare Stealer	GA14
		Luther: Biography of a Reformer	GR16	Snow Treasure	HR14

WRP**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
<input type="checkbox"/> WC4	\$539 <small>You save \$69.59!</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> WC5 <small>You save \$73.51!</small>

Required Resources—If you don't already own. (See p. 88)

<input type="checkbox"/> 3" Binder & Tabs (p. 127)	B050	\$19.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Book of Time (p. 88)	RR120	\$24.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Markable Map and Markers (p. 88)	MAP	\$27.98
<input type="checkbox"/> Usborne Book of World History (p. 88)	CH02	\$24.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Child's History of the World (p. 88)	CH07	\$28.00

Optional Resources (See pp. 92-94)

<input type="checkbox"/> Wordly Wise 3000 Book 6 Set (p. 93)	6L10	\$17.55
<input type="checkbox"/> Keys to Good Language 6 Set (p. 94)	6L09	\$30.98
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Language Arts Activity Sheets (Consumable) (p. 92)	GLG1	\$12.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Grammar 6 (p. 92)	6L15	\$29.98

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Complete your
Curriculum**Science** (See pp. 99-104)

Choose an easy-to-use, hands-on Science program, such as:

<input type="checkbox"/> Science H (p. 103)	HS0A	\$139.98
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Science (p. 103)	150-05	\$104.98

**Math** (See pp. 105-117)

Choose one of several outstanding Math curricula, such as:

<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Textbooks Math 7 (p. 114)	7M20	\$149.90
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**Want
Electives?****Electives** (See pp. 118-125)

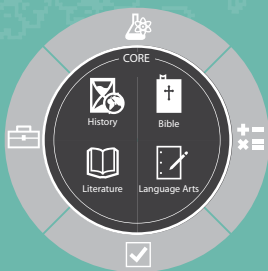
Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:

<input type="checkbox"/> Electives W	WRE	\$35.97
Includes <i>Classical Music Start Up, Vol 2</i> (p. 122) and <i>Usborne Introduction to Art</i> (p. 121).		
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language (See p. 119 for recommendations)		

**Need extra
Resources?****Resources** (See pp. 125-128)**Recommended Resources**

<input type="checkbox"/> Writer's INC (p. 125)	RL04	\$32.49
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Dictionary (p. 125)	RL01	\$19.95

Core 100



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.

Sonlight® Core 100



Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other subjects:
Student: 5-7 hrs / **Parent:** 2-3½ hrs.



“We always encourage homeschoolers to try Sonlight and see what a refreshing change happens within your family,” writes Michelle S of Wrightwood, CA. “We are often asked how we got our kids to get along and love each other so well. Many won’t understand unless they have taken the Sonlight path of homeschooling. Sonlight has developed a tight bond between siblings. They often compare what they study and read in Sonlight’s curriculum, which sparks debates or excited chatter over suspenseful stories. We have many memories over the years of listening to books curled up on our cushy sofa.” Here, Dad helps Paris (15), Tristan (14) and Nakita (12) collect water samples for a Biology experiment. They’re studying Cores F and 100 in their family’s eleventh year of Sonlight.

Uncover the rich treasures of American History

- Live the thrilling story of America, from before Columbus to modern times.
- Guide your children with confidence; this Core provides daily plans and complete materials for the entire year.
- Examine events, people and debates that have molded the United States.
- 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.

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 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 back stage 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 way beyond historical highlights and uncovers the fascinating ups and downs of our nation’s story.

With Core 100, you receive:

Instructor’s Guide

Your Core 100 Instructor’s Guide weaves all your materials into one exciting and cohesive program.

Starting in Core 100, each Core Instructor’s Guide comes with two parts: a Parent Guide and a Student Guide. These guides mirror each other

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exactly, except the Parent's Guide includes answers to the student questions and extra notes about the books. This format allows you to engage with your students without reading all their books.

This format also lets you be as engaged or "hands-off" as you like. You can guide your students each day or let them direct their own day-to-day work. Read more about how the Parent and Student Guide work together on p. 130.

Request the first three weeks of these guides for free at sonlight.com/3-week-samples.

History

I built Core 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 books' 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 important for elementary students to think about. We also move more quickly through each volume than younger students 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 perspectives. 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 Core 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.

Wonderful as Hakim's and the other History books are, and thorough as the Instructor's Guide is, Core 100 would not merit the name Sonlight if it didn't include a large selection of literature that provides color and depth to your learning.

Biblical Studies

Teach your children to live out their faith. The Core 100 Bible program 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 dis-

cipline in prayer. I put this program together to help you raise children who love God and know what and why they believe.

American Literature

See history from real-life perspectives through Core 100's American literature. From thrilling classics everyone should know—such as *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 worthwhile treasures that grow your children's writing abilities, vocabulary, cultural literacy and love of learning.

Language Arts

The Language Arts in Core 100 corresponds closely with the literature your students study. This complete writing program develops the critical thinking, literary analysis and creative writing skills your children need to effectively prepare for college and engage our culture.

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.

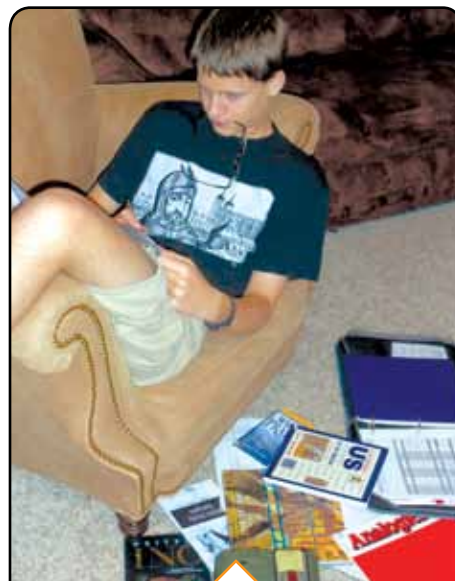


All the Best,
Sarita

Sarita



"Claire was really pushing to go to public school for 8th grade. That is until she looked at all the great literature and history books she would be reading this year [in Core 100]," writes Angie H of Myersville, MD. "Sonlight's literature is fantastic—there have been very very few books that we have not thoroughly enjoyed. And the history books keep everyone enthralled. As the teacher, I don't think I could do it without the 36-week lesson plans. It makes homeschooling so easy!" Thirteen-year-old Claire is happy to stay home again this year for her ninth year of Sonlight.



"Sonlight provides curriculum that I am confident will provide a great high school education for my kids," writes Sherri N of Siloam Springs, AR. "This year my oldest, Bobby (14) is studying American History using Core 100. It is the first year he is doing all his school independently. While I've had time to pre-read some of the books, the discussion questions in the Student IG (and answers in the Parent IG) enable me to dialog with him about what he's learning." Bobby is in eighth grade this year, has used Sonlight since Kindergarten, and looks forward to using Sonlight for his high school years as well.

"Because of my husband's job as a Bible Translator we move back and forth every two to three months from a village to the capital, and Sonlight makes it possible for us to educate our children seamlessly between our two homes."

—Joanna C, Oct. 2010

Your Core 100 Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-100)

Instructor's Guide 100 100-05 (\$124.98 if ordered separately)

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

Core 100 Parent Guide 100-01 Core 100 Student Guide 100-02

History 100

Before Columbus	120-03	The Panama Canal	120-50
Cameron Townsend	120-12	Sacajawea	120-05
The Boy's War	120-04	Sequoyah & the Cherokee Alphabet	120-59
The Cross & the Switchblade	120-16	Shh! We're Writing the Constitution	120-08
Dragon's Gate	120-19	Slopes of War	120-62
Farewell to Manzanar	120-25	Traitor: The Case of Benedict Arnold	120-71
Freedom Walkers	120-06	World War II	120-09
The Great Little Madison	120-07	The Yanks Are Coming	120-11
A History of US	120-34		
The Landing of the Pilgrims	120-44		
Moonshiner's Son	120-47		

120-00

Language Arts 100 (see p. 92)

Included in your Core 100 Instructor's Guide.

Biblical Studies 100

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide.

Bible Study Sampler (Consumable)	110-10	God's Will, God's Best for Your Life	110-11	Why Pray	110-12
Evidence for Jesus	110-13	The Bible Jesus Read	110-14		

American Literature 100

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	130-10	Guests	130-07	Rules of the Road	130-11
Amos Fortune, Free Man	130-16	Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison	130-46	Stink Alley	130-79
Bonanza Girl	130-03	Keeping Score	130-09	Their Eyes Were Watching God	130-08
Bound for Oregon	130-20	Maniac Magee	130-52	They Loved to Laugh	130-06
Call of the Wild	130-22	My Heart Lies South	130-05	To Kill a Mockingbird	130-85
Dear Mr. Henshaw	130-28	Out of the Dust	130-61	A Treasury of Poetry for Young People	130-88
Elijah of Buxton	130-04	Peace Child	130-15	A Year Down Yonder	130-94
Ender's Game	130-14	Rip Van Winkle (Consumable)	130-73		

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Optional, Interest-free payment plans

STEP 1 Choose your Core Program



Core 100: American History in Depth

Includes Instructor's Guide 100, History 100, Bible 100, Literature 100, Language Arts 100.

5-Day

☐ 100-00 **\$679**
You save \$79.11!

Required Resource—If you don't already own. (See p. 88)

☐ **3" Binder & Tabs for Core 100** (p. 127) B100 \$19.99
☐ **Book of Time** (p. 88) RR120 \$24.99

Optional Resource (See pp. 92-94)

☐ **Analogies 1** (p. 94) 140-10 \$10.05
☐ **Wordly Wise 3000, Book 8 Set** (p. 93) 140-35 \$17.55

STEP 2 Complete your Curriculum



☐ **Physical Science** (p. 103) 150-05 \$104.98
 Many Core 100 customers love Apologia's *Physical Science*. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight Science programs, see pp. 99-104.



Math (See pp. 105-117)

Choose one of several outstanding Math curricula, such as:

☐ **Teaching Textbooks Pre-Algebra** (p. 114) 7M10 \$184.90
☐ **Teaching Textbooks Algebra 1** (p. 114) 171-10 \$184.90

Want Electives?



Electives (See pp. 118-125)

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:

☐ **Electives 100** 100E \$82.00
 Includes *Fallacy Detective* (p. 124) and *Sister Wendy's Story of Painting* (p. 121).
☐ **Foreign Language** (See p. 119 for recommendations)

Need extra Resources?



Resources (See pp. 125-128)

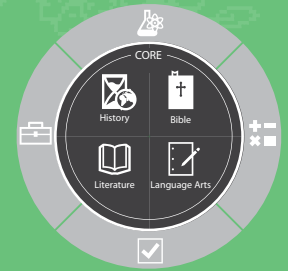
Recommended Resources

☐ **Writer's INC** (p. 125) RL04 \$32.49
☐ **Collegiate Thesaurus** (p. 125) RL03 \$21.95
☐ **Math on Call** (p. 125) RR801 \$29.49

"I love that my kids work together instead of being age-segregated in a traditional school."

—Cynthia T, Aug. 2011





Sonlight® Core 200

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other subjects:
Student: 5-7 hrs / **Parent:** 1-2½ hrs.

- Uncover the story of the ages: how Jesus of Nazareth changed the world forever.
- Guide your high schooler with confidence: daily plans and complete materials ensure you cover what's important.
- Gain a balanced view of Christianity's story through Scripture, history and biographies. Expand your horizons with literary classics.
- Watch your teens gain confidence in their faith, develop as writers and grow academically.

Your children know their heritage as citizens of their country. Core 200 opens their eyes to their astounding heritage as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven: What has God done throughout history? How is He moving today? How are we part of a global body of Christ bigger than our local churches and denominations?

consider these other benefits of studying the history of Christ and His Church:

- We get to look at World and American History from a fresh perspective.
- Church history can give us a more accurate perspective on Christianity—both the good and the bad. We don't have to pretend Christians have only helped the world. But we don't have to accept the popular notion that the violent Crusades are a valid representation of most of Church history. We can celebrate the hope, compassion, freedom and progress Christianity has brought society, while understanding the uncomfortable realities of our history.
- Parents love learning the intriguing history in this Core. Many Sonlight moms say they never knew much Church history before and were surprised at how thoroughly they enjoyed it!
- Core 200 helps you maintain open communication with your teenagers as you discuss key faith issues. The books and Instructor's Guide offer plenty of help in this. As one mom said, "I am grateful for the chance to discuss foundational issues while my children are still building their own foundations for their lives."

For Christians and non-Christians alike, the story of Christianity is a major part of the world's history. The Christian faith has affected every sphere of life, from morality to politics, from art to literature, from science to philosophy. (p. 7)

“After homeschooling for 6 years and working very hard to assemble my own lessons, our family switched to Sonlight,” writes Christene J of Orem, UT. “I hesitated at first because of the cost, but have not regretted switching. We have used Sonlight for the past five years and love their literature-based learning and science experiments! I love to open the Instructor’s Guide and start teaching. No more late nights and weekends planning. My children love the books in each Core and I love the character-building, thought-provoking discussions they bring up.” As part of a Science 250 Biology experiment, 13-year-old Ari prepares a slide of pond water to observe under the microscope. She’s studying Core 200 in her family’s eleventh year of homeschooling and fifth year of Sonlight.

The Book of Hebrews reminds us “we are surrounded by . . . a great cloud of witnesses.” Today, our fellow witnesses include Christians around the globe and throughout history. We are all part of the same body of Christ. We will all walk together in heaven one day. Let’s get to know our brothers and sisters!

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"We are doing what others said would never work: homeschooling high schoolers," writes Rene M of Montgomery, AL. "The high school level classes are the perfect balance between 'challenging and attainable.' There is very little teaching necessary on our part, making it possible to teach our teenagers two different grades, attain excellent college entrance exam scores and also teach our preschooler at the same time! Sonlight provides you with the tools you need with Student Guides, Parent Guides, and computer courses, making it so easy for the parents." Here, 14-year-old Cameron works on his Teaching Textbooks Algebra 2 course. He's studying Core 200 as his older sister studies Core 530 and little brother explores Core P4/5. The M family has used Sonlight for 7 years.



"My one desire is to raise up children who will impact the world for Christ, and Sonlight has provided more than enough material for a lifetime of teachable moments and meaningful conversations," writes Dave C of Uganda. "Sonlight's intentional exposure to different cultures and worldviews, the focus on the history of the whole world in light of God's kingdom, and honest wrestling with theology and apologetics has been instrumental in preparing my children to engage the world with the love and truth of Christ. Here, we are having one of our many discussions last year from *Core 200: History of God's Kingdom*." Fourteen-year-old Hannah hopes to follow God's call on her life into mission work. She is now studying Core 300 in her eleventh year of Sonlight.

A perspective of faith and hope

Core 200 explores Church History through the eyes of people who love Jesus and believe He is God. We look realistically at difficult times in history. We consider difficult questions that have caused divisions among Christians. But we always do so from the assumption that Christ is our loving Savior and God incarnate.

We also approach this study from the perspective that Christians in the Western and Eastern Hemispheres have important places in the Christian story.

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 too biased one way or the other. (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.

Get 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 students learn how God's Church grew, they also enjoy a literature program with key classics and a challenging Bible program that helps them know what they believe and why.

With Core 200, you receive:

Instructor's Guide

Dive into this unique year with confidence. Your Instructor's Guide (divided into a complete Parent Guide and Student Guide) leads you each day.

We've formatted Core 200 so that your students can complete it independently. If you have time, they will reap much more academically and spiritually if you engage and discuss what they're learning and thinking. For more about how the Parent and Student Guide work together to help you do this, see p. 130.

Request a 3-week sample of the guides at sonlight.com/3-week-samples.

History / 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 / Apologetics

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 Core 200 Bible program does all of these.

Classics of Literature

The Core 200 literature program features our most diverse collection of classics in any Core. Due to the unique focus of the Core 200 history program, we do not coordinate the literature titles with your history studies. This gives us the wonderful flexibility to assemble many of the world's most cherished classics into a unique program.

Highlights include *Robinson Crusoe*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, *A Separate Peace* (one of my all-time favorites!), *Jane Eyre*, *The Screwtape Letters* and more. The guided study and corresponding Language Arts program tie these works into a fantastic literature course that develops critical thinking, literary analysis and written communication skills.

Language Arts

Fully integrated with the literature program, Core 200 Language Arts 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.

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!



Blessings to you,
Sarita

Sarita



Your Core 200 Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-200)**Instructor's Guide 200** 200-05 (\$124.98 if ordered separately)

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

Core 200 Parent Guide 200-01 Core 200 Student Guide 200-02

History / Biographies 200

220-00

The Church of the East 220-10 The 100 Most Important Events in Christian History 220-20
 From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya 220-15 The Story of Christianity 220-25

Bible / Apologetics 200

210-00

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide.

Adventuring Through the Bible 210-10 The Westminster Shorter Catechism 210-25
 The Jesus I Never Knew 210-15 What if Jesus Had Never Been Born 210-30
 More Than a Carpenter 210-20

Language Arts 200 (see p.92)

Included in your Core 200 Instructor's Guide.

Classics of Literature 200

230-00

The Annotated <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> ^{NEW} 230-54	Jane Eyre 230-38	Romeo and Juliet 230-59
The Best of Father Brown 230-14	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH 230-44	The Screwtape Letters 230-60
A Child's Anthology of Poetry 230-11	Oliver Twist 230-48	A Separate Peace 230-61
A Christmas Carol 230-22	Outlaws of Sherwood ^{NEW} 230-02	The Shining Company 230-62
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Other Tales 230-24	A Parcel of Patterns 230-50	Till We Have Faces 230-66
Enchantress from the Stars 230-25	Pictures of Hollis Woods 230-51	Treasure Island 230-68
The Gammage Cup 230-28	Pilgrim's Progress in Today's English 230-52	Twelfth Night 230-72
Going Solo 230-30	Pontius Pilate 230-01	What Hearts 230-73
	The Ramsay Scallop 230-56	The Wise Woman and Other Stories 230-74
	Robinson Crusoe 230-58	

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Choose your Core Program**Core 200: History of God's Kingdom**

Includes Instructor's Guide 200, History 200, Bible 200, Literature 200, Language Arts 200.

5-Day
☐ 200-00 \$499
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Required Resources—If you don't already own. (See p. 88)

☐ **3" Binder & Tabs for 200** (p. 127) B200 \$19.99
☐ **Book of Time** (p. 88) RR120 \$24.99

Optional Resources (See p. 92-94)

☐ **Vocabulary from Classical Roots A** (p. 93) 240-20 \$34.70
☐ **Analogies 2** (p. 94) 240-10 \$10.05
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☐ **High School Biology** (p. 103) 250-05 \$451.97
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**Math** (See pp. 105-117)

Choose one of several outstanding Math curricula, such as:

☐ Teaching Textbooks Algebra 1 (p. 114) 171-10 \$184.90
☐ Teaching Textbooks Algebra 2 (p. 114) 271-10 \$184.90

Want Electives?**Electives** (See pp. 118-125)

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:

☐ **Electives 200** 200E \$82.00
 Includes *Sister Wendy's Story of Painting* (p. 121) and *The Thinking Toolbox* (p. 124).
☐ **Foreign Language** (See p. 119 for recommendations)

Need extra Resources?**Resources** (See pp. 125-128)**Recommended Resources**

☐ **Writer's INC** (p. 125) RL04 \$32.49
☐ **Collegiate Thesaurus** (p. 125) RL03 \$21.95
☐ **Math on Call** (p. 125) RR801 \$29.49
☐ **How to Read Church History** (p. 88) 260-45 \$47.90

"I love Sonlight because of its flexibility - we can have a new baby and keep going."
—Samuel B, Aug. 2011

Core 300



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.



Sonlight® Core 300

Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other subjects:
Student: 6-8 hrs / **Parent:** 1-2½ hrs.



“When we chose Sonlight, we didn’t anticipate the way it would draw our family closer together,” writes Chantal M of Cimarron, CO. “The fascinating, well-written and meaningful books create special memories, great discussions and a genuine love for learning in each of our kids. We cannot thank you enough, Sonlight!” Here, older sister Abby (14) reads to Zeke (5) and Vivian (3) in the treehouse. The six children of the M family are using Cores A, F, 300 and 530 in their fifth year of Sonlight.

Did you know?

Reason #9 that families love Sonlight: A strong emphasis on liberal arts and hard sciences prepares children to be cultural leaders. Read more on p. 142.

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Understand, engage and transform the modern world

- Trace the massive, sweeping changes of the last century.
- Guide your young scholars—you have the lesson plans, tools and materials to homeschool high school with success.
- Explore complex roots of political, social and cultural battles that rage today.
- Watch students hone valuable writing skills and learn to defend their faith.

A century of change and challenge

In 1900, American women could not vote. Vaccines and radio did not exist. It took over 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.

An encouraging note to parents

If your family has been learning, discussing and growing with Sonlight for a while, you have cultivated ripe soil for sustained positive communication with your older teenagers.

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 things. The Instructor's Guide helps you each step of the way.

Keys to 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. Timelines, 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 words. A second text, *Our Century in Pictures*, shows history through the iconic photos of the 1900s.

Key literary works and biographies of the 20th century augment your understanding. As you get a sense for how the century unfolded, some books will inspire while others disturb. But 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 is 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 Holo-

caust. 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 ugliness, we look it in the face. We need to evaluate it for what it is, why it happened the way it did and where we are headed now.

Bottom line: Core 300 is not easy. It does not present simple answers to complex questions. It forces you to think hard. But it also opens your eyes to the global community you are part of.

Throughout these studies, we enjoy lighter works as well, and we always remain steadfast in our hope in God. He meets us in our suffering and does not abandon His children. He calls us to demonstrate His love on earth now. And He will one day redeem this earth and His people and wipe away every tear.

With that hope, we study the world we live in and learn how to share our hope with those around us.

With Core 300, you receive:

Instructor's Guide

The Core 300 curriculum can be largely self-taught. As your student works through their Student Guide, you can easily engage and track their progress using your corresponding Parent Guide, your students' journaling and discussion.

To learn how the Parent Guide and Student Guide work together, see p. 130. Head to 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 Core 300 Bible program helps guide your older students on their way to 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 40* is a highly practical wake-up call. Help kids see that

the choices they make now have long-term implications for good or bad.

20th Century Literature

This thoughtful program of 20th century classics takes you on a tour of great writing for the last century. I've spread out the difficult classics and intermixed lighter, uplifting works for good 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 and 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 winning over corruption.
- Experience the true story of an American high school whose history teacher dangerously tests the power of peer pressure.
- Read the stunningly beautiful story of a dignified Zulu pastor in mid-1900s South Africa, a land driven by racial injustice.

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.

Language Arts

Fully integrated with the Core 300 literature and history studies, this complete language arts program builds on past years and develops literary analysis, creative writing, research and essay skills. It spurs your students to write with passion and purpose.

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.



Blessings!

