



# SONLIGHT FAMILY STORIES

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FROM OUR CUSTOMERS  
AROUND THE WORLD



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We all love a good story. I've read about 13,000 books in my quest to find the absolute best stories on which to build Sonlight Curriculum. But those stories aren't the most important ones in Sonlight's view. The most important stories are the ones that families like yours live out every day. They are the stories of families growing closer, learning together, and living out the adventures God has for them.

As Sonlight celebrates 25 years of inspiring a love to learn, we compiled this book to share some of these stories with you. So browse the photos and read the funny, touching, and heartfelt anecdotes from families whose lives have been changed thanks to their decision to teach their children at home with Sonlight. As you read, be encouraged at the hope of where your own family story could take you!

– **Sarita Holzmann**

Homeschool Mom and President of Sonlight Curriculum



It was Box Day for my pre-k'er Beckett (age 4) and he was so excited. He managed to open the box before I could find the scissors and immediately started going through his new books. He piled several on his lap and announced that those were the ones he wanted me to read to him right then at that moment. I love homeschooling my kids, of getting to read to them, answer their questions, love seeing SL books spark interest in their eyes. And I especially love when they'll bring something up out of the blue that we've learned about in school. They're boys so because they are so restless I wonder if they are even hearing me read a story, but it turns out that they were listening and they did get what I wanted them to get! Sonlight is definitely my kind of curriculum because I love to read. It really is what I would've liked to have had growing up instead of going to public school. I'm already looking forward to completing more Cores (just so I can do them, too) so I hope we homeschool through high school!

— **Andrea**    Birmingham, AL



When my husband got a job in Italy I felt a desire to homeschool that I never had before. We used Core B for our first year. It was amazing to be reading about things parts of history that we were able to see and touch. We see Mt. Vesuvius out our kitchen window. To be able to walk the streets of Pompeii was an amazing extension of what we had read about in our Sonlight curriculum. I am so glad that we chose Sonlight! The IG's make homeschooling so easy.

— **Christian**    United States



We love the literature-based curriculum and our huge Sonlight library. We have been using Sonlight with our children Matthew and Melissa for 12 years. Matthew really enjoys the science programs. [In this photo] He is shown doing a Chemistry experiment from last year. Matthew (17) is using Core 400 in his twelfth year with Sonlight. His sister Melissa (14) is using Core H. Debbie V. Greeley, CO

— **David**    Greeley , CO



Our School is different    Our school is different, sometimes weird, but cool, My brother and I, we really like our school. We are able to study wherever we go, At the moment we live in Brazil, you know. We enjoy reading the Bible, music and arts, In our school, we go to our classes with happy hearts. Studying math and learning three languages to read, It's great, we can do it all in our own speed. Sometimes our brains just get tired to think, Then we simply take a break to eat and drink. We love to be together night and day, Whenever we want we can study or play. Reading, writing, science or playing ball, English, German, and Portuguese, we know it all! Our mom is the best, sometimes school can be rough, But we are good students, we are so tough. Late at night the last book is being read, Only after that, we go contented to bed.

— **Eva**    Brazil



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

— **Kathleen** Rocky Mount, VA



The twins are finishing up their Core D books before they play. The kids love our reading time so much that every day they beg to do it first. It is the most precious time of the day for me as we laugh and cry together. We are creating wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. I believe when the kids look back at being homeschooled they will fondly remember our read aloud time the most.

— **Kim** Peoria, AZ



I like SONLIGHT! Homeschooling gives me the opportunity to spend more time with my family. I take more joy in learning because there are tons of exciting books to read. Here I am, reading aloud to my cat. "SOCKS" is authored by one of my favourite writers from Core B+C. SONLIGHT is also Christian-based and all the Bible studies draw me closer to God. I especially like the memory verses because I enjoy singing. Naomi (11) is doing Core D+E this year, but loves to revisit the books she read in the earlier cores.

— **Lee** Malaysia



This is Joshua with another one of his favorite books. The Bee Tree. He loves all the 'funny names' and gets me to read this book at least twice a day. I started Joshua with his home school curriculum 6 months ago. We chose Sonlight as we found it offered so much literature. Joshua now 2 1/2 follows me around the house asking me to read his special books (Sonlight). We are an Irish family and delighted that Sonlight ships to us and we cant wait to order our next curriculum. I'm so thankful that Sonlight has helped us develop our sons love for books and reading. I think I'm just as excited as he is for the next box day.

— **Sara** Ireland







After reading this story: "How to dig a hole to the other side of the world." We wanted to reenact the story and hit the sand box to dig to the other side of the world. Well we didn't quite make it there but it was fun trying!! Thanks Sonlight for making learning fun and and real!

— **Sophie**    Canada



Sonlight is way more than a series of awesome books to read; it is the habit of sitting down on the sofa and digging into a good book and thoughtful conversations. These times pull our busy family together in spite of a wide variety of ages, interests and energy levels. I was hesitant to invest in a program that at first seemed like 'just books.' But the traditions and values of family time, discussion and critical thinking that our family has developed because of the encouragement I get from the Instructor's Guide is worth far more than I ever dreamed! Here, Ethan (10, Core F), Tristan (4, Core A) and Kian (7, Core F) squeeze in to hear Mom read a Sonlight favorite. They and 13-year-old Zara (Core 100) have used Sonlight since the beginning. Stephanie R. Mullica Hill, NJ

— **Stephanie**    Mullica Hill, NJ



Kelly (age 8) and her dog Sonny (age 10) are enjoying a Sonlight book together at home. Sonny says you are never too old to learn something new! Sonlight gives us a variety of topics and a wide variety of books so there is something everyone finds interesting.

— **Alison A**    Pelham, AL



Grandad, visiting from several states away, can share precious time with the boys while doing some of our Sonlight reading. The best thing about Sonlight for us so far is all the reading together the program encourages. Sounds so easy but seemed so hard before we started making it part of our regular school day. Thanks, Sonlight, for the memories! They will always remember reading with their Grandad.

— **Amanda A**    Wake Forest, NC





Sonlight has given our oldest son, Josh, the ability to think outside the box while instilling in him a love for missions. Josh went on a mission trip to Honduras this past school year and was able to put his Sonlight education to great use. Below is an excerpt from his account. "During the week, one of the team members (a trained occupational therapist) asked me if I'd do her a favor. She then explained that she needed a baby seat for a Honduran toddler with cerebral palsy. The little girl was unable to sit up on her own, and she had to be constantly held. A seat would give her mother a safe place to put her so that she would not have to hold her all the time. The only available resource to make the seat was in the form of a cat litter box. Another boy and I worked on it over the course of the afternoon. After using an inordinate amount of duct tape, along with some bubble wrap, a bath towel and a canvas tool belt, we were able to come up with a workable seat, complete with a seat belt. The adult team members were thrilled with our work. After we finished, we gave the seat to the mother, who was very thankful!" Once Josh was home telling us about his trip and the baby seat, I asked, "How in the world did you come up with these creative ideas with such limited resources?" Without hesitation, he answered, "Sonlight readers and G.A. Henty!" Reading about the wide variety of adventures where the main characters overcome adversity and are able to make do with only what is on hand has molded Josh's character and helped him to be resourceful. When we purchased the kindergarten curriculum back in 1995, we were hesitant about spending so much money on the books, but followed the advice from Sonlight to think long-term and to begin building a family library of quality books. That Sonlight living books library has grown with each year's curriculum and continues to serve our growing family well. In the photo, Josh Anderson displaying his homemade baby seat while on a mission trip to Honduras. The photo was taken at the compound where the team was staying in Lepaterique.

— **Andrea A** Eads, TN



This is actually my copy of Mother Goose given to me in 1980 by my grandmother. The gift of reading continues!!!! We were hesitant to use Sonlight in the beginning because it was such a large, up-front investment. It turns out it was really much more budget friendly!!! I would spend tons of money throughout the year panicking that I had missed something or some part of a curriculum wasn't working!! After biting the bullet and sticking with Sonlight I have saved much and learned so much more!! I love reading to my children and enjoying all the stories together. My oldest daughter read 1000 Paper Cranes this year and I believe she made at least 100!!!! Sonlight has enriched our lives in so many ways!!!

— **Angel A** Raeford, NC







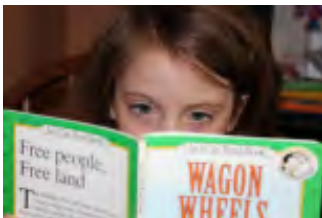
Matthew and Evan love skateboarding with their best friend, Brandon, in Mexico. When I realized that I would need to homeschool on the mission field, an experienced homeschooling mom suggested Sonlight. I've never been sorry! I love the quality of books that my kids (and I) get to learn from every year. I am learning right along with them, and love it. Without a quality program like Sonlight I don't know what I would do here to educate my kids, it would be so much harder. Public schools in our little town leave so much to be desired...

— **Ann A** Eden Prairie, MN



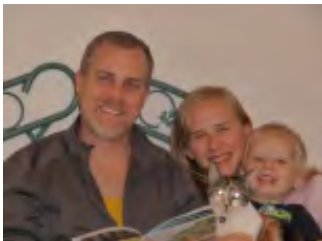
From the time that I received our first Sonlight catalog in the mail, I knew that it was the right curriculum for our family; still, I wasn't sure what my active, on-the-go son would think of all the read-alouds. I certainly didn't expect him to beg for "one more chapter!" like the children in the catalog. As it turns out, he did exactly that, and on the last day of school, he asked to have his picture taken with his favorite book from Core A. When he went to the shelf, he found that he could only narrow it down to 16 books, which he lined up himself. Even as we move on to Core B, I know that we will be enjoying those books for many years to come.

— **Anna A** Fort Mitchell, KY



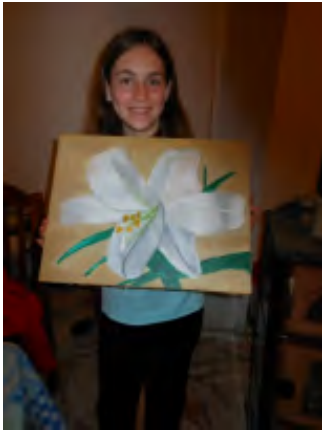
We just completed our first year of homeschooling and loved it! It has been a sheer joy to watch my children grow and learn this year on all levels. Sonlight made choosing curriculum easy and placed our avid readers into just the right fit for them. Our girls loved being able to go to the reading shelf 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.

— **Brenda A** Wister, OK



This is life as we know it: reading, cuddling, making memories! 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.

— **Bryan A** Edmond, OK



Grace and Noah enjoy all of the subjects they study with Sonlight, including extracurricular subjects like art. Grace completed several years of Artistic Pursuits and now has started private painting lessons. Sonlight allows us to thoroughly enjoy core subjects – including great literature – while also exploring extra-curricular subjects such as art, music (piano and flute), sewing, cooking and baking, and sports. Here, 12-year-old Grace holds up one of her own paintings. In her seventh year of Sonlight, she shares Core 100 with 14-year-old Noah.

— **Caryl A** Osceola, IN



Being right brained and very creative I often live in a higglety pigglety world. Sonlight makes it so easy for me to follow the dayweek's schedule and it makes room for me to go on an adventure with my kids. Everything is laid out for me in an easy to follow system and the best part is that the research is done for me. I love the books especially the connections made to the IG links. It works! Sonlight frees me up to be more involved with my kids life instead of pouring myself for hours on end over the curriculum. Thanks Sonlight for putting the learning back in education.

— **Charisse A** South Africa



Big brother, Enzo, is seen here looking over Isabella's shoulder, making sure she is reading the words right. She is such a good reader at age 5! Enzo used to read her books to her at the beginning of the school year. Halfway through, he is so proud that she is reading confidently on her own! They are thrilled to be outside during the winter to do home school. We have such a strong family bond learning and doing school together. With the newest addition to our family, both children now share the joy in reading to their baby sister!

— **Christine A** Beach Park , IL



I love reading to my girls and listening to them read to me. We love all the stories in Sonlight and I think the sweetest part is that they love reading to their dolls, their little sister and anyone else who will listen.

— **Cindy A** Canada







My son is absolutely delighted at the real life, hands on learning experience that he receives through Sonlight's science program. I love seeing the excitement in my children's faces as they discover new things, and Sonlight provides many of those experiences.

— **Dawn A** Burnsville, MN

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Following a morning at the National Museum, we sat in the shade of the trees to enjoy a picnic. As soon as lunch was finished, our children took out their books. Since we discovered Sonlight, they seldom leave home without something to read. Prior to moving to Cambodia, I worried about how we would be able to continue homeschooling our growing family here. That worry abated the day our boxes arrived from Sonlight and I started to concentrate on enjoying the time we spend here together. Not having to concentrate on finding resources with which to teach our children means that we have more time to explore South East Asia as a family. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Denise A** Switzerland

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What we love about Sonlight as parents is that it has enabled us to take control of our son's education.

— **Desna A** Huntsville, AL

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After our studies of American history, we were able to tour the Army Heritage Trail in Carlisle, PA, where visitors can enter various structures from every war in which the USA has participated, from the Revolutionary War up to Vietnam. Here, Audrey (age 15) stands in the entrance of a replica German bunker from WWII. My children love the two-pronged approach of making history come alive, by 1. Reading Sonlight's living history books, which help students (and their parents!) to "see" an era from the character's perspective, followed by 2. Visiting historical sites and/or museums.

— **Diane A** Decatur, TX

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We visited the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Centre in Great Falls, Montana in August 2009 after my oldest son completed Core 3. We spend many hours in there, pouring over every detail. What a wonderful experience, and to know the history behind it is amazing. The other family members listened to me and Johan explaining everything and they had no idea he knew so much about history. The visit reinforced all we learned during the year. Even Grandpa read the Lewis and Clark book after we returned home. Sonlight is a great program and we love the books. My kids always beg me to read more and on average knows more than their public school peers.

— **Gizelle A** Canada



Aeryn is in her playhouse area of her swingset - sneaking out to read. She is so proud that she can READ all by herself. We love Sonlight and it has made homeschool fun and easy. I don't have to stress out about making lesson plans. As a family we LOVE Sonlight. We use it year round!

— **Jason A** Brandon, MS



My children have a much better grasp on history than I ever did in my whole public school education. One of my favorite things about Sonlight is that 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 and so many ideas to spark their imaginations. Thank you for helping me be a successful teacher to my children! In this photo, Ethan (10), Jasper (12) and Ali (12) enthusiastically celebrate Box Day as they prepare for their family's ninth year of Sonlight.

— **Jayme A** Mangum, OK

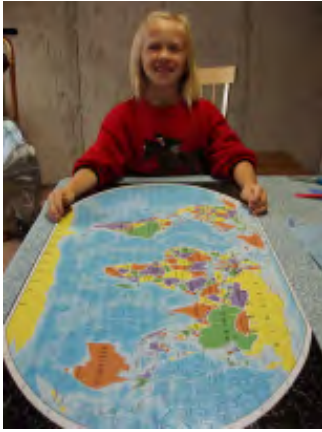


I like how it is easy to read the lesson plans and to know what I need to get done for the week.

— **Jeff A** Aurora, CO







Jasmin and her father completed this Global puzzle in record time! It was remarkably simple and just begged to be put together. It made the world come alive as they talked about countries and the amazing facts it the Global puzzle contains!

— **Jelaine A**    Colorado Springs, CO



After about a year of researching curriculum we found that Sonlight was our best choice. When our core package arrived it further confirmed that we made the best decision. We wanted a program that would challenge our girls academically, and draw our family closer to each other and the Lord. Sonlight has delivered on all counts.

— **Jennifer A**    Lakebay, WA



Homeschooling is not intimidating for us because of how well structured this program really is. 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 including in the Kindergarten Multi-Subject Package.

— **Jill A**    Fayette, AL



After much contemplation, we took the plunge to join the Sonlight family in 2005. The richness of the curriculum, and particularly the fantastic selection of books have kept us coming back to Sonlight. Year after year, we have enjoyed seeing our kids squeal with delight and tear into the Sonlight box when it arrives. Our joy has always been doubled at the end of the year when the kids stacked up the books they had read that year and shouted the number proudly. In this photo, brothers Reese (10), Dre (7), and Zach (4) re-read a favorite book, My Father's Dragon, from Core A.

— **Josefina A**    Pasadena , CA





The Instructor's Guide has been invaluable. 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.

— **Julie A** Sandy, UT

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After several years of using Sonlight I don't think anyone in my family looks at the ocean quite the same as before our homeschooling journey. When we look out at the ocean, we now see the wonderful world God created that bears His mark. We also think about the lands beyond our coast line, the books which have helped us journey to those places in our minds and the people God has reached through His faithful servants. Sonlight has moved us past our cozy nook in this world and given us a greater appreciation of all of His creation.

— **Karen A** Springtown, PA

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Sonlight gives us the best educational opportunities without much preparation time. 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.

— **Karen A** Hendersonville, TN

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It's a jungle out there! Our daughter Kate was inspired to create her own plant jungle after watching Ike the Scientist in the Discover and Do Science dvd Volume 1. When searching for a homeschooling curriculum 4 years ago my husband and I had the following criteria: The Christian curriculum needed to prepare our child to be an ambassador for Christ in and to the world.

— **Kathy A** Racine, WI

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One of the biggest blessings of homeschooling is the close relationships our daughters share. We've read so many wonderful Sonlight books together over the years, and those books have become part of our story. In fact, I've been so touched by some of the read-alouds, that it is a struggle for me to keep my composure. My girls now rate books by stars according to how many times I tear up! Thank you, Sonlight, for these precious moments with my girls.

— **Katie A** American Canyon, CA

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Family is so important and Sonlight has certainly helped to foster this value throughout the years. We have homeschooled our girls from the get go and we have been blessed to live so much life together. This year we moved for the first time in 20 years (and the first time EVER for our girls!). Sonlight helped us get through this challenging year with the well-planned lesson plans that we have become so acquainted with throughout the years. The A family is pictured here: Mom, Dad, Elizabeth (17, British Literature 530), AnnaBelle (16, Core 300), Maggie (11, Core G).

— **Katie A** Napa , CA

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Krystal A., 7 years old, at the Minnesota Science Museum, where the floor is covered with a gigantic map of the world. Krystal ran unto it happily stating that she could find the Roman Empire, which we had just finished studying in Core 1. She pointed to Rome and then showed me the entire extent of the Roman Empire at its largest size. She later ran over to China saying, "That's where I was born." And then to our state saying, "That's where I live." Homeschooling has been wonderful for our family, and Sonlight makes it easy for us. I love that I don't have to spend time preparing to "do school." I can be confident that when I open my IG, I am ready for a productive day. I also love that Sonlight is helping me to share my love of reading with my little girl. I have fond memories of spending lots of time as a child with my face buried in a book, and I am beginning to see my daughter do this as well. Other home schooling moms have told me that we do such fun and creative things for science, but I just say that it's really easy because Sonlight does all the planning and organizing for me. I just open the IG and do what it tells me to do.

— **Kelli A** Andover, MN

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The day our box came was a day filled with excitement! We unpacked the box and I proceeded to get all of the materials organized. I turned around and noticed Abigail had sat in the box and was already reading her books for that year! Sonlight has truly given her a love for reading and this picture captures that!

— **Kelli A** Richardson, TX

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For a culminating activity when we finished Australia, we went to Outback Steakhouse for dinner. My daughter was intrigued by this map they had by the waiting area, and the people around us were intrigued that she could identify so many of the animals and places on it! Before we left she asked to get her picture in front of it. We got a few strange looks, but it was worth it! I love that Sonlight carried over into everyday life...even family dinners at a restaurant.

— **Kellie A** Spring Hill, TN



As a first time homeschooler and homeschool parent, our journey has been smooth sailing with Sonlight. I took a giant leap of faith and resigned from my position at work and my husband and I decided to use Sonlight curriculum to homeschool year round. We are so impressed with the curriculum and activities and Paxton loves to have school in every room of the house. I have seen him grow and mature in just the two short months we have been homeschooling. In their first year of homeschooling, Paxton (5) uses the Kindergarten Full-Grade program. He loves working on his Horizons Math K curriculum.

— **Kendra A** Springfield , IL



We have used bits and pieces of Sonlight for several years, but after finally purchasing a Core Instructor Guide (Core 5) and fully utilizing the program, the children and I enjoyed it so much I decided to totally "go Sonlight" with my 2nd grader and Kindergartner this year, who are using all Sonlight - Core, Language Arts, Science and math programs.

— **Laura A** Mechanicsville, VA



The kitchen became part of our classroom while using Core 5's Eastern Hemisphere Explorer. We discovered many new recipes and revamped some old one. While learning about China we made egg rolls as one of the adventure projects. They were the best egg rolls we have ever had. Sonlight has been a wonderful part of our home school experience and we can't imagine using anything else.

— **Lesli A** Ault, CO





We just love having the freedom to head to popular places during the week, and the La Jolla tidepools are a favorite. We learned a lot about marine animals in SL Science, and the kids put their knowledge to good use when looking for tidepool creatures. Here, Elijah (8.5) tries to catch a crab while his sisters watch from a safe distance!

— **Leslie A** San Diego, CA

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Kaylyn, age 11, and Raymond Adams Jr., age 9, of Chicago, IL enjoyed making an igloo "to spend some time reading all those books while getting warm," says Raymond. After the first snowfall of 2007, my son wanted to tackle reading in a different and "cool" way. This is our first year with Sonlight and we love it. Kaylyn's reading is improving and Raymond is now a more independent reader. We have homeschooled five years and plan to continue with Sonlight.

— **Lisa A** Chicago, IL

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I really appreciate the daily scheduling. It makes homeschooling much easier and saves me a lot of time. (Very important to moms!)

— **Lisa A** Anderson, SC

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TJ is reading his "World of Columbus" book and studying his history. He is a first year homeschooler and has been able to relax and learn SO MUCH. He can do things like snack, get comfortable, and read. For us, having a learning process that is fun and less stressful has made all the difference is TJ this year. Thanks for giving me back my wonderful, fun-loving, smart son!

— **Lois A** Fort Collins, CO

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Our family was in Ghana, West Africa, to drill for water for the villagers. While these guys in the photo were drilling and running from angry bees I was back at our living quarters, surrounded by dozens of kids and a few adults poring over the Usborne Mysteries and Marvels of Nature book we had brought with us. The adage "a picture is worth a thousand words" was so applicable as I showed them some of God's creations in this beautiful book. We went through it time after time as they were fascinated by the pictures of these creatures they never knew existed. Our Sonlight curriculum was so easy to take along on this trip and use as we had time and had this unexpected bonus of being used as an evangelizing tool. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Lori A**    Sacramento, CA

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Thank you Sonlight! After many years of family discussion on whether or not to homeschool, and two years of successfully homeschooling our daughter, you have convinced my husband, who has a PhD, and is not easily swayed, that homeschooling is the way to go. We can not wait to continue this journey!

— **Malisa A**    Kailua, HI

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Sonlight's Instructor's Guides have allowed me to enjoy homeschooling while balancing other daily demands. 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.

— **Mandy A**    Jenks, OK

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My family enjoys homeschooling because we get to spend more time together! The Sonlight curriculum makes it so easy and fun.

— **Melissa A**    Greenville, MI

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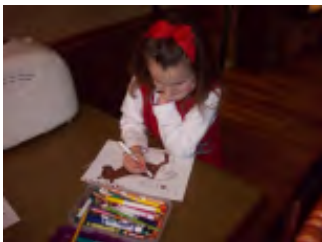
We have just begun homeschooling. Michael, age 8, and Tucker, age 6, are both doing Core B and Science B. Michael is using the Grade 3 readers and Tucker Grade 1. Their little sister Maggie, age 4, is tagging along this year. In the past two weeks, I have already heard from both boys separately saying, "This is the best school day ever." Both attended school in previous years. That was music to my ears! We are in the process of finding a rhythm to our school days. The first day, I immediately realized I would have to change the order of our subjects. We adjusted the second day, and have not changed again since. Choosing Sonlight has given the beginning of our homeschool journey a smooth start.

— **Michaela A** Princeton, TX



It was important to have a Christian curriculum and equally important that it be engaging and easy to use. Sonlight met all our requirements. We have three young children, so there's not a lot of time to plan lessons or select books. Sonlight has taken care of this for us! The diverse stories introduce us to different cultures and historical periods in a such a fun way. They loved reading How Flowers Grow from Science A and asked Daddy if they could plant a sunflower in the garden. It was so much fun watching the children and flower grow together! In the family's second Sonlight year, Sophia (5) is using the Kindergarten Multi-Subject Package, which sister Anastasia (2) also enjoys.

— **Michele A** Valdosta, GA



Grace had no interest in school at all. We tried a couple of different things to no avail. We were actually getting ready to put her in a private school when I got a Sonlight magazine in the mail. I started going to the website and forums, asking questions and just reading. After talking to some Sonlight people on the phone, my husband and I decided to give it a try. My kids, especially Grace, LOVE Sonlight. Grace can't wait to "do school." I kick myself for not starting with Sonlight. We will not be "shopping any more" for curricula. This is it for our family. I have this year brought 5 more families to Sonlight. Thank you for everything that you are doing.

— **Michelle A** Carterville, IL





Our return to Sonlight has been extremely rewarding. We started with Sonlight four years ago and loved it. Unfortunately, we wandered off to other less expensive curriculums that we ultimately did not enjoy or cherish. While starting my 7-year-old son on the old Core B+C, which was originally my daughter's, it finally dawned on me that many books from our Sonlight year were still on my bookshelves while others were long gone! [Now back with Sonlight,] Leah has taken off with the marvelous literature in Core G, while effortlessly working on Teaching Textbooks 6. Sonlight is making the crossroad of teacher-led and independent studies quite seamless for us. Myriam says this picture shows 11-year-old Leah's radiant smile at their return to Sonlight.

