

Homeschool Helper Starter Workbook

Quiz • Scoring Guide • Curriculum Comparison

Created for Christian Homeschool Parents

Section 1: Initial Quiz

This short quiz is designed to help you reflect on your homeschool style, your children's needs, and your family's rhythm. The answers will guide you toward curriculum options that best fit your family values and lifestyle.

1. How many children are you homeschooling, and what are their grade levels?

Answer: _____

2. What is your top priority in homeschooling? (Strong academics, Faith integration, Flexibility, Special needs support, Other)

Answer: _____

3. How structured do you prefer your days? (^ Low, ^^ Medium, ^^^ High structure)

Answer: _____

4. How much daily prep time are you comfortable with? (0–15 min, 30–60 min, 1+ hour)

Answer: _____

5. What is your curriculum budget per year per child? (\$, \$\$, \$\$\$)

Answer: _____

6. How important is it that faith is woven into every subject? (+, ++, +++)

Answer: _____

7. Does your family need accommodations for special learning needs (dyslexia, ADHD, gifted, slow processing)?

Answer: _____

8. Do you prefer learning through textbooks, literature/living books, video/online lessons, or hands-on unit studies?

Answer: _____

9. What is your child's learning style? (Visual, Auditory, Kinesthetic, Mix)

Answer: _____

10. Do you want community or co-op support, or would you prefer to homeschool independently?

Answer: _____

11. Would you like your curriculum to be primarily print-based, online, or a hybrid of both?

Answer: _____

12. Do you want an accredited program with official transcripts, or are you comfortable keeping records yourself?

Answer: _____

13. How do you want to measure success? (Standardized tests, Mastery of subjects, Love of learning, Spiritual growth, Other)

Answer: _____

14. What are your biggest homeschool challenges right now? (Time, Motivation, Curriculum overwhelm, Record keeping, Special needs)

Answer: _____

15. What excites you most about homeschooling your children?

Answer: _____

Section 2: Quiz Scoring & Style-Matching Guide

Your responses reveal which homeschool style may best fit your family's personality, priorities, and needs. Use this as a flexible tool—not a rigid label—to help guide your curriculum choices.

■ Classical Mentor

You value structure, rigor, and traditional academics. Curriculums: Classical Conversations, Memoria Press, Veritas Press, Kolbe Academy.

■ Creative Explorer

You love flexibility, hands-on learning, and creativity. Curriculums: Gather 'Round, Konos, Trail Guide to Learning, Beautiful Feet.

■ Structured Planner

You thrive with clear schedules and textbooks. Curriculums: Abeka, BJU Press, Alpha Omega, CLE, Rod & Staff.

■ Gentle Guide

You want a nurturing, faith-filled approach emphasizing family bonding. Curriculums: The Good & the Beautiful, Master Books, My Father's World, Simply CM.

■ Independent Innovator

You want freedom and affordability, designing your own curriculum. Curriculums: Easy Peasy, Ambleside Online, Compass Classroom, SchoolhouseTeachers.

■ Specialized Supporter

You need adaptations for unique learners (dyslexia, ADHD). Curriculums: Master Books, The Good & the Beautiful, Easy Peasy, SchoolhouseTeachers.

Scoring Suggestions: - Mostly "High Structure" → Classical Mentor / Structured Planner - Mostly "Flexible / Hands-On" → Creative Explorer - Mostly "Low Prep / Gentle" → Gentle Guide - Mostly "Budget / Online" → Independent Innovator - Mostly "Special-Needs

Adaptations" → Specialized Supporter Most families are a blend of 2 styles—use this as a starting point for reflection and prayer.

Section 3: Curriculum Comparison Chart

Symbols used:

Prep: ^ (low) ^^ (medium) ^^^ (high)

Cost: \$ (budget) \$\$ (moderate) \$\$\$ (premium)

Faith: + (light) ++ (moderate) +++ (strong)

Special Needs: Y (friendly) ~ (depends) N (not recommended)

Online Option: Y (online available) N (print only)

Curriculum	Style	Prep ^	Cost \$	Faith +	Special Needs	Online
Abeka	Traditional	^^^	\$ \$\$	+++	N	Y
BJU Press	Traditional	^^^	\$ \$\$	+++	~	Y
Alpha Omega	Textbook/Online	^^	\$ \$	+++	~	Y
CLE	Workbook	^^	\$	+++	N	N
ACE	Workbook	^	\$	+++	Y	Y
Rod & Staff	Traditional	^^^	\$	+++	N	N
Classical Conv.	Classical	^^^	\$ \$\$	+++	~	N
Memoria Press	Classical	^^^	\$ \$\$	+++	N	N
Veritas Press	Classical/Online	^^	\$ \$\$	+++	~	Y
Ambleside Online	Charlotte Mason	^^	Free	+++	Y	Y
Simply CM	Charlotte Mason	^^	\$ \$	+++	Y	N
Alveary	Charlotte Mason	^^^	\$ \$\$	+++	~	Y
Sonlight	Literature-Based	^^^	\$ \$\$	+++	Y	N
My Father's World	Unit Study	^^	\$ \$	+++	Y	N
Beautiful Feet	Lit/History	^^	\$ \$	+++	Y	N
Heart of Dakota	Lit/Unit	^^^	\$ \$	+++	~	N
Gather 'Round	Unit Study	^	\$ \$	+++	Y	N
Trail Guide	Unit Study	^^	\$ \$	+++	~	N
Master Books	Gentle	^	\$	+++	Y	N
Good & Beautiful	Gentle	^	Free-\$	++	Y	Y
Easy Peasy	Online	^	Free	+++	~	Y
Compass Classroom	Video-Based	^	\$ \$	+++	Y	Y
Apologia	Science	^^	\$ \$	+++	~	Y
Notgrass	History	^^	\$ \$	+++	~	N
SchoolhouseTeachers	Online/Mix	^^	\$-\$	+++	Y	Y
Excelsior Classes	Online/Live	^^	\$ \$	+++	~	Y

Curriculum	Style	Prep ^	Cost \$	Faith +	Special Needs	Online
LUOA	Online School	^	\$\$	+++	Y	Y
CLP	Textbook	^	\$	+++	N	N
Living Books	Charlotte Mason	^	\$\$	+++	Y	N
Konos	Unit/Hands-On	^	\$\$	+++	Y	N
Seton (Catholic)	Traditional	^^	\$\$	+++	N	Y
Kolbe (Catholic)	Classical	^^	\$\$	+++	N	Y
Faith Academy	Online/Accredited	^	\$\$	+++	-	Y