Sarita

Sarita



"I appreciate that Sonlight cares as much about the spiritual lives of our students as they do about their academic standards," writes Kellyanne E. of Bryson City, NC. Kellyanne's son, Jonathan "has been greatly challenged as he worked through Core 200 this year. It has been such a joy to see his faith grow as he learned so much about the history of the Church. Katy [shown here] really enjoyed finishing off her high school studies with Sonlight's Core 300. She liked being able to manage her own IG and work at her own (accelerated!) pace." Katy and Jonathan's seven younger siblings all use Sonlight now, too. Kellyanne reminds homeschoolers that "It's never too late to switch to Sonlight. After homeschooling for almost 20 years, our family decided to make a change and we are sold!"



"We've used Sonlight from the beginning and are so glad we have! Why? Christ-centered, great books, mission emphasis, well organized, including everything we need," writes Mahlon B. of Hills, MN. "We love homeschooling because it gives us time--time to do volunteer work, time to do crafts, and time to read up in a tree." Here, 15-year-old Susanna reads in her favorite spot as she studies Core 300 in her twelfth year of Sonlight. Two older siblings who used Sonlight for four years are now in college.

Your Core 300 Package includes :

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-300)

Instructor's Guide 300 300-05 (\$124.98 if ordered separately)

Complete lesson plans, schedule and teaching notes for the entire year.
 Core 300 Parent Guide 300-01 Core 300 Student Guide 300-02

Bible / Apologetics 300 310-00

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide

How to Ruin Your Life By 40 310-26 Know Why You Believe 310-15
 Know What You Believe 310-10 Mere Christianity 310-20

History 300 320-00

Our Century in Pictures for Young People 320-60 Visual History of the Modern World 320-37

Biographies & Historical Fiction 300 320-05

After the War 320-10 China's Long March: 6,000 Miles of Danger 320-30
 Albert Einstein and the Theory of Relativity 320-15 Fallen Angels 320-40
 All Quiet on the Western Front 320-20 God Spoke Tibetan 320-21
 The Hiding Place 320-45

Language Arts 300 (see p.92)

In your Core 300 Instructor's Guide.

20th Century Literature 300 330-00

Alas, Babylon 330-10	Heart to Heart: New Poems Inspired by Twentieth-Century American Art 330-13	The Snow Goose 320-85
Brave New World 330-13	Hope Was Here 330-16	The Tempest 330-26
Children of the River 330-19	Kon-Tiki 330-19	Walk Two Moons 330-64
The Contender 330-16	The Metamorphosis 330-28	The Wave 330-29
Cry the Beloved Country 330-19	The Moves Make the Man 330-31	The Wednesday Wars 330-27
The Great Brain 330-28	My Father's Daughter 330-33	Murder on the Orient Express 330-52
The Great Gatsby 330-31	Parallel Journeys 330-35	The Old Man and the Sea 330-55
The Great Gilly Hopkins 330-37	Robert Frost's Poems 330-35	

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Core 300: 20th Century World History

Includes Instructor's Guide 300, History 300, Bible 300, Literature 300, Biographies & Historical Fiction 300, Language Arts 300.

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☐ 300-00 **\$609**
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Required Resources—If you don't already own. (See p. 88)

☐ **3" Binder & Tabs for Core 300** (p. 127) B300 \$19.99
☐ **Book of Time** (p. 88) RR120 \$24.99

Optional Resources (See pp. 92-94)

☐ **Vocabulary from Classical Roots B** (p. 93) 340-20 \$33.35
☐ **Analogies 3** (p. 94) 340-10 \$10.05
☐ **Wordly Wise 3000, Book 10 Set** (p. 93) 340-35 \$18.35

STEP 2 Complete your Curriculum



☐ **High School Chemistry** (p. 104) 350-05 \$156.98
 Many Core 300 customers love Apologia's *High School Chemistry*. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight Science programs, see pp. 102-107.



Math (See pp. 105-117)

Choose one of several outstanding Math curricula. Many students do be with:

☐ **Teaching Textbooks Geometry** (p. 114) 371-10 \$184.90
☐ **Teaching Textbooks Algebra 2** (p. 114) 271-10 \$184.90

Want Electives?



Electives (See pp. 118-125)

Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:

☐ **Electives 300** 300E00 \$388.99
 Includes *Drivers Ed in a Box* (p. 124) and *Non-Designer's Design Book* (p. 121).
☐ **Foreign Language** (See p. 119 for recommendations)

Need extra Resources?



Resources (See pp. 125-128)

Recommended Resources

☐ **College & Career Planning Kit** (p. 87) 580-00 \$65.44
☐ **Collegiate Thesaurus** (p. 125) RL03 \$21.95
☐ **Math on Call** (p. 125) RR801 \$29.49





Estimated daily time for this Core plus your other subjects:
Student: 6-8 hrs / **Parent:** 1-2½ hrs.

A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.

- Trace the living Constitution from its creation to modern interpretations.
- Guide your high schooler with confidence: daily plans and complete materials keep students on track.
- Discover the roots of modern political battles. See the complexities of governing this “One Nation Under God.”
- Enjoy classics of American literature. Prepare for college and solidify crucial writing skills.

Many Americans think our government is pretty complicated ... and it is! But don't worry: Core 400 gives you a clear picture of not only how our government works, but why it works as it does.

This upper-level Civics and American Government course looks at the fundamental questions and development of our government from a historical perspective.

My husband John and I developed Core 400 for 17- and 18-year-old students and advanced 16-year-olds. It is designed primarily as an independent study. Students who have used other upper-level Sonlight Cores will be best equipped for the rigors of Core 400.

With Core 400, you learn what any standard American Government/Civics course should teach, but you also gain valuable historical perspective that many courses leave out in favor of a purely theoretical study.

Your study begins with the cultural and histori-

cal background that led to the U.S. Constitution as written. You'll get a guided examination of the Constitution itself. You will then see how the historical events and social currents of the two centuries have altered Americans' understanding of this document, such as the first president who approved unconstitutional conduct to achieve what he believed was best for the country.

We created Core 400 to help your students understand the country in which they live and know their rights and duties as citizens.

Students will identify the key events, movements, people and ideas that helped establish the U.S. government as it is today. Students learn to *recognize* the historical antecedents and consequences of those events; *articulate* their interrelationships; and *evaluate* them on the basis of a Biblically-based ethic.

Students will discuss foundational political issues, but our desire is not to join the shouting matches between modern political parties. Instead, we seek to present different sides of issues fairly and help students see beyond surface rhetoric. We want your students to avoid blindly adopting the viewpoints of any particular group. We want them to know how to think for themselves and evaluate issues.

Core 400 teaches students to step back and ask key questions behind the issues. If we lived in the days of the Boston Tea Party, we would ask the question everyone else was asking (Which side are you on?) but also ask the ethical question: Is this destruction of property wise, necessary and appropriate?



“Our first homeschool graduate, Alexandra, found her last year using Core 400 to be especially challenging with the intellectually provocative selection of books in the program,” writes Brent B of Salmon, ID. **“We have to make sure her brother Austin (16) is plugged into his iPod when we discuss her books using the awesome, newly redesigned high school Instructor’s Guides because he answers too many of her questions from the knowledge he has gleaned from Cores D, E, F, G, H and now 200. Having our kids remain good friends throughout all these years has been worth every hard-earned year of homeschooling!”** Alexandra (19) is headed to college, where she plans to study Psychology. The B family has used Sonlight since 2005.

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As we present a broad picture of American politics, your students will learn some uncomfortable truths about our government. We look at the actual history of what our government has done—good and bad.

We do this because we want students to see the disparity that often exists between the values our government and political parties claim to uphold and the actions they actually take.

Finally, our goal is to help your students employ Scriptural values when evaluating governmental policies and actions. We then help students theorize about how they think the government ought to function.

Through all of this, we never preach the answer. But we do raise the key questions Americans must ask if they want to understand and engage their government.

Beyond the Government, Civics and History focus, Core 400 also provides a top-notch American Literature course, a complete Language Arts program and a challenging course in Bible and Theology.

Core 400 gives excellent preparation for college. Your students will work hard, read a lot, refine their study skills, learn to evaluate opposing positions fairly and be prepared for the rigors and questions college will bring.

Did you know?



Reason #10 that families love Sonlight: It helps you direct your children toward worthy life goals. Read more on p. 142.



“Thank you for a Christ-centered, missions-minded curriculum that is rich in thought and learning!” writes Rebecca J of Derry, PA. “As Christians, part of our job is to train our children to be as ‘wise as serpents and as innocent as doves.’ Sonlight helps us in this task as we look at the world around us with our eyes wide open and then filter the events through the lens of truth, God’s Word!” Rachel (16) is headed off to college this year while Sarah (12) studies Core F and their brother uses Core 300. The girls pose here with their friend Kenzie at the Marine Corps Museum.

With Core 400, you receive:

Instructor’s Guide

The Core 400 curriculum is designed as an independent study. The Student Guide will chart students’ paths and keep them on track each day. You can use your Parent Guide to monitor their progress, follow along with their studies and discuss their questions. Learn more about how the Parent and Student Guides work together on p. 130.

Request the first three weeks of the guides for free at sonlight.com/3-week-samples.

History / Civics

Your primary text, *Basic American Government*, provides an excellent overview of the background to the Constitution, the Constitution itself and what has happened historically to bring its interpretation to its current state.

The other books in your History/Civics component exemplify our commitment to present multiple sides of the story. They let proponents of opposing views on American government put forth their best arguments. The notes and assignments in your Instructor’s Guide help you evaluate these conflicting voices. You will:

- Judge arguments about the unique role (or absence thereof) of Christianity in the founding of our nation.
- Dive into the politics of the Civil War and see how Lincoln inaugurated the move toward a massive federal government.
- Uncover historical truths we often ignore because they remind us not only of our nation’s greatness, but also of our missteps.

Bible / Theology

Should religious truth influence civil government? The politically correct answer is no. The Core 400 Bible and Theology program challenges that answer.

Two thought-provoking books challenge assumptions and serve as your guide to examine civil government through the lens of the Bible. This program helps you interact with Scripture in an ambitious new way.

American Literature

Core 400 is our last chance to hit the highlights of great American Literature. Students read the authors they should know before leaving high school. These include classics from John Steinbeck, Willa Cather, O. Henry, Edgar Allan Poe, Mark Twain and more. I’ve interspersed easier, gripping books like *The Giver* and *The View From Saturday* to give breaks from more difficult reading.

Biographies & Historical Fiction

This component includes more of the classic stories students should know, including:

- The classic autobiography of strong Christian and former slave Booker T. Washington.
- The 1905 novel that inspired a government investigation into squalid working conditions in Chicago.
- The true story of Jim Elliot, a man who lived and died for the Gospel of Christ.

Practical Life Skills

The counter-cultural view presented in *Dating With Integrity* challenges your children to stop and think about how they view dating. It provides a great opportunity for you to talk with your children about interacting with members of the opposite sex.

Language Arts

This complete language arts program is fully integrated with your Core 400 literature and history studies. Continue developing key skills like literary analysis, creative writing, and academic research.

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!

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“Everyone needs an excuse to slow down and make special memories with their families. Sonlight builds that right into the curriculum.”

—Pamela C, Aug. 2011

“We love Sonlight for the tactile learning it promotes for our children. Not only are we reading about trees or insects or cultures, we’re encouraged to use all our senses to discover and impart learning.”

—J.E., Aug. 2011



Your Core 400 Package includes:

(For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-400)**Instructor's Guide 400** 400-05 (\$124.98 if ordered separately)

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

Core 400 Parent Guide 400-01 Core 400 Student Guide 400-02

History / Civics 400 420-00

Basic American Government	420-10	Lies My Teacher Told Me	420-45
Emancipating Slaves, Enslaving Free Men	420-25	Never Before in History: America's Inspired Birth	420-50
The Godless Constitution: The Case Against Religious Correctness	420-35		

Bible / Theology 400 410-00

Scripture reading & memory in your Instructor's Guide.

The Institutes of Biblical Law	410-10	Tools of Dominion: The Case Laws of Exodus	410-15
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Practical Life Skills 400

Dating with Integrity RR11

Language Arts 400 (see p.92)

Included in your Core 400 Instructor's Guide.

American Literature 400 430-00

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	430-10	The Day They Came to Arrest the Book	430-31	Our Town	430-55
Belle Prater's Boy	430-13	The Giver	430-34	The Outsiders	430-58
The Best Short Stories of O. Henry	430-16	The Grapes of Wrath	430-37	The Portable Poe	430-61
Bud, Not Buddy	430-19	Jacob Have I Loved	430-40	The Scarlet Letter	430-64
The Chosen	430-22	Julie of the Wolves	430-43	A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	430-67
Crazy Lady!	430-25	Moby-Dick	430-46	The View from Saturday	430-70
The Crucible	430-28	My Ántonia	430-49	Walden and Civil Disobedience	430-73
		100 Best-Loved Poems	430-52		

Biographies & Historical Fiction 400 420-05

Black Like Me	420-15	The Jungle	420-40	Up from Slavery	420-60
The Dry Divide	420-20	Shadow of the Almighty: The Life & Testament of Jim Elliot	420-55	Where the Broken Heart Still Beats	420-65
Eternity in Their Hearts	420-30				

STEP 1
Choose your Core Program**Core 400: Civics/American Government**

Includes Instructor's Guide 400, History/Civics 400, Bible 400, American Literature 400, Biographies & Historical 400, Practical Life Skills Arts 400.

5-Day
☐ 400-00 \$629
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Required Resource—If you don't already own.
☐ **3" Binder & Tabs for Cores 200 and 400** (p. 127) B200 \$19.99
Optional Resources (See p. 92-94)
☐ **Wordly Wise 3000, Book 11 Set** (p. 93) 440-35 \$18.35

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THIS CORE PACKAGE GIVES YOU**ONE-YEAR MONEY-BACK
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STEP 2
Complete your Curriculum
☐ **High School Physics** (p. 104) 450-05 \$94.98
 Many Core 400 customers love Apologia's *High School Physics*. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight Science programs, see pp. 99-104.

Teaching Textbooks Pre-Calculus (p. 114) 471-20 \$184.90
 Many Core 400 students do best with *Teaching Textbooks Pre-Calculus*. For other outstanding Math curricula, see pp. 105-119.
Want Electives?
Electives (See pp. 118-125)
 Help your children explore their gifts. We recommend:

☐ **Electives 400** 400E00 \$223.99
 Includes *Understanding the Times: Homeschool Edition* (p. 124) and *Secrets of Great Communicators* (p. 124).

☐ **Foreign Language** (See p. 119 for recommendations)
Need extra Resources?**Resources** (See pp. 125-128)**Recommended Resources**
☐ **College & Career Planning Kit** (p. 87) 580-00 \$65.44

☐ **Collegiate Thesaurus** (p. 125) RL03 \$21.95

☐ **Math on Call** (p. 125) RR801 \$29.49
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Core 530



A literature-rich Core program forms the center of a complete Sonlight education.



Sonlight® Core 530

Estimated daily time for literature and writing:
Student: 2 ½-3 hrs / **Parent:** ½ hrs.



"My daughter is now a sophomore in college and she used Cores 400 and 530 for her last two years of high school," writes May F of Kendall Park, NJ. "Thanks again, Sonlight, for walking with me in my home-schooling journey. I am particularly thankful for the 400 and 530 programs, which my daughter used independently. Sonlight has helped instill the love of reading in my children. Both my children excel in their language skills and writing." Here, 15-year-old Stephen gets some geometry tips from his dad. Stephen is working through Core 400 as his sister is off at college.

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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 unique literature-only Core with other Sonlight high school subjects for a complete one-year high school curriculum.

Unique literature-only Core

Core 530 is a complete, one-year literature program. My daughter Amy (a literature-major and homeschooling mom) and I designed it to help prepare students for college and life. Students evaluate beauty and literature from an academic perspective and biblical worldview.

Core 530 is largely self-guided. You, mom or dad, will primarily act as a coach: encouraging, cheering and monitoring the progress of your students.

Though *Survey of British Lit* does not include history or Bible, Sonlight treats it as a Core curriculum that qualifies for a significant Core Package discount, counts toward your Core requirements for our college scholarship program (p. 155) and includes all other Core Club benefits (see p. 22).

Choose this program to ...

Help your students 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*.

Students could earn college credit!

Core 530 also prepares students for the AP* exam. Colleges often award credit to students who do well on the exam.

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. Core 530 specifically equips them in all these skills. For additional help we recommend *Cracking the AP English Literature Exam* (see p. 125).

Combine Core 530 with other courses

Look for other recommended upper-level courses this year on pp. 86-87 (*Psychology, Economics, College & Career Planning* and *What Good is Christianity*), p. 104 (Science) and p. 114-115 (Math).

With Core 530, you receive:

Instructor's Guide

Your students can follow their guide each day for a wonderful year of learning. Request the first three weeks of the Parent and Student Guides for free at sonlight.com/3-week-samples.

British Literature

Includes 24 masterpieces of literature woven together into a cohesive study.

Poetry/Vocabulary

These practical tools give students keys to understand poetry and big words.

Language Arts

Students receive excellent instruction to help them 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

Core 530 includes these great items!

For full descriptions go to sonlight.com/core-530

Instructor's Guide 530 530-05

(\$109.98 if ordered separately)

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

Core 530 Parent Guide 530-01

Core 530 Student Guide 530-03

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

STEP 1 Choose your Core Program



Core 530: Survey of British Literature

Includes Instructor's Guide 530, Literature 530, Poetry/Vocabulary 530, Language Arts 530.

5-Day

530-00 \$419
You save \$52.53!

Language Arts 530

Included in your Core 530 Instructor's Guide.

Required Resource—If you don't already own.

☐ 3" Binder & Tabs for Core 530 (p. 127) B530 \$7.95

STEP 2 Complete your Curriculum



Advanced Science (p. 104)

Many Core 530 customers love Apologia's *Advanced Science*. For other easy-to-use, hands-on Sonlight Science programs, see pp. 99-104.



Thinkwell Calculus (See p. 115)

571-11 \$179.00

Many Core 530 students do best with *Thinkwell Calculus*. For other outstanding Math curricula, see pp. 105-117.

Want Electives?



Electives (See pp. 118-125)

Help your children explore their gifts. Find Music, Art, Foreign Language and more.

Need extra Resources?



Resources (See pp. 125-128)

Optional Resource


☐ **Cracking the AP English Literature Exam*** (p. 125) RL08 \$18.00

"Thank you Sonlight for helping me teach my kids to love learning."
—Alyssa P, Aug. 2011


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■ Psychology

590-00 \$284.98

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 Psychology 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.

"I really appreciate all the helps in the Sonlight Psychology course. I love that the Study Guide drills the information in the text. I also love that the Sonlight workbook has the Christian emphasis."

—Livin'inthelibrary, Sept. 2011

□ Psychology Ninth Edition and Study Guide

590-10 \$194.99

Set of two pieces.

□ Psychology Ninth Edition

Myers. Introduces students to the history of psychology as well as key arenas of behavior and the makeup of the mind. Covers memory, intelligence, perception, disorders and more. Color photos, Hb

□ Study Guide

Straub. To accompany David G. Myers Psychology Ninth Edition Key terms, chapter reviews, puzzles and progress tests help students absorb the material in Myers' text. Pb

□ Sonlight Psychology Interactive Workbook and Diary

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Corson. This workbook/diary strengthens students' faith as they interact with the ideas of psychology and prepare for the AP® Psych exam. Includes Scripture, reflection questions and discussion of all topics covered in Myers' text. Pb

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■ Economics

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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.



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Engaging multimedia: 262 online video lectures filled with animations, examples and humor. Students report learning more easily with this approach than with traditional textbooks.

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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.

□ Sonlight® Economics Instructor's Guide (Schedule and Notes)

570-01 \$29.99

Two complete lesson plans—one for general study and a more intensive track for helping students prep for AP® exams. The 5-day schedule maps out your entire 18-week course, packed with teaching notes, questions (with answers), and more. S

□ Thinkwell Economics Internet Course

570-50 \$150.00

A dynamic set of online multimedia video lectures and interactive exercises for a powerful learning experience. Covers both macro and micro Economics. For ages 16-18, grades 11-12. Online product is good for one student for 12 months; to teach additional students, you need a subscription for each.

□ Invisible Heart

570-10 \$22.95

Roberts. Put practical, emotionally challenging "feet" to otherwise dry and unfeeling ideas. See how economic principles surround us daily, and enjoy a pleasant break from theoretical lectures.

□ Money, Possessions and Eternity

RR110 \$14.99

Alcorn. What does God say about money? Gain eternal perspective on "balanced" economic theory. Thought provoking.

□ Sonlight Personal Journal

570-40 \$8.99

Capture your unique journey in this blank journal. Hardstock spiral-bound cover features Proverbs 3:9-10. Inside, 200 pages (100 sheets, lightly ruled) await your inspired pen. S

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"All those years of 'thinking questions' are paying off! Today my son passed his first CLEP exam with flying colors - thanks to the Sonlight Cores he used in high school (100, 300 and 530). Three college credits down! He also studied Sonlight's Psychology course and is tackling the Intro to Psychology and the Human Growth & Development CLEPs. Thank you Sonlight for rigorous, interesting and challenging programs."

—southcarolinamom, April 2011

■ College & Career Planning

580-00 \$65.44

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 homeschoolers, 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 all 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.

□ College and Career Planning Guide

580-01 \$17.50

Lutman. A guide with steps outlined for various stages of college and career preparation. Track your students' college search, learn financial aid lingo, simplify your record keeping, and enhance your reading of the books (see below) with thought-provoking questions. S

□ Finding the Career That Fits You

RR26 \$29.99

Burkett, Ellis. Your students learn the biblical basis for work, explore various careers, and build goals toward their vocation. Watch as they uncover their unique abilities, personality, gifts, work preferences, learning style, and values.

□ Homeschoolers' College Admissions Handbook

RR25 \$17.95

Cohen. For homeschoolers, college admission is a unique process. Insights help you decide if college is the right choice, build a strong college prep program, match schools to your students' needs, and prepare relevant transcripts.

■ What Good is Christianity? Evaluating its Historical Record

560-00 \$178.81

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.

□ What Good is Christianity Instructor's Guide

560-01 \$39.99

Velarde. This easy-to-use guide takes you through your fascinating 18-week study. Provides a daily schedule, in-depth notes, discussion questions, suggested assignments and articles that further explore certain topics of interest. S

□ Art and the Bible

560-05 \$8.00

Schaeffer. Provides a solid foundation for understanding the relationship between Christianity and the arts and contains timeless insights on the topic. Pb

□ Christianity On Trial

560-03 \$15.95

Carroll. Carroll claims historical illiteracy is responsible for unjust caricatures of Christianity and highlights positive influences Christians have made on civilization. Topics include slavery, science, charity, the environment, and more. Popular-level, readable book with intellectual depth. Pb

□ Does God Exist? (DVD set)

560-08 \$39.99

Focus on the Family. Your children will journey with Dr. Stephen Meyer (author of Signature in the Cell) through ten engaging video lessons on topics such as cosmology, design, morality, and various arguments for the existence of God. DVD.