— **Myriam A** Waxhaw, NC

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Sonlight offers so much of what we want in a homeschooling experience. My husband and I wanted our kids not only to love to read, but to love to learn and to embrace learning throughout their lives. Sonlight encourages all of this with its timeless and meaningful literature. The kids love the books Sonlight provides and they always look forward to reading "the next one." They are very open to learning because Sonlight's books are so enjoyable. We also wanted to develop and maintain a strong bond with our kids, to connect with them on a deep and personal level - one that we hope will stay with them all of their lives. Sonlight's great, literature-based, multiple ages, family-oriented curriculum allows for families to nurture this type of loving closeness. Our family gets to spend lots of time cuddling up on the couch and reading together in all types of relationship combinations - mom reading to kids, kids reading to mom, dad reading to kids, kids reading to dad, siblings reading to each other and our entire family reading together. And, as if that's not enough, we then get to spend even more time together having in-depth, insightful discussions inspired by the books. We feel truly blessed to have Sonlight accompany our family on its home schooling journey. In fact, we love our Sonlight experience so much that we can't help but want to share it with others. Of course, we love to talk Sonlight. We love to tell family and friends about the way we are homeschooling, and we love to share what we do with other homeschoolers. But we also can't resist the temptation of "sharing the Sonlight" with the girls we baby-sit every summer. In this picture, Hayden (11), Carson (8), and I "share the sonlight" with our summer girls, Lizzy (8) and Emi (7), by sharing one of our favorite books from Core K - James Herriot's "Treasury for Children."

— **Paula A** Trinidad, CO

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Here is Julie enjoying reading time in her new home class room. She is so excited about learning! Julie loves animals, especially birds. So when we decided to homeschool, one of her first requests was to have her birds in the class room. This is one of the most treasured aspects of homeschool for me: flexibility and the ability to decide. At home we have rules, but we make these rules as a family, we decide what is best for our children and they are part of this process. Sonlight helped us to "make" these rules . The strong Christian foundation suited our family very well , we are proud to have a program that supports our beliefs , and to be able to open a book and teach my kids knowing that I'll not have a surprising evolutionist encounter is a relief.

— **Rejane A** Loma Linda, CA



My kids beg to 'have school' even on weekends. 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 Sarita 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.

— **Sara A** Duluth, GA



The Instructor's Guides provide the structure and flexibility our family requires. Thanks so much for such a well put-together program.

— **Sarah A** Pico Rivera, CA



This is our first year homeschooling, so choosing a curriculum was horrifying to me. This is my baby's education at stake – it had to be the perfect fit for our family. When I found Sonlight, I knew it was the right curriculum for us. The lesson plans are done and easy to follow, the kits have what we need for the school year, and best of all, my son loves it! He especially loves reading The Usborne Book of Knowledge during our Science lessons. Thank you Sonlight for making homeschooling possible for our family! In this photo, science lessons come to life as Lane (7) reads from Science C and watches giraffes at the zoo.

— **Stacy A** Asheboro , NC





This is our first year of homeschooling, I am so glad that we chose Sonlight! I really enjoy all the time we spend reading great books together & the closeness that Sonlight has brought to our family. I also love the wonderful instructor's guide! It gives me the confidence that I need, as a new homeschool mom, that we are covering everything that we need to. But my favorite thing about Sonlight is that the curriculum is based on Christianity, something that sadly is not allowed in our public schools. Thank you Sonlight for providing everything we need to have a great school year!

— **Stephanie A** New Market, AL

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We are depicting six of the 10 plagues. Marshmallows for hail, plastic flies and swatter for flies, plastic locust finger puppets for locusts, toothpaste and lipstick for boils and all black for darkness. We love Sonlight. Such an easy, effortless way to learn. The selected books make me cry almost every time. Touching, informative and all the while learning great history.

— **Sue A** Southampton, NY

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We are overseas M's and have been since our kids were 2, 4 and 6. I have 2 still at home, and another family nearby has 1 about the same age, so I taught them all anatomy. Of course dissections were the fun part, and the cow's heart was fascinating to them. They were actually able to identify everything, and it was sooooo much more interesting than the virtual dissection used by many schools today! We love hands on, and Sonlight gives you the flexibility to do that - or not to :) as time allows. Sonlight books have given our family common ground at all ages of their lives. We can always think of a book we've read together and relate to that even through the teen years. So many wonderful books - so many walks of life that they have been exposed to. One was not an avid reader before Sonlight, but she is now.

— **Suzanne A** Houston, TX

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All of us at home anticipate our read aloud time after lunch and before bed. Usually Mom reads, or Dad, in the case of Little Britches, since the dad was a main character. This time, however Elizabeth wanted to read as she loves giving different accents and dramatizing the voices. What Sonlight has done for our family is ensure that we gather to read together. This is invaluable to us. I grew up being read to by my parents. I feel like Sonlight has helped me maintain this aspect of my heritage. It could be easy to let this tradition slip by with the business of life, but not when you use Sonlight!

— **Sylvia A** Chicago, IL

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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. 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.

— **Tammy A** Plainfield, IN

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Sonlight turned our non-reader into a reader and also offered our voracious reader the opportunity to stay immersed in his favorite thing - books. 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 F, 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.

— **Tracia A** Richmond, VA

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Before we started homeschooling, my younger daughter was burned out on the idea of learning anything. She wouldn't even answer her teacher in the local public school. As I began to research, I realized my child's love for learning was being stifled. When I discovered Sonlight, I immediately withdrew my daughter from public school and began the Sonlight approach. Together, we pored over the Sonlight catalog, and website, and looked forward to the day it came in. We even tracked the fed-ex delivery across the country online. When it finally came, it was a joyous moment. My daughter is smiling and happy again, and has regained her interest in learning. She can't get her hands off of her Sonlight books. Thank you, Sonlight, for for your contribution to our family. I recommend your stuff all the time.

— **Treva A** Greer, SC

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After being adopted into our family with a very limited vocabulary, Christy (7) is hooked on learning thanks to Sonlight.

— **Zachary A** St Augustine, FL

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This is our family's 6th year using Sonlight and my kids are absolutely in love with it. This year, we're using Core G with my 13 year old and when her box arrived, she couldn't wait to dive in and get started on The Story of the World book 3. She said, "I LOVE this book, it makes history so interesting." My 8 and 10 year old are continuing their exploration of world history together with Core C and as we were reviewing a story from the Child's History of the World book, my 5 year old stopped by to listen. I have been so impressed by the quality of books selected by Sonlight. The readers have captured my children's interest and fueled a love of reading that will last them into adulthood. I also find the read alouds engaging. My kids often laugh at me as I'm moved to tears and laughter as I read their stories.

— **Aimee B** Minot Afb, ND

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I love Sonlight and its easy-to-use Instructor's Guides for rookie homeschoolers like myself. I was encouraged by friends to try Sonlight for my first year since Sonlight's Instructor's Guide does all the work for you. It's true. My favorite part of using Sonlight is that my boys enjoy the variety of non-fiction, educational, and hilarious reads. As a mother and teacher, I have grown in leaps and bounds with confidence and the peace to do this another year. I can do this ... with Sonlight's help! In this photo, Ryan (7), Liam (7), and Aidan (9) celebrate their first Box Day. They are using the Grade 2 Full-Grade Package and Rosetta Stone.

— **Alaina B** Lake View Terrace , CA

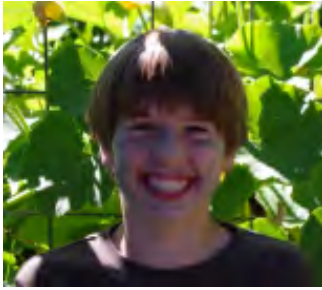
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My "wet kitchen" (we live in Asia) was turned into a Laboratory this holiday. The kids are having SO MUCH fun dissecting and gazing through the microscope and coming up with all kinds of weird and wonderful discoveries. The Sonlight Science books have so many experiments that they can do by themselves and they just love trying them out again and again. My main reason for homeschooling is that I want my kids to have fun learning about and experiencing the world around them. And thanks to Sonlight, it is happening! Thank you Sonlight for making it happen with wonderful books. I often get compliments that my kids are so excited and curious about their world and I do believe it has a lot to do with what they are learning at home. (PS I am sending a few more similar photos but the same caption applies)

— **Aletta B** Malaysia

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I love that the rich literature focus of Sonlight fosters imagination in my children. Justin had started to dread school while attending public school. Now, he has re-gained the love of learning that he had lost. Thank you, Sonlight, for bringing the joy back into my son's face! I gladly recommend Sonlight to all who want to bring life back into their child's education. Twelve-year-old Justin read about Celtic warriors in Core G. Naturally, he found his sister's sidewalk chalk and turned his own face into a Celtic warrior's!

— **Alicia B** Post Falls, ID

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Having 2 boys close in age, science experiments are a highlight of our days home schooling. We followed the Sonlight Core B lesson plans and made many projects including these periscopes which they used to spy over our fence and pretend they were deep undersea in a submarine. They especially loved See How It's Made and continually think of new objects they want watch being made on video with their dad. Most importantly I love the time we spend together as a family and how deep the boy's friendship is growing. Although they don't always start each day with enthusiasm and a great attitude, I know that Sonlight is the right choice for us because the books are so engaging, if I take a little break the boys ask, "When will we read together again?" Meanwhile we are reading other books from our library. I also heard, "I like home schooling, mom because you make it fun!"

— **Alycia B** Cuyahoga Falls, OH

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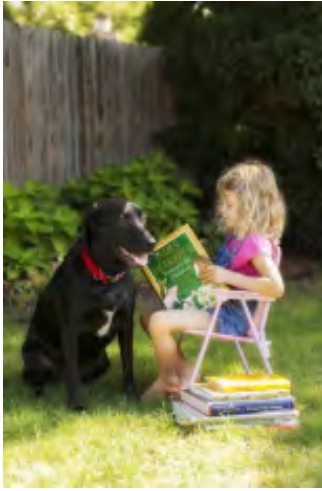


Well, it's the beginning of summer and our youngest son Peyton was getting restless indoors while Chandler caught up on some summer reading. We decided to have the best of both worlds and all meet outdoors letting Peyton enjoy some pool time and Chandler a good book under the umbrella which he held up with his little feet! Such a great moment, although, I have to mention my youngest ended up bringing out a book as well and "read"" to me on the picnic table! We have loved Sonlight from the beginning. Our family was called to the mission field three years ago and when we accepted that call we knew that Home Schooling was the best option for the boys. God provided a brief encounter with another home schooling mother on our mission journey who introduced us to Sonlight after using it herself for many years on all six of her children. Your program fits our lifestyle and our beliefs so perfectly. It incorporates a love of literature, a strong foundation in all subjects and brings to life the beauty of missions as each year it takes us on journey's all around the world. Thank You Sonlight for being apart of our Missionary Journey!

— **Amanda B** Waco, TX

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Our goal for teaching our daughter at home was to develop in her a love for learning and a love for reading. Sonlight has played a major role in doing just that. I have been delighted with the book selections with characters and themes emphasizing values that we build our lives upon such as goodness, godliness and grace. Sonlight has put together educational selections that we did not have the time or resources to put together ourselves, enabling us to teach our daughter efficiently and confidently. In their third year with Sonlight, Elise (5) enjoys her Kindergarten Full-Grade Package, especially when she gets to read her books to her best friend, Pip.

— **Amanda B** Guthrie, OK

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I'm a strong believer that Sonlight curriculum has made my children love reading and learning. Being able to sit on the couch or in bed or outside and read to my children every day is a wonderful bonding experience. It's awesome to read to, teach and see them grow every day! This particular day, UPS dropped off our books right at bedtime. Needless to say, the kids were not in bed on time because they were all too excited to start exploring their new books! Grace (10), Meredith (8), Julia (6), Micah (4) Jonathan (2) are using Cores F and B. They've been studying with Sonlight since birth!

— **Amie B** Fulshear, TX

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Falling asleep with a Sonlight book again...

— **Amy B** Seaside, CA

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Sonlight takes the guesswork out of choosing electives. As an art major, I'm particular about the quality of art education our children receive. I've been so happy with the art resources. The lessons are easy to adapt for children of different ages. I can trust that the products Sonlight carries have been tested and found worthy of our time. Here, Anna (8), Paul (5) and Claire (3) enjoy a shared art lesson.

— **Amy B** Gainesville, GA

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Sonlight has made it so easy to work with our schedule, which includes working around Dad's schedule. I love that we can take school with us and have quality family time, no matter when or where that happens to be. Choosing Sonlight as our curriculum has been one of the the best choices we've made. Everything is laid out for us in the fabulous Instructor Guides, which are so easy to follow. I love the literature-based learning and Sonlight Readers are a huge hit with my kids. On this gorgeous evening, they don't even mind reading on the boat. In the family's second Sonlight year, Noah (7), Carsyn (3) and Taylor (9) are finishing up Cores B and D.

— **Amy B** Orange Beach, AL

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We spent a week at a rustic cabin in the Sierra Nevada Mountains that my grandfather helped build. The boys are passing some time by reading a book together on the front porch of the cabin. We love that we can just leave for a week and take our school with us, while everyone else has to go to school! We choose Sonlight because the quality of the literature never disappoints us. Every time we start a new book, the boys complain that they don't want to read it because the last book was so good...and then they say the same about the new book by the end!

— **Amy B** Phoenix, AZ

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Each time we purchase a new Sonlight Core we celebrate by having a Box Day. We ceremonially open the box and dive into the new books! Sonlight has brought our family to every corner of history. History has come to life because Sonlight has presented it through literature which has helped our family understand, remember, and relate history to current events.

— **Amy B** Kalamazoo, MI

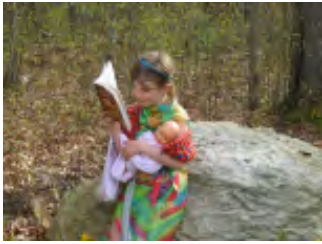
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It's delightful to have a curriculum that allows me to combine my kids while allowing them to explore their God-given gifts and passions individually. With Sonlight, we felt the freedom to have Paul follow along in a Science program that was technically out of his age range. The result was a 5-year-old who learned a TON of science and perhaps discovered his passion. In this picture, Luke (7) had already moved on, but Paul was fairly sure the bulb would be even brighter if he added a fourth battery. And it worked! Both boys were jazzed with the results. In their family's third year of Sonlight, Paul and Luke share Core A and Science C.

— **Amy B** Portland, OR

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My daughter Maria loves the missionary stories Sonlight provides. She dives into their world learning about God's faithfulness and the wonderful ways He uses ordinary people for His glory. Here she is in China being Gladys Aylward! This book was my children's favorite. They could not have enough of it. Towards the end of it while I read a sad plot both had tears in their eyes. But Maria, having an eternal perspective, said, "They are in heaven now, we will meet them one day." Beautiful. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Ana B** Little Compton, RI

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Sonlight opened our family up to a world of adventure! On the day we received Sonlight Core K, our daughter Ashleigh (age 6) pulled out "The Bravest Dog Ever, The True Story Of Balto." The day after, she and her sister, Meghan (age 4) handed me their piggy banks and said, "Mommy, this is all the money we have, please take us to Alaska." The girls saved every penny and we prayed for God's provision for the trip throughout the school year. In May their dream of dog sledding in Alaska became a reality. Sonlight helped us inspire our daughters to find adventure, work hard, and have faith to achieve their dreams. Thank you!

— **Andrea B** Cumming, GA

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We love the global history and quality reading emphasis Sonlight curriculum provides. Elijah is a happier student working at home. He can work where he wants, ask lots of questions, and read great books. The only challenge Sonlight provides is how much space it takes up on my bookshelves. I treasure all the books so much that I don't want to get rid of any! Here, Elijan works with Story of the USA [from Cores D and E] with his puppy Maya. He's gearing up for Core F in his third year of Sonlight.

— **Andrea B** Oak Harbor, WA

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Both Benjamin and Samuel have great memories of our trip back east, and I am convinced it is because Sonlight's books prepared them so well for what they saw and experienced. Gettysburg, Harper's Ferry, and all the memorials came alive for them because they knew so many STORIES of what was going on, not just names and dates. Benjamin chose this trip as the topic of a persuasive essay on the "best place to vacation", picking history over our trip to Disney World! Sonlight's excellent literature has captured their imaginations and drawn them into history in an amazing way. I am so thankful for the friend that recommended Sonlight right when we started out. I would not want to use anything else.

— **Andrea B** Pewaukee, WI

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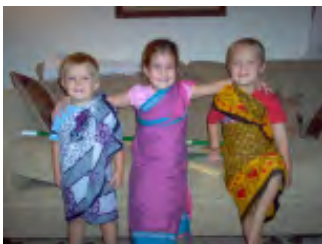
My girls love to read in their bedrooms. Usually after our school time together, they take their reading materials up to their bedroom, and even if I have already read our assignment in our book, Hailey loves to re read it. She has such a passion for reading, and has dynamic expression when she reads to her sisters. My younger daughter Petra has always looked up to her, and she wants to read just like her sister. I find Hailey teaching Petra and playing "school" in their bedrooms often...teaching her the letters and helping her sound out words. Reading is a chain reaction. Sonlight makes it possible to have Christian principles and morals in all our subjects and books. History and Geography come alive, and there is never a boring moment. Her favorite subject is Bible, and this is such a blessing. As I teach her, I find her teaching her younger sisters right along side me. To live by example and see that come alive is wonderful.

— **Angela B**    Ada, MI



Handwriting is so much fun now that Hailey is doing cursive. We love Sonlight all the way down to the handwriting and reading lists!

— **Angela B**    Ada, MI



Kara (5), Noah (4), and Josiah (2) all try wearing Kenyan kangas (wrap-around skirts) after reading about other cultures in The Usborne Book of Peoples of the World.

— **Anisea B**    Chambersburg, PA



On warm days, while our toddler, Matthew sleeps, we like to read-aloud in our tree house. My boys, Jonathan (pictured) and Andrew love to be outside. We enjoy the flexibility homeschooling gives us not only with what our children learn, but where, too. Brings new meaning to the term "one-room schoolhouse!" We love how Sonlight books always seem to lead to more learning. When Jonathan was going through Core 4, he was enthralled with a reader "Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt." That memory led to this year his doing a 1,400-word research paper on Teddy Roosevelt. As the paper progressed, we all learned about the 26th President of the United States!

— **Ann B**    Hudson, MA





I never really wanted to homeschool my children but did not want them to start school at 3 years old as most kids here in Peru start. I bought the core 4/5 thinking that we would do it for a year and then send Elisheva to school for kindergarten. During that year we have had many times of sharing and she even started reading and I couldn't imagine that any other place would be better. I like that I didn't have to plan and everything was laid out for me. Some days I feel like I can never finish things around the house, but with these schedules, you can easily skip a day and not miss anything and start again where you need to.

— **Anne B** Raymore, MO



Although Anya is only 2, turning 3 end of this year, she loves peeping over her brothers' and sister's shoulder at their books. Their Sonlight books are fun to look at even if they can't all read. Our reading time together is so special and really a binding factor in our family. Benjamin loves to read to Anya - she even imitates him by reading (VERY SLOWLY) "w..a...n wan(one) f..i..sh fish, t..ooooo too (two) f..i..s..h fish,..."etc. Never a dull moment.

— **Annelie B** South Africa



We love the wide variety of literature selections Sonlight includes in each Core. Through the engaging literary characters, inspiring missionary biographies and excellent history books, my children have grown in their understanding of people around them, in their heart for the world, in their awe of God's power at work today, and in their sense of place and purpose in this world. They giggled their way through Dad's reading of My Father's Dragon. How would we ever have found this wonderful book without Sonlight? Strat (5) and Joy (7) are studying Core C in their second Sonlight year.

— **Annette B** Lafayette, IN



Beckett has been homeschooled through 2 years of preschool and is now on his first year of grade K. He loves to learn and especially loves his new read alouds! We are finishing up The Boxcar Children which was a joy to share with my children as it was my favorite book as a child.

— **Atije B** Akron, OH





As if home schooling isn't challenging enough, we threw a family ministry that travels weekly in the mix so we not only home school...we ROAD school too. And with our crazy, ever-changing schedule, Sonlight has been an answer to my prayers! I'd heard of Sonlight for years but decided it wasn't for us as I heard the curriculum involved a lot of reading and I knew my oldest son wouldn't be interested. Finally, after hearing yet another mom say that her daughter couldn't wait for school to start because she enjoyed Sonlight so much, I decided to go to the website. I read the entire site one afternoon while my husband drove us down the highway and discovered a treasure. After buying our first core we knew we had found something that worked perfectly with our travel schedule. The kids have all been turned on to reading and that's exactly what they do to pass the miles week in and week out. Don't you know I'm thankful none of them get car sick?

— **Becky B** Greenbrier, TN

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We used to visit the island often for family picnics. I thought of something like "ways of learning: new and old" or "new curriculum at old place of study" (just thinking out loud!) that would capture the contrast. Or perhaps even using the fact that both studies were for God's glory. But those are just ideas; appreciate your help! What I like most about Sonlight is its wonderful ability to impart a love of learning and love of reading, and this with a curriculum with spiritual depth, which is even more important. I also appreciate the use of a standardized program with the daily scheduling and planning already done. This has not only helped Mom in organizing school, but has enabled us better to gauge how the kids are performing and where we can help them.

— **Brad B** Germany

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The books in the high school level Cores are outstanding and so thought provoking. The switch to Sonlight from textbook curriculum in 2005 was not only the best decision we made, but has guaranteed both of my kids a great homeschool education through 12th grade. This is where and how we 'do' our school--with the big blue binders as our daily guides. Here, Alexandra (18) ponders the deep questions of 20th Century World History (Core 300) as younger brother Austin (15) reads from Core H.

— **Brent B** Salmon, ID

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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. 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.

— **Brent B** Salmon, ID



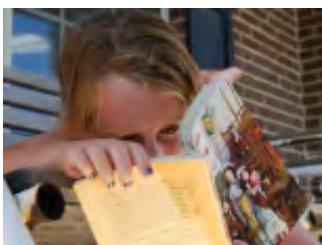
Austin is catching up on 530 reading in front of the Idaho State Capitol building. We love Sonlight because we love reading. The literature approach to history has given my kids an incredible education and grasp on history and how it relates to our world today.

— **Brent B** Salmon, ID



Homeschooling – and especially homeschooling with Sonlight – works. At Austin's choice, we used a combo of Core 300 and 400 for his senior year, working usually 6 days a week. He did awesome on his ACT and has his first year of college basically paid for. He is our second and last homeschooler to graduate Sonlight and we have loved every single year. I added up all the books Austin has read since ninth grade and it amounts to about 140 novels alone, not including his history spines. Wow. Sonlight has given my kids and me a heart for the REST of the story of history and a deep understanding that just doesn't happen with textbooks alone. On graduation day, Dad, Mom, and Austin (19) celebrate together.

— **Brent B** Salmon, ID



Finding a quiet place to read is important for Lilly-Grace. Often the best place for a peaceful reading adventure is the swing on the front porch! For our family teaching our children history is huge! Whether it is through non-fiction or fiction Sonlight books offer us a chance to LEARN history, not just the dates events occurred in the past! Sonlight's curriculum has often captured Lilly-Grace's imagination, and made learning to read exciting!

— **Briana B** Lexington, KY







This is our 1st year using Sonlight. The kids found the Louis Braille, core F book and started to read it. School was not officially started yet, this is going to be a great year. They made the contention between what they read to a Little House movie that we watched that mentioned Mary learning how to use braille, it was great. I can not wait to see what else happen this year as we move though the books. I also loved how easy it was to set up my folders. This is the 1st year that I was not frantically trying to plan out my lessons for the year I was not stressed and I am ready. Thank You Sonlight.

— **Brooke B** Otsego, MI

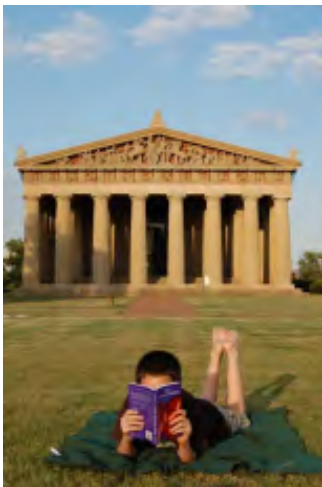
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Hannah enjoys reading so much and now she reads to her little brothers. It has been so wonderful to be able to teach all my kids together and to learn together as a family. Sonlight has brought us all so much closer to each other. It is amazing to see Hannah and Ethan discussing something they have learned and explaining it to their dad when he comes home.

— **Carissa B** Palmdale, CA

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Sonlight is my GPS device in our homeschool adventure: making sure we get where we're going, and giving me the flexibility to enjoy the journey. 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!

— **Carla B** Mount Juliet, TN

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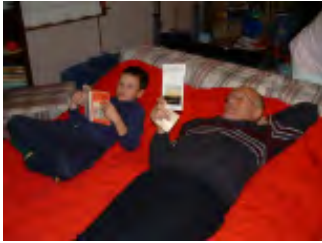


After a day of learning about living and dead dunes, we climbed to the top of the highest one. Michigan's best dunes are just 20 minutes from our house and a field trip there is a great treat. With a flexible and might I add portable (books make great beach reading!!!!) schedule like Sonlight's, every day is exciting and can be a field trip to explore God's great creation. Our kids would never go for a textbook!

— **Carola B** Whitehall, MI

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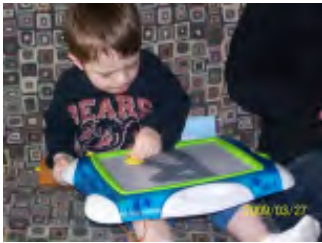




Here they both hang out on the couch after a long day of exploring the beaches of Lake Michigan - they both just picked a book of the shelf: Alex found a real old Sonlight book that is not used anymore, but since he is always out of reading material we have lots of these around (it guarantees good clean reading fun since it is Sonlight!!!), and Opa found a German book. They teach each other their language this way too. Alex speaks and reads German very well and Opa learns much English from Alex

— **Carola B** Whitehall, MI

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Charlie practices what his 6 year old brother Liam learned during his lessons. Sonlight has enriched our lives because both our boys crave learning. You can see from this picture Charlie couldn't wait to be old enough to write. I hardly hear "Mom, I'm bored." instead I hear "Mom, what can we learn about now?"

