

# HOME SCHOOL

## Where Do I Start?

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Start Right Here. Right Now.

## LEARNING HEAVEN

Hear → See → Think →  
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Feel → Become



# Hear

- \* Hear your child. Listen.
  - \* Ask him about his hopes and dreams.
  - \* Ask her about her worries and concerns.
  - \* Ask him what he would like to learn and do.
- \* Hear what God tells you about what your child needs and what your child needs you to do. Listen.
- \* Ask and listen through weekly mentor meetings with your child.



# See

- \* See the vision God has for your family. Your Family Mission.
- \* See your child as God sees him.
- \* See your child's gifts and strengths.
- \* See your child's weaknesses.
- \* See how her weaknesses can be made into strengths.
- \* See your child's potential and personal mission.
- \* See connections in everything you learn and do.
- \* "See Jane read." Read classics, not textbooks. Discuss.



# Think

- \* Write down your thoughts—God’s inspiration regarding what you need to do and what your child needs to do.
- \* Find out what the experts think. Study and apply as inspired.
- \* Some of my favorites are: *A Thomas Jefferson Education*, TJEd, LDS Four Year Plan, Sonlight Catalog, EPIC Adventures, Core Knowledge Series
- \* Remember you are the expert. Trust yourself to hear, see, and do what matters most for your child.
- \* Think you can.



# Say

- \* Say everything with a smile.
- \* Say something nice or don't say anything at all.
- \* Say "I'm sorry."
- \* Say "I forgive you."
- \* Say "I love you."
- \* Increase your praise and your appreciation and your children will exceed your expectations.



# Go

- \* Go places. Explore. Be a traveler—at home and abroad.  
*Expose your family to greatness. Interests stem from exposure.*
- \* Go up to the mountains. Go down to the streams. Go into the garden. The world is your classroom.
- \* Go find someone to teach you something today.
  - \* Connect with local home schoolers online or in children's classes, at conventions and seminars.
  - \* Mentors, Not Professors.



# Be

- \* Be there. Be together. Be with them.
- \* Be a mentor.
  - \* Be a coach, a facilitator, a leader, a manager, an advocate, a guide.
- \* Be yourself.
  - \* You are your child's parent. Teach them and love them as only a parent can do.
  - \* Don't imitate. Create!



# Do

- \* Do what you love.
- \* Do what your children love.
- \* Do what you are inspired to do, not what you feel you are required to do.
- \* Do it yourself. Read, write, study, learn, take a class, seek a mentor. You, Not Them.
- \* Do hard things.
- \* *“Be strong and of good courage, and do it.” (1 Chron. 28:20)*



# Feel

- \* Feel joy and peace as you learn and grow as a family.  
*Remember you are learning and living heaven.*
- \* Feel confident because you are not alone.
- \* Feel secure, not stressed.
- \* Feel the simplicity, not the complexity.
- \* Feel inspired.
- \* Feel the love of learning.



# Become

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, ‘Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?’ Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”

—Marianne Williamson, *Return to Love*