□ How Christianity Changed the World

560-02 \$18.99

Schmidt. Filled with valuable and factual historical information about Christianity's influence on the world, this book covers a diversity of topics ranging from the sanctity of human life to sexual morality to Christian influences on healthcare, charity, education, science, liberty, slavery, literature, and the arts. A fascinating final chapter offers an overview of Christianity's influence on holidays, words and symbols. A number of photographs, illustrations and tables break up the text with interesting information. Precise historical detail; an in-depth read. Pb

□ The Victory of Reason

560-06 \$15.95

Stark. Sociologist Rodney Stark makes the case that Christianity positively influenced the development of a variety of globally significant movements in relation to democracy, science, reason and more. Far from being a negative influence or a backwards religion, Stark convincingly argues that Christians and Christianity are responsible "for the most significant intellectual, political, scientific, and economic breakthroughs of the past millennium." Challenges modern atheism. Pb

□ What Has Christianity Ever Done for Us?

560-04 \$24.95

Hill. Dry wit and colorful illustrations enhance this compilation of positive contributions Christianity has made to the world, including its influence on culture, thought, the arts, education and society.

While the author's background is in philosophy and theology (Oxford), he capably tackles the history of Christian influences on culture while considering interdisciplinary issues. Pb

□ What's So Great About Christianity?

560-07 \$14.99

D'Souza. In crisp, engaging style, D'Souza guides readers through topics such as Christianity and atheism, democracy, evolution, miracles, natural law, the problem of evil, and much more. Easy-to-read chapters form a straightforward tool kit to help students take on the criticism of modern atheism. Pb



Look here for
Required and
Recommended
Resources for
your Core.



"We love that Sonlight is so hands on," writes Becky C of South Dayton, NY. "From Science to Math to History our daughters have many opportunities to act out what they are learning. We also like that Sonlight is Biblically-based, but that it doesn't tell you what to believe. The Instructor's Guides lay out more than one side of controversial issues and let you decide how to present them to your children." As missionaries, the C family also appreciates that "every Core encourages the children to think about people from other cultures." Here, 10-year-old Marissa rereads a favorite Core E book in her fourth year of Sonlight.

"Sonlight has given the love of reading to my girls. Thanks!"
—Kelley C, May, 2011

History

☐ **Book of Time** RR120 \$24.99
Spiral-bound timeline ready for you to add dates throughout your homeschool 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.*

☐ **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, RA: 5+, R: 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, Vols 1 & 2** DH09 \$34.99
Boorstin. Fascinating introduction to American culture as it has shaped and been shaped by events over the past 350 years. Written by the former Librarian of Congress. Profusely illustrated. Note: Both volumes inside one cover. S, Oversize, Pb, illus, RA: 5+, R: 6+. *Included in Cores D, and D+E. Required in Core E.*

☐ **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, RA: K+, R: 3+, (Consumable)

☐ **Book 1: Explorers and Settlers** DH131 \$12.95
Included in Cores D & D+E.

☐ **Book 2: A Young Nation Solves Its Problems** DH132 \$12.95
Included in Cores D & D+E. Required in Core E.

☐ **Book 3: America Becomes A Giant** EH101 \$12.95
Included in Cores D+E & E.

☐ **Book 4: Modern America** EH102 \$12.95
Included in Cores D+E & E.

☐ **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, B+C. Required in Cores C and W.*

☐ **Usborne Encyclopedia 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, RA: 3+, R: 5+, *Included in Core G and required in Core H.*

☐ **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, RA: K-6, R: 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. A Required Resource in every Sonlight Core program from A-300. Includes a four-color set of fine-tip water-based markers! S, *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, 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 archeological sites, temples, etc... A wonderful tool for Bible students of all ages. Oversize, Pb, (Reproducible)

☐ **Bible Mesh: The Biblical Story Course** ^{NEW} 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. Group subscriptions, details and a free trial available at sonlight.com/bible-mesh.



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): 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, W 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 worldview. 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.

New: Improvements for 2012!

Bible has always been integral to Sonlight's programs. As we reviewed the Bible study materials this year, we realized that our Core Packages just aren't complete without these amazing resources. So all your Bible study materials now come with your Core purchase.

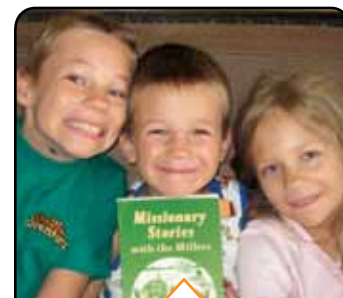
We also reworked the Bible reading schedule for Core B-G and wrote helpful notes to show how your readings tie into a big-picture theme for the year. We clue you in to key points and give you suggestions of what you might discuss with your kids after you read. See p. 156 for more details.

"Sonlight has helped our boys love to read, and then gives them God-centered books to fill that hunger. What a blessed cycle!"

—Lindsay T, Aug. 2011



Help your children embrace Scripture with Sonlight's Bible Programs (included in each Core Program).



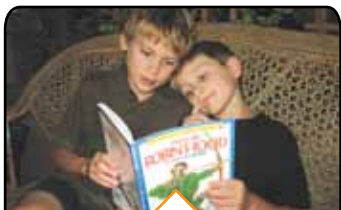
"My children love the Sonlight books. And obviously, the books have a great impact on my children," writes Karen C of Pelham, AL. "We were reading the chapter [in *Missionary Stories with the Millers*, from Core B] about the Eichers who served in Congo. My children were so impressed with how brave the missionaries were and the boldness with which they spoke about Jesus. I asked 'Why were they so brave?' and my 6-year-old answered, 'Because they know if they die, they will go to Heaven to be with God ... I want to be brave too and go to Heaven with God.' We discussed what being saved means and three of my children accepted Jesus as their Savior! They had been asking questions all summer long, but the story helped them see faith in Jesus and made them strive to want the same thing. Thank you Sonlight for such great literature!" Here, Kaidin (9), Gavin (6) and Courtney (7) pose with the book in their fifth year of Sonlight.



Help your children become excellent writers with Sonlight Language Arts.

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. 98) 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.



“Sonlight Curriculum exposes our children to God-honoring and challenging concepts in literature,” writes Alicia H of Rochester, NY. “Three years with Sonlight have helped the boys learn so much. They walk away from each book with a deeper knowledge of God, His creation, history, and an expanded vocabulary. We are so thankful and pleased with their learning. Thank you!” Alicia says that Sonlight books go everywhere with her family. Here, Daniel (9) and Zach (7) read a Core C favorite on the front porch in their third year of Sonlight.



When 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 zany 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.

“We got Language Arts for Grade 1 Readers. And boy, the creative writing my kids come up with is brilliant! I am happy that Sonlight takes me out of my comfort zone so that I teach my children things that I would normally avoid.” —maline, March 2011

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. 94).

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. 92 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. 92.

Need a writing coach for research papers? See p. 92.

When you buy a Core A-C, you receive the Readers & Language Arts Program of your choice.

If you're using Core A-C, learn about your choice of Readers & Language Arts Programs and optional resources here. You receive the level of your choice with your Core purchase, and may buy the appropriate level for each additional student you're teaching with the same Core.

Visit sonlight.com/quick-reading-assessment to find the right level for each child.

■ Grade K Readers w/ 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 workbook below.

Head to 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.

See p. 32 for the titles in this package. For descriptions or to order individual items, visit sonlight.com/LA-K.

Optional Resources (See p. 93)

- ☐ Sound Cards RL20 \$5.99
- ☐ Explode the Code A, B, C (Consumable) KL03 \$23.85
- ☐ Explode the Code A, B, C Teacher's Guide KL034 \$10.20
- ☐ Extra Activity Sheets (Consumable) KLG1 \$16.99

■ Grade 1 Readers w/ 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 workbook below.

Head to 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.

See p. 36 for the titles in this package. For descriptions or to order individual items, visit sonlight.com/LA-1.

Optional Resources (See p. 93)

- ☐ Explode the Code 1, 2, 3 (Consumable) 1L02 \$27.00
- ☐ Extra Activity Sheets (Consumable) 1LG1 \$13.99

■ Grade 2 Readers w/ Language Arts 2

Ages 7 | 8 | 9

2RP \$126.81

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 to see if this is the right level for your child. Request an IG sample at sonlight.com/3-week-samples.

See p. 36 for the titles in this package. For descriptions or to order individual items, visit sonlight.com/LA-2.

Optional Resources (See p. 93)

- ☐ Explode the Code 4, 5, 6 2L07 \$27.00
- ☐ Wordly Wise Book A 2L10 \$9.60
- ☐ Extra Activity Sheets (Consumable) 2LG1 \$12.99

■ Grade 3 Readers w/ 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 to see if this is the right level for your child. Request an IG sample at sonlight.com/3-week-samples.

See p. 40 for the titles in this package. For descriptions or to order individual items, visit sonlight.com/LA-3.

Optional Resources (See p. 93)

- ☐ MCP Phonics Level C 2L19 \$16.99
- ☐ Wordly Wise Book B 2L05 \$9.60
- ☐ Extra Activity Sheets (Consumable) 3LG1 \$12.99

An example of what to choose: To use Core A with two kids, you might choose *Core A with Grade K Readers w/ LA K* and buy *Grade 2 Readers w/ LA 2* separately, so each child has a program at his/her ability level.

■ Grade 4-5 Readers w/ 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 to see if this is the right level for your child. Request an IG sample at sonlight.com/3-week-samples.

See p. 40 for the titles in this package. For descriptions or to order individual items, visit sonlight.com/LA-4.5.

Optional Resources (See p. 93)

- ☐ MCP Word Study D - Plaid 3L18 \$17.99
- ☐ Wordly Wise Book C 3L01 \$9.60
- ☐ 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.



"I now have three very enthusiastic story writers, thanks to the creativity of the Language Arts Program," writes Amanda N of Swaziland. "I approached homeschooling filled with panic and trepidation. This is our first year with Sonlight and thankfully, my fears were unfounded. The triplets have at last discovered the wonderful world of books and reading. I often find our bookshelves ransacked and books lying open in all sorts of cozy places around the house. My only regret now is that I should have started Sonlight years ago!" Christian, Hans and Peter (all 9-years-old) snuggle with mom and their new puppy to read together from Core B+C.



"I thank Sonlight that I don't have to come up with clever things to write about," writes Laura B of Inver Grove Heights, MN. "And I am happy to say I'm seeing big differences in their writing abilities just from last year. Writing doesn't come naturally to us. But with God's grace, we are all learning patience as we work through the writing assignments. The results far outweigh the challenging times." Here, 7-year-old Sean writes the final paragraph from a pretend interview with a book character (an assignment from Language Arts 2). Sean and his brother Mitchell (6) are studying Core C in their second year of Sonlight.



"As a family with five kids living overseas we have gratefully used Sonlight for fifteen years," writes Annette E of Central Asia. "How many times I have thanked the Lord for a curriculum that gives a rounded world perspective based on solid biblical thinking. And while overseas workers before our time had to search and pick curriculums while trying to do everything else on their plate, Sonlight has so aptly done that searching and selecting from much more experience and knowledge than I have. I can take the curriculum and excellent resources and use what fits my setting and child's needs at the time." Here, 14-year-old Anna journals about the American History she's learning in Core 100.

Resources

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. For 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 5L152 \$14.99
(Consumable)

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 6L152 \$14.99
(Consumable)

Winston Grammar (Basic) 4L09 \$42.00
For grades 4-12. Includes Instruction Guide, Workbook & Card Pack. Description at 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.

From music to art and more, round out your homeschool with Electives. pp. 118-128



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. For 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-530 (except for W where it is included in the Language Arts IG.) S

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.

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.

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 \$9.60

Scheduled in Language Arts 3 Instructor's Guide
Book B Grade 3 2L05 \$9.60

Scheduled in Language Arts 4-5 Instructor's Guide
Book C Grades 4-5 3L01 \$9.60

Scheduled in Core D Instructor's Guide
Workbook 3000 Book 3 3L101 \$11.25
Teacher's Key, Book 3 3L102 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core D+E and E Instructor's Guides
Workbook 3000 Book 4 4L101 \$11.90
Teacher's Key, Book 4 4L102 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core F Instructor's Guide
Workbook 3000 Book 5 5L101 \$11.90
Teacher's Key, Book 5 5L102 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core G and W Instructor's Guides
Workbook 3000 Book 6 6L101 \$11.90
Teacher's Key, Book 6 6L102 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core H Instructor's Guide
Workbook 3000 Book 7 7L31 \$11.90
Teacher's Key, Book 7 7L32 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core 100 Instructor's Guide
Workbook 3000 Book 8 140-36 \$11.90
Teacher's Key, Book 8 140-37 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core 200 Instructor's Guide
Workbook 3000 Book 9 240-36 \$12.70
Teacher's Key, Book 9 240-37 \$5.65

Scheduled in Core 300 Instructor's Guide
Workbook 3000 Book 10 340-36 \$12.70

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 \$12.70
Teacher's Key, Book 11 440-37 \$5.65
Workbook 3000 Book 12 540-21 \$12.70
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 \$12.70
Teacher's Manual, Book A 240-22 \$22.00
Test Booklet A 240-23 \$4.90

Scheduled in Core 300 Instructor's Guide

Workbook B (Consumable) 340-21 \$12.70
Teacher's Manual, Book B 340-22 \$22.00
Test Booklet B 340-23 \$4.90

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 \$34.05
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 \$7.95
Book C: Go (Consumable) KL033 \$7.95
A, B, C, Teacher's Guide KL034 \$10.20

Explode the Code 1, 2, 3 1L02 \$27.00
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 \$9.00
Book 2 (Consumable) 1L52 \$9.00
Book 3 (Consumable) 1L53 \$9.00

Explode the Code 4, 5, 6 2L07 \$27.00
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 \$9.00
Book 5 (Consumable) 2L52 \$9.00
Book 6 (Consumable) 2L53 \$9.00

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.



"We actually took a break from Sonlight this past year, but after only a month or so, my daughter was begging to go back to Sonlight," writes Mary U of Twentynine Palms, CA. "So we're back--just bought Core 100 for her ninth grade year. And she is HAPPY. We have loved all the reading, and the ease of following the guides." Emily (14) couldn't resist diving into her new Core 100 books as soon as they arrived, even though she had just completed last year's curriculum. So much for taking a break! The U family is now in their third year of Sonlight.

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.

Teaching a child with SPECIAL NEEDS?

Find help at sonlight.com/podcasts



"I love Sonlight because it forces me to sit down and read to my kids," writes Beth V of Ontario, Canada. "I think it is so important to read to them, but often get too busy with 'life.' Even though Lincoln is only two and a half, he gets excited when I read to Reese (age 4) from our Sonlight books and often joins us on the couch, or just plays quietly nearby. Sonlight has truly enriched our lives and we will use it for years to come!" Here, Lincoln joins in the reading process in his own two-year-old way. He and Reese are using Core P3/4.

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 www.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 \$11.95

Some of the patterns covered: -in, -en, -et, -ot, -ay, -ime, -and, -ight. Representative words: beginning, disagreeing, permitted.

Sequential Spelling 2 RL51 \$11.95

Some of the patterns covered: -ob, -ack, -eam, -ame, -ab, -ir, -ub. Representative words: nephew, packed, toaster, disgusted.

Sequential Spelling 3 RL52 \$11.95

Some of the patterns covered: -are, -ip, -sh, -oun, -sk. Representative words: successfully, assessment, suggestion.

Sequential Spelling 4 RL53 \$11.95

Some of the patterns covered: -ish, -in, -ar, -ic, -oc, -age. Representative words: outlandish, accomplishment, commercial.

Sequential Spelling 5 RL54 \$11.95

Some of the patterns covered: -en, -ign, -ance, -nge, -nt, -oit, -ap. Representative words: strengthened, malignant, ignorance.

Sequential Spelling 6 RL55 \$11.95

Some of the patterns covered: -ity, -um, -ow, -by, -ery, -or, -ty. Representative words: perspicacious, personalities, originality.

Sequential Spelling 7 RL56 \$11.95

Available online: sonlight.com/sequential-spelling.html.

Spelling Power LSP \$59.99

Adams-Gordon. Complete 3rd Grade through College spelling program. (Includes Quick Start DVD Seminar and Teacher's Resource CD.) (Non-consumable) Oversize Pb (Consumable workbooks available online.)

Due to restrictions by the publisher, Spelling Power materials do not qualify for any discounts.

Communication

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 \$30.98

Workbook Grade 5 & Tests 5L091 \$14.99

Answer Key, Book 5 5L092 \$15.99

Scheduled in Language Arts section of Core G Instructor's Guide

Keys to Good Language 6 6L09 \$30.98

Workbook Grade 6 & Tests 6L091 \$14.99

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 \$10.05
Scheduled in Core 100 Instructor's Guide

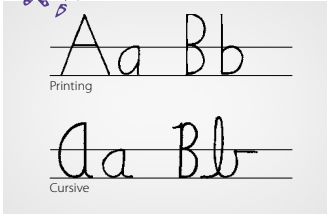
Analogies 2 240-10 \$10.05
Scheduled in Core 200 Instructor's Guide

Analogies 3 340-10 \$10.05
Scheduled in Core 300 Instructor's Guide



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.

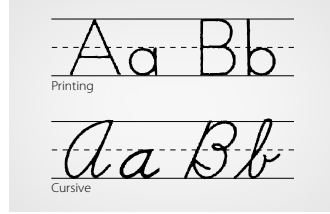
When it comes to forming letters, it begins with all the capitals. Why? Because, unlike, say, the lower-case p, q, b, and d, the capital letters are all very easy to distinguish. Kids don't mix them up.

Potential Strengths

- It works. Even with kids who face significant learning challenges and physical limitations. (Visit the Language Arts section of the Sonlight Forums (www.sonlight.com/LAforums) to talk with some unbelievably pleased moms!)
- 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

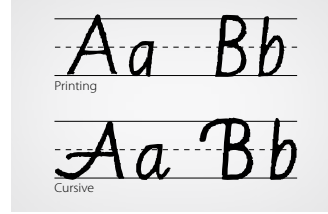
- The shapes of the letters are the same as those used in all the other language arts workbooks you are likely to come across.
- The practice drills are based on Scripture.
- Many children are motivated by the attractive border sheets to do their best and write beautifully.

Potential Weakness

- Different letter formations for cursive (vs. manuscript) are confusing to some students.

“Our Iowa Basic Skills scores have proven to us Sonlight is a GREAT program and worth every dollar we invest into it.”

—Cindy S, July 2011



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.



Choose from three outstanding handwriting programs.



“This is life as we know it: reading, cuddling, making memories!” writes Bryan A of Edmond, OK. “Someone in our home of eight is always reading something. It’s an atmosphere, and a peaceful one at that. We will be eternally grateful to the gems in our lives who influenced us to home school, gave me that first Sonlight catalog, and that first conference booth representative who talked with us as we were nervous and overwhelmed. We’re nervous no more!” The A family has used Sonlight since their oldest was in Kindergarten. Here, Jasmin (14), Nathan (3) and the cat cuddle with Dad to read. Jasmin is studying Core 100 as Nathan uses Core P4/5 this year.

Did you know?

If you buy a Core program, you get free shipping (to the lower 48 states) on all your curriculum. See p. 23.



"Where do I start, except with a sincere thank you to Sonlight for giving us our son back," writes Heather N of Lake Worth, FL. "Bailey is 15, has Asperger's Syndrome, and has struggled in school since kindergarten. Then a guidance counselor at his Christian school suggested looking into homeschooling and mentioned Sonlight. In just a short time Bailey has learned the love of reading and learning through Sonlight. We have a peaceful family again and our son now believes in himself and even smiles. He is now planning his future at college someday--something we were not sure would happen. I was not sure I could teach Bailey, but with Sonlight's complete curriculum and easy to follow instructor's guide, I DID IT!" Bailey is soaking up Core 300 in his first year of homeschooling.



"Sonlight has given my children a love for those who are less fortunate," writes Theresa B of Fairfax Station, VA. "I remember watching 'My Passport to India' [a recent Sonlight giving/learning project] and my children were shocked by the slums. They couldn't believe people lived in anything but a house. My 7-year-old was also moved by hearing about street children in *Window on the World* [from Core C]. She decided when she grows up she wants to adopt all of them! While she may not be able to help everyone in the world, I am glad she is starting to think about someone other than herself. Thank you Sonlight!" On a trip to the Shenandoahs, Theresa enjoyed reading to John (3), Anne Marie (7), Abby (2) and Lucia (5). They're studying P4/5 and Core C in their first year of Sonlight.

Handwriting K

Ages 5 | 6 | 7

■ Handwriting Without Tears K

HWK \$73.46

Included in Kindergarten Multi-Subject Package and scheduled in Language Arts for K Readers Instructors guide. All handwriting schedules are available at www.sonlight.com/handwrittingschedules.html Includes the 6 items listed.

□ Letters & Numbers for Me Workbook

KL172 \$11.49

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 \$37.00

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 \$6.49

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 \$45.64

Includes the 4 items listed.

□ Instruction Guidebook

KL10 \$19.95

A great help to teach your children how to form their letters—both manuscript and cursive. To be used every year through sixth grade. X 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. X 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 \$29.24

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 \$8.75

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 \$20.73

Included in Grade 1 Multi-Subject Package.

Includes the 3 items listed.

□ My Printing Book

1L172 \$11.49

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 \$40.65

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. X 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 \$19.95

See K listing.

OR

■ Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting 1

GDI1 \$24.25

Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Basic Italic B** 1L12 \$8.75
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 \$17.98

Included in Grade 2 Multi-Subject Package.

Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Printing Power** 2L172 \$11.49
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 \$40.65

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. **X** 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 (See p. 96)

☐ **Instruction Guidebook** KL10 \$19.95
See K listing.

OR

■ Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting 2

GDI2 \$24.25

Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Basic and Cursive C** 2L09 \$8.75
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 (See p. 96)

☐ **Instruction Manual** KL13 \$12.75
See K listing.

Handwriting 3

Ages 8 | 9 | 10

■ Handwriting Without Tears 3

HW3 \$20.73

Included in Grade 3 Multi-Subject Package.

Includes the 4 items listed.

☐ **Cursive Handwriting** 3L192 \$11.49
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 \$40.65

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. **X** 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 (See p. 96)

☐ **Instruction Guidebook** KL10 \$19.95
See K listing.

OR

■ Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting 3

GDI3 \$24.25

Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Basic and Cursive D** 3L10 \$8.75
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 (See p. 96)

☐ **Instruction Manual** KL13 \$12.75
See K listing.



"Help! My girls are getting along and they won't stop learning!" writes Tina H of Oakley, CA. "Since discovering Sonlight last year, my girls have a voracious appetite for books and a love to learn. The reading ties right into the learning process and now reading is no longer a chore ... it's fun! My children have not only enjoyed the reading but I've noticed a marked retention difference when compared to their public school friends. Thank you Sonlight!" Here, 13-year-old Tori helps 10-year-old Maddy as she reads *The Care and Keeping of You: The Body Book for Girls* as part of the Science F program for girls.



"Jacob is truly learning to love reading and learning, especially about God," writes Tracy C of Lenexa, KS. "This was our first year homeschooling and he loved all of our Read-Alouds (we all did, actually), but especially our Bible reading. I couldn't believe his attention span for listening and learning when we were reading our Sonlight books. It was so amazing for such an active child." Tracy, who says she never finds her 6-year-old son doing anything quietly, was tickled to find him reading his Bible outside only a few months after starting Sonlight. The C family is using P3/4 and Core A in their first year of homeschooling.