— **Carolina B** Bellingham, WA

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As we were wrapping up our first year of homeschooling, our Sonlight boxes arrived with next year's books and supplies. Close friends were visiting from out of town and had just decided to try Sonlight with their children. Their oldest daughter Kaycee, a veteran homeschooler, would be doing Core 5 just like our two oldest, so the kids couldn't wait to open their boxes with Kaycee and discover what they'll be learning together. Kaycee and our daughter Megan are very close friends and grieve every time they have to separate when visits are over. Now that they're doing the same Sonlight core, they feel as though they're in the same "class" together even though they're thousands of miles apart. Words cannot express how much our first year of homeschool using Sonlight radically changed our family's life! We're much happier and no longer "stressed-out." We feel so much closer to our children. All we did was open our boxes, read the guides, and start learning. Sonlight far exceeded our expectations. We are so blessed and pray other families will discover what a treasure homeschooling (and Sonlight) can be.

— **Cate B** Saratoga Springs, NY

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On the first warm day of spring we took school outside. The kids spread a blanket on the driveway and got busy. I just love this photo because, as an avid reader, I'm amazed at how Sonlight has engendered a love of reading in my children. In "regular" school, it was like pulling teeth to get them to read a book at all, much less for fun. Now, during any given week, they're reading 2-3 books for school plus a pleasure book for early morning, quiet times or bedtime. Thank you, Sonlight!

— **Cate B** Saratoga Springs, NY

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Sarah and Kenny have always been close, but Sonlight has really brought a new level of friendship to their relationship. Sonlight has afforded us a freedom of happiness in homeschooling so deep that words cannot describe our gratitude. Our kids wake up so excited to learn each day. We are hooked on Sonlight and couldn't imagine our family learning together without it. My husband and I frequently say to each other, 'I wish we were taught this way.' What a beautiful gift to our kids. Thank you Sonlight! Sarah (11) and Kenny (8) are studying Core B+C in their third year of homeschooling and first year of Sonlight.

— **Charlene B** Covington, LA

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We are well into our 4th year of using Sonlight and we all LOVE the reading involved. My children consistently ask me to read "just one more chapter." The best thing about the selection of books is that MANY experiences we have as a family relate to or remind us of books we have read together. My favorite example is watching Carson and MacKenzie ride bumper cars with their dad and being able to SEE how the electric moving furniture worked in one of the houses on Krakatoa in *The Twenty-One Balloons!* As our photo shows, Carson and MacKenzie were excited to help unpack and check our order in July. When our orders arrive they stop what they are doing and dig in to see what we will read during the school year.

— **Charlotte B** Marietta, GA

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Our daughters in this photo are playing with their ponies in their "new castle.". My 7-year-old is continually fishing up some box from the basement so she can make a house or telescope, etc. I am quite frequently out of boxes and printing paper because she is usually "creating" something. So when we got the Sonlight boxes in the mail we were excited, as usual. But it was really neat to see the castle printed on the inside! I didn't notice it at first because we were so caught up in looking at the books, but when I did I showed them and they thought it was great! I really thought it was great. I have noticed some differences you have made to the curriculum since I had used it four years ago. I was impressed and this was just one of the little things I liked. It just showed me that you were paying attention to detail. That you wanted the box opening experience to "linger." I thought it was very thoughtful that you came up with it. It's another reason why I like your curriculum experience. You don't treat us like a number but in many ways from deciding what books to get, to ordering, to the payment plans and discounts, etc., you make it all so personable. And you show that you do understand and care about your "clients" different needs and situations. So thank you for paying attention!

— **Christy B** Derry, NH

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Our daughter spent all day looking up stuff on her new World Book software. She was SO excited to look and learn about everything on it. We couldn't get her off! Thanks for her excitement to learn!

— **Christy B** Derry, NH

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I love this picture of Jackson because it is very symbolic of how homeschooling creates a wide, unabounding world of experiences in learning. Here Jackson is making an entry in his Nature Journal among the beautiful mountains of Colorado. Sonlight's curriculum is so user friendly, with each day's and week's assignments already planned out, that I have time to develop venue's and create adventures that add depth and meaning to our learning experiences. My husband has this photograph sitting on his desk with the caption "Homeschooling" under it.

— **Cindy B** Houston, TX

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After 10 years of homeschooling, and 3 different curriculums, we decided to try Sonlight. It has made our daily lesson time change from 'do we have to have lessons today?' to 'can I finish this book?' I have daily proof that they are learning when I hear them discussing the high points of a book they just finished, the way other kids might discuss their favorite video game or TV show. Ten-year- old Virginia snuggles with her dogs as she reads. She studied Core F this year, as her older sisters (ages 12 and 14) shared Core H. After their first year of Sonlight, they plan to use it for the rest of their homeschool journey.

— **Cindy B** Temple, TX

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I love how Sonlight incorporates missions into their curriculum and they really encourage families to enjoy and explore this world that God created.

— **Cori B** Fayetteville, NC

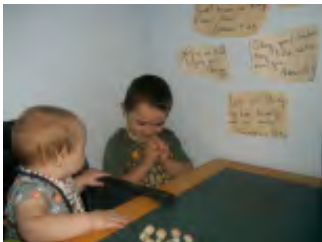
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Before I switched to Sonlight, I was a stressed-out mom. Especially in the area of science. Sonlight makes it so easy. The IGs lay things out for me and explain them so well that it's easy to follow along and the year flies by. The kids enjoy the Activity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

— **Cristen B** Hilton, NY



Before starting Sonlight I never would have imagined that my four-year-old could memorize scripture. But with the weekly verses in the Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package and the spot-on Instructor's Guide suggestion to pair scripture with hand motions, he's learned a whole wall of verses! All the song, Bible verses and extra activity suggestions in the Instructor's Guide make this a complete program, so much more than a collection of great stories ... great stories that get asked for again and again, by the way! In this photo, Dasa (4, Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package) demonstrates the Bible verses he has learned.

— **Danielle B** Athol, MA



Sonlight keeps us close as a family. 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.

— **Dawn B** Lebanon, NH



Sonlight science helps my children view God's amazing world in brand new ways. Vividly illustrated books and high quality materials make learning an exciting, rewarding experience. Consistently choosing Sonlight is one of the best homeschooling decisions we've made. My children love to learn!

— **Deborah B** Coatesville, PA



We have been using Sonlight since 1997 and our children have maintained a deep love of learning. Last year Kirsten tried public school for one quarter. She would come home with assignments like, "Fill out the definitions of these 14 scientific terms." This happened day after day and I said, "I don't call this education!" Then this year all four children tried cyber school, and we were working from breakfast until bedtime! It was so inefficient and scattered and frustrating. Then we got a nice letter from Sonlight thanking us for our business, and I began to cry. I longed for the days when we were learning together as a family, when our reading was a rich adventure, and our children loved learning instead of hated it. More than that, I longed for the community of like-minded people that had come to feel like family. The next day we withdrew our kids from cyber school and dug out our vast supply of Sonlight curriculum. I've been walking around with a silly grin ever since. We're back, and we're loving it.

— **Diana B** Middletown, PA



We had just gotten home after a long 6-mile hike in the mountains when we saw the boxes on the front step. Ben, 7 1/2, shouted "Our school is here!" We were so sore and tired from the hike but Ben and Chloe, 5 1/2, helped me push the boxes into the house. I had pizza waiting on the table but it took them half an hour to get to eat it because they had to open all the boxes and look at all the great books we get to read this year!! Ben is especially excited about "The Titanic" and Chloe was already reading "Magic School Bus!" We can't wait to start school again. The best part is reading together at night and all the fun things we get to do together during the day! Thank you for making it possible. We are starting our 3rd year with Sonlight and each year gets better and better!!

— **Diane B** Salt Lake City, UT



Daniel is reading "By the Great Horn Spoon." Sally, short for "Salamanda-crocoliz" is being sussed to sleep. Sonlight brings a new world of adventure from other countries into our life in South Africa. We don't find many books of this quality describing the early days of SA, so live out what we read about settlers in America.

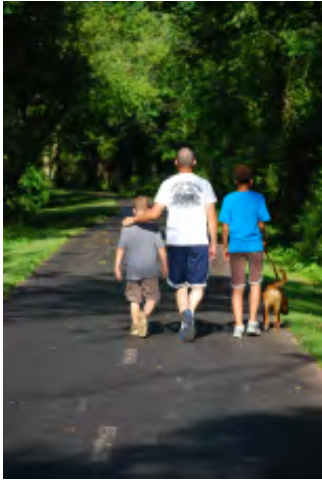
— **Dick B** South Africa





Seeing my high school daughter scoop up the catalog and for a long time leaf through it with great interest and excitement was fun to capture. How many high-schoolers are that interested in their school?

— **Dora B** Portage, IN



The main reason we continue to choose Sonlight every year is because its strong emphasis on families around the world. Choosing to homeschool has strengthened our belief that it is so important to first build a strong family if we hope to impact other people's lives. Sonlight's cores are packed full of books that allow us to enter history in a way that both parents and children can relate to; many times it's even as if we have become part of their lives.

— **Ed B** Wilmington, OH



Some people will not choose Sonlight because it doesn't heavily focus on hands-on activities, but it has been a perfect fit for us. With everything scheduled for me, I can use my extra time to incorporate crafts that will enrich the materials we are studying if I choose. Sonlight's cores are so complete that most of the time I find that we don't need any hands-on. The literature is so rich that my kids would rather I read ahead than have an activity for them to do.

— **Ed B** Wilmington, OH







Our homeschooling journey is over and Jordyn, our youngest, is off to her first year of college. We are so thankful to Sonlight for giving us the opportunity to educate our children in a way that fostered a love of reading and learning. They were not only prepared for college, but for life. Jordyn will be majoring in Cross Cultural Studies, an interest that was begun and encouraged through the excellent books in Sonlight Curriculum.

— **Elaine B** Occidental, CA



This picture was taken 2 years ago...our very first Box Day! Can you tell the boys were excited?!? Since then we have had several more Sonlight boxes met with just as much enthusiasm as the first. All 4 of my children treasure the time we spend together reading Sonlight selections--as do my husband and I! I must admit that I've tended to want to incorporate the "best of" other curricula out there and have spent much time and energy to that end. After realizing that every "gem" of a book I thought I discovered turned out to have been in the Sonlight catalog all along, I was finally able to stop wasting my time! Thanks, Sonlight! One other thing...our baby, Drew, has already developed a love for books, and though he doesn't have many words yet at just 20 months, he does clearly say "Go, Dog, Go!" in honor of his favorite Sonlight book!

— **Elizabeth B** Fort Collins, CO



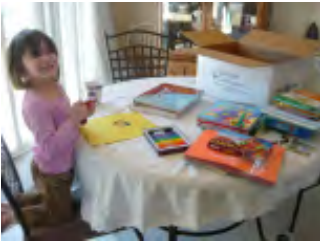
Evelyn (8) loves the hands-on Science projects that Sonlight provides in the kit. In Science C, she learned how electricity works and enjoyed making this head light. Now she's all ready to explore a dark cave! We have always used Sonlight and we love how the core values of the curriculum align with our personal goals for our family. Evelyn is now studying Core D in her fifth year of Sonlight.

— **Elmina B** Gap, PA



"My children beg me to teach them and wake me up wanting to learn! Sound extreme? Not in the B household. With Sonlight, it isn't just school every day. It's an adventure waiting to begin with every book we read. I've always wanted my children to have a love for learning and a thirst for knowledge. This is our 2nd year with Sonlight and my girls love to read and explore their world through books. What a joy to be able to let them learn at their own pace and watch them blossom. Seven-year-old Alyssa loves her Readers 4-5 books. She's studying Core C while little sister Colette (5) explores Core A.

— **Emily B** Taylorsville, UT



I have been homeschooling my oldest daughter, Alyssa, for almost 2 years now. I began teaching my youngest, Colette, with a preschool program I originally had. It was not working for us. I struggled to get her to listen and pay attention! Colette (seen in the photo) was not interested in it at all. I made the switch to Sonlight in hopes of sparking a love of learning. It has truly been an answer to our prayers! That photo was taken the day we received the Sonlight box. She did not want to wait for me to organize everything. She was so excited to get to work and learn! She wakes up every morning begging me to "teach her school." And when we finish for the day, she always wants more! I am so extremely pleased with the excitement in her - to see her love of books already - and to know it's working! I am so impressed, I am switching my oldest (who is 5) over to Sonlight as well!

— **Emily B** Tooele, UT



This was taken after we received our Sonlight box in the mail. Colette could not wait any longer for me to unpack everything and organize it all. She wanted to start right away! I have never seen her more excited and anxious to begin each day - to learn and explore so many new things! It has been a joy to have the curriculum in our home and to watch her love of learning come to life!

— **Emily B** Tooele, UT



We have tried other programs, but we keep coming back to Sonlight because of the fabulous book selection and thoughtful discussion questions. I also LOVE that everything is all planned and in one place. Never have we read a book we wouldn't recommended to friends. Reading aloud together is like traveling the world and sharing adventures while in the comfort of our living room or in the car on a road trip to Grammy's house. The B family started homeschooling with Sonlight in 2009. They have just finished Core C and will start Core D+E next year. In this photo, Isabella (11), Noah (9), Kai (5), Judah (2) huddle close to Mom to hear Tales of Robin Hood.

— **Emily B** Sacramento , CA





My little girl loves learning with Sonlight. She looks forward to it each day, and is never ready for it to be over. I love how this first year of school has been so enjoyable for her, and has started her off on a path to love learning. Whenever people ask me about homeschooling, I almost always receive a response that goes something like 'it would be way too complicated for me, how do you do it!?' I would probably feel the same way if it wasn't for Sonlight. I often find myself talking about how wonderfully easy and enjoyable Sonlight has made homeschooling. Zoe (5) and Mom sit among grazing horses as they read a book from the Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package with Grade K Readers/LA.

— **Emily B** Longmont, CO



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. 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.

— **Erika B** Cheyenne, WY



Thank you, Lord, for Sonlight, and for Christ-centered curriculum that makes it easy to share our faith with our children. On 'Box Day,' our girls couldn't wait to see all the books they would read this year. When they pulled out Leading Little Ones to God, I teasingly said, 'It looks like I'm going to lead you to God this year.' With a serious look, Meghan said, 'But you already have.' Wow! Tears of thankfulness filled my eyes. In their second Sonlight year, Meghan (8) and Ava (6) are using Core B.

— **Erin B** Evans, GA





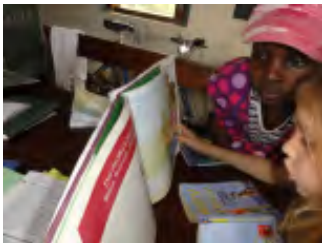
Studying core C this past year with my younger 2 children, they were really interested in the Medieval time period in particular, specifically knights and castles. Living in Scotland makes for good field trips for this period and so we organised a workshop at Stirling Castle. It was great to be able to add to the interest already gained from reading Sonlights' RAs and history books. The children all have a real love of history and much of this is due to the great books they've been exposed to with Sonlight. RA's are the favourite time of the day, with often others listening in to books that are not part of "their" core.

— **Esther B** United Kingdom



People wonder how I know the children are learning history with just reading - I would like to invite them into my house on any given afternoon and witness our readers or read alouds coming to life - today David & Evelyn were checking the Om-Kas-Toe book to see if the main character could have known Chakoh from "Walk the World's Rim," our current Read-Aloud from SL. (It would be nice if SL would answer questions like these :)) We love that we hear the kids talk about the history they are learning in their play and with their friends and family. Using Sonlight has allowed the kids to explore the story through the characters they read about; and not just memorize the facts.

— **Eva B** Alvord, TX



We live in East Africa and our schooling choices are limited. However, because of Sonlight we are truly not lacking in resources with which to give our children a rich education. Thank you for quality materials. Our children love all of their reading books and they often ask if they can read them over and over again. On many occasions they ask to watch Mathtacular and their science dvds after school hours. It is not unusual to find a mass of neighbor children huddled around our computer screen laughing and enjoying Justin as he explains a math concept or performs a science experiment. I am not trained as a teacher, yet find Sonlight curriculum easy to use. I feel confident that my children are receiving an education that will prepare them for all God has for them. In addition, we tested all three of our children with the IOWA tests when we were on furlough last year and all three of them tested above average.

— **Geoffrey B** Uganda



Our reading time is the most valuable part of our homeshchooling day; the boys cherish snuggling up and reading anything from our curriculum. It is a memory that I will carry with me long after they grow up. I hope that the joy and wonder they discover in books will be passed along for generations to come.

— **Georgia B** Louisville, KY





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

— **Hannah B**    Canada



This photo was taken the day we completed Core K, when we had finished marking the jungles, mountains and deserts of the world after reading *Wild Places*. We've really enjoyed our time traveling the cultures of the world and I feel that my young boys are starting to grasp what a wide and wonderful place the Earth we live in truly is. We've experienced especially poignant times this year snuggled up on the couch reading our read-aloud selections and learning about different times and places from our own. Thank you, Sonlight, for providing these opportunities!

— **Hannah B**    Livonia, MI



Hannah Biermann made some new friends while on a mission trip to Antigua, Guatemala. They enjoyed helping each other learn the language of the other. They decided reading the English/Spanish version of "The Cat in the Hat" would be a great way to help each other learn. As Hannah read the Spanish, her friends encouraged her and helped her with pronunciation. Hannah returned the favor as they took turns reading the English. All three thoroughly enjoyed this cross-cultural learning experience compliments of Sonlight and Dr. Suess. It's such a joy to be able to take Sonlight with us on the road. Geographical and cultural boundaries are no limit to the power of Sonlight. In fact, Sonlight allows our traveling family the opportunity to continue our learning even while far from home.

— **Heather B**    Grand Blanc, MI





One of the best benefits of homeschooling is the close friendship between my son and daughter. Vanessa, in her 7th grade year, and Garrison, in his kindergarten year, say they are "best buds." Vanessa takes time every day to read some of her Sonlight reading to her brother, especially parts that she thinks he'll find funny.

— **Heather B**    Kettering, OH



One of my biggest concerns about homeschooling in the early elementary years was teaching my son how to read. I shouldn't have worried because Sonlight has made this so easy! The Grade K Readers Package wasn't intimidating at all and, along with the Explode the Code workbooks, Garrison has quickly finished The Grade 1 Readers and is now in the last few books of of the Grade 2 Readers. He is so excited to be able to read like his older sister!

— **Heather B**    Kettering, OH



Sonlight Bible study materials have been a great help in illuminating the treasures in God's Word. We love that God's Word is at the heart of all Sonlight curriculum. Although we tried a couple of other options, none were as effective in shaping wise and knowledgeable children of God and citizens of society. We're so convinced of this that we're planning to use Sonlight for the high school years ahead. Here, Dad and his favorite students dig into the Word with the help of Sonlight. Hannah (14) and Micah (12) are using Core 100 in their seventh Sonlight year.

— **Heather B**    Grand Blanc, MI



The kids love reading Sonlight books over and over ... the curriculum has definitely had a direct impact on their love of reading. My husband and I are convicted that homeschooling is the best choice for our family and Sonlight makes that decision easy to implement. Sonlight's biblical foundation supports our family's decision to incorporate the Word of God in our learning. As teachers, we love the structure and organization offered in the Instructor's Guides. Heidi often finds her kids in their favorite reading spot--the treehouse! Here, Hannah (7), Noah (5), Micah (3) and Rachel (1) dig in to good books.

— **Heidi B**    Yakima, WA





Last year we took our leap of faith and purchased Core F and Core A. We had THE BEST YEAR EVER! [When I first started homeschooling,] I used Sonlight for three years and loved it. But my newness as a homeschooler and that 'grass is always greener' thought led us to another curriculum. We used it for five years and found ourselves loathing school. Feeling overwhelmed, I asked God to show me a path that would fit our family. Soon after, a Sonlight catalog showed up at our house and in conversations with other moms. Sonlight was a clear answer to prayer. Thank you for giving us back a love for learning. This year, Dakota (14, Core 100), Aspen (12, Core G), Georgia (8, Core B) and Havana (6, Core B) can't wait for school each day.

— **Heidi B** Kent, WA

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What a wonderful experience it is to have kids that love reading and learning so much. Sonlight keeps our kids motivated and looking forward to school year after year! This picture shows the reaction to Box Day at our house! This is a FULL DAY event at our house. The kids get so excited they can hardly keep themselves from reading each book before placing it on the shelf! Here, Hannah (11, Core G), Noah (9, Core E), Micah (7, Core C), and Rachel (5, Core C) leap for joy on Box Day!

— **Heidi B** Yakima, WA

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School happens naturally with Sonlight. I love that we can read a historical novel and it connects us so effortlessly with the period. It expands our minds to people and places we might never have considered and gives us a shared experience we can all enjoy.

— **Jackie B** Athens, GA

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Parker is reading one of the many Sonlight books he became engrossed with. This one is Mustang: Wild Spirit of the West. He chose to read this on his own during his free time because he loved it! We love the quality of the Sonlight literature and history selections. The books are wholesome, so real, age appropriate, and well written. I love how everything fits together with the history we're studying, and it's all done for me! Parker begs for the read alouds, and can't wait to finish many of his readers. History definitely comes alive!

— **Jacqueline B** Mount Pleasant, IA

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Sonlight's choice of literature makes homeschooling easy and interesting to children and adults, while naturally promoting quality family time. We love the quality of the Sonlight literature and history selections. The books are wholesome, so real, age appropriate, and well written. I love how everything fits together with the history we're studying, and it's all done for me! The style of the program works well for our family because it is rigorous and the program content leads us into a good deal of great conversation, as well as quality time together. In this photo, Parker (8) can't stop reading a book from Core C.

— **Jacqueline B** Mount Pleasant , IA

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Whenever I hear a friend say 'oh I could never homeschool my children,' I love to jump in with all the great details of Sonlight. Sonlight truly helps all parents give their children a superb education without having to be an expert in all subjects! I love the way the curriculum is set up with the best books already selected for all subjects, a wonderful easy to use daily schedule, and--my personal favorite--the Read-Aloud Study Guide with vocabulary to learn, maps to study, and questions to discuss all at my fingertips. Who says you can't wear your princess dress-up to school? In their second year of Sonlight, Lucy (5), Eliza (6) and Brigham (2) re-read a favorite from Core P3/4.

— **Jamie B** Fort Monroe, VA

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Sonlight has made homeschooling with different ages so much more enjoyable than I thought possible! 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.

— **Jamie B** Cheney, WA

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My children have developed a love for books, and I believe it's directly related to Sonlight's strong literature program. We have read some incredible books that I would never have picked up without participating in this curriculum.

— **Janell B** Polo, MO

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Backyard tents with books in the early evening...beautiful childhood moments like this are why we chose Sonlight. Our children are still very small and we long for them to have a real childhood filled with sweet memories of home life. Our 4 year old and 2 year old adore the Sonlight books and we were introduced to so many ones we never would have found on our own. They love to be read to and are often found in a favourite spot "reading" on their own.

— **Janice B** Canada



Sonlight has given us the flexibility to include lots of sports and music into our lives and get a good solid education at the same time. My oldest child (16) is a professional musician and is able to travel and take school with her. My son has also followed right along into Sonlight without any problem. I was a little hesitant using Sonlight with my son because I didn't think he would be an enthusiastic reader but I was wrong. He devours the books that Sonlight provides almost as fast as my daughter did! I really appreciate the structure that Sonlight provided for me as the teachermom and my children just loved the books. Looking back, I am glad that I began with Sonlight 11 years ago! It's been a blessing.

— **Jene B** Fairview, NC



Our family enjoys learning with Sonlight because it allows all of our boys to learn together. Despite the ages differences, we were able to teach history to our three oldest boys using one curriculum. Even our youngest son was interested in the stories we read. While studying Core 3 this year, we were able to make early American history come alive with a trip to the Historic Triangle of Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. Our whole family really enjoyed visiting some of the places we had learned and read about in our Sonlight books!

— **Jennifer B** Frenchburg, KY



Victoria is amazed that these pumpkins are larger than her head! She's never carved a pumpkin that size...yet! Sonlight provides the opportunity for our family to go on adventures together as we cuddle on the couch. We love the rich variety of stories that take us to new places. The only thing we don't like is that we don't have time to do the 5 day program due to a weekly music and fine arts school that we attend.

— **Jennifer B** Hinckley, OH





Jacob loves Science! The microscope brings God's incredible creation into clearer view. It highlights the uniqueness of each living thing. Things take on new and greater meaning when you see them through a microscope. Sonlight enables us to cuddle up and spend time together. We will never regret the wonderful adventures shared while reading Sonlight books. Our lives are richer as a result of the memories built during our school day. I get to spend time with my favorite people! Thank you, Sonlight!

— **Jennifer B** Hinckley, OH

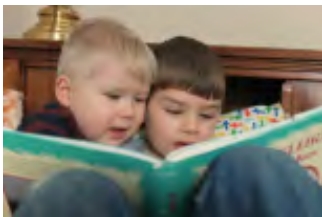
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We love the way that Sonlight is versatile enough for the entire family! As we read stories, look at pictures and sing songs, even the little ones are drawn in and they enjoy learning, too. Here, Cohen (age 3) enjoys singing Geography songs of Africa with Katie and Gideon. We were hesitant at first, and overwhelmed when we first started homeschooling 2 years ago, but Sonlight makes it enjoyable, easy, and (most importantly) educational.

— **Jennifer B** Taylor, AZ

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I would have never been introduced to many of these books without Sonlight's curriculum. Sonlight's Read-Aloud books have become favorites. We've been so pleased to have a shelf full of books that all of our boys will enjoy reading with us. We've read the stories together over and over from so many of the Read-Aloud books and they are often chosen just for fun. In this photo, Garrett (4) tells Grady (2) the story of Mike Mulligan. In their first year with Sonlight, the B family uses the Preschool Full Grade Package.

