



**SONLIGHT**  
The way you wish you'd been taught.

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# Welcome to Sonlight!

Dear Mom and Dad,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Sonlight works ... and students flourish

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

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

*-Ricki M, June 2012*

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

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

## Enhanced education, still-affordable investment

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

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

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

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

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

Many blessings,



*Sarita*

Sarita Holzmann, President

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

## Sonlight:

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

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

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## Featured on the Cover

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

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

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

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





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### Instructor's Guides (pp. 135-139)

The essential "teacher's assistant" for Sonlight Core programs, Language Arts and Science. Preschool through high school.

### College Prep (pp. 90-93)

AP\* prep for high schoolers. Literature, Economics, Psychology and more.

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Daily Bible reading, Scripture memory and study materials. Preschool through high school.

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Literature-based Language Arts curriculum including supplemental resources.

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

## YOU CAN HOMESCHOOL

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

### Key to Catalog Listings



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



Christian publisher



Paperback binding



Hardbound binding



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



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

Consumable You may want one for each student.



# Experience the Sonlight difference ...

Kids who love  
to learn



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

Christ-centered  
education



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

Complete  
lesson plans,  
schedules &  
materials

Your prep work is already done!







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

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

One-Year Money-Back  
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### Sonlighter Club benefits

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





## Quality family time together



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

## Books your children want to read



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

## A college scholarship program



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

## Award-Winning Methods

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



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

*The Old Schoolhouse® magazine 2012 award*

### ★ 1st place – Overall Curriculum

*The Old Schoolhouse® magazine 2012 award*