“One of the things we love most about Sonlight is being able to enjoy the books together!” writes Lynne C of the Middle East. “These moments are treasures indeed! The discussions that we have often help me to hear what is in their hearts.” Here, Lynne enjoys *The Ravenmaster’s Secret: Escape from the Tower of London* (from Core H) with 15-year-old Evan and 14-year-old Siohvan. They’re diving into Core H in their first year of Sonlight.

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Reason #2 that families love Sonlight: The literature base makes history “come alive.” Read more on p. 142.

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“The wonderful lesson plans (with activities that are actually FUN and effective) and excellent materials have made home-schooling a wonderful experience for our family,” writes Janelle R of Fairbanks, AK. “We dove right into Sonlight and haven’t looked back. It’s such a joy to explore God’s world together!” The R family loves to cuddle up and read. Here, Johanan (5), Sofia (4) and Titus (6 months) listen to *Stories From Around the World*, from Core P4/5. They’re in their second year of Sonlight.

Handwriting 4

Ages 9 | 10 | 11

■ Handwriting Without Tears 4

HW4 \$17.98

Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Cursive Success** 4L172 \$11.49
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 \$40.65

Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Cursive D** 4L04 \$17.95
Cursive D continues cursive practice. Focuses on verses from the Gospels. X 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 (See p. 96)

☐ **Instruction Guidebook** KL10 \$19.95
See K listing.

OR

■ Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting 4

GDI4 \$24.25

Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Basic and Cursive E** 4L08 \$8.75
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 (See p. 96)

☐ **Instruction Manual** KL13 \$12.75
See K listing.

Handwriting 5

Ages 10 | 11 | 12

■ Handwriting Without Tears 5

HW5 \$11.49

Includes the 1 item listed.

☐ **Can-Do Cursive** 5L172 \$11.49
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 \$37.90

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Cursive E** 5L04 \$17.95
Cursive E continues to refine students’ cursive hand. Focuses on passages from the Psalms. X Color illus. (Consumable)

Required Resource—if you don’t already own (See p. 96)

☐ **Instruction Guidebook** KL10 \$19.95
See K listing.

OR

■ Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting 5

GDI5 \$21.50

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Basic and Cursive F** 5L08 \$8.75
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 (See p. 96)

☐ **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 \$37.90

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Cursive F** 6L04 \$17.95
Cursive F continues to refine students’ cursive hand. Focuses on passages from Proverbs. X Color illus. (Consumable)

Required Resource—if you don’t already own (See p. 96)

☐ **Instruction Guidebook** KL10 \$19.95
See K listing.

OR

■ Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting 6

GDI6 \$21.50

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Basic & Cursive 6** 6L08 \$8.75
Continued practice follows a central theme—the history of our alphabet. (Consumable)

Required Resource—if you don’t already own (See p. 96)

☐ **Instruction Manual** KL13 \$12.75
See K listing.

Note: Additional resources available at sonlight.com/handwriting-without-tears.html.



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. >>>



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Complete, hands-on Science programs from Kindergarten to college-level lab Sciences



"Since switching to Sonlight, my kids want to spend more and more time doing school-work each day," writes Michelle T of Mexico. "With the hands-on activities, science kits, and DVDs that Sonlight provides, science has once again become fun and manageable. Here, Sebastian (5) proudly displays his science experiment from Science A. Science has quickly become my children's favorite subject." In her first year of Sonlight, Michelle appreciates "the joy of getting a complete curriculum that is easy to follow."

"I especially appreciate Sonlight's science boxes with all the supplies included ... science experiments get accomplished in our homeschool!"
—Tanya M, Aug. 2011



“Sonlight keeps us close as a family,” writes Dawn B of Lebanon, NH. “It allows parents to share in our children’s educational experience. Studying the same topics in history allows for a lot of conversation. Because we know what they are studying, we can point out events or things in our daily lives that may correlate. We often expand our studies with documentaries or field trips. This creates close bonds between our children.” Here, Gabriella (14), Maxwell (12), Rebecca (10) and Sarah (7) do a favorite Science experiment together about chemical reactions. Will vinegar and baking soda in a water bottle blow the top off? They just finished Cores C and G in their eighth year of Sonlight.

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“Nora Kate loves Science A, and greatly looks forward to her weekly experiments!” writes Lori P of Wake Forest, NC. “Here, she is sifting through some leaf litter, learning about plants and soil. I love how easy the experiments are to do. Most of what you need is included in the kit, and the easy things you need to gather around home are listed a week in advance so they don’t sneak up on you! I am so glad we switched to Sonlight. The quality time I get to spend with my children is like a daily deposit into our ‘relationship bank.’ I went from dreading teaching every day to looking forward to our special time together.” Nora Kate (6) is studying Core A and Science A in her first year of Sonlight.

Science A

Ages 5 | 6 | 7

■ 5-Day/wk

■ 4-Day/wk

AS5 \$123.85

AS4 \$103.89



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	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 (See p. 126)

□ **Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit** NSK \$31.99

□ **Usborne Internet-Linked Children’s Encyclopedia** AH04 \$15.99
(This book also used in Core A.)

Optional Resource

□ **Extra Activity Sheets** (Consumable) ASG1 \$12.99

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/science-a.

Science B

Ages 5 | 6 | 7 | 8

■ 5-Day/wk

■ 4-Day/wk

BS5 \$169.87

BS4 \$143.90



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	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 (See p. 126)

□ **Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit** NSK \$31.99

Optional Resource

□ **Extra Activity Sheets** (Consumable) BSG1 \$12.99

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/science-b.

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Request a sample of any Instructor’s Guide for **FREE**
sonlight.com/3-week-samples



Science C

Ages 6 | 7 | 8 | 9

■ 5-Day/wk

■ 4-Day/wk

CS5 \$175.85

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.

▼ 4 and 5-Day Program includes

Science C Instructor's Guide	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
Planet Earth	CS02

Required Resource—if you don't already own (See p. 126)

☐ **Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit** NSK \$31.99

Optional Resource:

☐ **Extra Activity Sheets** (Consumable) CSG1 \$12.99

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/science-c

"Brogan, age 5, really loves the hands-on science experiments. I love that the hard to find supplies are already gathered in the science supplies kit!"

—Aynsley K, June 2011

Science D

Ages 7 | 8 | 9 | 10

■ 5-Day/wk

■ 4-Day/wk

DS5 \$238.77

DS4 \$223.78



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.

▼ 4 and 5-Day Program includes

Science D Instructor's Guide	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
Water	DS07

Required Resource—if you don't already own (See p. 126)

☐ **Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit** NSK \$31.99

Optional Resources:

☐ **Lyrical Life Science Vol. 1: Non-Animal Kingdoms and Non-Mammalian Animals (CD, Text & Workbook)** (See p. 126) RS51 \$29.50

☐ **Lyrical Life Science Vol. 2: Mammals, Ecology & Biomes (CD, Text & Workbook)** (See p. 126) RS52 \$29.50

☐ **Extra Activity Sheets** (Consumable) DSG1 \$12.99

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/science-d



"My daughter told me she liked Science B and Science C, but she LOVES Science D!" writes Tracy I of Brownsburg, IN. "She likes the program so much she does it in her free time too. We are thankful for so much fun involved in learning. Here she is doing one of the many experiments in Science D. This picture shows how seeds can't grow in salt water or vinegar, but take right off in the proper environment. We have learned a lot about the how's and why's of seed growth. We sound very scientific around the house talking about radicles, hypocotyls, and cotyledons!" Tracy says that homeschooling with Sonlight has made them a very close, tight-knit family. Nine-year-old Larkin is using Core D and Science D in her fourth year of Sonlight.

Did you know? ?

Reason #21 that families love Sonlight: Your Instructor's Guides walk beside you every day, ready to help. Read more on p. 143.



"Colton loves the Sonlight Science experiments," writes Kelly C of Warren, AR. "These are definitely his favorite parts of our homeschool week. We often hear comments from parents who do not homeschool that they wish their own children had such cool hands-on learning activities. Colton really likes showing off his creations to friends and family. Sonlight is an amazing collection of learning materials organized in a way that makes homeschooling my child fun!" Here, Colton (8) shows off a flashing lighthouse he constructed in a Science experiment.



"Sonlight's Instructor's Guides have allowed me to enjoy homeschooling while balancing other daily demands," writes Mandy A of Jenks, OK. "Our fourth child was born at the beginning of our school year and we were still able to complete Core B. We have enjoyed the Science programs and how we can experience God's design through them. It's exciting to hear 'I love Science!' from my children. Thank you for helping us nurture our children's natural love of learning." Here, Connor (7) and Dad observe a tadpole as they study Science A. The A family is using Core C in their third year of Sonlight.



"Because of Sonlight's hands-on experiments, Caleb has fallen in love with science this year," writes Lori G of East Asia. "I love that I can focus on teaching him using the Instructor's Guide and not worry about hours of planning or seeking out hard-to-find resources! Sonlight has been such a blessing to our family this year as we moved overseas and needed a homeschool package that included everything ... right down to each item needed for the science experiments." Caleb (6) especially enjoyed using the Science kit supplies to build a railroad flag. Here, he uses batteries as a power source to raise and lower the flag.

Science E

Ages 8 | 9 | 10 | 11

■ 5-Day/wk

ES5 \$214.80

■ 4-Day/wk

ES4 \$188.82



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	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 (See p. 126)

□ Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit	NSK	\$31.99
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Optional Resources:

□ Magnifier/Microscope (See p. 127)	ES08	\$16.99
□ Microscopy Supplies Kit (See p. 127)	ESKM	\$18.99
□ Extra Activity Sheets (Consumable)	ESG1	\$12.99

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to 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	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
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OR

The Care & Keeping of You: The Body Book for Girls	FS01
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▼ 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:

□ Lyrical Life Science Vol. 3: The Human Body (CD, Text & Workbook) (See p. 126)	RS53	\$29.50
□ Extra Activity Sheets (Consumable)	FSG1	\$12.99

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/science-f.

Science G

Ages 10 | 11 | 12 | 13

■ 5-Day/wk	GS5 \$215.13
■ 4-Day/wk	GS4 \$183.15



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	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 (See p. 126)

□ Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit	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.

Science H

Ages 11 | 12 | 13

■ CD-ROM package	HS0B \$104.98
■ Textbook package	HS0A \$139.98

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.

▼ 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 (See p. 126)

□ Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit	NSK	\$31.99
□ Safety Glasses	SS301	\$3.25

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/science-H.

Science 150

Ages 12 | 13 | 14

■ CD-ROM package	150-05	\$104.98
■ Textbook package	150-00	\$139.98

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.

▼ 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 (See p. 126)

□ Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit	NSK	\$31.99
□ Safety Glasses	SS301	\$3.25

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to 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	\$451.97
■ Textbook package	250-00	\$486.97

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 didn't know about Sonlight when I first began homeschooling," writes Terri E of Winter Garden, FL. "I quickly became overwhelmed with selecting curriculum and developing lesson plans. Now [with Sonlight] **everything is planned for me and all I have to do is follow the Instructor's Guides.**" Here, Dad leads a Science experiment from Science B with 8-year-old Olivia and 6-year-old Isabella. They're using Core B in their first year of Sonlight.

"After hearing for himself some of these books, my husband is sold on the quality of Sonlight books and says they are a GREAT investment in our son's education!"
—Marne P, Aug. 2011



"My son had a biology lab worthy of any public or private high school," writes Patti H of Dallas, TX. "The Apologia science program along with Sonlight's Instructor's Guide allows him to work at his own pace. Here he is dissecting an earthworm. He jumped right in with the earthworm and finished the dissection part of the course with a frog. A large frog!" Fifteen-year-old Christian is using Core 100 and Apologia Science in his ninth year of Sonlight.

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. For international options go to sonlight.com/250-45.

▼ CD-ROM package includes the 5 items listed		
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 (See p. 126)

<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit (See p. 126)	NSK	\$31.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Glasses	SS301	\$3.25

Choose one of the following two items:

<input type="checkbox"/> Sonlight® Ultra Microscope (p. 127)	250-40	\$240.00
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OR

<input type="checkbox"/> Variable Voltage Microscope (p. 127)	250-45	\$250.00
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Note: For use Internationally.

Optional Resources:

<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Microscope Camera Eyepiece (p. 127)	SSM20	\$74.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Microscope Carrying Case	SSM4	\$35.00

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/science-250.

Science 350

Ages 15 | 16 | 17 | 18

■ CD-ROM package	350-05	\$156.98
■ Textbook package	350-00	\$191.98

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.

▼ 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 (See p. 126)

<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Consumable Science Supplies Kit (See p. 126)	NSK	\$31.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Glasses	SS301	\$3.25

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/science-350.

"As an added bonus, Sonlight offers easy scheduled payments."
—Jill F, Aug. 2011

Did you know?

Reason #14 that families love Sonlight: You have the option to teach two or more children with one program. Read more on p. 143.

Science 450

Ages 16 | 17 | 18

■ CD-ROM package	450-05	\$94.98
■ Textbook package	450-00	\$129.98

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 www.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"/> Safety Glasses	SS301	\$3.25
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For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to 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"/> Advanced Biology, CD-ROM Package	550-05	\$270.22
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Go to www.sonlight.com/apologia.html

<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Chemistry	551-00	\$180.00
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Go to www.sonlight.com/apologia.html

<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Physics	553-00	\$85.00
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Go to www.sonlight.com/apologia.html

For full descriptions and to purchase individual items, go to sonlight.com/science-550.



park a strong start in math for your kids. Teach confidently with Sonlight's hand-picked 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.

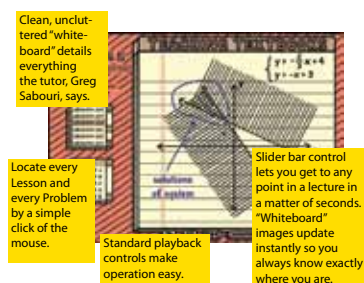
At the high school level, we are convinced there is nothing better than Teaching Textbooks for Pre-Algebra through Pre-Calculus and Geometry. Past that, Thinkwell provides a top-notch Calculus program.

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 ...

All programs come with a 30-Day “No Questions Asked” Guarantee. **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. ▶▶▶



Complete programs and engaging supplements for K-12.



“Saxon Math K is such a gentle and fun approach to math,” writes Jill W of Jupiter, FL. “I have used Saxon for all of my kids and it absolutely works and we absolutely love it! It is wonderful that Sonlight offers several different choices for math so that you can pick the best curriculum for each child/family.” Here, Jacob (5) and Leah (4) use the counting bears from the Manipulatives Set for Saxon Math K. The W family is using Core P4/5 and Core F in their fifth year of Sonlight.

“I am so thankful to Sonlight for providing such wonderful books that keep even the most active boys captivated!”

—Emily W, Aug. 2011



"I can rest easy knowing that Sonlight has all the bases covered," writes Victoria B of St. Matthews, SC. "I just follow the IG and watch in amazement as my boys gain knowledge and a love for learning. I have seen a great improvement in the boys' reading comprehension since we started Sonlight two months ago! They are having fun and learning." Here, Tom and Delano (both age 5) joyfully work on their handwriting. They're studying Core A this year.

"My son has been homeschooled using Sonlight since he was in 5th grade. He used all the Cores from Core E up. I just wanted to say — Sonlight works! Not only was he accepted into Stanford, but he also scored well on his AP exams and won a lot of scholarship money."
—contestlady, Sept. 2011



"It is sheer joy to watch your children working together and helping each other learn," writes Sue L of New Brunswick, Canada. "We love Sonlight Curriculum; every book we work with is a hit with the kids. They love the selections and we do as parents. I think we look forward to the work as much as they do!" Sue appreciates that Singapore Math has given 5-year-old Jonathan the confidence to help teach his younger sister Christina (3). Both kids love the pattern blocks that come with the program. Here, Jonathan helps Christina understand the concept of patterns. They're studying Core P3/4 and Core A in their second year of Sonlight.

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.

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.

Be a math hero with

MathTacular!

Unbelievably Understandable Math™

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Singapore Math® (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 www.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 www.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.

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.

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 (page 105) and, at the high school level, Thinkwell Math (see page 108).

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.

Key to (Grade 5-12)

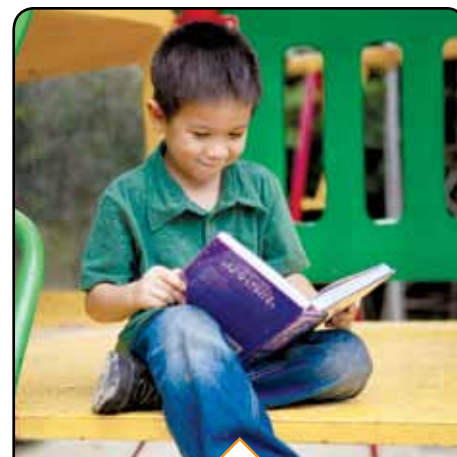
Sometimes a certain concept or area of math study just doesn't "stick" or needs more review. Sometimes you want to introduce an advanced student to more difficult topics. That's what the *Key to ...* series is all about: inexpensive, sequentially-oriented and straightforward help on specialized topics.

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 115 for options.



"Sonlight's Science A curriculum has opened Cole's eyes to the natural world around him and he has since become fascinated with it," writes Karen I of the Philippines. "He loves to make conversation about the clouds in the sky, the variety of insects and other animals, and plants. Sonlight makes it easy for me to come up with ways and means to explain all these topics to him." In his first year of Sonlight, Cole (5) enjoys taking his lessons outside, even to the playground.



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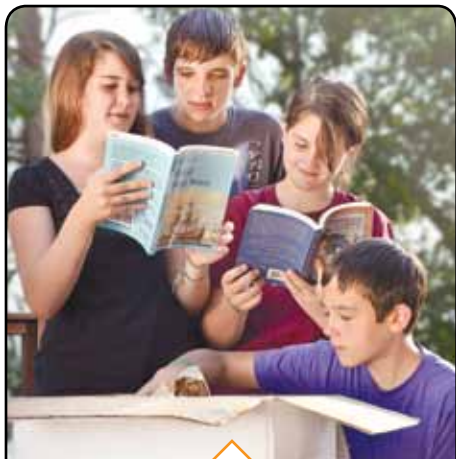
TALK TO A CURRICULUM ADVISOR FOR FREE

"We have been using Sonlight for our four children since 1995 and we love it! We have one daughter working on her doctorate in Physical Therapy (she graduated magna cum laude in Biology) and another daughter making excellent grades in Elementary Education and applying for a master's program in English as a Second Language. I am going into my 20th year of home schooling and I still look forward to learning something new every day!"
—Gwen S, Aug. 2011



Want to hear from Sonlighters?

CONNECT ON THE FORUMS.
forums.sonlight.com



“Your curriculum has opened our eyes to the world and broadened our compassion for those in other cultures,” writes Janice S of Manheim, PA. “The writing projects have been an excellent tool to start discussions about life with our children. Thank you for helping us instill the ‘love to learn’ mentality in our children!” Here, Nathan (13) and Alan (15) tell friends Katelyn (15) and Jennifer (13) about the books they read this past year. The boys generated so much enthusiasm for the Core that Katelyn (who is using Core 300) told her parents she wants to read their Core 100 books even though they’re not part of her assigned reading. The S family is using Core 100 in their eighth year of Sonlight, as their friends use Cores H and 300 in their third year of Sonlight.



“Sonlight has boosted Joseph’s confidence that he can learn anything he puts his mind to learn,” writes Nana V of Hillsborough, NC. “Sonlight provided him the broadening learning he has required to develop into a strong, confident young man. Testing has revealed Joseph’s enormous vocabulary because we read aloud to him. Now, he searches out learning opportunities like Civil Air Patrol, where he’s gobbling up aeronautical science, first aid, and leadership skills in addition to his Sonlight studies.” Here, 14-year-old Joseph performs in a competition with the Civil Air Patrol. He’s studying Core 100 in his tenth year of Sonlight.

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. (See p.115)



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“Thank you Sonlight for filling our home with such great stories, and for teaching my son that reading together as a family is a wonderful pastime!”

—Melissa N, Aug. 2011

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.116)

You can see scope and sequence, sample pages, and more at: 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.

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Discover Sonlight’s Goals.
Do they match yours? p. 144

Math K

Ages 5 | 6 | 7

■ **Horizons K Program** HKM \$175.93
Included in Sonlight® Grade K Multi-Subject package. Includes the 3 items listed.

□ **Horizons Math K** KM30 \$65.95
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 \$17.95

□ **Student Workbook 2** (Consumable) KM32 \$17.95

□ **Reproducible Worksheets** KM33 \$8.95

□ **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. **S**

□ **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 117. **S**

OR

■ **Singapore K Program** KMUS \$105.97
Includes the 5 items listed.

□ **Earlybird A** (Consumable) KMS11 \$28.00

□ **Earlybird B** (Consumable) KMS12 \$28.00

□ **Pattern Blocks** RM09 \$29.99
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). **S**

□ **Pattern Block Cards** RM12 \$8.99
20 mosaic puzzles of varying difficulty to work out with pattern blocks. Non-consumable, 8½" x 11" cards. **S**

□ **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 \$143.04
Includes the 2 items listed.

□ **Math K Homeschool Kit** KM08 \$66.05
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 \$14.05

□ **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! **S**

Math 1

Ages 6 | 7 | 8

■ **Horizons 1 Program** H1M \$181.94
Included in Sonlight® Grade 1 Multi-Subject package. Includes the 2 items listed.

□ **Horizons Math 1** 1M30 \$76.95
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 \$17.95

□ **Student Wkbook 2** (Consumable) 1M32 \$17.95

□ **Reproducible Worksheets** 1M33 \$8.95

□ **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. **S**

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. **S**

OR



"Even in lean times, we invest in our children's education and our family library by staying with Sonlight," writes Wendy F of Sunset, TX. "Our family loves Sonlight because of the memories we make reading such rich books together. We love the great library we are building and it is such a joy to see the older children go back to read and reread the books. We have never hesitated to buy another year's worth of curriculum from Sonlight." Since the F family already owns Core A, all they needed for 5-year-old Jaika this year was her workbooks. She was delighted to receive them! The F family is using Core A, D and H in their tenth year of Sonlight.

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10%

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Package (pp. 24-85)



"Like many other families, our budget is tight when one parent stays home, but **Sonlight's reasonable prices and payment plans have made it easy to budget for our kids' education,**" writes Traca M of Dublin, TX. "Sonlight was the answer to our prayers! Much less expensive than private school, we could afford to teach Aubrey at home and I did not have to go back to work." When Traca asked Aubrey (7) to read with Brooks (4) while mom prepared lunch, the children picked a Sonlight history book. Aubrey is studying Core C with Grade 3 Readers in her first year of Sonlight.



"I love that Sonlight provides books that bring subjects like archeology to life and inspire my children to learn more!" writes Mandy S of Dallas, GA. "After reading *Archeologists Dig for Clues* from Core B, my children decided to put on their gardening gloves and go outside and dig for their own clues, using the techniques they learned about in the book. The best part [about Sonlight] is that I get to spend my time reading to my children, instead of searching for books and planning." In her third year of Sonlight, 6-year-old Millie digs for clues in her backyard as she studies Core B along with her 7-year-old brother.