— **Jennifer B** Ellwood City, PA

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I will never regret having this time together at home with my children. The name "Sonlight" will always bring special memories to mind. Instead of my children being in separate classrooms and I (Mom) not involved in their daily learning, we are together as a family and learning far beyond the limitations of a classroom. Sonlight has broken down the classroom walls for us to see beyond into the world.

— **Jenny B** Otis Orchards, WA

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With Sonlight, you feel like you were a part of history - you get to know the people that made it happen and why it was important to them, not just memorizing dates but feeling it through the stories of the people who lived it. When we first looked into homeschooling, I kept coming back to your catalog and the encouraging stories of ordinary people like me who have used Sonlight. I thought if only half of what they say about your curriculum is true it would be worth it. I can honestly say, after three years of using Sonlight, that most of what I read was and is true. Thank you Sonlight for making learning fun and for making history come alive! Jenny says her whole family learned so much about the American Revolution and their country's beginning that this July 4th had a whole new meaning for them. Here, Kaitlyn (11), Tyler (4) and Jonathan (7) get ready for the 4th of July parade. The two oldest are studying Core E in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Jenny B** Portland, IN

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Our family is so relieved to have found Sonlight. This is our second year of homeschooling but the first year using Sonlight. Before we had been tied down to a table and chair with what seemed to be a ton of workbooks and busy work. Currently we are using Core P4/5 and it is so easy to just grab our books and go explore the world around us.

— **Jessica B** Zap, ND

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As our family took our time to study Core E we had the opportunity to take trips to visit the places that we vividly imagined through the rich literature provided in our core. Thank you Sonlight for choosing thoughtfully written and captivating stories to include in your cores. They have been our companions while visiting Fort Sumter, Appomattox and Gettysburg this year.

— **Jessica B** Salem, NH

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Danny has a great reading coach in his brother Ben! Its wonderful to watch my children work together and develop loving relationships with each other that I pray will last well into adulthood. Homeschooling has encouraged my children to work with each other and others regardless of age. Claire thinks her brothers are wonderful and they don't mind doing school with her and reading to her whenever she wants and Sonlight has the best stories to share!

— **Jessica B** Salem, NH

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

— **Jill B** Becker, MN

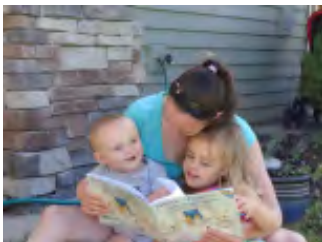
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My first couple of years homeschooling, I am sad to say, were just plain boring. Then a friend gave me her extra copy of the Sonlight catalog and everything changed! Having been an English major in college I was so so excited to see all of the amazing literature in every core. We have grown so close together experiencing the read alouds with each other. We have giggled at My Fathers Dragon, we have discovered strengths in Understood Betsy, and we have begun to care deeply for others from And the Word Came with Power. These books are such beautiful journeys and to get to go with your children there and back is so incredibly special to my heart. Thank you so much Sonlight for the amazing focus on such quality literature.

— **Jill B** Humboldt, TN

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We've been captivated by the Sonlight P3/4 program. We love the variety of subjects covered, such as fairy tales, poetry and how our bodies work. After only a few months, I can tell that my daughter is learning so much just from listening to me read. My son, who is only 11 months, loves to crawl up on my lap and listen, too. Joelle (4) and brother Jaren are becoming book lovers, just like Mom.

— **Joanne B** Bend, OR

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We live overseas, so homeschooling with Sonlight has become just a part of our way of life. Our daily life requires that we, as a family, be lifelong learners and students, so using Sonlight for the past 2 years has affirmed our family as we learn together, read together and explore together. Pictured here are Emma (6) and Josiah (3) as they explore new ideas and chat with each other as best buds! They love being outside, exploring nature with their imaginations and integrating their learning in their playtime. Not only has using Sonlight drawn us as parents into the learning process, our children are growing side by side, developing a relationship with each other, as they reenact some of the stories we read! Many times we have heard them say, "This is just like the story we read in school!" or "Why don't we pretend that you're ~such and such from the book!" This has been one of our greatest joys: seeing our children develop simultaneously as they internalize what they are learning and bounce their ideas off of each other, fully integrating relationship and learning in a natural environment. Thanks, Sonlight! You have helped our family to thrive and survive, with great books and resources! In this photo, Emma and Josiah enjoy a chat together! They are best friends and much of that is due to the relationship they share as they learn side by side as homeschoolers! They are always eager to share ideas.

— **Jocelyn B** Saugus, CA



Our children love books. This year in Core K, Emma learned to read and a whole new world opened to her! Her brother too, has caught this love for "reading" and will pore over books for half an hour during our after dinner "reading time." We used the Core P4/5 for family reading enjoyment... Berenstain Bears Big Book of Science and Nature was a favorite; we even took a trip to the zoo with "Animals Animals." Thank you, Sonlight, for providing such a wonderful collection of literature that waters a love for learning in our children. Especially as we live in China with limited access to quality children's literature!

— **Jocelyn B** Saugus, CA





Pictured here are Emma (6) and Josiah (3), and us parents (Jonathan and Jocelyn) as we explore the Great Wall of China, just as we read about it in Core 1! We live overseas, so homeschooling with Sonlight has become just a part of our way of life. Our daily life requires that we, as a family, be lifelong learners and students, so using Sonlight for the past 2 years has affirmed our family as we learn together, read together and explore together. The kids love being outside, exploring nature with their imaginations and integrating their learning in their playtime. Not only has using Sonlight drawn us as parents into the learning process, our children are growing side by side, developing a relationship with each other, as they re-enact some of the stories we read! Many times we have heard them say, "This is just like the story we read in school!" or "Why don't we pretend that you're 'such and such' from the book!" This has been one of our greatest joys: seeing our children develop simultaneously as they internalize what they are learning and bounce their ideas off of each other, fully integrating relationship and learning in a natural environment. Using Sonlight affirms and supports us in our family goals by providing a quality framework for learning about things that matter to us as a family. Thanks, Sonlight for helping us to survive and thrive by providing great books and resources we can't find overseas!

— **Jocelyn B** Saugus, CA



Sonlight has changed the way I think about homeschooling. It has even changed the way my kids feel about school. Katelyn (10) hated public school and still strongly dislikes anything with any remote resemblance to school. But this was our first year using Sonlight. Katelyn loves it! We loved reading together – wow, what a way to learn history! I remember memorizing facts and dates that I don't even remember today. My kids are learning the stories behind the facts and dates in such a pleasant way that they will remember them for many years. Here, Katelyn (Core D+E) enjoys Justin Morgan Had a Horse with her own horse.

— **Jodee B** Canada



What better place to be than out enjoying God's marvelous creation on beautiful autumn day. Ethan rigged up his own hammock from an old blanket and rope so he could get comfortable and do his reading. Of course little brothers are meant to join so, Ronan got in on the fun too. The boys thoroughly enjoy being able to "Sonlight" outdoors whenever the opportunity arises. We all love Sonlight and really enjoy its flexibility and fit with all our family.

— **Juanita B** Australia





I am a homeschooling Mum of four boys in Australia and this is our third year of Sonlight. My son, Jared (6), has a learning disability and singing has been a great way to assist his learning. Here Jared and Ronan (4) have been listening to the Mat Man song from Handwriting Without Tears Get Set For School Sing Along CD. They are doing Sonlight A (Pre K) together and have a great time. Ronan often comes to me asking, "Mummy, can I do my schoolwork now?" Thank you Sonlight for the lovely times we spend together. If they went off to school I would be missing it all. Their two older brothers, Ethan (10) and Zac (8) are enjoying Core 2 and especially enjoy the readers, read-alouds and history. Another great thing is that I am learning so much too!

— **Juanita B** Australia

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Sonlight has given me such joy in homeschooling my three children. Reading together has been the highlight of our experience, as well as having my children enjoy books on their own. I have found them reading in all sorts of fun places: perched in a tree, hidden under the dining room table, and snuggled in the bin of winter coats! Pictured here is where I found our daughter, Jana, age 11, reading *The Bronze Bow* in the corner of our basement.

— **Juli B** Ballston Spa, NY

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

— **Julia B** New Port Richey, FL

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Using Sonlight Science has helped to create a love for learning in our home. Even playtime becomes a science lesson as Elizabeth finds caterpillars all over the yard and we learn about metamorphosis and the butterfly life cycle. Only a preschooler and she already loves discovering God's creation with her 3 big brothers.

— **Julie B** Snellville, GA

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My kids' vocabulary continues to amaze me, and I attribute it to all the rich Read-Alouds and independent reading that they do.

— **Julie B**    Wausau, WI



We love the biblical faith development component of Sonlight!. Our kids are going to walk away from school with a depth of understanding God's hand in every subject. The missionary biographies are some of our favorite Read-Alouds. In this photo from three years ago, Billy reads a Sonlight book as he bonds with baby brother Brandon. This year, 11-year-old Billy studies Core G in his eighth year of Sonlight, as his little siblings (including 3-year-old Brandon) use the Preschool Multi-Subject Package and Core B.

— **Julie B**    Redlands, CA



Amy (director and videographer) & Sarah (actress) hold flowers they received at the premiere of their movie "The Spoofy Chronicles of Narnia." I just love how creative homeschooled kids are, but especially Sonlight kids. Literature rich curriculum seems to cause kids to think outside the box and use their imaginations to the fullest. I just love that! My daughter rewrote the "Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe" as a spoof and had a cast totaling about 20 including my husband and myself. The premiere was a proud moment at the end of a long year and a half of planning and filming, but it was worth it! Thank you, Sonlight!

— **Kathleen B**    Kuna, ID



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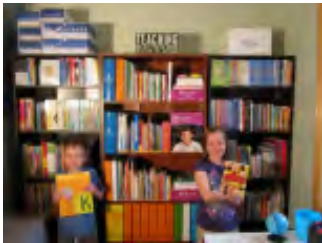






Amy enjoys reading "The Chosen" in the shade of a palm tree, near Carlsbad State Beach, while on vacation in Southern California. Our family loves being able to vacation any time of year and take our school work with us, and I love the fact that all the planning is done for me, freeing me up for other things. In our 12 years (altogether) of homeschooling, we've tried everything from workbooks to textbooks. Sonlight has been our favorite for several years now. At times when our budget wouldn't allow us to buy two cores, we just bought one and adapted it for the other child. Other times we've delved deeper, using one core for two years. We love the versatility of Sonlight. Just for fun, each year when I do my planning and ordering for the next year, I ask my kids if they want to use a different curriculum. The answer is always the same, "No way! Sonlight!" They say that nothing else is as interesting. Of course, they are older now and they are pretty much on to me when I ask that question. They know that I agree with them. Sonlight is the best!

— **Kathleen B** Kuna, ID



What does Sonlight mean to us? Sonlight means freedom. Freedom to teach biblical standards and freedom to teach wherever and whenever we want. When we first started looking into homeschooling, the reason we chose Sonlight was because Sonlight had the best website and it was the easiest to understand. Not to mention all the wonderful help aids such as the live chat. I knew from our first year using Sonlight that I had made the right decision and now other families who have been homeschooling longer than I have are asking me what I use and have switched their entire curriculum over to Sonlight. I'm not usually the one setting the trend, but it feels really good and I know they won't be disappointed for switching. For as long as we are able to homeschool our children, we will always use Sonlight. I am really thankful for Sonlight and for everyone who works so hard to make it a great school year for myself and my children.

— **Katie B** Canada



Homeschooling in Germany means supplementing public morning school with afternoon Sonlight. We started and finished Core 3 Readers and Read Alouds here in Germany over the last year. You can see our 8-year old daughter is enjoying the Cabin Faces West in the early Spring sunshine outside on our balcony. This summer we already started heading into Core 4. The whole family enjoys these wonderful books. We have been homeschooling either full time or supplementing for at least three years now and do not plan to stop any time soon.

— **Kay B** Germany





Four months ago, our daughter joined us in our home office where we both work as she made the move from private school to homeschool. We had been supplementing for about two years until December, when we finally took the plunge to go full time. I would have never thought that we would make this step. It took two years of thinking about it and a lot of time spent on the forums talking and asking questions, seeking advice. Now, we supplement SL with German and Spanish books from our respective countries of origin and residence. In the picture, dad and daughter are learning German together and in the background is one of our six infamous book cases, filled among others with books from Core 1, 2, 3, and 5. We are now just finishing up Core 2. For us, homeschooling provides the best option to locally available schools and we can enjoy the time together that we used to spend in the car traveling back and forth to school in heavy traffic. The learning has been completely different and so much more meaningful to us. One of many examples is that I attribute our daughter's English skills mostly to Sonlight, as it is not her first language. But the best part is when the seemingly disparate pieces of information that she learns over time suddenly come together as she makes connections across history, geography and art that would have been impossible with a normal school curriculum. In other words, I'm fascinated by the world of homeschooling about which I knew nothing just 2 years ago.

— **Kay B** Puerto Rico

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I never thought of schoolwork as fun or exciting as a child. So I am beyond thankful I can help my children realize that learning IS fun! Sonlight is an exciting part of our lives: that fact is priceless. Eight-year-old Jennah sits back in a recliner and soaks up one of her Grade 3 Readers. Jennah is studying Core B in her third year of homeschooling, and her second year of Sonlight.

— **Kelley B** Manly, IA

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Sonlight has been a joy to use to educate my child. He is bright and enthusiastic about school, and despite my own excellent education, I still find myself learning right alongside him! Sonlight provides a means of wonderful cultural and historical exposure for children starting at a very early age, and I'm so thankful that God guided my footsteps to discovering it when I did. Thanks, Sonlight, for putting together an exceptional program for us to use!

— **Kelly B** Virginia Beach, VA

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Sonlight has inspired my son to love learning about anything and everything! Sonlight's K LA program had him beginning to read before he was even 4! We are in our second year with Sonlight and are now using LA 1 with advanced readers. By now, his ability to read has advanced so much that had to buy a whole separate bookshelf just to house the books that he can now read on his own! He often asks if we can go on the internet to find out more about the many subjects that Sonlight explores.

— **Kelly B** Virginia Beach, VA

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We love using Sonlight because it lays out each day for us, but still gives us flexibility to go at our own pace and take breaks as needed. It allows us to have family time while learning important life lessons presented in the literature. In this photo, Sofie, Liam, and Daddy are reading Things People Do from P 45.

— **Kelly B** Kernersville, NC

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Sonlight offers us flexibility to travel while we school, and to spend time with the kids' dad while he is home. We're a military family with frequent lengthy deployments. Learning is, for us, a whole family experience and together we are growing in knowledge, in tangible experiences, in our faith, and in our relationships. I love it when my kids say, 'Don't stop the movie in my head!' as we pause in reading a terrific passage. On one of the many field trips they take when Dad is home, Rebekah (11) and Samuel (7) put their Sonlight Science knowledge to use and explore the workings of a flour mill. They're studying Core E in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Kerry B** United States

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With Sonlight the world has truly become our classroom! We are a South African family currently living in London and the nature of our work means that we tend to travel a fair amount. We absolutely love being able to adapt our school terms around our travel schedule and also incorporate the various sites into our curriculum, so that the learning becomes a memorable experience. On a recent trip to Paris we took the opportunity finish reading The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson. We chose Pont Alexandre III as the scene for our reading and then traced our steps down the River Seine towards the Notre Dame Cathedral, highlighting sites along the way.

— **Kim B** United Kingdom

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So much for science being boring! Sonlight has truly brought learning to life for us this year!

— **Kim B** Anniston, AL



My daughter's love of reading has SKYROCKETED thanks to Sonlight.

— **Kim B** Anniston, AL



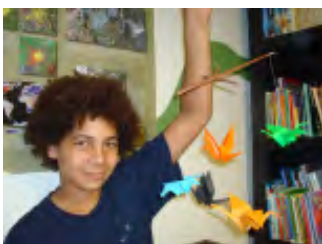
We are a military family that has moved numerous times in our children's school years. We have been so blessed to always take our SL books with us. I still have fond memories of reading Core A to my oldest children in military temporary lodging while waiting for our house to move into. Now, we have the joy of sharing previous SL cores with our younger children. Levi was adopted when he was nearly 4. He knew no English, but we involved him in our school from the very beginning. I attribute his quickness in learning English to his exposure to all the great literature we have obtained from SL through the years.

— **Krista B** Boyceville, WI



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. "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.

— **Lacy B** Montrose, CO



After reading Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes Austin tried his hand at making paper cranes with the Origami paper provided with the SL Core 5 kit. Austin gained a new respect for Sadako and the effort she put into her cranes. Making just a few cranes for a mobile proved to be a big effort! We are grateful that Sonlight provides real life opportunities for our learning!

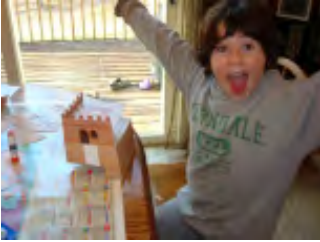
— **Laura B** Zimmerman, MN





Sonlight helps to connect the generations! My mom hold a degree in graphic arts design. She was thrilled to see our "Mark Kistler Draw Squad" book. The boys were thrilled to have their "grammy" teach them a few art lessons from the book. What a joy to share Sonlight with the extended generations in our family!

— **Laura B** Zimmerman, MN



Building the Great Wall of China from Core 5's "Ancient Chinese Treasure Chest" proved to be an adventure for Noah. His satisfaction over his completion of a section of the wall is evident in this photo. Core 5 was the perfect core to combine with the wide age span of my children. The activities were easy to adjust to the ages and the information it provided was riveting to both ages.

— **Laura B** Zimmerman, MN



Our kids loved watching the Discover & Do science video about how electric circuits worked. Then to get to do the experiment themselves was really fun. I'm glad I chose Sonlight because I didn't have the stress of creating a teacher's plan for the subjects for the year. I could just focus on teaching and having fun with the kids as we learned together. Our kids love to do hands-on science experiments. It brings the concepts to life. In their second year of homeschooling, Ethan (8, Core D) and Claire (6, Core D) are delighted as they complete the circuit for a light bulb during Sonlight Science E.

— **Laura B** Cape Coral , FL



I thank Sonlight that I don't have to come up with clever things to write about. 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.

— **Laura B** Inver Grove Heights, MN





The best change that Sonlight has brought to our home school is the connection our children now share with their grandparents. Because of the attraction and draw to Sonlight's rich literature, both sets of grandparents look forward to reading both outloud to the children and also borrowing the children's readers to read themselves at home! This creates many opportunities for the mixture of multi-generational learning and discussions. Discussions that bring life experience hand in hand with daily learning. It is a blessing to me to see the involvement the grandparents feel in the education of our children because they see the value and worth of what is being taught. It is not unusual to come into a room, or around the corner on the patio, and find Grandpa Dave reading one of the children's readers outloud. Homer Price, Charlotte's Web, and Stories from Grandma's Attic have been several of the favorites of both generations thus far. One set of grandparents lives down the road, and the other set, hours away. But through the love and sharing of these authentic stories, I often hear from one grandparent or another, "What a blessing this is to the children, to be taught this way!" "I wish I would have been taught this way!"

— **Laura B** Prineville, OR

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I knew I did not want to tackle extensive lesson planning or preparation – this is why I chose Sonlight. My daughter had no idea of any of that though! She just knew Sonlight brought science to life and was fun. Madison (9) especially enjoyed all of the science videos and experiments that she could conduct! My daughter constantly found herself remembering things we had learned about throughout our daily routine. As I had an intimate knowledge of exactly what she learned from day to day, I was able to further expound upon a resonating idea in a way that really set the light bulbs aglow all over the place in her mind! In this picture, the B family enjoys one of the many great experiments from Sonlight Science C.

— **Laurel B** Lewis Center , OH

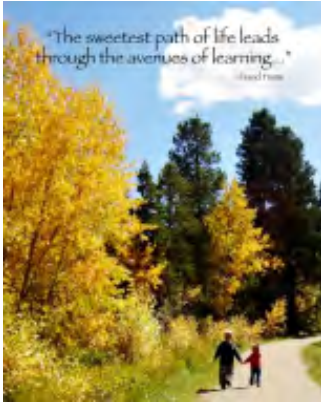
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Sonlight gives us freedom and structure all at the same time, so we can help our children become the creative people God designed.

— **Laurie B** Kingston, NY

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Living in Colorado, allows us to incorporate much of the outdoors into our everyday learning! We often "do school" outside - taking in the beauty of what God has created! I like how the flow of each subject is incorporated and wrapped up in the next subject. It all blends together to create a "whole" year of learning.

— **Leeanne B** Grand Junction, CO

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My girls love for me to read anywhere. We love Sonlight because we can pretty much do school anywhere. When the girls were in gymnastics, we would take some books with us to read while we waited for one or the other to finish. Even my 10 month old is benefiting from "listening" as I read to the girls. Kelxy will even want to listen to me read books to her younger sister, Keara, that I had read to her when we did that core. Or she'll get one of the books and re-read them herself in one day. As a parent, I love Sonlight because I don't have to worry about anything but getting my order in. I don't have to spend sleepless nights scheduling what I'm going to do or searching for books for the year. I order my "school-in-a-box" and I am empowered with almost 100% of the resources I need to adequately teach my children. I do not have the gift of teaching and would never seek a job as such, but with Sonlight I have the confidence that my girls are getting the education they need. When Kelxy was doing Core 3, I had her tested to make sure that she was at the right "grade level" and was extremely pleased to know that she had tested in the upper 90s percentiles in every subject. The only low grade she got was in the Dewey Decimal System! Considering that that is so ancient and we have computers now, I knew that Sonlight did not short-change me in any way and I can homeschool with confidence that the folks at Sonlight are providing what my children need to be appropriately schooled. Thank you for carrying my burden in this essential part of our lives!! My family and I are blessed to have heard of Sonlight!

— **Lexdi B** Tallahassee, FL

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Hannah is in a tree writing in her journal. Not only has she become a confident writer because of sonlight but she enjoys writing now. Sonlight inspired me to homeschool. I was scared that my kids would not get everything they needed if I taught them. Sonlight took that fear away. I love how everything is put together and planned out for me. No Guesswork. I was relaxed knowing it wasn't all on my shoulders. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Lindsey B** Eastover, SC

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Experiments like this make my kids LOVE science. We loved experimenting with bubbles and talking about the "why" and "how" of what we see (thank you Sonlight for providing me with the ANSWERS to their questions!)

— **Lisa B**    Coeur D Alene, ID

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I love the intensity with which Noah performs the science experiments! This was an experiment from Tops: cohesion/adhesion from Science 6... the question was "How many drops can you put on top of a penny without it falling over?" 25 drops! I love how Sonlight incorporates science from everyday items.. Thank you for a great program!

— **Lisa B**    Coeur D Alene, ID

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This is Aaron, caught in the act of getting into the new Sonlight books before I could organize them and put them down lower for his use. After Box Day and letting the boys look through the books for a few days, I put the new books on the highest shelf of our bookcase until I could get myself ready for school. But the science books kept mysteriously disappearing. Aaron was getting up to the top shelf and helping himself – he just couldn't wait for school to start to read his science books. Sonlight has certainly inspired a love of learning in our house! Here, 6-year-old Aaron smiles for the camera as he is caught red-handed with *Animals* from Science B. He's in his fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Lisa B**    Appleton, WI

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"Hey Mom! I'm digging SiO<sub>2</sub>!" When Sonlight piqued an interest in chemistry in his older brother, Andrew just naturally followed along and listened in – as he does to all his brothers' co-ops. With Sonlight learning is fun and can be done together, it's amazing what younger siblings learn as they listen in -- like the molecular makeup of quartz is SiO<sub>2</sub>, a major component of sand.

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I love it that Sonlight provides all the lesson plans, great books and hands-on ideas. As a trained teacher I really appreciate the high quality of books and lesson planning that frees me up to actually teach instead of spending hours trying to spice up dry materials. My favorite moments in Core B this year were the times my children took their learning and ran with it. Here, Shilo (7) and Annika (5) decided to make a working model of the digestive system all on their own. They are sharing Core B in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Lois B** Canada



Even as a trained teacher I was a bit nervous entering the world of homeschooling but it didn't take long to see God's hand was in this. I love being able to enter the worlds of story with them and feel the joy of discovery. Yes, it is a lot of work but I am so glad I get to be their guide in this journey. Here my children are enjoying the world of Beatrix Potter eating veggies from McGregor's garden and bunny biscuits they just made. They like to call themselves Mopsy, Peter and Cottontail respectively...our baby is Flopsy. Sonlight helped save me loads of time so I could focus on teaching instead of planning and it eased me into homeschooling in an enabling way. Thank you Sonlight!

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We love to read and our girls were so excited to see how many books they would be reading this year when we celebrated box day! Sonlight is such an awesome tool for inspiring future readers. We are having an amazing year; this is our second year homeschooling and first using Sonlight. Already my girls are blossoming and seem much more connected to our lessons. God has truly blessed our family through this curriculum!

— **Lorraine B** Wichita, KS

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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. 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.

— **Mahlon B** Hills, MN

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Abbi loved the adventures and learning about the Eastern Hemisphere so much that we were blessed with extra effort and tasty experiments! Thanks Sonlight for inspiring our girl to try new things every day. Abbi learned all about the people God has blessed Asia with and the work He is doing there. By the end of the year, she decided to be a Bible translator to a people group who hasn't yet heard the Good News. How blessed they will be by a seed planted by Sonlight. Inspired by the "Choose Your Adventure" part of Core F, Abbi (13) made many new dishes this year, including this delicious Chinese jiaoza.

— **Margaret B** Coplay, PA



Sonlight makes it so easy for my husband to be involved in school after he comes home from work. With the great activities and resources sonlight includes, our after dinner play time becomes a science class the whole family enjoys!