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"Sonlight has equipped my children to learn not only a Christian worldview, but [also to learn about] the world around them," writes Katie T of Bolivar, MO. "I wholeheartedly recommend Sonlight to every person who asks about curriculum. We definitely plan to continue using it through 12th grade." Brittany (13) says "I love Sonlight because I'm an avid reader and with Sonlight I get to read all day, every day!" Here, she and Sarah (15) read Science together outside. They are both studying Core 200 in their seventh year of Sonlight.

■ Singapore 1 Program 1M2US \$53.39

Includes the 5 items listed.

□ **Primary Math 1A** 1MAUS \$21.60
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one full-color, non-consumable pb textbook; answer key.

- 1A Textbook 1MUS11 \$10.80
- 1A Workbook (Consumable) 1MUS12 \$10.80

□ **Primary Math 1B** 1MBUS \$21.60
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one full-color, non-consumable pb textbook; answer key.

- 1B Textbook 1MUS21 \$10.80
- 1B Workbook (Consumable) 1MUS22 \$10.80

□ **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.116 for system requirements.

OR

■ Saxon 1 Program 1MS \$177.39

Includes the 2 items listed.

□ **Math 1 Homeschool Kit** 1M02 \$100.40
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 Wkbs & Fact Cards (Consumable) 1M0SW \$28.60
- Math 1 Meeting Book (Consumable) 1M09 \$14.05

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 \$199.43

Included in Sonlight® Grade 2 Multi Subject package. Includes the 3 items listed.

□ **Horizons Math 2** 2M30 \$76.95
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 \$17.95
- Student Wkbook 2 (Consumable) 2M32 \$17.95
- Reproducible Worksheets 2M33 \$8.95

□ **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 117.

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 \$98.17

Includes the 3 items listed.

□ **Primary Math 2A** 2MAUS \$39.09
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one full-color, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

- 2A Textbook 2MUS11 \$10.80
- 2A Workbook (Consumable) 2MUS12 \$10.80
- 2A Home Instructor's Guide 2M14 \$17.49

□ **Primary Math 2B** 2MBUS \$39.09
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one full-color, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

- 2B Textbook 2MUS21 \$10.80
- 2B Workbook (Consumable) 2MUS22 \$10.80
- 2B Home Instructor's Guide 2M24 \$17.49

□ **Gram/cm Cubes Kit** RM04 \$19.99
Approximately 400 plastic cubes that measure 1 cm³, 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 \$160.39
Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Math 2 Homeschool Kit** 2M06 \$100.40
Includes teacher's manual, student workbooks, meeting book, and math facts cards (flash cards). *First edition.*

- ☐ **Workbooks & Fact Cards 2** (Consumable) 2M0SW \$28.60
- ☐ **Meeting Book 2** (Consumable) 2M07 \$14.05

☐ **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 108.

- ☐ **Teaching Textbook Math 3 Wkbook** (Consumable) 3M22 \$39.95

OR

☐ **Horizons 3 Program** H3M \$181.94
Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Horizons Math 3** 3M30 \$76.95
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 \$17.95
- ☐ **Student Wkbook 2** (Consumable) 3M32 \$17.95
- ☐ **Reproducible Worksheets** 3M33 \$8.95

☐ **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 \$85.18
Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Primary Math 3A** 3MAUS \$39.09
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and pink, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

- ☐ **3A Textbook** 3MUS11 \$10.80
- ☐ **3A Workbook** (Consumable) 3MUS12 \$10.80
- ☐ **3A Home Instructor's Guide** 3M14 \$17.49

☐ **Primary Math 3B** 3MBUS \$39.09
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and pink, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

- ☐ **3B Textbook** 3MUS21 \$10.80
- ☐ **3B Workbook** (Consumable) 3MUS22 \$10.80
- ☐ **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.116 for system requirements.

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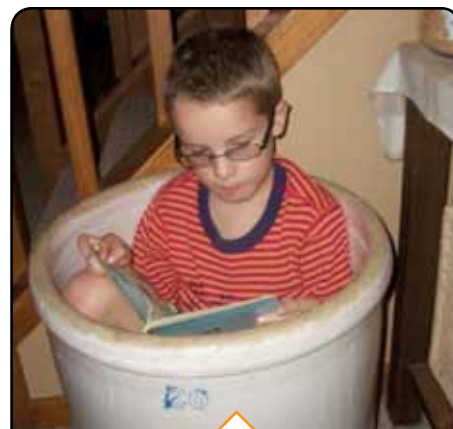
☐ **Saxon 3 Program** 3MS \$133.49
Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Math 3 Homeschool Kit** 3M09 \$103.50
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) 3M0SW \$28.60
- ☐ **Math 3 Meeting Book** (Consumable) 3M10 \$14.05

☐ **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.

*"My daughter gets upset when we don't do school. I just can't say enough good things about Sonlight."
—Michelle T, July 2011*



"Sonlight gives me the opportunity to stop, slow down and get lots of snuggle and one-on-one time with our blessings!" writes Sara G of New London, OH. "As a busy mom of four kids, ages 1 to 7, I often find myself feeling too busy to enjoy my kids when there is much waiting to be done. The Instructor's Guide takes the time away from having to plan and gives us more time together!" With Sonlight's literature-rich approach to learning, school is truly a pleasure for the G family. Sara says that 7-year-old Braeden reads all the time — even in unusual places. Sara is using Cores P4/5 and B with Science A in her first year of Sonlight.



"I am thankful to Sonlight for their Christian perspective while offering a wide range of classic literature and viewpoints," writes Sharon C of Ontario, Canada. "My kids love all the stories that Sonlight chooses in every subject. Many of the books hold a lot of nostalgia since I remember reading them as a child with my mom. When it comes time for reading aloud I never have any trouble; I love the stories too!" Sharon's own mother read the entire Grandma's Attic series to her as a girl, and now Sharon enjoys reading *In Grandma's Attic* from Core A with Emmy Joy (6), Gracie (4) and Isaiah (2). They're starting Core P3/4, Core P4/5 and Core B in their fourth year of Sonlight.

Math 4

Ages 9 | 10 | 11

Teaching Textbooks 4th Grade + MathTacular3

T4M \$144.89

Included in Sonlight® 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 105.

☐ **Teaching Textbook Math 4 Workbook** (Consumable) 4M22 \$39.95

☐ **MathTacular®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® videos on page 117.

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"Thank you for awakening my children's imaginations and love for great literature," writes Martin S of Tucson, AZ. "They like pretending and playing out the stories we read! I have been homeschooling for ten years and have used Sonlight for seven years. I could never see myself using anything else." Here, Martin's youngest two children (4-year-old Annaliese and 3-year-old Matthew) dress up as a princess and a cowboy for story time with Dad. The S family is using Cores P4/5, 200 and 300 in their seventh year of Sonlight.

Horizons 4 Program

H4M \$191.93

Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Horizons Math 4** 4M30 \$76.95
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 \$17.95

☐ **Student Workbook 2** (Consumable) 4M32 \$17.95

☐ **Reproducible Worksheets** 4M33 \$8.95

☐ **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®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® videos on page 117.

OR

Singapore 4 Program

4M2US \$82.13

Includes the 3 items listed.

☐ **Primary Math 4A** 4MAUS \$39.09
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and blue, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

☐ **4A Textbook** 4MUS11 \$10.80

☐ **4A Workbook (Consumable)** 4MUS12 \$10.80

☐ **4A Home Instructor's Guide** 4M14 \$17.49

☐ **Primary Math 4B** 4MBUS \$39.09
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and blue, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

☐ **4B Textbook** 4MUS21 \$10.80

☐ **4B Workbook (Consumable)** 4MUS22 \$10.80

☐ **4B Home Instructor's Guide** 4M24 \$17.49

☐ **8-Piece Protractor, Compass, Triangle Set** RM68 \$3.95

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.

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Saxon 5/4 Program

4MS \$136.85

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Saxon 5/4 Homeschool Kit** 4M04 \$86.85
Softbound student edition, Tests/Worksheets, Solutions Manual. Third edition.

☐ **Tests/Worksheets 5/4** (Consumable) 4M041 \$21.35

☐ **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® 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 105.

☐ **Teaching Textbook Math 5 Workbook** (Consumable) 5M22 \$39.95

OR

"I am so, so happy to be using Sonlight again! To see my children engaged in the books. To hear that 'Please just one more chapter mommy?' again. It almost brought tears to my eyes. Thank you Sonlight for bringing the joy of teaching back to me and the love of learning back to my children again."
—mumkins, March 2011

■ Horizons 5 Program H5M \$176.94

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Horizons Math 5** 5M30 \$76.95
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 Wkbook 1** (Consumable) 5M31 \$17.95
- ☐ **Student Wkbook 2** (Consumable) 5M32 \$17.95
- ☐ **Reproducible Worksheets** 5M33 \$8.95

☐ **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 \$73.38

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Primary Math 5A** 5MAUS \$36.69
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and green, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

- ☐ **5A Textbook** 5MUS11 \$9.60
- ☐ **5A Workbook** (Consumable) 5MUS12 \$9.60
- ☐ **5A Home Instructor's Guide** 5M14 \$17.49

☐ **Primary Math 5B** 5MBUS \$36.69
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and green, non-consumable pb textbook; Home Instructor's Guide.

- ☐ **5B Textbook** 5MUS21 \$9.60
- ☐ **5B Workbook** (Consumable) 5MUS22 \$9.60
- ☐ **5B Home Instructor's Guide** 5M24 \$17.49

Program requires:

☐ **8-Piece Protractor, Compass, Triangle Set** RM68 \$3.95
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.116 for system requirements.

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■ Saxon 6/5 Program 5MS \$136.85

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Saxon 6/5 Homeschool Kit** 5M04 \$86.85
Softbound student edition, Tests/Worksheets, Solutions Manual. Third edition.

- ☐ **Math 6/5 Tests/Worksheets** (Consumable) 5M041 \$21.35
- ☐ **DIVE CD Math 6/5** 5M043 \$50.00
(Windows and Mac; 3rd Edition)

Program requires:

☐ **8-Piece Protractor, Compass, Triangle Set** RM68 \$3.95
See Math 4 for full description.

Math 6

Ages 11 | 12 | 13

■ Teaching Textbooks 6th Grade + MathTacular 4 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 105.

- ☐ **Teaching Textbook Math 6 Wkbook** (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 \$151.94

Includes the 2 items listed.

☐ **Horizons Math 6** 6M30 \$76.95
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 Wkbook 1** (Consumable) 6M31 \$17.95
- ☐ **Student Wkbook 2** (Consumable) 6M32 \$17.95
- ☐ **Reproducible Worksheets** 6M33 \$8.95

☐ **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.

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"Homeschooling is not intimidating for us because of how well structured this program really is," writes Jill A of Fayette, AL. "I NEED organization and Sonlight has helped me in this major weak point. I am looking forward to learning with my children through their schooling, and I am amazed at how even an unorganized person as myself can have my whole year laid out for me beforehand, so I can focus on what really matters: Being a mom and having fun with my children!" Jonah (5) loves learning about other countries, and has enjoyed the ideas and crafts included in the Kindergarten Multi-Subject Package.

"Sonlight, thank you for providing our family with so many fascinating books to nourish our minds and inspire our hearts."

—Cortney O, July 2011



"Sonlight has been able to encourage my son's thirst for learning," writes Shruti G of Tupelo, MS. "This is our first year of homeschooling and Sonlight. Our experience has been very enjoyable. When we started Sonlight, Kabir could write his name and was just beginning to read. At the end of 8 months, he works on all his written assignments independently and he can read on his own. Sonlight has been just right for him!" Here, 4-year-old Kabir works on an Explode the Code book. He's studying Core P4/5 with Language Arts for Grade K Readers this year.



"The quality literature is so fulfilling, fascinating, and stirring — I learn something new every day alongside my children!" writes Melissa T of Fraser, CO. "I never knew about the excitement of books when I was a kid, but I'm so thankful to see it in my kids. I always considered my education in private and public schools to be pretty good, but with every book we read in our Sonlight Cores I wonder, 'How come I didn't read this when I was in school?'" Here, 4-year-old Gretchen shows her great enthusiasm for reading as she opens a new book for Christmas. The T family is using Cores P4/5, A, F and G with their five children this year.

■ Singapore 6 Program 6M2US \$91.18

Includes the 3 items listed.

□ **Primary Math 6A** 6MAUS \$36.69
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and purple, non-consumable pb textbook, Home Instructor's Guide.

- 6A Textbook 6MUS11 \$9.60
- 6A Workbook (Consumable) 6MUS12 \$9.60
- 6A Home Instructor's Guide 6M14 \$17.49

□ **Primary Math 6B** 6MBUS \$36.69
One b&w consumable pb workbook; one b&w and purple, non-consumable pb textbook, Home Instructor's Guide.

- 6B Textbook 6MUS21 \$9.60
- 6B Workbook (Consumable) 6MUS22 \$9.60
- 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 \$3.95
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 \$146.20

Includes the 2 items listed.

□ **Saxon 7/6 Homeschool Kit** 6M04 \$96.20
Softbound student edition, Tests/Worksheets, Solutions Manual. Fourth edition.

- Math 7/6 Tests/Worksheets (Consumable) 6M041 \$26.55

□ **DIVE CD Math 7/6** 6M043 \$50.00
(Windows and Mac; 4th Edition)

Program requires:

□ **8-Piece Protractor, Compass, Triangle Set** RM68 \$3.95
See Math 4 for full description.

"The combination of workbooks and CD-ROMs included with Teaching Textbooks works so well for our family. Math is fun!"
—Carol L, Aug. 2011

1. Textbooks are consumable if your student writes in the book. Can be re-used if your student does work on another paper.

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)¹, 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 Workbook** 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

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.

Keys 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.116)

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 \$9.80
- ☐ Primary Math Intensive 1B RM183 \$9.80
- ☐ Primary Math Intensive 2A RM184 \$9.80
- ☐ Primary Math Intensive 2B RM185 \$9.80
- ☐ Primary Math Intensive 3A RM186 \$9.80
- ☐ Primary Math Intensive 3B RM187 \$9.80
- ☐ Primary Math Intensive 4A RM188 \$9.80
- ☐ Primary Math Intensive 4B RM189 \$9.80
- ☐ Primary Math Intensive 5A RM190 \$9.80
- ☐ Primary Math Intensive 5B RM191 \$9.80
- ☐ Primary Math Intensive 6A RM192 \$9.80
- ☐ Primary Math Intensive 6B RM193 \$9.80

Additional products available at www.sonlight.com/singapore-grade-overview.html.

Manipulatives

Complete descriptions available online.

- ☐ Mini Plastic Balance K-2 MM10 \$9.95
- ☐ Base 10 Starter Set K-3 MM12 \$39.99
- ☐ Gram Scale 2-6 SS5951 \$8.99
- ☐ Angle Ruler 2-6 MM05 \$2.95
- ☐ 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 www.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 \$7.30
- ☐ SM Answer Key Only, Levels 4-6 RM181 \$7.30



Did you know?

You can read (and post!) stories about “Box Day” at sonlight.com/blog/author/box-day.

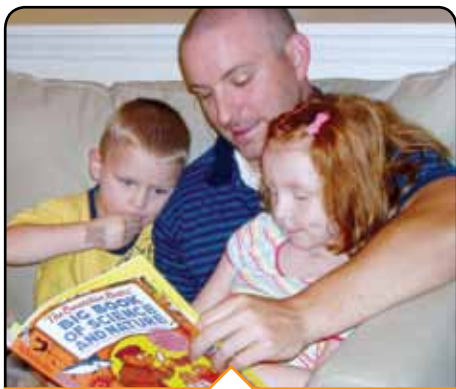


“Sonlight’s emphasis on studying the world – its cultures, people, history – instantly appealed to me,” writes Tonya N of the UK. “I wanted the curriculum we use to give them insight into the world as a whole. I love that the Read-Alouds and Readers also enhance understanding of other subjects. And I love that Sonlight encourages holistic growth. It provides opportunities to practice life skills, learn to make good choices, and create positive habits – whether that be fostering a love of reading, memorizing Bible verses or understanding the importance of healthy living.” After learning about the body and healthy eating in Science B, 7-year-old Joshua makes a fruit salad to eat. He’s using Core C now in his second year of Sonlight.

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.



"Sonlight pulls together all the best books and understands our family's desire to keep God first," writes Tracy D of Monroe, NC. "During our oldest child's preschool year I attempted to cobble together our own program, and I could tell that approach would become exhausting in the future. I love the organization of the Sonlight Instructor's Guides and the correlation between subject areas. The children love snuggling up to read, read, read — especially with Daddy when he is home from the fire station. We are grateful for the love of learning and closeness Sonlight is fostering in our family." Here, Dad reads from Core P4/5 with Jonathan (4) and Caroline (5) in their first year of Sonlight.

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. **S**

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.**
 - ☐ Orange Level Workbook 1M03 \$7.95
 - ☐ 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
Holzmann. 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. Charming illustrations introduce to teaching kids about time. Hb. **RA: P-3, R: 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 \$3.95
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.

"With other curriculums, we found learning tedious. But Sonlight books are so engaging they draw in everyone who is near."
—Carin W, Aug. 2011

Did you know?

Reason #27 that families love Sonlight: When you buy from Sonlight, you encourage Kingdom efforts and charitable work around the world. Read more on p. 143.



Your children can understand and enjoy numbers like never before.

Who would guess learning math could be this much fun?!

Apples teach fractions, cars serve as rulers, a bear hunter shares his snacks ... and your kids may get hooked on math. Help your children turn basic understanding into a natural ability to remember and use what they learn.

"Professor" Justin and his friends get into one hilarious situation after another. While your children watch and laugh, Justin unlocks concepts from top "elementary math" programs—including Horizons, Saxon and Singapore Math®.

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.

"Since we got MathTacular, my girls have really been into math!"
—rcmom, Feb. 2011

"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)

RM50 \$116.99

Want the best value? Get all the MathTacular products in one bundle and save even more. Includes MathTacular 1, 2, 3 and the entire MathTacular4 kit (DVD, Workbook and Answer Key).

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."

Another mom said, "Our daughter has increased her time and accuracy significantly. Thanks for giving us a teacher that is fun!"

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:

- Addition: $0+0=0$ through $9+9=18$
- Subtraction: $0-0=0$ through $18-9=9$
- Multiplication: $0\times0=0$ through $12\times12=144$
- Division: $0\div1=0$ through $144\div12=12$
- 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)
- Ability to review results from previous quizzes

FlashMaster is incredibly easy to use. Just show your children how it works—a simple task—and turn them loose. It takes no more than 10 minutes a day of your children's time.

FlashMaster costs \$49.95. Is it worth it? The parents who've purchased it certainly think so.

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 \$49.95

(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 www.sonlight.com/RM25 for details.

☑ Electives



Expand your children's horizons. Help them explore their gifts!



"I didn't want to homeschool through high school because it seemed like too much work and stress on me as the teacher. **But that changed when we started Sonlight,**" writes Elizabeth R of Providence Village, TX. "All the hard work has already been planned out and I can enjoy learning right along with my children. I am constantly amazed by how fun our school days are and how much more we (my husband and I included!) have learned since we started Sonlighting." Fifteen-year-old Andrew has worked hard to polish his drawing skills in high school, and here shows off a chalk portrait of George Washington. Andrew is studying Core 400 this year, as Jack (10) enjoys Core F in their family's sixth year of Sonlight.



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.

How to choose Electives

Choose products from the following pages, or simply pick the Electives package that matches your Core (e.g., "Electives C" for Core C). See the chart at the end of your Core listing in this catalog to find your Electives package. So go ahead: pick some Electives and have some fun!

☑ 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. 121), *Enjoying Art with Children* (p. 121) and *Home School Family Fitness* (p. 123). Recommended in Core A.

☐ **Electives B** BRE \$45.39
Includes *Exploring Landscape Art with Children* (p. 121), *World of Play* (p. 121) and *Bernstein Favorites: Children Classics* (p. 122). Recommended in Core B.

☐ **Electives C** CRE \$85.88
Includes *How Artists See Feelings* (p. 121), *How Artists See the Elements* (p. 121) and *Classical Kids Collection* (p. 122). Recommended in Core C.

☐ **Electives D** DRE \$59.93
Includes *Usborne: Children's Book of Art* (p. 121), *Story of Orchestra* (p. 122) and *Critical Thinking Activities K-3* (p. 124). Recommended in Core D.

☐ **Electives E** ERE \$40.90
Includes *Mark Kistler's Draw Squad* (p. 121), *Recorder* (p. 123) and *Nine Note Recorder Method* (p. 123). Recommended in Core E.

☐ **Electives F** FRE \$66.47
Includes *Typing Instructor Platinum* (p. 124), *Classics for Kids CD* (p. 122) and *Critical Thinking Activities 4-6* (p. 124). Recommended in Core F.

☐ **Electives G** GRE \$91.93
Includes *ARTistic Pursuits Grades 4-6 Book 1* (p. 120), *Art Supplies Kit For Grades 4-6* (p. 120), *Classical Music Start Up, Vol 1* (p. 122). Recommended in Core G.

☐ **Electives H** HRE \$26.98
Includes *Classical Music Start Up, Vol 2* (p. 122) and *Usborne Intro to Art* (p. 121). Recommended in Core H.

☐ **Electives W** WRE \$35.97
Includes *Classical Music Start Up, Vol 1 and 2* (p. 122) and *Usborne Intro to Art* (p. 121). Recommended in Core W.

☐ **Electives 100** 100E \$82.00
Includes *Fallacy Detective* (p. 124) and *Sister Wendy's Story of Painting* (p. 121). Recommended in Core 100.

☐ **Electives 200** 200E \$82.00
Includes *Sister Wendy's Story of Painting* (p. 121) and *The Thinking Toolbox* (p. 124). Recommended in Core 200.

☐ **Electives 300** 300E00 \$388.99
Includes *Drivers Ed in a Box* (p. 124) and *Non-Designer's Design Book* (p. 121). Recommended in Core 300.

☐ **Electives 400** 400E00 \$223.99
Includes *Understanding the Times: Homeschool Edition* (p. 124) and *Secrets of Great Communicators* (p. 124). Recommended in Core 400.

🗣 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 25 for details)
- ✓ FREE "Classic" Membership in the Sonlighter Club, with all the perks (see page 25 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.

- ☐ 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

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.

Please note: some languages may take an additional 7-10 business days to ship.

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.

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.



"I felt like a homeschool failure before a friend introduced me to Sonlight," writes Stephanie K of Dallas, OR. "With the scheduling and organization, Sonlight helps me to be an awesome teacher to my children and I have the confidence that I am not forgetting anything. Since starting Sonlight five years ago I haven't regretted a year of it." Here, 17-year-old Breeann enthusiastically explains a Biology experiment to Andres (11) and Gabby (9). The K family is studying Cores 100 and D+E this year.



COMPARE YOUR OPTIONS
AND SEE

**THE SONLIGHT
DIFFERENCE**

sonlight.com/sonlight-difference

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.

- *The LATIN Road to English Grammar* will require about 40 to 45 minutes per day of concentrated time if you hope to complete one 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.



If you buy a Core program, you get free shipping (to the lower 48 states) on all your curriculum. See p. 23.



“Sonlight gives our family quality time together learning about God and his people,” writes Lisa B of Powder Springs, GA. “The places we travel to while reading quality Sonlight books are truly trips we will never forget. And we are doing it as a family. Whenever someone asks what curriculum we use, we don’t know who shouts Sonlight the loudest: us or the girls. May God continue to guide and direct us all in raising His little ones.” In their family’s fourth year of Sonlight, Sophia (7) and Hannah (9) pose with their school books. They’re both studying Core E.

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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Volume 1 Textbook	RL57T	\$39.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Volume I Extra Textbook (includes all worksheets and tests)	RL57T	\$39.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Volume I Extra Worksheets and Tests Only	RL57W	\$17.95

<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Training (DVD)	RL57DVD	\$95.00
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Volume II and Volume III available online:
sonlight.com/latinroad.html.



Art

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!


RA40	\$42.95
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Ellis. 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.

RA41	\$42.95
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RA42 \$42.95

RA45 \$94.99



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.

RA50	\$42.95
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Ellis. 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—including all the items you need. Spiral-bound. Pb.

RA51	\$42.95
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RA55 \$39.95

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.



RA60	\$42.95
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Ellis. 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.

RA61 \$42.95

RA65 \$64.99

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.



RA70	\$42.95
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Ellis. 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.

RA71 \$42.95

RA75 \$59.99

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

Carlow. 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. R: 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. RA: K-A; R: 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. RA: K-A; R: 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. RA: K-A; R: 3-A

□Sister Wendy’s Story of Painting

RR93 \$60.00



Beckett. Quite simply “the best” history of painting on the market today, whether you wish to use it as a

foundation for further studies or as a complete painting course in itself. Beck-

ett covers great works from ancient Egypt to the 1990s, though her focus is on the Gothic period and later. Several pristine, full-color illustrations on every page, with descriptive and analytic notes about the artists, their paintings, and the world. Oversize hardcover, full-color illus throughout. Some nudes. RA: 5-A; R: 8-A (Also 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. RA: 3-A; R: 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 www.sonlight.com/art.html.



“Special reading time [with a Sonlight Read-Aloud] helps calm down frazzled nerves and mend any fractures from a busy day. It helps us touch base as a family.”
—Erin T, Aug. 2011



“Sonlight sparked our girls’ interest in music and the flexibility of Sonlight’s program allows them to have time to practice and excel,” write Barry F of Grand Junction, CO. “When our girls were young we always bought Sonlight’s supplemental music CDs and books. That exposure to classical music inspired both of them to pursue the violin. Now, Ruth (12) and Marion (10) love Sonlight and love playing violin.” Marion is studying Core D+E as Ruth uses Core 100 in their eighth year of Sonlight.



“We truly appreciate Sonlight’s focus on World History,” writes Magdaline M of Porter, TX. “In this age of globalization we feel it is important for our daughters to have a broad understanding and respect of the different cultures that make our world so interesting! Plus Sonlight has a wonderful home teacher support, from the curriculum advisors to the very helpful forums, everything is there to help us succeed.” As Dad reads the captivating *Window on the World* from Core C, Melissa (8), Sophia (9 months), Anais (3), Celine (10), Alexandra (9 months) and Mom gather round to listen. The M family is in their fifth year of Sonlight.



“Piano Wizard is fun and a great way of teaching kids to play the piano!” writes Belinda P of Mozambique. “This is actually not practice at all - it’s playing games and learning without knowing it! Thanks Sonlight!” Twelve-year-old Christian is learning to play the piano with Piano Wizard. He’s also studying Core E in his seventh year of Sonlight.



“When Bo heard we were getting a piano in the mail she was giddy beyond belief,” writes Bonnah R of Canada. “I couldn’t get it set up fast enough for her once it arrived, and she has been very busy exploring the Piano Wizard game. We live in a remote location in northern Canada, and being able to have regular music lessons has not been an option for us until now. Bo (5) and her big brother Finn (8) will be able to take their very own piano lessons this fall and I have a feeling you might catch me attempting some song challenges as well! We are so excited for this opportunity.” Bo is also using Core A as Finn uses Core D in their family’s fourth 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. **RA:** 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



“I am not trained as a teacher, yet find Sonlight curriculum easy to use. I feel confident my children are receiving an education that will prepare them for all God has for them.”
—Geoffrey B, Aug. 2011

🎵 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** MU30 \$497.00



Dive effortlessly into the wonderful world of creating and reading music with this complete turnkey system! Children will naturally learn the keyboard as they play an engaging computer game. Instead of having to learn to decode written music before they start playing real songs, kids learn to read through playing real songs. The sheer joy of making music (and the incentive of getting high scores in the “game”) keep them moving forward with joy.

The Piano Wizard Academy gives you all the help you need to be your children’s piano teacher. Use with one or many children and save hundreds of dollars over traditional piano lessons. Piano Wizard comes with a 6-month guarantee; if you’re not happy with the results that you’re seeing, you can send the program back for up to 6-months from the date of purchase for a full refund! Head to sonlight.com/MU30.html for the exclusive Sonlight package.

☐ **Piano Wizard Academy Software** MU31 \$399.99
☐ **Key Rig 49 - MIDI Keyboard** MU32 \$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.



Human Development

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 every-

thing 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.



Practical 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. S Pb. *Included in Core 400.*

□ 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.



"Sonlight turned our non-reader into a reader and also offered our voracious reader the opportunity to stay immersed in his favorite thing - books," writes Tracia A of Richmond, VA. "We wished we had learned about Sonlight sooner in our homeschooling life. We have loved every single book we have read supplied by Sonlight." As Joshua and Seth (both 13) explored the Eastern Hemisphere this year with Core E, an Australian friend came over to teach them about Australian animals, flora, fauna and geography. They also got to play the didgeridoo! The A family has homeschooled since Kindergarten and used Sonlight for the past four years.



"Sonlight has helped us create a fantastic historical outline for our kids," writes Tracy K of Pisa, IN. "Even at age 10, my son already has an overall picture of world history that he can continually add events and information to for the rest of his life. So when we unexpectedly stumbled upon this statue of Emperor Trajan and the ancient Roman wall during a family visit to London, my husband and son took a few minutes to engage each other on a quick review of the reaches of the Roman Empire before we continued on our way. Thanks Sonlight for making learning an ongoing, family experience!" Quinn (10) and Alex (5) are using Cores A and F in their family's third year of Sonlight.



“Thank you Sonlight for helping our son regain the love of reading and getting us closer to God,” writes Kristian W of Rockwall, TX. “Our son Austin (13) dreaded the first day of school each year as we geared up for public school. Since we have been homeschooling, Austin has regained his love for reading and Justin (16) is continually informing everyone about his trek of learning and how he feels as though he is much closer to God. Sonlight is a TRUE blessing to our family!” Austin is studying Core 100 and Justin is using Core 300 in their fourth year of homeschooling and third year of Sonlight.

“Sonlight books offer us a chance to LEARN history, not just the dates events occurred in the past!”

—Briana B, Aug. 2011



“Sonlight is an incredibly rich curriculum full of wonderful books that feed the mind as well as the soul,” writes Sherri M of Juneau, AK. “We especially enjoy the Christian portion and the inspiring books and CDs that accompany the curriculum. We love that we can take a fieldtrip to the glacier, sit in a fireweed field along the trail, and do our assignments. We can take vacation anytime of year and take our work with us. We tell everyone about Sonlight and homeschooling and how blessed we have been to have them in our lives.” Here, Aurora (7) reads to Ama (2) on a daytrip. Aurora is studying Core C this year while Ama sits in for the Read-Aloud sessions.

☐ **The Fallacy Detective** RN051 \$22.00
Bluedorn. 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. **R:** 8-A Recommended in Core 100.

☐ **The Thinking Toolbox** RN050 \$22.00
Bluedorn. 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. **R:** 8-A Recommended in Core 200.

☐ **Driver Ed in a Box®** RE203 \$359.00
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. Recommended in Core 300.

Critical Thinking

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) **RA:** K-A; **R:** 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) **RA:** 3-A; **R:** 4-A Recommended in Core F.

For the Thoughtful 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; and Teacher Manual Hb. **X R:** 9-A Recommended in Core 400.

☐ **Student Manual only** RE111 \$19.95
(Consumable)

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 OSX 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 X10.4 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 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 for complete system requirements.



Grammar

Find proven grammar resources on p. 29.



Vocabulary

Find great resources for vocabulary development on p. 93.



Composition

Find proven resources for composition on p. 92.



Spelling

For engaging spelling resources see p. 93.



AP Preparation*

Economics 570-00 \$226.92
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Psychology 590-00 \$264.98
See p. 86 for course description.

British Literature 530-00 \$419.00
See pp. 84-85 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 Core 530.

Advanced Biology, CD-ROM Package 550-05 \$270.77
Go to www.sonlight.com/apologia.html

Advanced Chemistry 551-00 \$180.00
Go to www.sonlight.com/apologia.html

Advanced Physics 553-00 \$85.00
Go to www.sonlight.com/apologia.html

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Reference Works

American Heritage Student Dictionary RL01 \$19.95

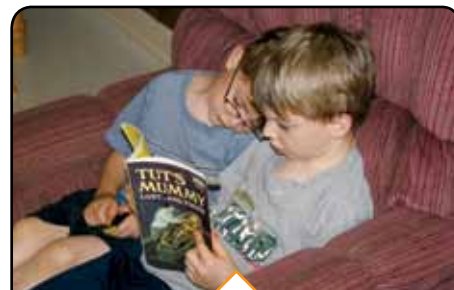
Recommended Resource for Levels D-G & W. This volume includes more than 65,000 concise, easy-to-understand entries. You will find geographic and biographical entries, more than 2,000 photographs and illustrations, plus a thorough Guide to Using the Dictionary. The publisher says this volume is for 6th 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.

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.



"Using Sonlight gives me confidence that all of those great books will be used again-and again, and again," writes Lori S of Waxhaw, NC. "I love seeing my 5-year-old jumping in on third-grade Science, or the older boys happily rereading old Readers to younger siblings. My 8-year-old is constantly hauling off the pre-K and Kindergarten story books; my 9-year old is using the pictures from *What Do People Do All Day* (from Core P3/4) to build a model saw mill from Legos. It seems impossible to keep books on the right shelves for very long. I'm pretty sure that wouldn't be a problem with the standard textbook-based curricula." In the S family's fifth year of Sonlight, Joel (5) and Gabriel (8) read the thrilling story of King Tut's mummy.



"With Sonlight, our kids learn more than just facts," writes Mandy T of Siloam Springs, AR. "They learn to appreciate the diversity of the planet God created and loves. From the first day we turned on 'Geography Songs,' my 2nd grader and my 4-year-old were hooked. We laughed, sang, and learned the countries on our globe together. Using *Window On the World* to learn about those countries created really precious time with our kids. We loved learning about different areas, praying for missionaries, and watching our kiddos develop a passion to see God's Name spread through all of the countries we had learned throughout the year." Abby (8) and Josiah (4) explore the globe together as the family prepares to use Core D in their fourth year of Sonlight.

"Sonlight has been a blessing to us. We love having everything already mapped out for our day."
—Robin N, April 2011



“For our family, Sonlight is a great spring-board for child-led learning,” writes Kaye C of Australia. “My son devours all the reading material. He will suddenly jump up during story time or when reading about different parts of the world or when discussing nature, and run to a map, magnifying glass or whatever tool he needs to learn more. My son amazes our family with little facts he has picked up on our Sonlight journey and I’m also impressed with what I’ve learned along the way. Thank you Sonlight!” Kaye switched to Sonlight from a less-structured approach, and loves what she’s found. Here, 7-year-old Andre dives into a child-led investigation of bees. He’s using Core B in his first year of Sonlight.



“My children can’t wait to do Sonlight each morning,” writes Rebecca M of Baltimore, MD. “I love that they don’t realize Sonlight is schoolwork. Their (daily) eager requests to ‘read a little more, Mommy!’ is music to my ears. They may not realize they’re learning, but I am well aware of how much richer our learning experience is due to the outstanding books we immerse ourselves in and the discussions that arise as we read.” In their second year of Sonlight, the M family is studying Core C with their four children. Here, Eliyahu (6) delightfully goes through the new box of curriculum for the year.

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. For Windows and Mac.

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.

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.

☐ CD, Text & Workbook RS51 \$29.50
☐ Workbook (Consumable) 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.

☐ CD, Text & Workbook RS52 \$29.50
☐ Workbook (Consumable) 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.

☐ CD, Text & Workbook RS53 \$29.50
☐ Extra Workbook (Consumable) 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. S

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 on page 104.

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

Teacher Resources

Ring Binder, Large 3” w/ Tabs B050 \$19.99
Organize your Instructor’s Guides in this 3” locking D-ring binder with index tabs. Each binder holds one set of Core, LA and Science IGs plus extra materials. Includes numbered dividers for each of the 36 weeks in IGs, plus dividers for appendixes and study guides. Binder (#VB30) and tabs (#IN01) available as separate items.



Find out what it takes to be a Sonlight All-Star! p. 135

Ring Binder, Large 3" w/ Tabs Specifically for High School

- for Core 100 B100 \$19.99
- for Core 200 and Core 400 B200 \$19.99
- for Core 300 B300 \$19.99
- for Core 530 B530 \$7.95

□ Ring Binder, Small 1" PB20 \$7.49

Our "small" binder is still plenty big enough to hold a Core Instructor's Guide. Powerful rings stay closed around all your pages, and the poly-vinyl cover never wears out.

□ 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. S (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.

□ 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 www.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.

Parent Resources

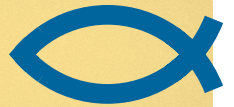
□ Miserly Moms RR116 \$14.99

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.



"We like Sonlight because we can adapt it to Edmund's needs and abilities," writes Daniel K of Union Grove, WI. "Edmund struggles in every subject, but Sonlight has encouraged a love of books, and he has made great progress in reading this year. When we had him tested at the end of the year to measure his progress, the team of evaluators, including a public school teacher, a developmental psychologist and several others, were amazed. They said in their report, 'Given his overall development and his abilities in other areas, we would not expect his reading, vocabulary, and verbal skills to be anywhere near this level. You must be doing something right!'" Here, Daniel reads with Edmund as he studies Core C. The K family is also using Core E with their son Jonathan (12) in their ninth year of Sonlight.

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Quality Student Microscope at an Unbeatable Price

□ Sonlight® Ultra Microscope 250-40 \$240.00



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 ocular 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**. And, to top it off, we've added a **mechanical stage**.

Unless you're a science professor—and even then—you probably have no idea what most of these words mean or why they are significant. Please visit sonlight.com/microscope.html for a thorough explanation not only of what the terms mean in a physical

sense, but what they mean to you and your student practically: i.e., why you should care. The article also discusses why you should—or should not—want a 1000x microscope.

There's no scrimping on quality with this microscope. The cord and light of your purchase is UL approved. The microscope features solid metal construction, and comes with an industry-standard 5-year mechanical/1-year electrical warranty. If anything goes wrong, the manufacturer's warranty includes not only free delivery after it's been repaired or replaced, but FREE PICK-UP, too. (Free pick-up is available to clients in the United States only.)

Scope weighs 7 pounds; base is 7" x 5"; 12" high. Made by quality-conscious entrepreneurs in their privately-owned ISO9002 certified factory.

You can purchase the Sonlight Ultra for just \$240.00, shipping included ... if you're a member of the Sonlighters' Core Club enjoy an additional 10% savings. Your discounted cost: \$216.00 total, including shipping (see pg. 24 for details).

OR

□ Variable Voltage Microscope 250-45 \$250.00

For Sonlighters living or traveling outside the U.S.A., this "international" version of the Ultra microscope has all the same features as Ultra 250-40, plus 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 in Bailey, May 2011



“The hours I had spent researching books can now be spent with my family,” writes Kelly H of Columbus, IN. “At the beginning of the school year (our first to homeschool) I spent hours comparing book lists, reading reviews, and checking at the library to find well-loved books that matched the kids’ reading level and complimented our other studies. Wow! Imagine my delight when I discovered Sonlight!” Kelly is happy to let Sonlight do the prep work for her now. She’s using Core D with Sam (9) and Jack (10, not pictured) in their first year of homeschooling.

TOP 10

Discover Sonlight’s **Goals**. Do they match yours? p. 144



“One of the reasons we homeschool is to have time to educate our children in the Great Commission. Sonlight helps us to do this by immersing us into the stories of famous missionaries and other cultures across the globe that need the Gospel message. What a blessing!” writes Susan Y of Juneau, AK. “I love that all three of my daughters read the same great literature one after the other and can get excited about the history in each living book. I am so thankful for Sonlight’s schedule all laid out for me as I take my children on this voyage of learning!” Here, 8-year-old Shelby tests her geography skills on the Markable Map (#MAP) and tries to beat her mom by correctly labeling every country in the Eastern Hemisphere! The Y family is in their seventh year of Sonlight.

☐ **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.

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. **RA:** 3-A; **R:** 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 \$14.95

☐ **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. **RA:** 5-A; **R:** 7-A

☐ **Shakespeare Stories** JG01 \$19.95
Award winning children’s novelist Leon Garfield presents twelve of Shakespeare’s most memorable plays in a highly readable narrative form. Provides a wonderful base for reading the original plays. Pb, beautifully illustrated.

☐ **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 www.sonlight.com.

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OVER
10%

on everything when
you purchase a Core
Package (pp. 24-85)



Your Child Can Read Well!

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. S

☐ **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.

“My oldest did not read until 5th grade. For years, we used other programs to get him to read. Then after doing Sonlight’s Remedial Reading everything changed, and he started reading words that I never taught him. Now at 13 he is reading at a high school level.”

—Momof2boys, May 2011

“Our older son is a new Sonlight graduate and is attending the college of his dreams (accepted early decision) this fall. Sonlight not only prepares students for life after high school, it gives families a resilient bond through sharing thought-provoking literature and great discussions.”

—Carrie S, June 2011

Peek inside an Instructor's Guide (IG)

Ever wonder why Sonlighters rave about their Instructor's Guides? Look inside and see what the excitement is 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 include all you need:

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** & 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.

IGs take away the stress of 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 are free to focus on your expertise: knowing and guiding your children.

Each Sonlight Instructor's Guide is the result of hundreds (thousands?) of hours of research and experience (see p. 135 for more on that). This expert work saves you significant time, stress and frustration. **Spend time teaching and enjoying your kids, not planning lessons.**

"We couldn't homeschool without Sonlight because the 36-week teacher's guide gives me the organization I need but the flexibility to still be creative."

—Jonie M, Aug. 2011



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!

As one customer says:

"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. 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!

Simply turn the page for an in-depth look inside an IG. And even better, head to 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 you're backed by a one-year money back guarantee. If you don't love materials for any reason, 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.



Sonlight's Core, LA and Science programs include complete lesson plans and notes for the entire year!



"Sonlight has taken the stress out of teaching, with the very easy-to-use Instructor's Guides," writes Audrey Z of Peyton, CO. "Sonlight has given me a renewed hope of being a successful homeschool mom. I can see that it is not only possible to teach all of my children, it is actually very exciting and enjoyable as well. We have more fun learning together than I ever dreamed possible! Instead of being a chore, school has become a joy. Even on the weekend, my children tell me they can hardly wait until school on Monday! You certainly have figured out a wonderful way to teach children, Sonlight!" Here, Audrey reads with Amanda (9), Brandon (7), Christopher (6), Shawn (5), Naomi (2) and Alyssa (1). They Z family is in their first year of Sonlight.

For a full 3-week sample of any IG, go to sonlight.com/3-week-samples

New for 2012: Major IG Improvements

We redesigned and enhanced many Instructor's Guides this year to make them as clean and intuitive as possible. Instructor's Guides for Cores A-G are now:

Watch videos with samples and detailed explanations of the 2012 improvements at sonlight.com/new

Easier to use

- **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 History, Readers and Read-Alouds 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.
- **The 4- and 5-day schedules now appear on one single page.** Four-day users only do Bible and Readers on Day 5 each week. Five-day users do that plus enriching History and Read-Aloud assignments on the 5th day.
- **Get started quickly.** At the start of your year, read the essential 'how' and 'why' information for your Core right up front in your Instructor's Guide. Then just dive in and get started!

More intuitive

This new setup just makes sense. Find what you need quicker and follow along more intuitively. For example:

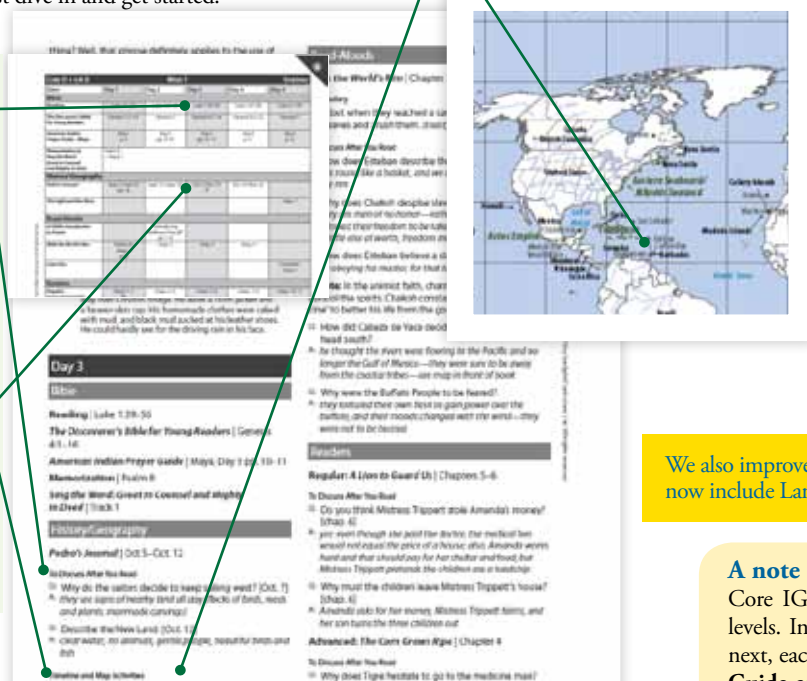
- **Easier mapping helps you incorporate geography seamlessly into your day.** Students still use their Markable Maps to mark locations they read about. But we've consolidated *your* maps to be much easier to use. You now get 3-4 color maps with answers to that Core's assigned map points. These hole-punched, laminated maps fold into your IG and serve as a bookmark to mark your place each week. With clear location names, they visually demonstrate how all your Readers, History books, and Read-Alouds relate to one another geographically. Your notes provide place names and coordinates so you can easily find each map point. Your kids' geography knowledge will soar!

More effective

- **Completely updated Q&A format helps you focus on what's important.** Brand new, more focused 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 help you see how well your children understand what they're learning.
- **See the rationale behind scheduled activities and methods.** We've added lots of explanations to provide the "why" behind many of the suggested activities (e.g., Why do we do mapping? What is the point of researching current events with your kids?) We explain the purpose behind these activities and what your children should gain from them. That way, you are better equipped to take advantage of the ideas behind the activities and (if you want) make tweaks that fit your family.
- **Extra notes help you take advantage of teachable moments.** You now get many more notes with information or warnings about specific books. We want you to know why we chose a certain book or what we hope your children learn from it. We talk more about "heart matters" in these notes (for example, "note the beauty of family relationships revealed in this book"). We also give you more of a heads-up about difficult content in books, telling you what to expect and often suggesting how to talk about it with your kids. This helps you capitalize on teachable moments and discuss important issues (such as slavery or racism) with your children.