— **Maria B** Greer, SC



Alyssa made a lung from Sonlight Science C all by herself! Thank goodness for the simplicity of Sonlight's Science C. We were so pleased with how fun those experiments were. We have enjoyed watching Discover and Do, which they really can do. The delight in making something all by herself is evident on Alyssa's face. She enjoyed the experiments so much that she is teaching Science A to her brothers next year. Alyssa, 9, and her 6-year-old brother, Joel, are studying Core B+C and Science C in their second year of homeschooling and first year of Sonlight.

— **Mary B** lone, CA



The above photo is of my youngest brother, Natey. (a devoted civil war student!) Now I myself am married with four little ones, and every one of my munchkins has absolutely loved every thrilling moment of their assigned books. Now that the older boys are reading on their own, it's not a rare thing to find them reading "Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel" or sneaking in a chapter from a chapter book that we are "supposed" to be reading together. We love the depth, culture, and insight the books on the Sonlight Reading lists and cores offer.

— **Mary B** Uvalde, TX





We were so lucky to start homeschooling our daughter with Sonlight right from Grade 1, so she never had a chance to think that learning can be boring or unfulfilling.

— **Maryana B** Watertown, NY



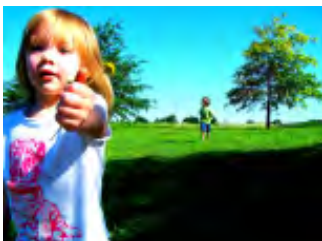
Sonlight brings the world to our doorstep and essentially, straight into our hearts. My sons are learning not only about the world educationally but also spiritually and are beginning to evaluate their own calling. We do school at the park every Wednesday with a group of homeschoolers (most of them Sonlight users) and it is so wonderful to hear the kids chatter about what their favorite Sonlight book is or debate history or just generally enjoy the learning process. Here, 13-year-old Aidan reads from Core F in his family's sixth year of Sonlight.

— **Megan And B** Sylmar, CA



Teaching history to a boy is easy when using Sonlight. I love how the books we read help my children understand the period and the people. Who would have thought that teaching about the Protestant Reformation would be something a young boy would enjoy? I did. Why? I've used Sonlight long enough to know that when you give a good reader a great book, things happen. Noah took his book where he could enjoy it best: outside on his skateboard. Seems an unlikely combination: a skateboard and Martin Luther. But that's the great thing about homeschooling with Sonlight (aka: Sonlighting): a boy can take his history with him and disappear in the book while in his favorite spot.

— **Melinda B** Ingram, TX



This day is especially dear to my heart- it is the day our sonlight home school curriculum arrived in the mail, and all seemed right in the world! My children and I spent our afternoon at the playground near our home in Georgetown, Ky. I was comfortably spread on a blanket, reading up on home schooling, and my sweet babies kept busy by chasing butterflies and bringing me flowers :) The realization that "this could be an every day thing with home schooling" overwhelmed and thrilled me!

— **Melissa B** Georgetown, KY







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! Every morning my kids beg to start with Read-Alouds. We've laughed and even cried together this year reading all the wonderful books.

— **Melody B** Dayton, TN

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William and I went to visit my brother and sister-in-law ( Crystal in the picture). I took some of the Pre-K materials so we could continue with school. I got out of the shower one morning to find that William had located one of his favorite books, Children's Book of Virtues, and had gotten Aunt Crystal to read to him and his cousin! I have other homeschool material at home, but the Sonlight books are the ones my son loves to read with me (or any willing participant) again and again.

— **Michelle B** Matthews, NC

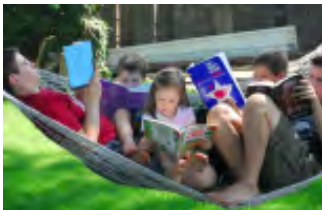
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One of the things we love about homeschooling with Sonlight is the opportunity for hands-on learning through fun field trips. We use the 4-day program and schedule field trips or relaxed family time on the 5th day of the week. It is so nice to not have to fuss with scheduling our work load; we just follow the Instructor's Guide. Here, we are at the 18th Century School House at the Ohio History Museum in Columbus. In their family's fifth year of Sonlight, Rachel (11) is using Core F while Joel (9) and Eric (7) share Core A.

— **Michelle B** Lebanon , OH

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We see the benefits of homeschooling with Sonlight: mature, critical-thinking young adults with an ability to engage the world around them. Each year we reassess our decision and we choose Sonlight again. Here, Andrew (16), John (13), Sam (9), Nathan (6) and Susannah (3) hang out and study together.

— **Michelle B** Pendleton, OR

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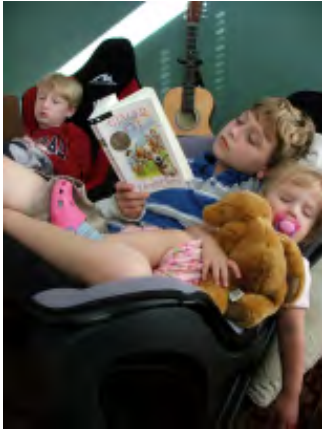


This day we took the stories to the outdoors and took learning one step further. Oh, homeschooling is such a blessing. And as we follow the Red Sails to Capri and adventures of Dr. Dolittle our children are inspired to act out these stories in real life. Sonlight provides the canvas by which their minds open up to a world of possibilities.

— **Mindy B** Hoover, AL

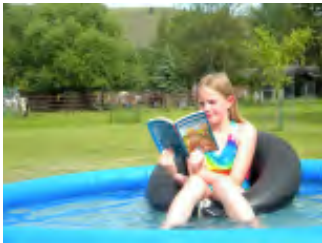
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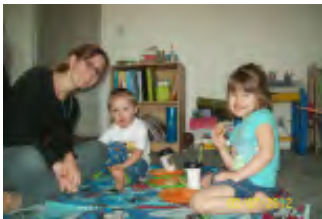
It's a Miracle!!! This is the peaceful result of persistence and patience. Dear Son 6 years old did not like reading and Dear Daughter 2 could not sit still during our first days of School. Hallelujah! We all enjoy reading time and all of our other subjects. It is wonderful to share learning as a FAMILY!

— **Mindy B** Hoover, AL



Sonlight has opened the world to all three of my children. The books and curriculum have opened their eyes to see beyond our little area. Our oldest has been on 2 mission trips to Mexico and plans on spending 9 months at an orphanage in Africa after graduating. Our second is planning a missions trip to Mexico this year. All three have a heart for missions, a love of people from other cultures, and a desire to live for Jesus. Sonlight has always been our core curriculum for all 8 years we have homeschooled.

— **Miriam B** Lolo, MT



Sonlight is a perfect fit for our family. Each of us has a different learning style and it's really easy to tailor to each of the kids without any of us getting bored!. We can sit and read a few stories, and then get up and do activities that go along with them. Here, we were having a picnic, as recommended in the Instructor's Guide, after we read a chapter of the Milly-Molly-Mandy Story Book. It opened up some wonderful conversations about how even the food people ate was different a long time ago. We were using P4/5 at the time, and it made us fall in love with Sonlight. Ryleigh (5) and Toby (4) are in their second Sonlight year.

— **Misty B** Moses Lake, WA



Enjoying story time with the kids. The Sonlight stories bring us closer together as a family and are really fun to read! My wife, who is Chinese, reads to them in Chinese and even translates many of the Sonlight stories on the fly while I make sure they have a good dose of expressive English narration when it's my turn to read. Kythara, on the left, is three and Josiah, on my lap, is almost one and a half." We are using sonlight P3/4 in our first year of homeschooling! Andrew B from Redmond, WA.

— **Nancy B** Redmond, WA





While the cost of Sonlight may initially be startling to some, we have found it more than worthwhile for the many years (and many children) who use each Core. I adore that my children use their free play time to re-read books from past years, to reenact historical periods they have studied with their siblings, and to re-study topics that interest them now. Thank you, Sonlight, for the family unity and creativity you have brought to our home! In their fifth year homeschooling, Brandt (8) [pictured] and Nolan (7) share Core E. Nathan (4) uses the Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package while London (3) and Brooks (1) listen in.

— **Nicole B** Gilbert, AZ



I love that Sonlight gives us everything we need – from the fabulous Instructor's Guides to hands-on Math and Science manipulatives. This is our first year homeschooling. My children love to read and the books have really captured their attention. We've only been using the Sonlight program four weeks and have already made cave paintings, fossils and a volcano. We even dressed up as ancient Romans and laid down on the floor to have our own Roman dinner party. Sonlight is fantastic and I can't wait to see what else is in store! During Science A study, the family was lucky enough to discover tadpoles in their backyard. Along with Dad, Samantha (7), Gregory (5), Danielle (4), James (3) and Connor (2) were delighted to track their development into frogs!

— **Nikki B** Richlands, NC



We love Sonlight because it encourages a broad world view while strengthening family bonds. Sonlight is a well-rounded curriculum. It has broadened our children's minds – along with ours! A broad mind makes you challenge concepts and investigate things that you would never investigate otherwise. A broad mind acknowledges other points of view, but is wise enough to make its own decisions. I am glad I chose Sonlight. Jabari (12, Core G), Israel (9, Core B) and Kenya (7, Core B) have used Sonlight their whole lives.

— **Nina B** Akron, OH



I have seen an incredible (and positive) change in Hannah's attitude towards school since we started your curriculum. 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.

— **Patrice B** Owings, MD



Last September our family took the ultimate Core 3 & 4 field trip. We spent a week in the capital and the boys were so thrilled to see the monuments to the things that they've been learning about. They would take D.C. over Disney any day! Sonlight has given them a love and fascination for history and I'm so thankful for that. Seeing the FDR memorial really brought the things they learned in Core 4 to life.

— **Paula B** Doylestown, OH



How wonderful to snuggle up with a warm dog on a cold winter day to read "The Seventeenth Swap". Sonlight has completely transformed our idea of what "school" should be. Most days will find us curled up on the couch together (with a dog or two). The boys beg me not to stop reading. I think if my voice held out they would sit and listen for 8 hours straight! It has done wonders for their attention spans too!

— **Paula B** Doylestown, OH



Because of SL my sons have developed a deep love and reverence for our nation's history. This past summer we had the blessing of their great grandfather staying with us for a week. It was so fascinating for them to hear grandpas stories about his time in WWII. We were able to visit a nearby veteran's cemetery together and it was a very special time.

— **Paula B** Doylestown, OH



After two years of piecing together different curriculum to try and meet all our educational needs, we have found that Sonlight has it all. The fact that Sonlight Core programs can be used for multiple children allows us more family time. Thank you Sonlight, for putting together such a great selection books that make our children love learning and providing such time-saving, helpful, schedules and Instructor's Guides that make us love teaching! In their first year of Sonlight, Emma (7) and Rachel (5) listen to their dad read Ginger Pye from Core C.

— **Phebe B** Grantsville, MD







After studying both Egypt and archaeology in Core 1, we excavated our own pyramid in a kit that we purchased. The topics explored in the Sonlight curriculum are so widespread that we find many exciting ways to extend our learning. In this Egyptian pyramid kit we excavated our simulated dig-site to find a sarcophagus, mummy, death mask, and four canopic urns. Grace (9 years) and Mary Emma (5 years) took turns chiseling and brushing the sand away to find the Egyptian treasures that we had read about in our Core 1 Read Alouds.

— **Rachel B** Whitmore Lake, MI



Though Julia doesn't see her cousin often because we live overseas, the two of them have formed a book club and discuss books they've read together over Skype. When it's Julia's turn to suggest a book, she often picks from the readers she has finished, becoming quite animated as she describes the plot to her cousin. Thanks to Sonlight, they've enjoyed some fine books together! In addition to the amazing collection of books we keep adding to each year, Sonlight has instilled important values in our children in a very natural way as we gather together to read and discuss pertinent issues. We are grateful for Sonlight and for every moment we have with our children because of our choice to use this curriculum!

— **Rachel B** Poy Sippi, WI



This is our second year with Sonlight the kids love to learn, we started school this year early because they couldn't wait to start. I love Sonlight because we can read together a lot, the kids are very curious about the stories that they always ask me to read another chapter. Sonlight has been a positive change for our family, the kids are aware of other cultures that otherwise would probably not be. This is important to me since I am originally from Europe. My oldest daughter was bored with repetition of her previous curriculum we used before, now one day after we started to use the Sonlight program she says to me "Mom, I love Sonlight books, I want to homeschool my kids, too." Emma loves the books from Sonlight she reads all of them twice, Her favorite place to read is outside around her miniature horses.

— **Rebeca B** Lenoir City, TN





Christian and Alicia were doing one of the many science experiments in their General Science book, using Sonlight's schedule. I can't tell you what a difference Sonlight's schedules have made in our homeschooling! My older children are able to follow the schedules completely on their own, and by checking the box off when they are finished, it easily shows them if they've completed all of their work for the day. What a blessing! The novels we have read have also given them a much broader view of the world around them. It helps them to realize we only live on a small part of this huge world, and our ways are not the ways of all people. Thank you for strengthening their worldview.

— **Rebecca B** Archbold, OH



Sonlight curriculum creates an exciting way for our family to learn. Our three boys are excited to demonstrate their skills as they eagerly connect what they learn with everyday experiences. Sonlight is a blessing because it keeps our entire family organized, enriched and hungry for knowledge. We love that it is a Christian curriculum specializing in individual packages. The resources and materials absolutely satisfy our needs and provide us with the tools to successfully help our children learn and grow. In their fourth Sonlight year, Cole (7), Qwest (6) and Quade (4) are using Cores P4/5, A and B. Here, they explore a close-to-home story with Dad.

— **Ronnie B** Paluxy, TX



Sonlight creates an exciting way for our family to learn! This is our fourth year using the curriculum and we currently use Core P4/5, Core A, and Core B. Our three boys are excited to demonstrate their skills as they eagerly use learned information on field trips, as well as in everyday experiences. Sonlight is a blessing to have because it keeps our entire family organized, enriched, and hungry for knowledge. We love that Sonlight is a Christian homeschool curriculum specializing in individual packages. The specialized resources and materials absolutely satisfy our family's needs. It provides us with the necessary tools to successfully teach our children to learn and grow.

— **Ronnie B** Paluxy, TX



Sonlight has given my kids a deep love of learning. Seeing their excitement as we come across topics we've already discussed is just priceless. I love the freedom I have with homeschooling to choose what works best with each child, as well as provide the right amount of time for each need.

— **Roubina B** Greenville, RI



I love Sonlight because of its flexibility - we can have a new baby and keep going - or the children continue under their own steam, and I love it that they are including each other in the learning process. They often read to each other with all the intonation of superior knowledge. When the new baby arrived, they just gathered him up into the learning stream.

— **Samuel B** New Zealand



This is Dallas doing his Teaching Textbook Algebra. He does his math on his bed every day! What a life. He ran down the stairs after he finished his math today and yelled, "Mom, I got an A on my math today!" It is so helpful having this program to fill in my weak area of math. Trust me, we couldn't do Algebra without it!

— **Sandie B** Menominee, MI



We really enjoy the Draw Today program. I have started using it myself and I am amazed at the results! I feel like we have uncovered a talent that God has given us that we didn't even know we had! Also, I enjoy having something fun to do together with my son and be able to watch us both grow in our abilities. We have neighbors who are twin girls who saw what we were doing and asked if they could try the program and now they are excited about their art work too! We can't wait to get Paint Today. Thank you for this wonderful art program included in the Sonlight Electives!

— **Sandie B** Menominee, MI



We have loved our years of homeschooling using Sonlight! What a blessing it has been. Since starting Sonlight at the suggestion of a friend, our entire family has accepted Jesus as our Savior! Thank you for this wonderful Christian Curriculum. This picture is of my son Dallas and I holding the pictures that we drew using the Draw Today art program.

— **Sandie B** Menominee, MI





Eric and his brother are just finishing up core 5 (we will be getting Core 6 for 2008/2009). Cole's walking practice with his brothers and service dog, is part of his special IEP (Individual Education Plan). If Sonlight ever comes up with a list of really good, educational software programs, please let me know. Because of Cole's special cognitive needs, he requires a lot of repetition in order to learn reading and math concepts. Cole has loved Mathtacular.

— **Sandra B** Hillsboro, OR



Sonlight has made homeschooling fun for me and my 5 boys. My 9 year old son has cerebral palsy and his schedule involves PT/OT, horseback riding and at least 3 walks a week. Cameron and Eric play JBO baseball. Eric does horseback riding and also helps Cole with his gait trainer when he walks. We also like to swim. Our family is known around Hillsboro, because we look like a parade (Mom, 5 boys and Cole's "homeschooled" service dog, Ryobi). People frequently stop us to talk and are stunned (some have even cried) because of how helpful and loving Cole's brothers are with him. Cameron and Eric do some independent studying in the morning (Teaching Textbooks, Rosetta Stone, Language, World book reading, Science) and then in the afternoon, we are off to PT, horseback riding, walking practice, etc. We keep the Sonlight Core books (just the ones we are currently reading), a Bible, and our Sonlight schedule in a big canvas bag in the car. Usually when we arrive at our afternoon activity, the youngest is asleep in his carseat. We just pull over into a quiet spot and read, while the youngest takes his nap. When Emerson wakes up, we finish up our reading and do the days activity. I know it sounds crazy, but it works and it's fun. It has given all of my children a unique perspective on "disability." Thank You Sonlight, for giving me a curriculum that can come with us and that my children eagerly learn with.

— **Sandra B** Hillsboro, OR



Sonlight science sparks in my children constant interest in the world around them.

— **Sarah B** Highland Village, TX







Jack and Caroline spent a long time in the rainforest biodome and commented often about how we had just read about each of the different plants or animals. Their grandmother, aunt and cousin made the trip to Galveston with us and it was awesome to see our 7 and 4 year old teaching each of them new things about the habitat! We love Sonlight because it makes learning such an interactive and enjoyable experience for our family!

— **Sarah B** Hillsboro, TX



Caroline and her brother loved the rainforest biodome at Moody Gardens. She identified different parrots and plants and animals and educated her grandmother and cousin about where each is found in the world! Our family loves that Sonlight provides such interactive learning for siblings of different ages. The resources and literature chosen by the folks at Sonlight are always top-notch and have instilled a true love of learning in our kids!

— **Sarah B** Hillsboro, TX



Jack and Caroline loved our family trip to Moody Gardens in Galveston and spent a lot of time in the rainforest biodome, having just studied rainforests in Core K. They were thrilled to learn more about the amphibians of the rainforest areas, particularly frogs, and took time out of the tour to pose as a couple of happy tree frogs! We love the quality of Sonlight, the great books and the interactive learning our kids get! We recommend Sonlight to other homeschoolers and plan to use Sonlight all the way through!

— **Sarah B** Hillsboro, TX



Not only learning about how other people around the world live and believe, but being reminded to pray for God's grace on their lives is HUGE for us. My sister and her family are in SE Asia doing mission work. In the first few weeks, we've learned more about the unreached people group she serves than she has had a chance to tell us! Sonlight, along with God's Word, has called us out and reminded us that we are not the center of the world, but He is, and people need HIM. In her first year of Sonlight Core B study, Kaylee Jo (7) is often joined by brother Bo (4).

— **Sarah B** Mathiston, MS





It was through a friend's recommendation that we heard about Sonlight, and I feel as though we have struck a gold mine. When I picked up a Sonlight catalog for the first time, I did not expect to be blown away by the sheer quantity of outstanding, quality books. I wanted to read them all! As a homeschool graduate who has experienced many different curriculums, I can definitely agree that this is the way I wish I had been taught. Sonlight's selection of books inspires creativity and excitement for learning in our little ones. Shari has homeschooled Lydia (8), Luke (4) and Levi (1) from birth. The family is thrilled with their first year of Sonlight as they study Core B+C.

— **Shari B**    Durham, NC

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Sonlight has opened up our hearts and minds to the way other cultures live their daily lives. 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.

— **Shell B**    Mansfield, TX

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Our family loves to visit castles in France where we have lived for the past 19 years. Over the years our kids have devoured the Sonlight history books and historical novels. We are so thankful to Sonlight for providing us excellent tools in understanding the history and philosophy that have shaped this present European culture in which we live. Sonlight has enabled us to raise our five children to love Jesus, love people, and minister together as a family. Thank you so much, Sonlight Curriculum!

— **Sonya B**    France

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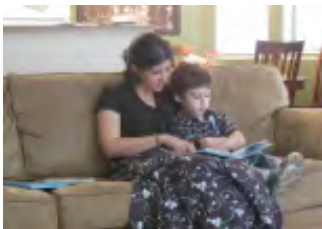
Thank you Sonlight for making homeschooling fun, efficient, flexible and family unifying! Today we combined our learning with a field trip at the "Butterflies Go Free" exhibit in Montreal. My husband is reading: "Caterpillars and Butterflies" to our daughter at the exhibit. It was so neat to see the stages of life of a butterfly not only at the exhibit but also to see it well detailed and explained in the book. It truly makes learning real, engaging and fun!

— **Sophie B** Canada



Sonlight has broadened our understanding of world cultures and given my son a deep love for both history and reading. When we started homeschooling nearly 3 years ago I didn't know what curriculum I wanted but I wanted it to have a biblical worldview and lots of reading, to try to teach my son to love books as much as I did. Sonlight was recommended by a friend, and it was the best investment we have ever made. Nine-year-old Jesse loves reading to his new baby sister, Josie. He's studying Core D in his second year of Sonlight.

— **Stacie B** Collins, MS



At such a young age, I can see that my children pronounce words better and have a wonderful attention span, thanks to Sonlight encouraging us to begin reading early. Sonlight has added so much value to our lives because it makes reading a high priority. No boring textbooks! The captivating book recommendations grab the attention of our two children, and my husband and myself, as well! The curriculum encourages family reading, so he had a way to bond with them at a young age. Jack (3, Preschool Multi-Subject) enjoys a midday story with Mom.

— **Stacie B** San Antonio, TX



My husband was hesitant to homeschool. However, he was easily convinced after seeing all that Sonlight offered: the user-friendly curriculum (a huge selling factor), diversity of subjects, challenging courses, integration of faith and learning, and the chance to make every experience a learning experience. By the end of kindergarten, Levi insisted on reading his own science and history lessons (We LOVE those Usborne books!). He now chooses bedtime stories to read to his brothers. His excitement for learning is contagious and we can't wait to start another year! Here, Levi (6) reads to Ezra (3) and Joel (4). They're sharing Core B in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Stephanie B** Lewistown, PA





The Baxters are actually waiting patiently for an appointment we had that was running late. Alexis is reading to the twins and Thomas is in his "own little world." Before purchasing Sonlight I read that it involved lots of reading, and I said, "YES, Sign us up!" Honestly, we just want our children to love God and love learning. Learning stems from reading and being able to "jump in" to each book. I love being able to pull out a book and have it capture all of their interest, young or old. Sonlight taught me to teach through reading, and I am getting good at it! Sonlight's curriculum make that so easy and fun, as well as easy to share the excitement with the younger kids.

— **Summer B** Petersburg, AK



We have opened our box, organized our books and as we take an overview of all our great school books, Elizabeth decides the box is her mode of transportation through history. We love Sonlight's books and programs. As former overseas missionaries, we know that Sonlight's content is age appropriate and 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 and belief systems. Thanks for all you do for the homeschooling community.

— **Susan B** Greenville, SC



I love how flexible Sonlight Curriculum is for my family. Melanie (13) and Zachary (10) are doing separate Core packages, but combining for Science. We learned about the parts of a flower in our Sonlight books and then used real flowers found in our garden to help pull it all together and get 'hands-on' learning. Sonlight allows you the freedom to do as much or as little as you want, based on your own family's needs. I love that my curriculum is all planned and organized for me, so that I can take the time to enjoy the learning process with my kids. Melanie (Core G) and Zachary (Core D) have used Sonlight since Kindergarten.

— **Susan B** Dodgeville , WI



Jonathan enjoys copying hieroglyphs as part of the SL 6 language arts program We have used Sonlight since my dd, a sophomore in high school, started first grade. We adore Sonlight and find it the perfect balance of academics and relaxed homeschooling that we desire as a family. Our kids love the history and read alouds; they are always begging for "just one more chapter, pleeeeeeasssse!" We are a Sonlight family for the long term, and we couldn't be happier.

— **Susanne B** Pine Valley, CA







Our children often read to each other. The older ones read to the younger ones, and the younger ones practice their skills for the older ones as well as with each other. When Bethany got a rabbit of her own, her older sister Olivia (who has 2 rabbits) had the perfect book to read for the occasion, "Shadrach." It's a book from Core 2 that Bethany will be reading this fall, but Olivia remembered it was about a black rabbit and pulled it out early to share with Bethany and her new little black rabbit ("Joshua"). What fun it is when books have become such good friends that our older children can't wait for the younger ones to "meet" them. Thank you, Sonlight, for providing such delightful and memorable books for our family to grow on. While I like many things about Sonlight, I especially enjoy reading such good books to my children. My oldest two have a "knowing look" that they share when I get to the end of a book and cannot go on because I am all choked up. Now that I am starting in on "round 2" with our three younger children and re-reading the same books again, I actually look forward to those moments when I have to stop and wipe my tears. When learning goes beyond our heads and penetrates our hearts, it is then that we truly learn.

— **Sylvia B** Apple Valley, MN

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This year Ben will do Apologia Biology so we got out our Sonlight microscope and supplies to see what we had and what we still need. Here, Ben is looking through some prepared slides while his little brother, Solomon, tries to get in on the fun. At our house, learning is often a family affair. I love how Sonlight allows all of my children to grow and learn together. Frequently the older children teach the younger ones things before I even get a chance to. One of my favorite things about Sonlight is how easy they have made it for me. When I started homeschooling 10 years ago, I only committed to doing Kindergarten. I never dreamed we'd make it to high school! In the beginning, I wasn't even sure if I could really do it, but finding Sonlight that first year has helped me to fulfill my dream of teaching my children at home, giving them a solid foundation in God's word, and a true love for His people and His kingdom. I honestly don't have any dislikes!