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!



We also improved Sonlight's Language Arts programs this year and now include Language Arts with each Core. Learn more on p. 132.

A note about upper-level Core IGs

Core IGs for levels 100-530 are different than the lower levels. Instead of one IG like you see on this page and the next, each upper-level Core comes with a **separate Student Guide and Parent Guide**. This setup gives you tools for more independent learning.

Each Parent Guide is formatted and numbered the same as the corresponding Student Guide. The only difference is that the Parent Guide has the answers written in and provides extra notes about books' plots and literary elements (e.g., themes and styles). This allows students to guide their own day-to-day work independently, if you desire. The Parent Guide lets you check on their progress, discuss their reading (even if you haven't read the books yourself) and be as involved as you want.



"The Instructor's Guide has been invaluable," writes Julie A of Sandy, UT. "It is SUCH a time saver. I tried for two years to put together my own curriculum. What a stress! Every day I would wonder if we did enough work. How did I know we would cover everything by the end of the year? Yikes. We decided to try Sonlight and haven't looked back. I don't worry any more about scheduling or tracking—it's all done for me." Here, Alex (6) and Natalie (9) pose on their first Box Day.



Core Instructor's 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 & 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 included map keys.

5. Vocab & 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 your back 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. And now ... a full 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	
Bible						
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	
Memorization & Sing the Word: <i>Great in Counsel and Mighty in Deed</i>	Psalm 8 —Track 1					
History/Geography						
<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	
Read-Alouds						
<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>						
Readers						
Regular: <i>A Lion to Guard Us</i>	chaps. 1–2 🕒	chaps. 3–4	chaps. 5–6			
Advanced: <i>The Corn Grows Ripe</i>	chap. 1	chaps. 2–3	chap. 4			
Other Subjects (Math, Science, etc)						

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Core D & LA D (Map 2)



"I love that the Instructor's Guides are all laid out for me. I have to do very little preparation from day to day, which allows me to just enjoy my children!"

—Melody B, July 2011

How your IG gives you flexibility:**• Choose between a 4- or 5-day schedule.**

Bible reading and Readers are always scheduled on all five days; 5-day users also do enriching History and Read-Aloud work on Day 5.

• 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 and alter assignments as you want 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 does not tie you to a traditional Monday through Friday calendar. Take breaks when you want and pick up right where you left off.

For a full 3-week sample of any IG, go to sonlight.com/3-week-samples



Language Arts Guides

Teach writing naturally and with confidence!

Watch videos with samples and detailed explanations of the 2012 improvements at sonlight.com/new

Your Language Arts Guide includes:

1. Improved Language Arts instruction

Updates to our Language Arts programs this year help you get more from your studies each day. We re-wrote many assignments to make them as clear and engaging as possible. We improved the level of grammar instruction and re-evaluated each copywork/dictation passage to ensure you get only the most helpful assignments.

Simply follow the daily schedule for a complete year of learning. (See p. 90 to discover Sonlight's "natural learning" approach to Language Arts.) Extensive teaching notes help you teach with excellence, answer questions, and ensure your children grasp key concepts.

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.

3. Readers schedule & notes (in 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.

4. Grammar and writing mechanics

Each week in Cores A-G, you receive clear grammar instruction about a specific concept that ties into the week's copywork/dictation passage. Then you get a few exercises to practice and cement what you learned.

5. Excellent creative writing instruction

Our step-by-step instructions set children loose to develop their creative side and become superb written communicators.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Schedules for optional workbooks

If you want more instruction in phonics, grammar or vocabulary, we include schedules for optional workbooks.

LANGUAGE ARTS 2 WEEK 2 SCHEDULE & NOTES

Date:	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Spelling/Phonics					
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	
Handwriting					
Readers					
The Beginner's Bible	"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
Vocabulary Development					
Optional: Wordly Wise A				True or False 1 p. 4	
Creative Expression					
	A: Copywork 1	B: Copywork Application	C: Similes	D: Like What?	5-Day: Simile Shout Out
Other Notes					

Week 2 Notes

Day 1

Spelling/Phonics

Rule & Write

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.

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, win/king). If you do not pronounce the vowel in the suffix, then the suffix is not all of the syllable (loved, clopped, dotted).

Words: hopeful, helpful, gladness, sadness, wishing, blackest, longest, careful, fishing, singing

Activity: Index Cards

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)

Optional: Explore the Code 4 | pp. 9-10

Readers

The Beginner's Bible: "A New Home" pp. 39-45

To Discuss After Reading

Q: What blessing did Abraham receive?

A: all the land that Abraham owned would be his, and he and Sarah would have many children.

Timeline and Map Activities

Q: Abraham (ca. 2100 BC)

Q: Isaac (ca. 2100-2000 BC)

Creative Expression

A: Copywork 1

Ask your children to copy the passage on Week 2 Activity Sheet: "A Copywork 1."

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.

B: Copywork Application

What action words (called verbs) are of the copywork passage? (creeped, crawled, galloped) Discuss how using such inter verbs makes the sentence more lively! It had merely written, "Animals came on." Can your children think of any more verbs that might be used? (answers will vary. Possible: creep, thundered, snarled, inched, etc.)

What animals might the verbs be of? What kinds of animals can you see creeping? What animals might have crawled on boats? What animals might have galloped? What animals about?

Below "B: Copywork Application" on Sheet, ask your children to write a cou about the particular animals that might board in these specific ways. (answers) Two bunnies hopped onto the ark. The p loyed onto the ark.

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, "Isaac's Ark," p. 56

2. The Beginner's Bible, "Isaac's Ark," p. 56

Language Arts 2 | Week 2 Activity Sheet | 3

• 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 dictation/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.

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



Science Instructor's 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—like exploring taste buds using basic ingredients like lemon juice and sugar. No planning necessary!

Your kids will love the discoveries they make throughout the year. (And you'll love that they're demonstrating concepts and making learning stick.)

4. Organizational tools to plan ahead

See at a glance what supplies you need for experiments this week and the coming week. See what supplies you'll find in your Sonlight Science kits, and which household items you'll want to have ready. You won't be surprised at experiment time!

5. Interactive Activity Sheets

Your Activity Sheets—with hundreds of activities, illustrations, charts and pictures—help students remember what they've learned.

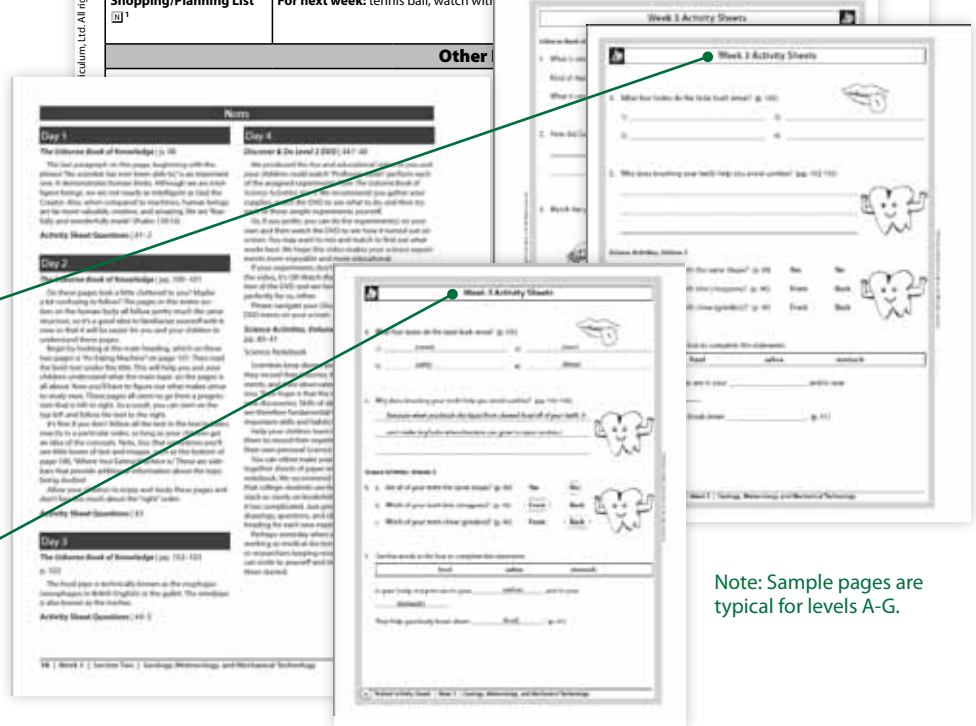
Activities progress with children's abilities: From cutouts, matching, circle-the-answer and dictation to fill-in puzzles and sequencing analysis.

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	
The Usborne Book of Knowledge	p. 98	pp. 100-101	pp. 102-103			
Activity Sheet Questions	#1-2	#3	#4-5			
5-Day: The Usborne Book of Knowledge						pp. 66-67
Activity Sheet Questions						#8-10
Discover & Do Level 2 DVD				#47-48		
Science Activities, Vol. 3				"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.

For a full 3-week sample of any IG, go to sonlight.com/3-week-samples

"Sonlight has definitely made homeschooling practical and enjoyable for our family for the past 11 years!" writes Jennifer G of Taylorsville, KY. "I love that all the information and material I need is literally at my fingertips and I don't have to assemble a curriculum. With three busy kids and my own health issues, I don't have the time or energy to seek out materials on my own. I am so thankful that Sonlight puts it all together for me, so that I can enjoy the days with the kids reading and teaching." Here, Dad reads a missionary story to 11-year-old Helena. The G family is using Cores C, G and 300.



Sonlight is Worth the Investment



Sonlight is not 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. But 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.

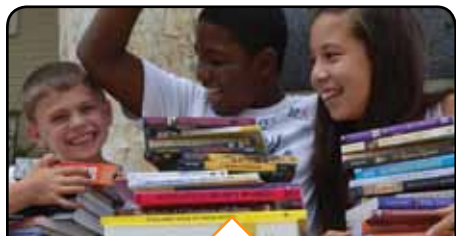
Get details on Sonlight's financial value on p. 142 (look at reason #13) and p. 138 (see reason #4). For a close look at the cost of Sonlight vs. private school, public school, using the library, or creating your own curriculum, visit sonlight.com/pinching-pennies. But these only describe a few of the 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.



"My children have a much better grasp on history than I ever did in my whole public school education," writes Jayme A of Mangum, OK. "[With] Sonlight we get to read 'real' books about 'real' people who lived during the time period we are studying. The historic fictions are amazing tools that really make learning fun and exciting. My kids have so many heroes to look up to. Thank you for helping me be a successful teacher!" In this photo, Ethan (10), Jasper (12) and Ali (12) celebrate Box Day as they prepare for their family's ninth year of Sonlight.

But why should you own these books? An extensive 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."¹ 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 hear stories all the time of Sonlight students soaking up knowledge and wowing parents, pastors, public school teachers and college professors alike with their understanding of geography, the flow of history and the world around them. 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. But as children read truly great books and learn with Sonlight, the "force-feeding" becomes unnecessary. Why? Because Sonlight so often kindles a deep desire to learn. 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."² 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.

But 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 at sonlight.com/scholarship-winners-2012.

Parents invest time with their children ... and reap lifelong benefits

The most important investment you'll make with Sonlight is yourself, your time. And 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 in life. Customers tell us that the special times reading and talking together have created family bonds stronger than they would have ever imagined.

Children learn to trust their parent as a valuable source of wisdom and guidance.

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.)

And all this helps instill an important lesson in your children: 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 is 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 to you? With a one-year money-back guarantee (see p. 19), go ahead: give it a try and find out. ♦

1. "Home Libraries Provide Huge Educational Advantage," April 2010. Accessed at miller-mccune.com in Jan. 2012.
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What Makes Sonlight Cores Remarkable

by Sarita Holzmann



How 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 for more details (and the story of my \$1,000 rookie homeschooling mistake), and please enjoy *the rest of the story* ...

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. 148 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!



And don't forget, you also get ...

- Your materials shipped to your doorstep
- A one-year money-back guarantee (p. 22)
- Non-stop support if you ever have questions about orders or using your materials (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 homeschool experience with your children.

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.

“Can we please do school today?”



“This summer my children have been saying ‘Mom, can we start school?’ We are tired of only having playing to do,” writes Valerie B of Jenison, MI. “So we started Science B and the Read-Alouds from P4/5 early. They love listening together and can’t wait to find out more about the subjects in the books. They ask many questions that I don’t know the answers to so we look them up and learn together. I love that they want to know more!” Here, Grace (8) reads to Evelyn (5) and Levi (3). They’re studying Core P4/5 and Core B in their third year of homeschooling and second year of Sonlight.



“Ever since we started using Sonlight, the kids are excited about school each day. Sometimes they even ask to do their Sonlight on the weekend!” writes Rachel P of Alberta, Canada. “They can’t wait to find out what we’re learning about each day. Our homeschool is all about combining family and learning and making it as fun and exciting as possible. Sonlight enables us to do just that.” Ten-year-old Logan (whom Rachel found reading in this bucket one day) is studying Core D+E in his third year of Sonlight.



at 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 crying 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. ♦

"Without the Sonlight Instructor's Guide, I'd be spending hours on my own working out the plans."

—Jenny R, Aug. 2011

"My older daughter asked this morning, 'Can we do school now?' I reminded her, 'No, we're about to go to church, today's Sunday.' Long pause. 'Okay. Can we do school after church, then? Please please please? Just a little bit? I could do some handwriting while you read a book. No, three books.'"

—MommyPenguin, Sept. 2011



"Since we have been using Sonlight we have become confident that our children are getting a good education," writes Zachary L. of Smithville, TN. "We love how Sonlight makes sure that learning is neither dull nor a drudgery, by providing wonderful literature for every age. The material captures our children's imagination and always sparks interest and causes inspiration. We thank Sonlight for making their curriculum educational AND enjoyable." In their second year of Sonlight, Isaac (8) and Maggie (6) have fun with their Sonlight books in a nearby poppy field.



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sonlight.com/sonlight-difference



"We absolutely love Sonlight because it has taught our children to love reading," writes Laura C. of Colombia. "Each new book is met with such excitement by our whole family. Because of the structure and material used in the curriculum, our children are constantly growing in their understanding of the importance of a godly worldview. It is a joy to learn and grow together as a family." The C family delights to read together in their "reading hammock" out back. Jackson (9), Makayla (8) and Avianna (5) are studying Core C in their third year of Sonlight.

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 still 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.

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 that at sonlight.com/love.) But to minimize the possibility that you will be disappointed in that manner, please consider:

What are 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.



"I love that in using Sonlight I do not have to create all kinds of activities for my children," writes Katherine R of West Chicago, IL. "I read the books, and they come up with their own activities, living out and reviewing what they have read. They have been Irish potato farmers fleeing a famine, Celts or Vikings or Knights, Civil War spies, pioneers on the Oregon Trail, and Greeks and Trojans with the girls as Amazons. I watch in delight from the window and send out food and water when requested." Here, Christian (7) and Nathanael (4) stop to pose as Celts on a raid. Katherine is using one Core with her four school-age children in their second year of Sonlight.

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 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 playground-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 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 homeschool 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 \$269 and \$679. Multi-Subject Packages with all the main subjects for one child for one year cost between \$269 and \$879. 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 financial 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" 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 Curriculum," p. 20.)
- 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.

Really. Take a detailed look not only at Sonlight, but at all 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. And don't forget about Sonlight's interest-free payment plan options (see p. 150).

For a deeper discussion of Sonlight's cost, head to 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 aims to create within students a genuine inquisitive spirit and love for learning more than to teach them 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 commit-

ment 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. ▶▶▶



"Sonlight has done the hard part for me through the great design of the Instructor's Guides, which frees me to have more quality teaching time to spend with my five children," writes Laurie L. of Monroe, WA. "Our children's memories are full of the rich moments shared together reading from the many incredible books in the Sonlight program. If anyone was to ask me if I could do it all over again, would I still use Sonlight? The answer would be 'Yes, yes and amen!' And I AM doing it all over again with my youngest daughter, Angelina, who has just begun her own amazing Sonlight journey." Laurie is using Core P3/4, Core F and Core 200 with her five children (including 4-year-old Angelina, pictured) in her eleventh year of Sonlight.

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With Sonlight, you will 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.

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, 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 wide 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 a broad range of thought-provoking experiences and 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—over 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.



"We love the family reading time, having history come alive as we cuddle on the couch," writes Sarah S. of Salem, OR. "I knew from the beginning I was going to home educate my kids, but I was nervous to commit to a curriculum. I was impressed by a veteran homeschooler's older children, and it was not the first time Sonlight was recommended to me. I had to try it for myself. One of my favorite attributes of Sonlight is being able to teach multiple children with the same material, this gives us more time to focus on the quality of our homeschool experience not the quantity." Here, Levi (4), Lainey (2), Rhylee (9) and Sophie (6) read *Johnny Appleseed* (from Core A) on the front steps. They're studying Core B+C and D+E in their second 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 criteria for "Sonlight All-Star books" on p. 135.

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.

Do any of these reasons "speak" to you? Visit 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 or the Choosing Forums, 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, the father of the original 4 Sonlight students and the co-founder of Sonlight Curriculum.

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"I love to teach year after year because I get to spend my time with the kids doing what Sonlight has so thoroughly put together for me rather than spending my time trying to figure it all out myself," writes Rebecca H of Canby, OR. "Sonlight has made the homeschooling journey for our entire family such a joy. We especially appreciate the excellent books (filled with stories that bring history to life) that we get to read together, little sisters included, snuggled up on the couch." Here, Jacob (10) and Joshua (8) eagerly look at their new school books on Box Day. They're studying Core F in their sixth year of Sonlight.

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.

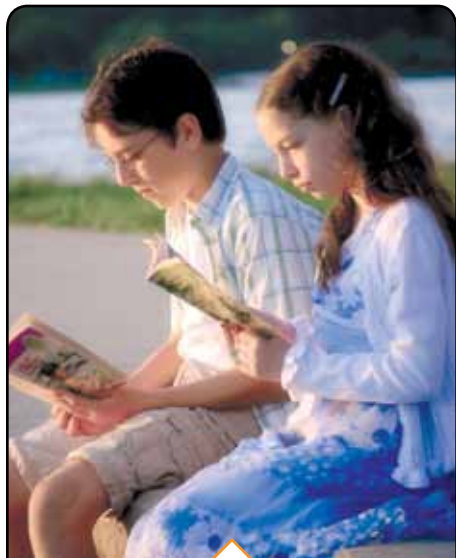
Might these become your reasons for using Sonlight, too?

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 life-long learners.

2 Literature-based learning that makes history “come alive.”



“Sonlight has helped our kids learn in an exciting way and connect with subjects they were not as interested in previously,” writes Lisa K of South Lyon, MI. “Our son recently commented that his favorite subject is History. Before Sonlight, History was not anywhere near the top of his list. And through Sonlight, McKenna has finally taken off and is completely immersed in reading. The kids just love learning through reading.” Justin (12) and McKenna (10) can be found reading just about anywhere and anytime - at breakfast, in the car, in their rooms, on the floor, or at a park. The K family is using Core D and Core G in their first year of Sonlight.

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.

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) 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 and sonlight.com/blog.

13 A tremendous value.

Even if you never enjoy the incredible discounts—(huge savings on Multi-Subject and Core Packages, and 10% off nearly everything else for a year), the free shipping, the one-year trial, and the college scholarship opportunities that are yours when you purchase Core or Multi-Subject Packages, 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

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Find out if they might be your reasons, too.

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?

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 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 does not surpass all your expectations and desires, please return it (used books and all) for a full refund. Full details on p. 150 or 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 curriculum purchase also makes you eligible for a full year of discounts, free forum access, e-newsletters, special gifts and more. (See pp. 23-24 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.

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.

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. 150.)

By the way, this is a shortened version of an article available at 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 life-long learners. ♦

To see customers share in their own words what they love about Sonlight, head to sonlight.com/quotes or scan the code to the right.



“Discovering Sonlight was a real highlight to our homeschooling. It caters to kids with different learning styles,” writes Andrew C of Cambodia. “My kinesthetic learner loves the science experiments and my writer produces quality creative writing. I like that the IGs are both parent and child friendly. It frees me up to the role of supervisor rather than teacher. I like the international feel that Sonlight offers (Core F: Eastern Hemisphere was great and got us hooked on Sonlight).” Here, 11-year-old Daniel works on Science while holding his baby sister. The C family is in their fifth year of Sonlight.

Our Top Ten Goals:



What are your goals for education? What do you hope to accomplish in your homeschool?

As John and Sarita Holzmann 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 your 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.



"Our children remember the historical events far better with Sonlight than if they had read about them in a textbook," writes Steph W of Hibbing, MN. "History has really caught their interest. Through Sonlight our children have developed a love of reading and a love of learning." Here, Katrina (8), Isaiah (2), and Elijah (6) voluntarily came in from outside and started reading. They're studying Cores A and D in their third year of Sonlight.

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 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: some-



one 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 considered before.

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—both from a Union perspec-

tive 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.

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 allows us to homeschool,” writes Lauri R of Cedar Rapids, IA. “As a single mother who works, I cherish that the planning is done for me, so I have the time to homeschool my children, to allow them to know God and each other so well. I wish I could send you a video, so you could hear my girls talking—so excited pointing out things to each other!” Molly (4) and Anna (8) eagerly listen (and chime in) whenever Lauri reads. They’re studying Cores A and E in their third year of Sonlight.

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 food 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.

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. Because 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!*

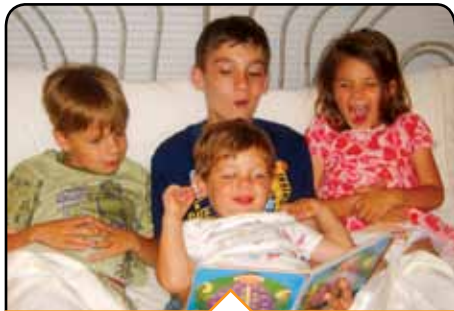
But stories do grab readers' interest. And once a great work of fiction grabs your children's attention, you'll find that the educational process becomes marvelously joyful. Your children will actually want to investigate the things they're reading.

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 do not 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 true doctrine) that they will recognize a counterfeit immediately.



"I was very hesitant to try homeschooling, but Sonlight's Instructor's Guides had it laid out step by step for me," writes Lee G. of Rocky Mount, NC. "I may have never stepped out in faith to do what God was calling me to do, if not for Sonlight. Sonlight has been a wonderful tool to transport our family into the magical world of reading and learning. Thank you for giving us a great start on our homeschool journey." In their first year of Sonlight, Anthony (7), Andrew (11), Alex (3) and Anna Kathryn (6) love reading and being together. They're studying Core B and the Grade 5 Multi-Subject Package.

Some Homeschoolers Won't Touch

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.

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' deceptions 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 anti-bodies that will overwhelm the toxins should they ever invade.