— **Sylvia B** Apple Valley, MN

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Having a 15- year-old boy who loves to read history books for pleasure is definitely a testimony to Sonlight's 'love to learn' philosophy. Ten years ago I never imagined I would make it past Kindergarten with homeschooling, much less to high school, but I am thankful to Sonlight for having helped me do it.

— **Sylvia B** Apple Valley, MN

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Bethany's first few years of learning to read were a bit of a struggle. It was just this past year that it all finally made sense to her and she became an avid reader. She has spent a lot of time reading aloud to just about everyone in our family, from her Dad, her big brother Ben (who is 15), to her little brother, Solomon, who just turned four. Here, Bethany is sharing her ability and her joy of reading with her brother, Ben. Ben has been homeschooled with Sonlight since Kindergarten and it is his love of learning, his love of reading, and his love for his younger siblings that has nurtured those same loves in all of our children. I give much of the credit for Ben's success in school to the wonderful books that Sonlight has provided to foster such a love for learning in him. The younger ones have watched Ben enjoy reading for so many years that they have never once thought that learning was something other than truly wonderful. As a mom, I have loved Sonlight from the beginning for many reasons, but it is the Instructor's Guides that have made homeschooling so "do-able" for me. I would have never made it all these years if I hadn't found Sonlight in the beginning! The exciting and often captivating read-alouds are just the icing on the cake that have made it not just "do-able" but amazingly enjoyable as well. As for dislikes, I really don't have any.

— **Sylvia B** Apple Valley, MN

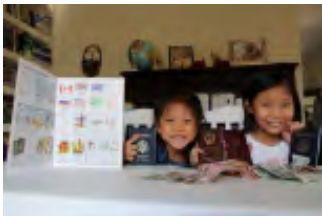
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Sonlight has given my children a love for those who are less fortunate. I remember watching 'My Passport to India' [a recent Sonlight giving/learning project] and my children were shocked by the slums. They couldn't believe people lived in anything 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.

— **Theresa B** Fairfax Station, VA

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Treasures are unfolding in our Home School. Sonlight Core B is opening my daughter's eyes to a bigger world. Each of them are gathering knowledge and understanding that there are different people, cultures, beliefs, and places far beyond what they experience in our community. Comparing money from Russia, Honduras, Cuba, China, Hong Kong, Panama and USA gave them concrete knowledge. Reading about passports and visas came alive as they held their own passports with visas and stamps from China and Hong Kong. Reading becomes reality with Sonlight.

— **Tonya B** Reidsville, NC

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Learning together has become a foundation of our family. As a hesitant homeschool mom, I researched tons of options for our children's education. We chose Sonlight because of its literary approach to learning and the well-thought-out Instructor's Guides. Sonlight gives me everything I need to make learning fun and effective without a lot of effort collecting resources. It's all right there! When people tell me, 'I could never homeschool.' I reply, 'I said the same thing; then I found Sonlight! In their fourth year of Sonlight, Elijah (9, Core D) and Amelia (7, Core B) look up the answer to a science question from Science D.

— **Tracey B** Westminster, CO



Our Pennsylvania backyard is a favorite spot for Erika to read and otherwise relax... so she made herself a hammock in which to lounge. The boys liked the idea so much that she made some more. Hence, the triple-decker hammock!!! We ALL love to listen to read-alouds (Mom included). Even though Kirk (eldest child) is not doing Sonlight he still tries to sneak away from his work so he can listen in on the stories (even though and BECAUSE he has already heard them.) Reading books TOGETHER brings us together connecting us in ways that would otherwise be impossible.

— **Valerie B** Elizabethtown, PA



This summer my children have been saying 'Mom, can we start school? We are tired of only having playing to do. 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 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.

— **Valerie B** Jenison, MI



I can rest easy knowing that Sonlight has all the bases covered. 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.

— **Victoria B** St Matthews, SC





We have 6 children at home at this time. Three adopted from China and three of them were just adopted from Ethiopia in Feb. 2007. They are older girls with some English ability. We like Sonlight because it works well with all my different ages and language issues. I picked Core 1 because I could use the different level of readers. What also has worked well for us is all the Read Alouds I ordered a copy for each of the older girls and the follow along while I read to them, this way they can see the words as I read. I have to stop and explain most everything as they have little knowledge of some things, for instance in Keep the Lights Burning Abbie, they did not know what a lighthouse was. Sonlight has made my teaching fun and the kids love it.

— **Yolanda B** Hayden, ID



My girls love Sonlight and all the great books. Sonlight is easy to use and fun. I like the fact everyday is all planned for me, this gives me more time with each child as I am not planning everything. Due to each child coming home from different countries and at different levels Sonlight works great because I can order different level readers. It has worked very well for us to order extra copies of the Read-alouds and they follow along while I read, this helps them see the words and hear them. Thanks again for Sonlight.

— **Yolanda B** Hayden, ID



Sonlight makes reading fun. Aedin, a struggling reader, actually enjoys reading Sonlight's Fun Tales to his sister! As a family we have greatly enjoyed the read aloud books, with the kids begging for 'one more chapter' each night. The vocabulary, maps, background information, and questions provided in the Instructor's Guide are a wonderful starting point for our discussions. Aedin (6) and Alanna (5) now love to snuggle up and read. They're using Core A in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Anandi C** Antioch, CA



Sonlight has allowed me the flexibility to have a special needs son. When we have doctors appointments, therapy appointments, etc. to attend too...I never have to "regroup" when we get home..We just pick back up from the IG where we left off that morning! Thank you Sonlight for allowing this Moma the freedom and the release to accommodate and embrace the needs of my son without forsaking my other children.....

— **Andrea C** Greenwood, IN





Sonlight has prepared our family's world view. When we have had a few, precious opportunities to travel abroad, my sons are already ahead of the game because they know, from the Sonlight way of teaching, that their 'hometown' is NOT the only 'hometown' in the world..and that other 'hometowns' are just as special and sacred, though possibly different, than their own. Sonlight has allowed me the FREEDOM to school multiple grades levels without feeling overwhelmed! I am NOT a teacher by trade...but by Calling...Sonlight has made this Calling in my life truly enjoyable and much easier than expected! Thanks Sonlight!

— **Andrea C** Greenwood, IN



Discovering Sonlight was a real highlight to our homeschooling. It caters to kids with different learning styles. 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.

— **Andrew C** Cambodia



There's not a better place to spend a beautiful spring morning than under the cherry trees in full bloom, and with Sonlight that's possible. We DID have to create a schedule so each girl could do their reading time in the hammock. Here is Rachelle enjoying one of her favorite readers from this last year. As a Mom of 6 daughters I was immediately drawn to the book "SEVEN DAUGHTERS AND SEVEN SONS" from core 5, and I was not disappointed. My daughters and I thoroughly enjoyed both "SHADOW SPINNER," and "SEVEN DAUGHTERS AND SEVEN SONS." Here the girls are dressed as Shahrazad, Dunyazad, and Marjan while playing. None of us will soon forget the characters from either of these stories, or the time and place they were set. Because their imaginations were fired by such memorable stories, I found the girls, during the summer, voluntarily leafing through other history books we owned to find out more about the places and time period we had read about. What a fun way to learn!

— **Angela C** Emporia, KS

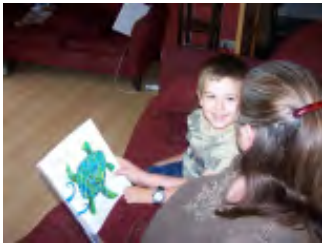




I was just taking the kids up to bed when my son, Andrew, asked (with a HUGE grin) "Mommy, can I read the story to Gracie out of MY book?" Of course I said yes and he ran over and grabbed his I Can Read it, Book 1 off our school shelf. They had so much fun snuggled up together on her bed reading together. He did such a great job! Sonlight's early readers have really helped Andrew see the fun in reading himself. The stories are funny but also have interesting twists to them that keep him reading "just one more page." Thank you, Sonlight, for helping my son not only learn to read, to but learn to love reading!

— **Angella C** United States

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I am amazed that my rough-and-tumble [5-year-old] boy has a favorite poem. Thank you, Sonlight, for helping me introduce poetry to my son at such a young and impressionable age!

— **Angella C** United States

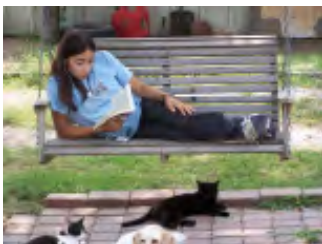
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Andrew has found a new love - Math! He always wants to do "one more page, Mom!" I love that Sonlight allows me to see all of these wonderful Aha! moments in my sons life. I can't image missing out on these special moments!

— **Angella C** United States

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My daughter Meghan loves to relax with her Sonlight books outdoors and read on the swing with her animals nearby. It sure beats sitting behind a desk in a classroom! I love that with Sonlight, my 4 children have the freedom to relax and enjoy learning in a natural environment. I'm so glad we discovered Sonlight this year and wish we would have discovered it even sooner. I'm enjoying the literature as much as my kids are and am looking forward to the coming school year.

— **Angie C** Palmyra, MO

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**HORSIN AROUND WITH SONLIGHT** We love that we can take our books wherever we go. Dad is a pilot, so far we have lived on 4 continents: Africa (Zimbabwe & South Africa), USA, Europe (UK) & the Middle East (Dubai). Sonlight curriculum has an international flavour which we enjoy as the world is a wonderful place, and we want to learn all about it. Creative writing prompts thought provoking discussion and we keep dialogue open with one another. The history is real and exciting as the stories include details of personal interest as well as the historical facts. Mum is learning as much as we kids are! We enjoy the read-alouds around our old cosy coal stove and on sunny days we school in the garden with our pets. We learn in a safe and loving environment and the books are fascinating. Mum has a hard time saving the books for later in the year! In this photo, from right to left, Michael (14) Jessica (6) Siobhan (12) Dylan (9) and a home school friend Jelta, dig into books from the Alt 7 and Core 1+2, they share the cores. Doodle the Labrador & Harkon the Arab horse get acquainted. We live in Belfast South Africa, and would love to meet other Sonlight families in our area.

— **Annalise C** South Africa

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Sonlight epitomizes the values and goals at the very heart at our family's choice to homeschool. 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 storytimes 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.

— **Ashley C** Bountiful, UT

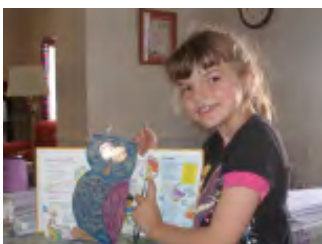
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After having lived in four countries ourselves as missionaries, we really appreciate Sonlight's international focus.

— **Becky C** Peru

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Marissa loves studying science with Sonlight. Every day she asks if there is an experiment to go along with the lesson. Some of the concepts seem a little advanced for her, but I'm amazed what she remembers. Thanks for making such an interesting, interactive program.

— **Becky C** Peru

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After studying about the Incas in Core 3, it was fun to visit Tarmatambo, a former administrative center for the Incas that happens to be just 15 minutes away from our house in Peru. Thanks for presenting the different groups from a Christian perspective.

— **Becky C** Peru



After a year of experiencing the local schools, we're very glad to have the option of creating our own "colegio" in our home here in the Andes mountains. We're both learning a lot together, and our relationship is growing. We're only half-way through our first year with Sonlight, but I already have next year's books picked out.

— **Becky C** Peru



Sonlight makes it so simple to give my kids the love of learning I'd always hoped for. In our first year homeschooling, I couldn't be happier with their progress!" Here, Mandy (8) and Bryan (11) educate Mom on the length of a giraffe's tongue (45 cm).

— **Becky C** Pinetops, NC



We love that Sonlight is so hands on. 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.

— **Becky C** South Dayton, NY







Even though I was a Social Studies Education major, I have learned and retained more knowledge about US history through reading Sonlight books with my girls than I ever did in college. As missionaries to Peru, we have learned to love and appreciate different cultures. We're so thankful that Sonlight curriculum does the same. Using Sonlight wasn't a hard decision for us. We love books, learning about other cultures, and the freedom to have school anytime and anywhere. In this photo, Marissa (13, Core 100) and Alena (8, Core D) pose in traditional Peruvian clothing.

— **Becky C** South Dayton, NY



The multicultural and missions emphasis keep drawing us back to Sonlight. Core F has been the best one yet! It was a very special year as Marissa and I prayed and cried our way through studying some of the least-evangelized countries in the world. It has made her a more compassionate person. The adventures at the end of each unit were especially fun. We tried a lot of new foods. The research projects, geography and reading selections also tie together beautifully. Thanks for offering a curriculum I haven't seen elsewhere and that affirms our values as missionaries. In their fifth year of Sonlight, Marissa (11) and Alena (6) are developing a closer relationship as they explore Cores C and G.

— **Becky C** South Dayton, NY



I appreciate that Sonlight is not dogmatic about its approaches to education. On the more controversial topics in science and history it offers different viewpoints and allows the parents to decide how to present it. Even with math and handwriting programs, Sonlight offers several good programs and lets the parents decide what is best for their children. Alena does well with the more developmentally focused "Handwriting without Tears" while big sister Marissa liked the fancier writing and Bible verse display pages of "A Reason for Handwriting."

— **Becky C** South Dayton, NY



We love the Sonlight books. Gabriel especially loves The Berenstain Bears' Big Book of Science and Nature. Even his baby brother loves read along and do the signs he knows for all the animals in the books (he's doing signs in the picture). Sonlight really can be enjoyed by the whole family together!

— **Beth C** Tigard, OR





The children are sliding down "Sliding Rock." This is CREATOR-MADE entertainment. No need for video games here. This is what wonderful childhood memories are made of. We love Sonlight Curriculum for the way that it points us to the Creator. We don't have to preview the materials to see if they are inappropriate. We just know that they are going to point us to Christ every time!

— **Bunnie C** Winder, GA



My daughter is riding on the back of the boat and in deep thought. She has no idea that I was taking her picture. She is making a heart with her fingers as we are out enjoying God's creation. Sonlight adds the Creator to our lives daily

— **Bunnie C** Winder, GA



Our family loves to travel and explore different cultures and places. The best complement to our travel lifestyle is Sonlight. -NM

— **Caroline C** Qatar



We are so blessed to have found a curriculum that we trust has our same goals in mind for young minds: to teach our children to think about the world around them and how they fit in it!

— **Cathy C** Justin, TX





Dear John, Sarita and all at Sonlight, When my son Jonathan was diagnosed with a hearing loss at 3, I was devastated. His speech was not intelligible and I feared he would be far behind his peers in terms of his language development. So it was with great apprehension that I started to homeschool him with Sonlight Core K when he was 5. It took us almost 18 months to finish it. But I'm so glad we did! In an English Language Exam he took for Primary 1 students last month, he scored 89% without any prior preparations. And we were not even half way through Core 1! I guess I shouldn't be surprised looking at all the quality literature that Sonlight has introduced him to. Thank you so much! Jonathan is 7 now and apart from his hearing aids, one would never have guessed that he is hearing impaired. He has really come a long way. Through all the interesting books in the Sonlight curriculum, he has acquired such a vast vocabulary. Not only has he learned to read (from using the "I Can Read it" series of books) but he has developed such a love for reading that you could be sure that that is the first thing he does in the morning and the last thing he does at night. Here he is reading one of his favorite readers "Tut's Mummy Lost and Found" on his bed in the morning. His younger brother, Justin has followed in his footsteps and is already reading at 5 after going through Book 1 of the "I Can Read It" series. For that I can't thank you enough because their learning really grows exponentially when they can read by themselves. I am really grateful to Sonlight for such a great curriculum and I wish there were a Chinese curriculum equivalent to Sonlight which I can use to teach my children Chinese. (Their English is better than their Chinese now.) I hope to be able to continue using Sonlight as long as it is financially viable for us to do so. Thank you once again.

— **Charis C** Singapore



If you don't use Sonlight, what are you waiting for?. Our kids were in school for a few years, and I couldn't think of a better program than Sonlight to bring us back together as a learning family unit. Reading and spending time together strengthens the bond we have and takes us on grand adventures together. Here, Seth (12, Core F), Zackary (14, Core F) and Morgaine (16, British Literature 530) read on a family trip.

— **Cheryl C** Fruitport, MI



We love how Sonlight teaches us about other cultures. It inspired my daughter to raise money for Mission India so that other children could hear about Jesus.

— **Cheryl C** Deerfield, NH





Kailey reading Squanto from Sonlight 3. We picked an art project for each week. We made a teepee, an owner's stick, a calendar chart, moccasins and indian clothes; a dress for Kailey & pants & loin clothe for Justin. We had so much fun reading the books & doing the craft to correspond. It's a wonderful curriculum that allows us to be creative while we learn. Thanks so much.

— **Chris C** Monroe, NC



Having all the resources for Science B ready from day 1 provided the support we needed to make experiments fun for our science lover. A boat race with dad makes learning about magnetic force more fun! My husband declared on 'Box Day' that he wanted to stay home with us to homeschool. He enjoyed seeing our son's excitement each time he had a new experiment to show at the end of the day. Though Todd didn't actually quit his day job, he still gets to be part of the excitement. Here, he and 7-year-old Caleb show off the magnetically-powered boats they made with the instructions and materials that came with Sonlight Science B.

— **Christie C** Mooresville, NC



My daughters love Sonlight just as much as I do! In fact, when Marion (7) really enjoys a reader, she wants to read aloud herself to share it with her little sisters! The time we spend on the couch together reading is something that I'm sure we will all remember distinctly about their school years. It's amazing to me that even my 3 year old sits and listens to ALL of the books (Core Pre-K and Core 2)! Thank you, Sonlight, for blessing our family!

— **Cindy C** Canada



Jonah is showing Lucas one of God's most amazing creations, a butterfly. Sonlight has completely captured my kids hearts, minds and imaginations. It has been such a blessing to know that Sonlight has made my kids love books and learning. Thanks Sonlight!!!

— **Courtney C** Granada Hills, CA







Jonah showing all his work for his Kindergarten year with Sonlight Core K. Sonlight has been a blessing to us all. It makes teaching and learning fun, easy and enjoyable for us all. Thanks Sonlight!

— **Courtney C** Granada Hills, CA

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My kids have really enjoyed the study on Native American Indians in Core 3. Sonlight teaches history in an exciting and real life way. My kids love to read all the books Sonlight gives and act out so much of the history. Thanks Sonlight!!

— **Courtney C** Granada Hills, CA

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Thanks to all Sonlight offers, my kids have learned to love and enjoy every part of school. All three kids love using Saxon Math manipulatives. Tangrams and pattern shapes bring fun to math. Thanks Sonlight! Jonah (5), Lucas (3) and Savannah (8) are studying P3/4, Core K and Core 3 in their family's fifth year of Sonlight.

— **Courtney C** Granada Hills, CA

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2007-08 was our first year to homeschool. Morgan (age 8) had been attending a Spanish Immersion school that we really loved but we felt homeschooling would be better suited to our family goals. We were a bit apprehensive at first but can honestly say now that it is the best decision we have ever made! Sonlight has made the education portion of homeschooling a breeze! I was pleasantly surprised by how little (actually none) preparation I had to do. In fact the schedule is so straight-forward that Morgan could walk through the day without me if she had to! We both learned so much from Sonlight. I especially love the history and geography. My family comments on how Morgan has really come out of her shell since we began homeschooling. My daughter teases me because I cry so much during the read-alouds and at the end of each book I clutch it to my chest, sigh and say "this is the best book yet!" Sonlight is definitely a family bonding experience! Thank you so much!

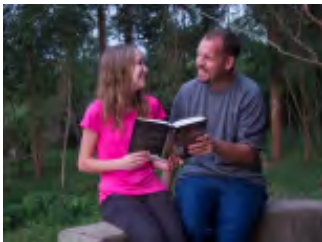
— **Cristie C** Lexington, KY

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I am the director of a missionary training center in Uganda, and I love the opportunity that I have to also be able to take part in what my children (Hannah -11, Elizabeth -9, and Joshua -7) are doing in school, whether that means helping them with their math, reading a few chapters from their read alouds when I have a break, or just listening at the dinner table as they share the many things they have learned throughout the day. I'll never forget the day that they begged me to give them some math problems to do ; on the FIRST day of holiday!! Sonlight creates a real love for learning. It is awesome to not just send my kids off to school somewhere, but to make a deep investment in their education, and in their lives.

— **Dave C** Englewood, OH



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. 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.

— **Dave C** Englewood, OH



We are loving our first year with Sonlight! We've always gone very traditional when choosing homeschool curriculum, but as I heard about Sonlight I got incredibly excited about the program considering my kids love it when I read to them. The Instructor's guide is phenomenal--simple to follow and easy to navigate. My son is enjoying listening in to his sister's program for now, but I can't wait to start him on his very own Sonlight program next year! Favorite words this school year: "Please, Mom! One more chapter!"

— **Deanne C** Trumann, AR





What my husband and I didn't realize is that Sonlight was going to reveal that our children had so many genres yet to discover. One of the things I know I've done right as a mom is to teach my children to love reading - anytime, anywhere. Since they were 'always reading' before Sonlight, we were satisfied, yet ignorant to the fact that they were missing out on actually being able to love learning about our world and the wonderful people in it that God has created and how to pray for them. Thank you Sonlight! Here, 11-year-old Sanlyn and her dad enjoy Eric Liddell: Something Greater Than Gold as part of Core F. Homeschooled since preschool, Sanlyn and her little brother are in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Debra C** Hesperia, CA

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I cannot help but cry out in gratefulness to the Lord for easing my troubles and allowing me to know that despite any of my inadequacies, I CAN teach my children and maintain a wonderful growing relationship with them. I have to say- Sonlight's organized system of education has given me an incredible amount of confidence when it comes to being our family's educator. For two years I used a very structured curriculum but didn't enjoy it. I eventually felt like it was a chore for my kids and me. This year all of us were completely engaged in each diverse book offered in the Sonlight Core- and it stayed that way ALL through the year. Wyley (10) and Kaleb (8) love including their little sister in their school time. They're studying Core D in their third year of homeschooling and first year of Sonlight.

— **Debra C** Cornelius, OR

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Sonlight has provided the framework in which we are able to encourage the educational development that focuses on reading, math, and writing. It provides a solid structure for either a four day or five day program, and the flexibility of incorporating additional materials. We are teaching our children at home because the public schools where we live are not to the standard that we are comfortable with: substandard reading and math. Additionally, the public school's desire to inculcate objectionable materials is not what we want for our children.

— **Donald C** Banner, WY

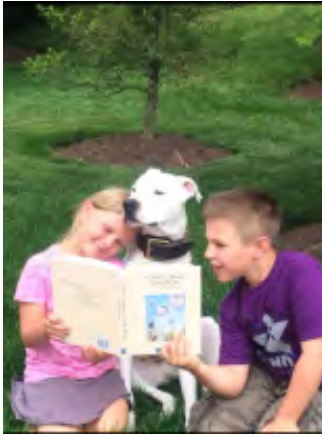
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After looking at Sonlight for years, we finally did it...we bought Core B to do with the three youngest kids (8, 6, and 5). My 13 and 6 year olds are both on the autism spectrum and don't do well with the traditional worksheets sitting at a desk type of schooling. I am very sure that our girls will also benefit from this change and can't wait to dig into our new curriculum!

— **Donna C** Eaton, NY

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Sonlight has helped to take me from a fearful, 'I hope I can' homeschooler, to a confident, 'I KNOW I can' homeschooler! I can truly say that Sonlight's schedule layout, all of its options, and great books have made my job not only easier, but truly enjoyable. In their fifth year with Sonlight, Spencer (9) and Madeline (7) share Core C.

— **Edye C** Haymarket , VA

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Although Eden started kindergarten able to read, the traditional classroom setting didn't encourage reading, and she didn't enjoy it. We began homeschooling last year (Eden's first grade year). Eden still deemed reading to be a chore, so I decided we would try Sonlight for Eden's second grade curriculum, as I had heard from other enthusiastic homeschool moms that it turned their reluctant readers into avid readers. Sure enough! Our big box arrived in late spring; Eden immediately perused the titles, selected a few, and had read three books before the end of the week!! Sonlight has been an answered prayer for us. Eden has nearly finished all of her readers (it's only mid-August -- but I'm not about to tell her to quit reading!!), taking time to answer the questions and draw pictures or write poems about the story lines. When we come to the last reader, I figure I'll order the next level up for her to read next.... Thanks, Sonlight, for providing the perfect curriculum for our family!!

— **Elithe C** Friendsville, TN

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To our family, Sonlight means that the work of searching out quality literature for comprehensive learning has been deftly handled. We are free to simply enjoy and learn. We LOVE to talk as a family about the books that each of the children is reading. The change that we have seen in our five child family is that the ones who couldn't find any books that they like, LOVE Sonlight's selections! We couldn't be happier that we have used several Cores over the years and plan to continue to do so. The time we spend reading our Sonlight books have comprised some of our best memories of homeschooling. In this photo, Sloan (14) is engrossed in the book *Till We Have Faces* by C. S. Lewis from Core 200.

— **Elizabeth C** Goshen , IN

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What initially attracted us to Sonlight was the global-minded, literature-rich curriculum. It just made sense to us, living overseas, in terms of what was important to teach our children and our access to good books. Even though I don't have the kind of kids who beg me to do school, we would all agree that our family culture has been positively shaped by Sonlight. We've never been disappointed and never looked back since we started using it 14 years ago! Here, 10-year-old Tim enthusiastically tried to recreate the conditions of General Washington's troops at Valley Forge after reading about that fateful winter in Core D.

— **Elizabeth C** Fergus Falls, MN



Because we home school, I can honestly say that I feel our family is a family unit working together in one direction, with one goal in mind. My children love gathering around Dad while he reads them all a good Sonlight book. My children are creating a special bond not only with me and their father, but with one another. Thank you Sonlight for making this possible. In their third year of Sonlight, Zach (7) and Will (5) study Core C and Core A as Luke (2) and Anna (9 months) listen in.

— **Emily C** Union, ME



It was summer, and we had finished our school for the year, so Julianna got out her books and taught her animals what she had learned! I love the enthusiasm and enjoyment of learning that Sonlight promotes. It has created a special bond in our family, and I am so grateful for the time we have spent reading and learning together. It has also given Julianna great confidence in her own abilities, and helped her to become a wonderful storyteller.

— **Emily C** Madison, WI



We sat down by the tent to take a break from playing, while my husband was out on the sand dunes riding, to continue reading "Understood Betsy" (from our Core 1 read alouds) when Tessa joined in. She loves to "listen in" on the read alouds. We just love that we can take "school" with us on such fun adventures as camping at the sand dunes on the Oregon Coast! We have really enjoyed the "flexibility" that Sonlight brings to our homeschool. We don't have to feel tied down just because we have some "reading" to do. We can take it with us and enjoy it too! It's great!

— **Erin C** Independence, OR





I don't know what was brighter, the lighthouse or my daughter's face when it worked. My daughter was studying electrical circuits and had so much fun making this lighthouse. But the most amazing lesson learned this day was what accomplishment feels like. That is one of the most important values Sonlight gives my children: a sense of accomplishment. We are able to take our time with our work and the payoff is huge. My kids learn because they want to understand the world around them. Not because they have to. The idea that others learn because they are forced to doesn't even make sense to them. Thank you for that! Rilee (8) built this successful lighthouse with Science C. She's also using Core D in her third year of Sonlight.

— **Erin C** Roy, UT



For our family, Sonlight is a great springboard for child-led learning. 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! Faye 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.

— **Faye C** Australia



The kids love to use their imagination. After reading history books, the kids are drawn to re-create history in their imagination. Dressing up as two people from different times, they join together to save the world, setting out on a long journey together. We enjoy reading together as a family. Sonlight has helped us bond together and grow in our creativity and love for learning. As the kids grow they tell us how much they appreciate the reading and writing and learning and growing. Sonlight is a beautiful tool for learning about the world, history, art, society, nature and the love of creativity.

— **Gayle C** Canada



It has been a challenging year for Hannah. Normally a very sporty child, she has spent most of this year in plaster cast and still has limited use of her right arm due to a badly broken and dislocated arm. When we learned how long the recovery was going to be, we purchased a laptop for her school work and she has appreciated the CD ROM versions of Apologia General Science and the World Book CD Rom. She loves her Sonlight books, packed them for the hospital stay and started back to homeschooling long before I would have suggested it because she loves learning with the great literature, Science and History books. Thanks heaps.

— **Gillian C** New Zealand



It was a relief to find a curriculum that had already compiled the best of the best. Before Sonlight, I made so many trips to the library to find books that enforced our learning, often to be disappointed with the selections. We love spending time together while using the Sonlight approach of living books to teach history and culture. Here, it had been raining for days and days when my daughter built a blanket fort and snuggled up with her book, Pippi Longstocking. Before long her brother joined her, and then Daddy came home. Beyla (7) and Ozzie (6) are enjoying their first year of Sonlight.

— **Gretchen C** Easley, SC



We love that Sonlight includes hands-on experiments as well as providing a variety of science books to read. In this picture, Noah and Hannah are making a homemade scale to weigh their corn and bean seeds. They really enjoyed doing the experiments in the TOPS books. It was amazing to watch the plants grow from the seeds. They learned so much from these experiments. Sonlight has really given my kids a love for science. In their fifth year with Sonlight, Noah (11) and Hannah (9) share Core E and Science D.

— **Han C** Plano, TX



Noah and Hannah were fascinated by the interesting lives of the Aztecs, Incas, and Mayans. We are thankful for Sonlight introducing us to so many different cultures and worldviews. It also gives us a chance to discuss and compare our faith to other faiths. Sonlight gives us a chance to be knowledgeable about so many places, people, cultures, and faiths that we would not otherwise know about on our own or in a public school.

— **Han C** Plano, TX



We are reading "The Great Turkey Walk." We like to read books together in the evening.

— **Harry C** Plain City, OH





This is a young lady with a serious love of words. Margie C., age 11, is shown here onstage at the 2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. Asked to spell "epinicion", she asked all the right questions, spelled, and got the full three points possible. Using Sonlight K, 5, 6 and 7 has filled Margie's bookshelves with "schoolbooks" that she reads and re-reads, filling her head with all those wonderful words.

— **Heather C**    Canada

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Margie's life is full of wonderful influences. As a result, her interests are varied, one of the most important for her being a love of classical music. She took up the violin just after turning six, and already, at the age of 11, has made great progress with her music. She is presently an alternate member of the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra, and is show here, accepting the Outstanding Performance in Strings at the junior level of the New Brunswick Competitive Music Festival, from the Lieutenant Governor of the province, for the second consecutive year. Her other great love, literature and words, is well satisfied with her collection of Sonlight books. After she finishes the official study of them, she gets to spirit them off to her own room; then they're hers just for pleasure!

— **Heather C**    Canada

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Olivia helps Ryan with his Horizon's Math. We love how homeschooling helps schooling and family time to go hand in hand. I love how Sonlight helps it to feel like it's just family time.

— **Heather C**    United States

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We have enjoyed reading with Sonlight readers. Reading and hanging out on the jungle gym can go together quite well. I enjoy the closeness that reading good books with our family brings. The kids are becoming avid readers as result of the read alouds in their early years.

— **Jamie C**    Allen , TX

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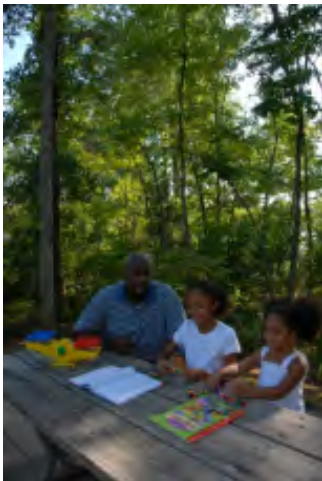
Adding some Fun and Multiplying our Enthusiasm with Singapore Math! When math started to become a chore, we new it was time for a curriculum change. We looked at Sonlight first, to see what curricula were available, and after reading Sonlight's very informative reviews of each, and using the convenient placement test link under the Singapore Math section, we switched to Singapore. My girls look forward to their daily math lesson now. Singapore encourages a creative approach to math, with it's fun illustrative style, and problem solving approach to new skills. It's the perfect math curriculum for my creative family!

— **Jen C** Waxhaw, NC



After learning to count money in her Singapore Math program, Stephanie is keeping her new skill fresh by doing a little shopping with her grandmother. So much of our homeschooling happens outside of the home--- there is always some fun adventure beckoning to us to come practice what we've learned! Our Sonlight reading materials and books are so portable, it's a snap to throw everything in a tote bag and take our "school" on the road!

— **Jen C** Waxhaw, NC



Our old math curriculum just wasn't right for our creative 2nd grader. We checked with Sonlight for curriculum ideas and after reading the carefully written review Sonlight gives of each curriculum and taking the placement test conveniently provided on line at Sonlight.com, we knew Singapore math (often called Sing Math for short) was the right choice for us. In this photo, Stephanie, Sydney and Bill are reviewing two digit subtraction. The enthusiasm on their faces says it all. They look forward to math now, and so do we!

— **Jen C** Waxhaw, NC





We often find the best teachers within our own family. My father, Stephanie's grandfather was an officer in the US Air Force and has traveled the world. In this photo, he is visiting from out of town and taking a few minutes to teach Stephanie about geography from his own personal experiences. The lesson began with a simple question. My dad is about to fly to Korea and Stephanie wondered which was the shortest route to get there. They got out a piece of red yarn and measured it. The answer surprised them. It might surprise you! Try it! Grab a Sonlight World/USA markable map and make some discoveries of your own!

— **Jen C** Waxhaw, NC

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I wanted my girls to have a multi-lingual experience in school, but was afraid to try to teach languages because I knew my pronunciation would not be as good as a professional Spanish teacher's would be. We wanted a Spanish curriculum where all four of us could learn Spanish from the same program, tailored to meet the needs of each person in our family from the youngest to the adults. We tried out the demo for Rosetta Stone Spanish and knew right away that this full immersion program with it's beautiful photographs was the best language curriculum for us. We shopped around to be sure of getting the best deal for our money. Sonlight had the lowest price available anywhere on the 3 year homeschool edition of the program and it has been worth every penny!

— **Jen C** Waxhaw, NC

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Both our girls enjoy the songs, manipulatives and attractive workbooks and journals that make up the Handwriting Without Tears program. Sydney, age 4 has learned to write and draw using the materials in the K Handwriting package. Stephanie, age 7, now uses Handwriting without Tears lined paper for all her copy work and journaling.

— **Jen C** Waxhaw, NC

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We love to take our Singapore Math lessons outdoors. Occasionally unusual visitors come to study with us!

— **Jen C** Waxhaw, NC

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Chris, Bobby (12), and Brendan (10) C of Rocklin, CA are panning for gold in Coloma, CA. We're using Core 5 this year, but when Bobby saw "By the Great Horn Spoon" listed in Core 4, he insisted we drop everything and read it! We loved reading a book that listed names of towns we have visited since moving to northern CA. Sonlight brings history alive to us in a whole new way.

— **Jennifer C** Rocklin, CA



After completing Core 3, our summer highlights included Plymouth, MA and a jaunt aboard the Mayflower II. History came alive for our family after using Sonlight. We've completed Cores 3 and 5 and are headed back to Core 4. Sonlight instills a love for reading and for exploring! Bobby (12) and Brendan (10) enjoy learning together - something they couldn't do in the public schools.

— **Jennifer C** Rocklin, CA



"Getting lost in 'The Land I Lost'." Bobby and Brendan C of Rocklin, CA have homeschooled for 2 years, using Core 3 and 5. We love our newfound freedom. Some days we curl up under the covers together and other days it's off to karate. Here, Brendan is waiting for karate to begin, so he hopped onto a Wavemaster to read. A true book lover at heart, Jennifer loves all that Sonlight provides for the whole family. We look forward to going backwards and doing Core 4 this fall.

— **Jennifer C** Rocklin, CA



After two years, Catrin still requests science and especially loves the experiment days. With other subjects (not Sonlight) she waxes and wanes, but not with the Sonlight Science.

— **Jennifer C** Evergreen, CO





One amazing box delivered a fantastic, well planned out, fun way to learn and changed our lives. Since beginning homeschooling in 2008 I felt something was missing. I longed for learning times that we would look back and cherish. All I was getting with our other curriculum was textbooks, worksheets, and flashcards. Sonlight gave me my 'warm, squishy' moments with our children that I had longed for. This was the beginning of homeschooling with peace of mind for our family. No more long nights planning. All the planning is done in the Instructor's Guide. Now we just open the guide and enjoy every moment with Sonlight Core P4/5. In their first year of Sonlight, Jennifer, Tommy (6) and Maggie (4) are thrilled to learn together as a family "the Sonlight way."

— **Jennifer C** Hampton, GA

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I am a missionary mom in Uganda, East Africa, and we are now in our 7th year of using Sonlight Curriculum and it just keeps getting better! My degree is in Elementary Education, but home is the only classroom in which I have ever taught and I love it! I love how the Sonlight program breeds togetherness, allowing us to combine reading at different grade levels. My kids (Hannah 11, Elizabeth 9, Joshua 7 and sometimes Sarah 21 months also sits in) love the books so much that even when it is not part of their own assignment, they often want to come and listen. And I love it, too, because I am learning things I had never learned in all my years of school.

— **Jennifer C** Englewood, OH

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As missionaries in the Solomon Islands who travel back and forth to our village by ship, it was a special treat to visit Australia and travel by train! 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** Conway, AR

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Thanks Sonlight for encouraging this closeness with all the Read-Alouds. The smiles and love you see here is genuine. Though my children's ages range 10 years, the curriculum is flexible enough to work for all ages. It's been so wonderful to hear the kids through the years discuss different stories and pretend to be historical characters. Sonlight has opened their eyes to worlds beyond their reach and yet kept them close because they can discuss these with each other. They have spent so many hours snuggling and reading they are used to being close. After a family walk on the beach, Jordan (15), Leigh-Ann (13), Casie (10), Austin (8) and Brooke-Lynn (6) pose for a picture. They're studying Cores D+E and 100 in their seventh year of Sonlight.

— **Jodi C** Newport News, VA

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Jordan (13) was given the opportunity to go to Brazil with a couple who run a school for children who live in the favelas (slums) of Fortelaza. She was able to spend 6 weeks with them, helping host mission teams, teaching children piano, teaching swimming and seeing the life of a missionary. She wants to be a missionary when she grows up and the stories she has read through the Sonlight curriculum have just stirred that passion God has put in her heart.

— **Jodi C**    Newport News, VA

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Sonlight has given my children a joy and curiosity about the world and the people around them. After studying about the life cycles of butterflies in Sonlight science, we mail ordered some larva. My then six-year-old daughter was so thrilled to watch each stage in the complete metamorphosis of the butterflies. Her face shows her captivation! I am so thankful to Sonlight for inspiring such a delight in learning and instilling in my children a love for all of God's creation! Elianna (7, Core C) has used Sonlight since she began school.

— **Johanna C**    Washougal , WA

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Sonlight curriculum is so nice because we can do things together as a family. I have one son (Gabriel) using Core C and one (Noah) using Core A. We all do the science experiments for both cores together and they love it. I was worried when I started Sonlight about how much reading was involved. I hated reading when I was a kid, but thanks to Sonlight my kids (all three) love reading. They beg for story time at night, and love to read and learn about history. I also love the fact that Bible can be integrated right into the curriculum. Thank you, Sonlight for making school so much fun for my family.

— **Joleen C**    Cochran, PA

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From Remembering God's Awesome Acts in Core 5 on Abraham's journey and Core 1 on Tigris and Euphrates river, Ian and Anthony tried to experience the desert travelling on camels in the Middle east. In favour of SL's holistic approach. Dislike or rather discourage of the cost incurred in purchasing them to be shipped out of US region.

— **Joonphei C**    Malaysia

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James is reading to his little brother Freddy and our dog Eddie. Neither would see James very much if he were off at a traditional school. James has grown in confidence quickly by being able to read aloud to his family! Initially he thought the reading was too difficult - but now enjoys it. Not only do they have more time to play together..but they get to LEARN together :- ) I love the lessons on character and values through the read alouds. I would like to see more "unit study" type of organization - to reinforce the lessons. (to tie in art/science with history, Bible.. )

— **Joyce C** Austin, TX

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My kids read, read, read. They weren't always readers. I honestly think it's the rich, literature that Sonlight offers that has given my kids the love for reading. Even at the beginning of this school year, the first book I tossed them got a little complaint however 5 minutes into our reading time, they commented how much they are enjoying the plot. I also love how Sonlight is able to tie great literature into our History Curriculum. Being Canadian I was completely inadequate to teach American History. Sonlight has not only given my kids a great historical education, it's given me an understanding about how this country was formed. I even received my immigration status this past year after waiting almost 2 decades. Lessons are prepared so I can invest in my children and our local church. We love Sonlight's wonderful literature and how they tie it into our daily subject areas.

— **Julie C** Kingman, AZ

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Seth C. reads to his brother and niece one afternoon. Sonlight helps families enjoy just being with each other. Even when you think they aren't paying attention, they always take with them something of interest. Learning is always taking place.

— **Julie C** Winamac, IN

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My son, who has ASD [an autism spectrum disorder], is learning more than I was told he ever could. Sonlight has provided a way for me to teach my children, spend valuable time with family and have confidence that I am teaching them the way I want them to be taught!

— **Karen C** Rochester, NY

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My children love the Sonlight books. And obviously, the books have a great impact on my children. 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.

— **Karen C** Pelham, AL

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DOUBLING OUR DOLLARS WITH SONLIGHT! For the first year EVER we are able to reuse our Core 3 with our middle son! With five children having a curriculum we could reuse was PRICELESS! Thanks Sonlight! The C family in Illinois has homeschooled their five children for 6 years, 4 of them with Sonlight. Initially, mom discovered Sonlight and purchased core 3 for her 2 oldest boys to work on together. For the last few years they have studied Core 4 and Core 6. Now the real benefits of Sonlight are paying off in spades! For the first year ever the C Family is able to reuse the complete core 3 with our 3rd son! And because the rich history books can be cherished and stored away, they will be saved for the youngest two children as well. It's like doubling, tripling or even quadrupling your money!

— **Kathy C** Tinley Park, IL

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Homeschooling was NEVER on my radar as I began to think about the education of my children. It was something that did not interest me and something I did not want to investigate. However, God had other plans. He began to work on my heart about the wonderful privilege and opportunity I have to home school my children. And so, began my trek to find the right curriculum for our family. I came across Sonlight and just knew immediately it was the right fit for us. It was exactly what I was looking for. I wanted something that was all laid out for me and would provide everything I needed to feel more confident! I was so excited about what I had found, I immediately began to share this with my daughter and the excitement began to spread. She could not wait to start "home school kindergarten"! With great anticipation, box day arrived! We excitedly looked through all the books and supplies. Then it was time to cut the castles out of the boxes and the kids went right to pretending they were knights and princesses inside their castles. This excitement was rooted in the fact that Sonlight gives even the greatest novice the confidence and the ability to have a thriving home school experience. We are so grateful that we found Sonlight to start our home school adventure! We look forward to our first year of homeschooling and our first year with Sonlight.

— **Katy C** Fort Worth, TX

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Kimberly 4 likes to join Gracie 9 in SL 2 science experiments. I'm amazed at how much they both are learning! We love SL experiments that go along with what we are learning. They bring the knowledge to life!

— **Kelley C** Tucson, AZ

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My son Jesse loves to read SL books in the most unusual positions! SL books are the most requested literature in our house. They have brought to history and science in ways my children will remember for years to come.

— **Kelley C** Tucson, AZ

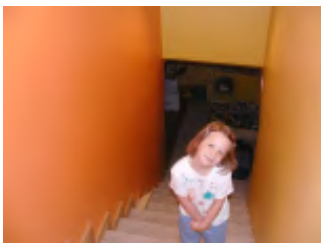
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When Gracie and I started reading in kindergarten, she struggled and fought me every step of the way. I used to dread telling her what reading assignment she had for the week, because she would cry. But once she got the hang of it and started to comprehend what she was reading, it was like a light that went on and now she loves reading. She will now look a head in the curriculum and go get the book off the shelf and read it, sometimes in one sitting. Sonlight has given the love of reading to my girls. Thanks Sonlight!

— **Kelley C** Livermore, CA

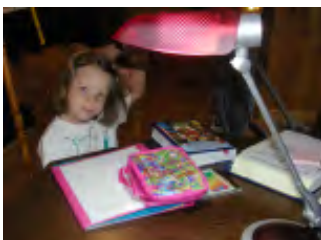
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Sonlight gave me direction in a very scary first year as teacher. Could I do it, would she learn? They took all the guessing out of the equation. We love what Sonlight offers.

— **Kelly C** Saint Albans, WV

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This was Emma's first day of Kindergarten. Bible study time was always a favorite. Egermiers is such a great adaptation. The literature she memorized through the year astounded all of her relatives. Thanks Sonlight, for making Bible study such an integral part of your curriculum. Summer isn't even over and she's already asking when she gets to start school again.

— **Kelly C** Saint Albans, WV

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I love the engaging activities in the 'Choose Your Adventure' section of the Eastern Hemisphere Notebook in Core F. The suggested activities accompanying the study of each country really allow you to experience a new culture in your own home. My son is developing a curiosity about the world which I hope will continue into adulthood. Colton (11, Core F) creates a water xylophone as part of the "Choose Your Adventure" during his study of China. Johnathan (5) stands intrigued by his big brother's work. Next year, Jonathan will start Core A.

— **Kelly C** Warren, AR



Last year as part of the Bible portion of Core D, we read about a different American Indian tribe each week and prayed for that tribe. When the opportunity for us to participate in a mission trip ministering to the needs of Native American children was presented to us we jumped at the chance to add action to our prayers! Colton, age 9, Johnathan, age 3, and I took a 10 hour bus ride to Lawrence, Kansas, where we stayed for 4 nights. During that time we visited an Indian reservation where we delivered school supplies and backpacks for the children, we helped clean and get dorm rooms ready for incoming students at Haskell Indian University, ate Indian tacos (yummy!), learned more about Native American culture, and watched native dances performed by a mother and her daughter. My son, Colton, stated when he got home that he wished we could relive those few days again because he had so much fun! Thank you Sonlight for opening our eyes to new cultures and thank you God for giving my family the opportunity to share your love with those cultures!

— **Kelly C** Warren, AR



Colton loves the Sonlight Science experiments. 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.

— **Kelly C** Warren, AR



I love how Sonlight ties various subjects together. We were reading Wild Places and learning about the Amazon River and rainforest habitats, while at the same time reading Capybopy and learning about capabaras, which live in rainforests! It's such a blessing that Sonlight does my homework for me and organizes subjects on top of each other. It makes the world come alive for my children. Thanks!

— **Kelly C** Skokie, IL





Since starting with Sonlight, I see my kids interacting in a more team-like way. They have always played together, but now they study and discover together in a new way! I love that Sonlight allows me to teach multiple kids together. It is so fun to teach some subjects all together, so my kids can explore side by side and make memories of teamwork. While doing school in the back yard, Natalie (7, Core B), Levi (5, Core A and some Core B) and Audrey (3) finish up their lessons with some strawberry picking.

— **Kelly C**    Liberty, IN



As an army family with frequent moves and strong Christian morals, homeschooling just made sense. 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 could 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 them.' Here, 12-year-old Hannah shows off a project she chose for her Eastern Hemisphere studies - designing historical Chinese dresses.

— **Kim C**    Colorado Springs, CO



We recently purchased some P3/4 and P4/5 books to add to our library for the younger children. The older ones have been devouring them! One evening after swimming, I was finishing dinner and asked my oldest son to read a story to the younger girls. He was doing a great job with expressions and suddenly I noticed his voice was the only noise in the house. I looked into the living room, and saw that every single one of my children had gathered on (and on top of!) the couch to listen to "Where the Wild Things Are" from the 20th Century Children's Book Treasury. This is what I love so much about Sonlight! Even the books for the youngest readers are captivating to my oldest children (and to me!). We read these books over and over each day and never tire of the beautiful literature.

— **Kimarie C**    Fellsmere, FL



For fun one day, Tabitha and Deborah asked if they could have a turn labeling the World Markable Map. They labeled as many continents, oceans, and countries as they could, then they started "copying" from our globe! They were having a great time together, and best of all, this was unassigned - during free time! The seemingly simple resource of the World Markable Map has really had a positive impact on my children's geography knowledge. One time I even found my 5 year old, Miriam, marking the United States on the map, using a wooden USA puzzle as a reference. Sonlight has most definitely made school enjoyable again!

— **Kimarie C**    Fellsmere, FL



Dear Sonlight, Home schooling has been a way of life for our family since our first child was conceived. Any other option was almost foreign to us. Academically, our children are thriving. It seems too good to be true that we are all learning so much together, and we still have the time for many other activities, as well as plenty of time to just be still together. When I first decided to seek out a curriculum, Sonlight was actually the first one that I looked at. Of coarse, I spent many late nights on the computer just checking out what else was available, but Sonlight really called out to me. The Sonlight forums have been a priceless resource. Our oldest son is six, and studying core 1. We have also done Pre-K and core K. Our daughter is four, and our youngest son is eleven weeks old. Olivia is listening in on much of what her older brother is learning, and also studying through Pre-K and LA K. Our first year officially doing "school" was one of experimentation. I felt as if we were supposed to be doing something special even though what we had already been doing all along was more than sufficient for creating an atmosphere and a love for learning. Sonlight seems to be guiding us in seeking out not only knowledge of the world in which we live, but also the perspective that we need in order to joyfully and productively take part in that world. As parents, my husband and I struggle with religion. It has meant so many things to us both throughout our lifetimes both good and bad. Sonlight has been a light for us that has helped to guide our way as we introduce the love of God to our children as well as re-introducing this love to ourselves and to each other. Thank you Sonlight for providing us with a wonderfully rich and God based curriculum that allows us the time to grow as a family together in God's love.

— **Kimberly C** Tampa, FL



Luke started off this school year struggling to read. While he has always enjoyed looking at books, he had struggled in the past to grasp reading. We started the school year with Sonlight Core 1 Program and Luke's love for books transcended just enjoying the images. Now, He spends time daily, slowly pouring over his books, reading the words, and re-telling us the stories. He no longer resists reading and has even been found reading to his siblings at bedtime. Sonlight has transformed story time in our home for the better, and we are ever thankful for that.

— **Kris C** Dublin, OH





Teach your children in the way they should go' (Proverbs 22:6). Sonlight gets this! 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 studies Core F. The C family is in their fifth year of homeschooling and second year of Sonlight.

— **Krysta C** Oxnard, CA

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

— **Lalaine C** Philippines

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My son is dyslexic and so we have discovered a way for him to listen to his Sonlight books through an online audio library. He loves to sit or lie in the craziest positions and listen to the wonderful stories! I love Sonlight because it opens a whole new world to my kids. Since we are missionaries, we want to instill a love for learning about others, their differences and similarities to ourselves, and God's heart for people everywhere!

— **Lance C** Watkinsville, GA

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Homeschooling gives my kids the opportunity to be creative! They came up with this shelter idea all by themselves, collected the materials from the nearby woods, and almost spent the night in it! It's important for me to be able to give my children the opportunity to be creative and explore the world around them. Homeschooling gives them the opportunity to learn from their life experiences as well as from the books they read!

— **Lance C** Watkinsville, GA

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My children just can't wait to open the box and start reading. I would of never thought they would get so excited about school books. After I finally get to go through the books and organize them on the shelf I have to remind them not to get the books and read ahead. They seem to forget that rule on a daily basis. In this technological age of video games and gadgets my children still cherish book reading and for this our family loves Sonlight.