And how do you encourage your immune system to build up anti-bodies? 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.



“Sonlight teaches my children to think for themselves and to think beyond passing a test,” writes Michele D of New Whiteland, IN. “It presents story after story of real people or about time periods that were very real. It allows me as the mom and teacher to see what the story draws out of them and how God is using it for them individually. My children don't just want to learn, they hunger and thirst for it through Sonlight's curriculum.” In her fourth year of Sonlight, Abby (11) loves reading to little brother Nate (3).



Helpful Homeschool VIDEOS

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“Yes, Sonlight is a larger investment (initially) than our previous curriculum, but it is worth it! Especially since most of it will be reused with my three younger children,” writes Prescilla D of Atwater, CA. “My girls are excited for this school year because they'll get to discover and learn new things together. I'm excited because of how comprehensive Sonlight is. The Instructor's Guide and the Core Tips CD are amazing. All of the research and work is already done for me, all the way down to crafts and recipes to go along with our studies!” Here, Candice (10) and Cadi (8) enjoy a Sonlight Reader together as they study Core D+E.

“Sonlight taught me the importance of reading out loud to my children. Now I'm really enjoying reading books that are more complicated and thought-provoking to my big boys. More than reading, something great is happening—we are talking and talking. While we discuss the books, we also discuss our lives and what we are experiencing. I love that my teenage and pre-teen boys like to hang out with their mom and talk at night!”
—mominindia, May 2011

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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-






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☉ 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	Core P3/4	Fiction, Fairy Tales, and Fun for Little Learners	3, 4	Informal preschool program with books and games to naturally encourage development and character.		
	Core P4/5	Exploring God's World	4, 5, 6	Discover fascinating differences (and similarities) between people around the world.	Learning to love Scripture. Discovering God's heart for the nations. Exploring how to pray for and serve others.	Student & Parent: 20 mins to 1.5 hrs (depends on child's age and parent's approach to learning)
	Core A	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	Core B	Intro to World History, Year 1 of 2	6, 7, 8	World history from early civilizations through the fall of Rome.		Student: 2-3 hrs. Parent: 1.5-2 hrs.
	Core B+C	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.
	Core C	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.
	Core D	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.
	Core D+E	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	Core E	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.
	Core F	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.
 2nd Sweep through History	Core G	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.
	Core H	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.
	Core W	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.
 3rd Sweep through History	Core 100	American History in Depth	12, 13, 14, 15, 16	In-depth study of U.S. history from pre-Columbian America through the present.	Practical and challenging application of Scripture. Serious study of apologetics.	Student: 5-7 hrs. Parent: 2-3.5 hrs.
	Core 200	History of God's Kingdom	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.		Student: 5-7 hrs. Parent: 1-2.5 hrs.
	Core 300	20th Century World History	15, 16, 17, 18	Modern world history		Student: 6-8 hrs. Parent: 1-2.5 hrs.
	Core 400	Civics/American Government	16, 17, 18	Civics and the U.S. government, with emphasis on the Constitution and its historical interpretation.		Student: 6-8 hrs. Parent: 1.5-2 hrs.
	Core 530	Survey of British Literature	16, 17, 18	A literature-only Core. Add other Sonlight courses for a complete year of study. In-depth survey of British Literature with an eye toward preparation for the AP English Literature exam.		Student: 2.5-3 hrs. for literature and writing Parent: about 30 min.

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What will you learn with Sonlight?

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A full Language Arts program is included in every Core.

Program	Coordinates with:	Focus	Subjects Covered
Language Arts P4/5	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>			
Language Arts K	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.
Language Arts 1	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.
Language Arts 2	Grade 2 Readers	Learn to construct basic sentences and simple paragraphs.	Spelling, writing mechanics, copywork and creative expression.
Language Arts 3	Grade 3 Readers	Learn to write winning paragraphs step-by-step.	Spelling, writing mechanics, paragraph construction, copywork and creative expression.
Language Arts 4-5	Grade 4-5 Readers	Write sentences and short paragraphs relatively independently.	Spelling, writing mechanics, copywork, paragraph construction and creative expression.
Language Arts D	Core D	Explore various writing styles; learn about similes, metaphors and more.	Spelling, vocabulary, dictation, writing mechanics and creative expression.
Language Arts D+E	Core D+E	Explore various writing styles; practice advanced writing mechanics.	Spelling, grammar, dictation, vocabulary, writing mechanics and creative expression.
Language Arts E	Core E	Explore various writing styles; practice advanced writing mechanics.	Spelling, grammar, dictation, writing mechanics, research writing and creative expression.
Language Arts F	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.
Language Arts G	Core G	Advanced writing assignments and basic literary analysis.	Spelling, vocabulary, dictation, advanced writing mechanics, creative expression, literary analysis and editing.
Language Arts H	Core H	Increase writing skills; fully integrated with History & Literature.	Creative writing, essay composition, research and literary analysis.
Language Arts W	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.
Language Arts 140	Core 100	Increase writing skills; fully integrated with History & Literature.	Critical thinking, essay composition, literary analysis and creative writing.
Language Arts 240	Core 200	Increase writing skills; fully integrated with History & Literature.	Essay composition, literary analysis, research papers and creative writing.
Language Arts 340	Core 300	Increase writing skills; fully integrated with History & Literature.	Creative writing, literary analysis, research writing and essay composition.
Language Arts 440	Core 400	Prepare for college-level writing; fully integrated with History & Literature.	Creative writing, literary analysis, essay composition and research papers.
Language Arts 540	Core 530	Tackle college-level assignments; fully integrated with Literature.	Creative writing, literary analysis and vocabulary with Latin and Greek roots.

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Sonlight Science

Choose a Science program that fits with your children's age ranges and interests.

Science	Age Range	Focus
Science A Biology, Botany, and Physics	5, 6, 7	Animals, plants and the way things move. Experiments and hands-on activities.
Science B Animals, Astronomy, and Physics	5, 6, 7, 8	Animals, outer space and the way things move. Experiments and hands-on activities.
Science C Geology, Meteorology, and Mechanical Technology	6, 7, 8, 9	Weather, geology and basic machines. Experiments and hands-on activities.
Science D Biology, Taxonomy, and Human Anatomy	7, 8, 9, 10	The human body, categorizing plants and animals. Experiments and hands-on activities.
Science E Electricity, Magnetism, and Astronomy	8, 9, 10, 11	Electricity, magnetism and outer space. Experiments and hands-on activities.
Science F Health, Medicine, and Human Anatomy	9, 10, 11, 12	The human body: anatomy, health and medicine. Experiments and hands-on activities.
Science G Geology, Physics, and Origins	10, 11, 12, 13	Earth science: geology, physics and the science of origins. Experiments and hands-on activities.
Science H General Science	11, 12, 13	A course from Apologia Educational Ministries: learn to think scientifically. Includes experiments and a unique Sonlight schedule.
Science 150 Physical Science	12, 13, 14	A course from Apologia Educational Ministries: earth science and basic physics. Includes experiments and a unique Sonlight schedule.
Science 250 Biology	14, 15, 16, 17, 18	A high-school level lab science course from Apologia Educational Ministries. Includes experiments and a unique Sonlight schedule.
Science 350 Chemistry	15, 16, 17, 18	A high-school level lab science course from Apologia Educational Ministries. Includes experiments and a unique Sonlight schedule.
Science 450 Physics	16, 17, 18	A high-school level course from Apologia Educational Ministries. Includes experiments and a unique Sonlight schedule.
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2012 Sonlight Scholarship Winners



Does homeschooling work? Well, the Sonlight Seniors who apply to our scholarship program each year would certainly say it does. Out of this year's highly qualified pool of applicants, we are thrilled to announce the 2012 scholarship winners.

These students have blossomed into mature young adults. Like so many Sonlight students, they show exceptional character, are active in their communities, and represent the cause of Christ exceedingly well. They demonstrate leadership, mission-mindedness, a heart for learning, creativity and spiritual depth. They are well prepared for the academic rigors of college. And though the scholarship committee chooses winners based on much more than test scores, several do have very high scores.

These students' eagerness to follow God's leading and their exceptional skills and talents make us delighted to invest in their education.

Sonlight will award \$88,000 over the next four years to these twelve Sonlight Scholarship winners (we've awarded \$876,500 since we began the scholarship program!). All of these hard-working, talented students have completed at least five Sonlight Core programs (including high school level Cores). 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.

Winner of the \$20,000 Award

Elijah Coleman (\$5,000 each year)



With a true heart for the Lord, **Elijah Coleman** of **Augusta, GA** also has a brilliant mind. He is poised to impact the worlds of Math and Science.

Elijah has used Sonlight all the way from first grade through high school. With a 2260 on his SAT, he is also a National Merit Finalist. Thanks to dual enrollment classes, he will graduate high school with 43 hours of college credit. He has already helped teach a college Calculus course, presented research at an undergraduate math conference and set a university record at a collegiate math competition.

A well-rounded young man and natural leader, Elijah also excels in sports, academics, drama, music and service to others. He has an evangelist's heart and embraces opportunities at dual-enrollment classes to build meaningful relationships with non-believers and share Christ with them. He is a role model to younger siblings, serves as a junior high youth group leader at church and has participated in mission trips to Ethiopia and Peru.

Elijah sees God's beauty revealed in mathematics and looks forward to teaching the subject at the high school or college level. Elijah also loves to play soccer and perform in musicals.

Winners of \$10,000 Awards

(\$2,500 per year)



Sarah Leichty of **Bourbon, IN** lives to serve others. She is keenly aware of the needs around her, and moves quickly to care for and bless others.

With a heart for missions, Sarah is studying Teaching English as a Second Language and English Education at Grace College in Indiana. When she was 12, her family moved to China for a year, and Sarah eagerly found opportunities to teach English. She has maintained relationships with many of those Chinese friends and continues to share the Gospel with them. She has served short-term in India and will soon spend a semester teaching English in Israel and working with a missionary team there.

Sarah is a talented classical violinist and also serves on her church's worship team. The fifth child of eleven, she selflessly cares for younger siblings.

Sarah used Sonlight for many years, including all of high school. Her dream is to serve cross-culturally teaching English and sharing the love of Jesus.



Luke Macfarlan of **Siloam Springs, AR** has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and remains very involved in his Troop. He continues to mentor younger Scout leaders. With admirable work ethic and a commitment to service,

Luke is a blessing to his family and community.

A faithful and active member of his church, Luke serves as a middle school boys leader. He is President of his local homeschool group Teen Board and has completed the vast requirements to become a Congressional Award Gold Medalist.

Luke has used Sonlight from third grade through high school. He is a National Merit Finalist and an excellent debater, placing well in many oratory competitions and essay contests.

Luke plans to major in Chemistry at John Brown University and hopes to use his work skills on the short term mission field as an adult. Luke also likes to ski, hike, backpack, read, travel, run and play sports with friends.



Victoria Rigel of **Mercer, PA** is a creative young musician with a heart for reaching others with the love of God. She plans to study Voice and Contemporary Christian Music at Central Christian College of Kansas.

Victoria has used Sonlight for all of high school as she has competed in Speech and Debate, played volleyball on a local homeschool team, and per-

formed major roles in musicals at the local public high school. She plays the recorder, oboe, piano, guitar and mandolin. A skilled singer-songwriter, Victoria encourages others with songs of God's work in her own life and the lives of those around her. She often plays in local coffeehouses and other venues.

Victoria effuses an eagerness to learn, and goes out of her way to care for others. She is a beloved mentor to younger students and has served as a counselor at a Christian camp.



The well-rounded **Samuel Sinquefield** of **Zachary, LA** hopes to make a difference in the world through medicine.

An outstanding student, Samuel has used Sonlight since Kindergarten, completing every Core from A through 530. He scored a 34 on the ACT and is a National Merit Finalist. He has always loved science and plans to major in biochemistry at Louisiana State University. He hopes to continue on to medical school and become an ophthalmologist, helping those with serious eye problems.

An accomplished pianist, Samuel plays with beauty and intensity. He performs well in competitions and plans to minor in piano at college. Samuel is also the captain of his basketball team and was selected for 1st Team All-State by the Louisiana Christian School Athletic Association.

Samuel loves children, and is very involved in the children's ministry at his church. He is a worthy role model and a favorite among the kids. Samuel also enjoys reading, tennis, golf, swimming, and water polo.

Winners of \$4,000 Awards

Sonlight will award seven additional students a \$1,000 scholarship for each year of college (up to four years). We're confident all these winners will make a positive mark in the world and continue on the path of lifelong learning.

Winners in alphabetical order are:

Claire Bonin (Belgium); Benjamin Davis (Springer, NM); Erica Meerbach (Canton, GA); Thomas Ridgway (Shorewood, IL); Heather Spradley (Macedonia); Annabelle Tsai (Malaysia) and Rebecca Willett (Virginia Beach, VA).

You could be a winner next year!

Sonlight will offer 13 scholarships (\$92,000!) for students planning to attend college in the Fall of 2013. Families who have purchased and used at least five Core programs since 2000 are eligible. Visit sonlight.com/scholarships to find out the requirements and complete details for next year's scholarship competition.

What's New at Sonlight



More than we have in recent years, we stepped back this year and looked at the challenges and opportunities you face as a homeschooler—today. We asked ourselves some very hard questions, including whether our curriculum still meets your needs, even after 22 years of your feedback and our refinements. The answer? We can be even more relevant and helpful to today's mom.

In fact, I had significant help from my youngest daughter Jonelle (a newer homeschooling mom) to think afresh about what we offer and how we can best help you learn at home as a family. I'm here to tell you I am truly excited about the significant changes we've made—changes I feel will ease your daily workload yet improve your ability to provide the most complete and fulfilling learning experience possible for your children.

Learn more online at sonlight.com/new. We created a number of videos to let you see the changes.

Breakthrough in the Instructor Guides for Cores A-G

I can't say enough about the new Instructor's Guides this year. When we combed through the content of every Core IG from A through G, we redesigned, streamlined and enhanced them to be easier to use, intuitive and more effective. For Cores A through G, you now have everything you need for a week right behind the schedule page for that week, including notes, discussion questions, teaching tips, vocabulary, timeline and map activities, and more. No need to flip back and forth between schedule and study guide pages.

We also combed through the content of every Core IG from A through G. A new Q&A discussion question format gives you a few key questions



"On box day, I am most excited about the accompanying CDs for the Core programs," writes Shandee C. of Big Stone Gap, VA. "This will enhance our lessons, provide us with coloring pages, and fun things to incorporate. I would usually spend hours every night searching for these things. Thank you Sonlight, for saving me time and giving my children fun!" These CDs full of teaching tips, hands-on activities and extra information come with Cores A through E. Shandee's family, including her daughter Sophia (5, pictured here) is in their third year of Sonlight.

to ask your children after each day's reading. The questions are more focused than before and help you hone in on what's most important.

You also have more "Notes to Mom or Dad" that give you a heads up on tricky topics you may encounter in your reading for the day (often with tips on how to talk about them).

And you get a behind-the-scenes look at why you do what you do. Ever wonder why we asked you to do an activity a certain way? Or why we include copywork? You'll find much more background and context in your IG now, so you know the "why" behind Sonlight's Instructor's Guides. This equips you to teach with more confidence and effectiveness. Learn many more details on p. 129 and at sonlight.com/new.

Core improvements

In addition to the content and design changes in your Core A-G Instructor's Guides, we chose to carefully and critically re-read every book in Cores A-G. We re-considered whether each one still has what it takes to be a "Sonlight All-Star" (see p. 135 to discover the 7 criteria a book must meet to make the cut). I read thousands of new books and found several that just had to go in. We marked these books with a (NEW) tag on each Core's title listing page in this catalog. I believe the new books are more relevant, compelling or up-to-date than the ones they replaced.

But those aren't the only Core improvements ...

Core packages are more complete, with Language Arts and all Bible study materials included

I admit, this is a BIG change this year. In fact, some of the changes this year are a return to our earlier years and my original desires to provide truly complete and easy-to-use learning packages with the best of the best materials—in which all the prep work has been done for you.

We believe customers who buy full Core packages have the best Sonlight experience. Core Packages have long included History, Geography, Bible reading and memorization, Readers and Read-Alouds. Now these same packages include a full Language Arts program and the full set of Bible study materials. And all these now come woven together with a drastically streamlined and thoughtfully revamped Instructor's Guide (for Cores A-G).

We want to give you every reason to try (and love) our newly upgraded, complete Core or Multi-Subject Packages, so we have greatly discounted those packages. We went beyond our discounts of the past to give you *significant* savings off the retail price for Multi-Subject and Core Packages.

Language Arts included in Cores

Sonlight has always provided complete, integrated Language Arts programs. Those programs have always used great literature as the basis for helping

your children learn to write well. And they've always coordinated with what kids are already reading in their Core programs.

Now you get your Language Arts program and your Core studies in one place. For Cores A-C, the Language Arts Guide and activity sheets come integrated with the Schedule and Notes for your Readers. For Cores D and up, you'll find each week's Language Arts content right after your Core content for the week. (Note that Cores H and 100-530 have long included Language Arts in the Core Instructor's Guide, so this is only a change for the lower Cores.)

Better Language Arts for Cores A-G

Your Language Arts program in your Core now gives you a better balance of creative writing, grammar and writing mechanics instruction. Our team of curriculum developers bumped up the level of grammar instruction and re-evaluated every Language Arts assignment for Cores A-G to ensure each is as effective, engaging and age-appropriate as possible.

We evaluated the copywork/dictation assignments to ensure each is the best available and comes from a passage you've already read in your Core.

We looked at every Creative Writing assignment, removed any that could remotely be considered "fluff," and re-wrote many to better engage children right at their age and ability level. We researched grade-level standards for grammar skills and made sure our assignments met or exceeded those expectations.

Speaking of which, you will also enjoy improved grammar instruction now. Your Instructor's Guide introduces a weekly grammar concept, explains it, shows how it works in the copywork/dictation passage and then gives your student exercises to practice the concept. This extra grammar instruction prepares students for more intensive study with *Grammar Ace* and then *Grammar 5* and *Grammar 6* during late elementary or middle school.

With clearer parent instructions, a better balance of grammar and creative writing, more effective assignments and your materials integrated right into your Core, I believe this is our best Language Arts curriculum ever.

All Bible materials included in Cores

I've always been a bit uncomfortable separating some of our Bible study materials from the Core packages and making them optional. The reality is that the Bible program is central to Sonlight's instruction and schedule.

So this year, each Core Program schedules daily Bible readings and weekly Scripture memorization, as always. But now you also get what used to be the additional Bible study materials (such as age-appropriate study books and Scripture memory CDs) with your Core. Find them scheduled alongside with the rest of your studies and help your children gain sure footing in their faith.

Better Bible instruction for Cores B-G

This year, you get even more out of your Bible reading, memorization and study in Cores B-G. We completely reworked the reading schedule and added notes to give you a more logical journey through Scripture.

You now get brief notes each week that show how your Scripture readings tie into the big-picture theme of the Bible program for that year. These notes help you make the most of your reading by cluing you in to what you might discuss with your kids after you read.

Core F: Eastern Hemisphere got a makeover!

One change that really excites me is that one of our favorite programs got a full makeover. When I first wrote Core F, I had scant options available for books that explored or took place in those far-off countries. But to my delight, more authors are now writing masterfully about East Asia, the Middle East and more. You'll find many of these stunning new titles in Core F this year.

I took the best of the old *Eastern Hemisphere Explorer* and incorporated it into the Instructor's Guide. You now have one cohesive, easy-to-use guide with everything you need (including your hands-on activities) in one place.

I adjusted the program to focus more on areas of the world that we frequently see in the news as well as regions that are particularly unreached with the Gospel (including the "10/40 Window"). You now start your studies in China and then "travel" through the rest of Asia, the Middle East, Africa, the South Pacific and Antarctica.

New schedules for Handwriting Without Tears

In years past, you could download schedules for the *Getty-Dubay Italic* and *A Reason for Handwriting* programs from the Sonlight website. This year, we added Sonlight-exclusive schedules for all the *Handwriting Without Tears* programs as well. Go to sonlight.com/handwritingschedules to download your schedule.

A complete update for "How to do a Research Project"

Cores D and up each include step-by-step instruction on how to write a research paper. This year, John completely re-wrote and updated this helpful guide to reflect changes in research methods.

John replaced outdated information (e.g., card catalogs) with pertinent, helpful guidance on how to wisely and effectively research on the internet. This goes beyond tips for staying safe online; it clearly explains how to find reputable sources, and even explains how John innovatively uses Amazon.com for his initial research on a new topic. Curious? Find the guide (#RL61, p. 92) in Cores D through 530.

A new way to give to charity

I definitely rely on your feedback. You consistently help me and my team make our products better and more useful for homeschoolers. At the end of each IG, we ask you to go online and take a survey about your experience that year. Now when you take that survey, we'll donate \$5 to your choice of one of the four agencies Sonlight supports. See which agencies we support and why at sonlight.com/missions.

Another free shipping option

You have three ways to get free shipping with Sonlight to the lower 48 states:

1. If your order is over \$150, you qualify for free, fast FedEx shipping.
2. If you are a Core or Heirloom club member, you get free, fast FedEx shipping on any order you place.
3. *New as of summer 2011:* If your order is \$25 or more and qualifies for Media Mail shipping, you can choose that for free.

Read about domestic and international shipping options at sonlight.com/shipping.

Bigger discounts on Multi-Subject and Core Packages

You now enjoy even bigger savings when you purchase a complete Multi-Subject or Core Package. And that's in addition to the 10% discount you receive on all other orders for a year.

Multi-Subject Packages for preschool through Grade 5 provide everything you need to teach one child for one year. From History to Language Arts, Math to Science, get it all in one easy-to-place order. Flip to pp. 4-17 to see if a complete package could make your curriculum choice easier and wiser.

... And don't miss these benefits of doing business with Sonlight

- The college scholarship program. See p. 155 or sonlight.com/scholarships.
- 25% subsidy toward the purchase of curriculum for most missionaries, thanks to an anonymous donor. Visit sonlight.com/missionaries.
- A large portion of Sonlight profits go toward financial support of strategic Christian work around the world: sonlight.com/missions.
- Save on your next purchase when you tell your friends about Sonlight: sonlight.com/rewards.
- Helpful advice and encouragement from homeschool moms at forums.sonlight.com.
- Free one-on-one help choosing and using Sonlight materials from a specially chosen, experienced Sonlight mom: (303) 730-6292, advisor@sonlight.com or sonlight.com/SCA.

I pray these exciting improvements help you love homeschooling even more this year.



"The joy of Sonlight is that we don't have to go search at the library for the books we need for school!" writes Jill W of Jupiter, FL. "They are all right there on the shelf. The other joy is that the children can read and reread the books because they are part of our library to be enjoyed over and over!" Sarah (11) never leaves home without a book now. Here, she reads one of the many Sonlight books she packed for a trip to the beach. Her friend, Jasmin (13) also uses Sonlight. The two are studying Core F this year.

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 for details and a payment calculator.

I'd love to hear from you if you have any questions, feedback or stories to share. You may reach me directly at president@sonlight.com. It is a true honor to serve you. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sarita".

Sarita Holzmann, President
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