— **Latasha C** Baltimore, MD

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Being a multicultural family, I like how Sonlight's curriculum is very broad and you learn so much about other people and cultures. My daughter Kendrea loves reading about different places and people. Sonlight has a variety of books to help children learn outside of the box. Kendrea, 9, excitedly displays her new Core D+E program. She's been homeschooled since Kindergarten and is in her second year of Sonlight. Her three younger brothers are studying Cores P4/5 and A this year.

— **Latasha C** Baltimore, MD

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Sonlight has taken my reluctant readers and turned them into children who read for fun.

— **Laura C** Lacey, WA

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Thank you for creating a curriculum that gets our girls (and us) so excited to learn. We can't say enough about this living book approach that exposes our children to our great big world. Our girls' enthusiasm for learning has been cultivated by your quality books. We have been using Sonlight from the beginning and plan to use it through high school. Laura says that sharing Sonlight ensures her family shares intimate moments together during busy days. Here, ZZ (13), Tatum (11) and Tess (5) read together during vacation. They're studying Cores B and H in their family's eighth year of Sonlight.

— **Laura C** La Quinta, CA

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Sonlight has brought history alive for our family. At our most recent museum visit we were reminded again of why we love homeschooling and Sonlight curriculum. Our children have developed a desire and a curiosity to know and understand the people, places and events that make up history and not just memorize historical facts. Jackson (12) and Makayla (11) share Core G this year while Avianna (8) studies Core B.

— **Laura C** Des Moines , IA

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We absolutely love Sonlight because it has taught our children to love reading. 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.

— **Laura C** Oskaloosa, IA

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Time for science' used to mean a fight in our home. Ben just never enjoyed the two other curriculums we tried. Then I purchased a microscope through Sonlight using the 6-month payment plan and Sonlight's guarantee. We put it to use with Sonlight E, and a formerly reluctant science learner now enjoys using the microscope in his studies. Purchase of the microscope through Sonlight has enhanced his learning and made my job as his teacher much easier. Thanks Sonlight! Here, 12-year-old Ben uses the Sonlight Ultra Microscope (#250-40) to study pond and garden life.

— **Laura C** Story City, IA

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This was after the battle when the children had been "knighted" by Daddy and were posing for a picture. Notice that each of their shields are different. They all made their own coat of arms and drew then glued them on their shields (throw-away pizza pans). We love our Sonlight read-alouds. We spend time reading them after lunch and before dinner each day and the kids CANT get enough! Their vocabulary and understanding of the world has greatly expanded since adding Sonlight to our lives 2 years ago.

— **Laurie C** Schertz, TX

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My daughter and her friend make and decorate gingerbread cookies every Christmas. They are always trying to think of creative ways to decorate and make them look unique. They have so much fun doing it and everyone they share them with gets a big kick out of the different faces/clothes. This year they had a superman, princess, bride and groom and little mermaid among the mix. What I love most about Sonlight are the reading books. I have enjoyed most every book we've read together over the last 12 years! It's given us tons of opportunity to hang out together on the couch. Since we have only used Sonlight I really don't know how to homeschool any other way.

— **Leanne C**    Warsaw, IN



We love that we can live in Guatemala and get a better than private education with Sonlight. The curriculum instills academic excellence. Sonlight is a well-integrated program. We have a small school (12 children) for children of missionaries serving in Chichicastenango, Guatemala and use the full Sonlight curriculum for all students.

— **Leslie C**    Palm Beach Gardens, FL





Brianna had the privilege of playing the part of ALICE, in the Alice and Wonderland dramatic presentation performed by the C.H.E.C.K. (Chiang Mai Home Educators Cooperative for Kids) Brianna worked diligently over several months to memorize her many, many lines. Performed them nearly flawlessly! The rest of the cast was equally colourful with superb costuming. We have to say that Sonlight being a literature-based curriculum most definitely GREW a love for reading in our kids (and parents). The excellent books have contributed towards all three of our children having vivid imaginations, and a readiness to be creative and step out to achieve something significant for God in this needy world. Our firstborn child (Bethany) will soon enter second year at Houghton College in New York State. In her freshman year Bethany performed the difficult role of PORTIA in Houghton's Shakespeare Club's Performnace of "The Merchant of Venice." (also a flawless exhibition - of course DAD here is NOT biased at all!) Luke can also be dramatic, but has yet to land a lead role in a dramatic production. (it will happen sooner or later) :- ) Luke and Brianna will be serving in Poland this summer of 2008 at an English teaching Camp for Polish Youth, under Josiah Ventures. LINDA, my dear wife, and the beautiful and esteemed mother of these three children, is to be credited with going the THIRD mile on many, many occasions, to train up and instill biblical values (including biblical masculinity, femininity, modesty, courage, faith, and prayer ...and so much more) into these precious children. Her works speak for themselves as all three children are more than socially adept, intelligent, loving and compassionate. They will go far as they align their lives with God's will for them. May their mother receive the appropriate praise due to her at the "city gates" and beyond.....even to the ends of the earth.....where MILLIONS still live each day outside of the Kingdom of God. THANKS for this great opportunity to confirm that Sonlight has contributed HUGELY to increased effectiveness for missionary families in far off places. BLESSINGS on the whole BUNCH of you!!

— **Linda C** Canada



Sonlight adds value to our lives in how we are able to get as involved in a story or study as we wish, since we are not filling in blanks in a workbook or reading someone's opinionated text/excerpt on a particular subject.

— **Linda C** Saint Robert, MO



Sydney loves to read and Eston is a reader-in-training. Both enjoy any book, but especially those included in the Core D curriculum that Sydney is currently studying. The stories of young children on adventures that are actual events in history allow my children to imagine they are apart of the journeys. The curriculum I used before was lacking in History and Science. It also allowed me to get in the bad habit of letting my daughter just complete workbooks. Sonlight has offered me an opportunity to read and discuss with my daughter and learn along with her.

— **Lindsay C** Summersville, MO







Dear Sonlight, Thank you for providing a curriculum that my children are drawn too, and enjoy. The readers from both cores appealed to all three of my children. My oldest daughter could not keep away from them and has read several of the readers from her core, as well as her brothers, ahead of time. Thank You

— **Lisa C** Rio Rancho, NM

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While in the 4th week of our first year to use Sonlight, the Science K curriculum suggested making a volcano eruption. Following a Sonlight recipe, we made our own clay to form the volcano. It's not perfect, but the kids had fun being creative and doing a hands-on project. We invited friends (who don't use Sonlight) over to witness the eruption excitement! Each child helped prepare the way for the mess that exploded from within shortly after this picture was taken. :) Thank you, Sonlight, for the fun, artistic idea to bring a volcano to our front door! We have thoroughly enjoyed our Sonlight experience thus far, and look forward to many more educational adventures this year.

— **Lisa C** Bryan, TX

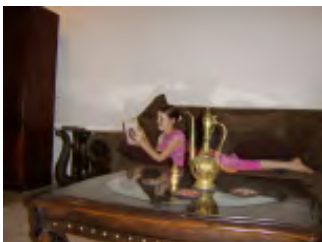
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It was such a rewarding experience to witness Jared 'learning to read' through Core A and now 'reading to learn' through Core C. We particularly appreciate the multi-layer learning opportunities Sonlight Readers and Read-Alouds provide. When we read a Reader together, not only is Jared getting better at the mechanics of reading in general, he's also learning the way of life of a particular time period. The best part is when we pull the story apart and discuss the observations we each make. That often means asking questions that challenge our beliefs. Here, Gemma (4) and Jared (8) listen as Mom reads Strawberry Girl from Core C while traveling through Japan.

— **Lloyd C** Houston , TX

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Kezziah is home schooled in Kuwait. She loves to read on our couch and this photo is precious to us because with the Arabian coffee pots on the table, it is a reminder of the culture we live in. It captures the atmosphere of our home, work and school culture combined. Sonlight 1+2 has been enriching to our whole family. We have got to experience people in times past who were adventurers, risk takers and people of faith. And all the while, Kezziah, is experiencing first hand her own Arabian adventure! The time spent reading with Sonlight's curriculum has allowed me precious time with my girls that I had been missing out on. In fact, maybe I have learned more in Core C and 1+2 than I ever learned in my own schooling!!

— **Louise C** Tekonsha, MI

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The brothers read together for hours every day. When it's time for a new book, Daniel asks his older brother for a recommendation. David's response is always the same, "All the books are great. It's just a matter of what kind of story you want next." Sonlight's choice of literature has made voracious, life-long readers of my children. I am eternally grateful.

— **Luanne C** Culver City, CA

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Aaron C, a second-year Sonlighter, convinces his mom he loves to learn with Sonlight... even when the school day is over.

— **Lynn C** St. Helena

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My son Caleb dragged me outside to see the spider which he discovered yesterday. He was so excited that the web was so well formed, "just like in school." I guess it must have been Charlotte's Web which stuck with him, which we read five months ago. Both my boys are so aware of the world around them, and love to see things in real life that we have read about. I love Sonlight's literature-rich approach; more than the bare facts about stuff, my boys are gaining an appreciation of those facts and why they are important or interesting, because there is so much "story" surrounding the facts.

— **Lynn C** St. Helena

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One of the things we love most about Sonlight is being able to enjoy the books together!. 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 Siovhana. They're diving into Core H in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Lynne C** Saudi Arabia

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With Sonlight, we so often reminded that pieces of knowledge fit together into one coherent meaningful whole. The week we read the Biblical account of Joseph in Egypt, we added to our ancient world timeline, our five-year old showed me the area on the map and then our seven read from the history book about Egyptian building projects (and clothing, since we have three girls). Together, we brought the ancient world to life—on both the larger and smaller scales. Thanks, Sonlight, for making learning exciting, both for our kids and for us, the parent-teachers!

— **Maggie C**    Stonington, CT

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I can't believe how much I love homeschooling. Sonlight has given me the tools and freedom from planning to just simply love teaching my kids. I don't have to worry about all the other details. Abi loves to be in charge. Everyday when we are finished with school she gathers her friends and she teaches them what she has been taught.

— **Mandi C**    Ellijay, GA

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Lana is sitting in the yard after she finish an art lesson. She is drawing a picture of what she sees outside. I really like the variety of book with get with Sonlight. Before we started homeschooling, I think I read every princess book that had ever been publish and some of the books a SEVERAL version of the same story. We when revied our Core A books I was excited to finally have something different to read and the kids couldn't say no to these books, because it was part of their school work. We read so many GREAT books through out the year. Several of them were so heart warming that I cried reading them. My girls enjoyed hearing them read to them and now want to read other books from the series of Dr. Dolittle, Wizard of Oz, and The House on Pooh Corner. Thanks Sonlight for your fantastic book list of read-a-louds.

— **Maranda C**    Bastrop, TX

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I love being able to open up my Instructor's Guides and have everything scheduled for me, with vocabulary and geography woven in naturally. Being a busy mom of four, I appreciate not having to spend hours planning and researching. Reading with my boys is one of my favorite things. History is no longer dry and dull, and the richness of the literature has developed a love of books and an advanced vocabulary for their ages. I wholeheartedly recommend Sonlight to fellow homeschoolers who keep trying out different curriculums! Here, Maria cuddles up and reads with Nathan (11), Luke (3), Seth (9) and James (6). They're studying Core P3/4, Core A and Core F in their fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Maria C**    Coconut Creek, FL

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My son is reading for pleasure! This picture would not be possible without Sonlight. Notice it's a book that's not even part of his Core; he chose to read this book on his own. We are so thankful for Sonlight and its emphasis on quality, exciting, enriching literature.

— **Marla C** Owensboro, KY



My husband and I knew that we wanted to homeschool our kids. But I started going through a period of questioning my abilities. Would I be able to handle it. Would I really be able to give my kids a quality education. My kids education would be in MY hands. I could not fail them. So I jumped in head first trying to find out as much information as I could about homeschooling, how other families managed it and what curriculum was out there. The thought of putting something together my self was unthinkable. I looked at several and it just didn't feel right. Then my sister in law gave me your catalog. I looked through it that night and knew I had the answer to my prayers. I could do this and feel confident in my kids education. Then I talked to others and only heard wonderful words spoken about Sonlight. Thank you for setting up a curriculum that speaks to first year homeschooler's like me, giving me the confidence I needed to do what we knew was best for our family.

— **Megan C** Exeter, CA



When I started using Sonlight with my oldest child, we began with Core 3. However, when my second child came along, we were able to begin with Core 1. What a joy to experience all the younger Cores with my children! As a busy mother, I appreciate the guidance that the Instructor's Guide provides. Sonlight guides me through my busy schedule, and at the same time, gives my children wonderful memories of their homeschool experience! Rachel, age 9, loves to enjoy the beautiful weather and read a good book at the same time!

— **Michele C** Waterford, PA



Once our family started using Sonlight, we realized that we had found the most exciting, user friendly program out there! We love when the Sonlight box arrives in the mail. The kids enjoy sorting their books, and I enjoy the anticipation of another great year with Sonlight! Here, Rebekah, three, joins in the fun! Sonlight meets our family goals perfectly. Our best family memories have been using Sonlight.

— **Michele C** Waterford, PA







When we first started homeschooling, I was a genuine "curriculum hopper!" I was searching for something that would meet our needs, but I just couldn't seem to find it. When I finally tried Sonlight, I realized that I would never need to change curricula again! From the user-friendly Instructor Guides, to the totally awesome books, Sonlight has proven itself to be the best fit for our family! Even a day at the park gets better with a Sonlight book!

— **Michele C**    Waterford, PA

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When it was time to pick a Core for Levi, I spent quite a bit of time on the telephone with the Sonlight representative. She was so incredibly helpful and patient with my many questions and took such an interest with my child. To receive that sort of personal assistance was priceless! Together, we decided to start Levi in Core 1. After we read "Archeologists Dig for Clues," Levi got creative with his K&Nex. Not only did he create the tools that we learned about in the book, but he created the dig sites as well. Now that is education that a child remembers!

— **Michele C**    Waterford, PA

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The best decision we have made about homeschooling was the decision to use Sonlight. Not only are the Instructor's Guides so incredibly helpful, but the books are awesome. Sonlight has given my son, Jacob, such a love for reading. The only problem is that I have to watch him closely or else he will finish the entire book before I know it! He even takes a Sonlight book with him while he prepares lunch!

— **Michele C**    Waterford, PA

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Sonlight allowed our children to spend their early school years in another country while keeping up with an American curriculum. We appreciated how Sonlight included other cultural perspectives, and especially enjoyed the Read-Alouds.

— **Michelle C**    Shedd, OR

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My son loved the book Finding Out About Everyday Things. After reading the section on hydrofoils he decided to combine his love of boats and cars and writes a story. Here you see his picture of the hydrofoil and the ferry boat and the story below. He says "Sonlight makes learning fun." Did I mention we were working on this 830 on a Saturday night? Anytime is a good time for school with Sonlight. We really enjoyed the kindergarten core and look forward to Core 1.

— **Micka C** Virginia Beach, VA

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

— **Mindy C** Sykesville, MD

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Our girls have developed such a LOVE for learning with Sonlight! We just HAD to stop by the side of the road to check out this cotton for ourselves. This simple stop brought all kinds of discussions from what they had learned this past year...science of plants and seeds to Eli Whitney's biography in Core 3!

— **Monique C** Orlando, FL

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Our one year stay on the East Coast of the US couldn't have been better coordinated with our Intro to early American History of Core 3! Sonlight's books developed a hunger to bring it all to life and a love for learning everywhere we go!

— **Monique C** Orlando, FL

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Larson and Samantha want to reread Amelia Bedelia after wrestling in a tournament near Atlanta. They love each book in Sonlight and enjoy sharing the adventures they read about. All three children, 5, 6, and 7 (now 8) have gained such a joy of learning from using Sonlight this year. We just opened our Core 2 today and Mom has a hard time keeping the children from devouring the books before the schedule even begins. I have three friends that just started homeschooling that I talked into buying Sonlight this year. I am so passionate about the content of the curriculum, how the material interfaces, and the lessons we all learn. It is absolutely enjoyable as a parent to teach. I learn everyday!

— **Nancy C** Hiawassee, GA



We went to our pond to finish our last chapters of Detectives in Togas. They asked to look at the book to review and try to figure out the mystery before we got to the very last chapter! All three children, 5, 6, and 7 (now 8) have gained such a joy of learning from using Sonlight this year. We just opened our Core 2 today and Mom has a hard time keeping the children from devouring the books before the schedule even begins. I have three friends that just started homeschooling that I talked into buying Sonlight this year. I am so passionate about the content of the curriculum, how the material interfaces, and the lessons we all learn. It is absolutely enjoyable as a parent to teach. I learn everyday!

— **Nancy C** Hiawassee, GA



This is a picture of my husband and the kids on Hadrian's Wall at the site called Housesteads, a station like Borcovicus in "The Eagle of the Ninth," which we began reading out loud shortly after our trip. We have been very blessed to tie in field trips like this while we live in Scotland. Next month, we visit Rome and Pompeii. Kyrie is particularly looking forward to seeing Pompeii as she just read about it in her Sonlight Reader, "Pompeii...Buried Alive!".

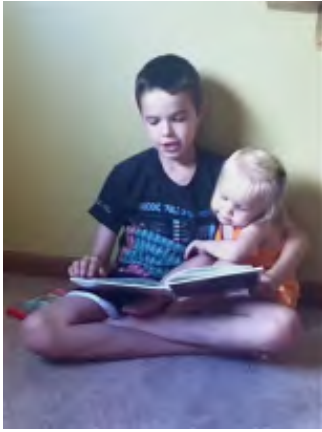
— **Naomi C** United Kingdom



In our first week of Sonlight, as we read Window on the World [from Core C] and prayed for people to come to know salvation, tears filled my eyes at how 'right' it felt. This is what was missing in our previous curriculum – this opportunity to develop young hearts for the nations. We love how Sonlight is helping us to raise Great Commission children. Here, dad reads Window on the World with Eliana (7), Caden (5) and Journey (2). Eliana and Caden share Core C as Journey enjoys the Read-Alouds in their first full year of Sonlight.

— **Nicole C** Lehigh Acres, FL





Jimmy is always very happy for a chance to cuddle his baby sister and read to her. Everyone needs an excuse to slow down and make special memories with their families. Sonlight builds that right into the curriculum. We began with Sonlight when my older two kids were ages 7 and 10 because it seemed the perfect way to draw them closer to us and each other. Shared literary adventures were a great way to knit us together. When my oldest decided to attend a local charter high school, she was exceptionally well-prepared. When we added our new little one, Sonlight continued to be a great way of connecting our family and sharing our values.

— **Pamela C**    Niagara Falls, NY



Sonlight allows my family to bring the pages of history to life through field trips such as a visit to a castle ruin. It also lets the past speak to us by seeing actual history and by hearing the words about it through Sonlight books. When dealing with history and real items that you can see and touch makes it easy for the whole family to get involved.

— **Patricia C**    Germany



We love to read, we love Sonlight, and we love the library, so we combined them all for our family pictures, letting the boys choose a favorite book. This statue, The Reader, is based on Mr. Boldin, the first director of the boys ranch where we have lived and worked for nearly 10 years. He is seated near the entrance of the public library where we live, and every child loves to stop and touch him or sit with him when they are entering or exiting the library. Our big boys were privileged to know him when they were little, since he still came to the ranch to work in the woodshop, though he had been "retired" for many years. We are so thankful that a dear friend introduced us to Sonlight 6 years ago, right before we began homeschooling. We loved it right away and have never looked back. It is such a blessing not to have to pore over every catalog and website, trying to determine the best combination of books, and then trying to plan how to use them. The Instructor's Guides have been a lifesaver to us, and we appreciate being able to get a well-rounded curriculum from the same company. God has been gracious to us throughout our homeschooling adventure and we look forward to the many Sonlight years to come.

— **Patty C**    Edmond, OK







"Box Day" at our house was met with exclamations such as, "Wow! Awesome!! Cool!!" as our six year old son pulled each book from the package. Then a confused look came over his face as he asked, "But where are my school books!?" What a joy it was to tell him, "These ARE your school books!" What wonderful school years he has to look forward to, learning from Sonlight's collection of beautifully written and illustrated literature rather than drudgerous stacks of dry text books and workbooks. What a natural way for a child (or adult!) to learn about God's world!

— **Rachael C** Athens, WV

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I am officially convinced that Sonlight has the most fun science program ever! Sonlight science encourages a curiosity about God's creation and a love of learning about it. It is perfect for our boys because it has a good mix of reading, worksheets, outside discovery and hands-on experiments. It is designed in a way that we can all do the same things together, and the teachers manual makes the lesson planning so easy. In their first year of Sonlight, Zachary (5) and Anthony (4) are quite proud of the seedlings they grew with their Science A program.

— **Rachel C** Canada

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I wasn't sure how Sonlight would work for us, my son wasn't much for reading literature. I was even thinking I know reading more will be good for them so I thought I'm going to try it. It's worked out fine. The puzzle was fun for them and my son enjoyed it, even though he had already done some geography, but learning where the land is this way is different than learning it off a textbook. I'm glad we are using Sonlight. They have both become excellent readers and my daughter was surprised at how many books she has read.

— **Rhonda C** Belen, NM

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The much anticipated day has arrived for the Dorries household as Davis (10) and John (7) show their excitement as they begin opening the boxes loaded with their Sunlight curriculum for the new school year. Says mom and teacher, Mariela, "Since we discovered Sonlight more than four years ago, we had no doubt that we had found the curriculum we had been searching for. We are especially thrilled that our boys are gaining a global perspective with Sonlight's excellent focus upon world cultures, history and literature. Science is also a big hit with Davis and John!"

— **Robert C** Alexandria, VA

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Matthew and Michael C of Florida are using plant and animal life from the yard to discover things under their microscope while reading, "The Complete Book of the Microscope" from Science 4 Program. They absolutely love studying God's creation in a non-classroom setting.

— **Robin C** Cocoa, FL

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Davey C (5) reviews the parts of a flower with his mom as they read \*First Book of Nature\* from Science K.

— **Ruth C** Manistique, MI

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My husband is an evangelist, and we travel a lot. Currently, we are in a very rural area of the country. Homeschooling gives us the flexibility to travel and still educate our children. Sonlight has given us the ability to travel and LOVE to educate our children. Within our first year of using Sonlight, the kids were cheering when I said it was time to do school. Science in particular has been a cheering point with the kids. The books Sonlight has chosen are giving my children a solid grasp of Science where they understand it and love it. Here Grace and I are looking at the life cycle of a Buttercup from Usborne's First Book of Nature. How wonderful to be able to have school in the woods -- to have the flexibility to know the Buttercups are in bloom, so let's go look at them! Thank you, Sonlight, for enriching our homeschool experience.

— **Ruth C** Manistique, MI

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Thank you for helping instill in my children a love of reading.

— **Ruth C** Manistique, MI

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Because of Sonlight, all of my children love to read. This year I looked at using a different curriculum. I showed Grace a literature book like she would be using, and her disappointment was evident. She was very disturbed by the fact that she would only be able to read parts of books and not whole books and stories. Consequently, I am very thankful God once again has allowed us to enjoy Sonlight together as a family. Here, Grace (13) and Mary (11) insist that free time at the beach is better with a Sonlight book. They're studying Core H in their seventh year of Sonlight.

— **Ruth C** Manistique, MI

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Luke enjoys science from Sonlight. We have used the TOPS books to work through some interesting experiments but we are so glad to have the Discover and Do DVDs to lead us through the steps. Luke loves it most when his science includes lessons on electricity or circuits. He digs in his science supplies kit for all the batteries, wires, buzzers and light bulbs he can find and has fun building while learning! We are pleased that we choose Sonlight so all of our boys can experience learning together.

— **Sandy C** California , MO

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Both of my boys are drawn toward the colorful pages in the Horizons Math workbooks. They also love to use all of the math manipulatives: counting cubes, Base 10 blocks, etc. Jack is glad that we found Sonlight when his older brother Luke was in Kindergarten so that he can have the benefits of Sonlight at the earlier stages of the Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten programs. We found some great books in those early cores. In their fifth year homeschooling, Jack (7) studies Core E and Science E with older brother Luke (10). For math, Jack loves his Horizons Math 1 program.

— **Sandy C** California , MO

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Maribeth enjoyed doing the random activities from her Sonlight books, including painting her face like the Nuba people from the Sudan she read about in "Peoples of the World." Sonlight is the closest thing we have ever found to our homeschool philosophy. We love the flexibility and laid-back feel, but the challenge at the same time. The most important aspect is the customization for us, because our daughter is more advanced with reading than math for instance. The only things that could be a dislike would be the language arts could be more complete, although the writing aspect is a plus.

— **Sarah C** Natchez, MS



I love to have quality books to read to my little bibliophiles, and Sonlight has helped us build a great library for our little ones. We have yet to meet a Sonlight book that we haven't read many times over. The books have enriched my children's play time with characters and events, and these are the books that they bring to us to read to them over and over again. Now that our 4 year old, Charlie, is gaining confidence in reading the stories of the pictures in his books, he loves to sit and look at the books on his own or read them to his little brother. I am simply amazed at how much he is really learning. He frequently astounds us all with his vocabulary and knowledge. One of his favorite books is The Flip-Flap Body Book (pictured). He loves to discover new things about what lies under his skin and how his body works. We have been delighted with our Sonlight experience so far, and my husband and I are eagerly anticipating all of the Sonlight guided years of homeschooling ahead.

— **Sarah C** Columbia, VA



Sonlight is super-organized, yet allows flexibility, making it simple to just teach and expand. This is our first year of homeschooling. As I looked at many programs, I fell in love with your structure and religion-based curriculum. My girls are excited to begin their day with Sonlight. We love it and look forward to each week. There's no looking back! In their first Sonlight year, Kathryn (5) and Alayna (3) are enjoying the Preschool and Kindergarten Multi-Subject programs.

— **Sarah C** Richland, WA







A wonderful thing about Sonlight is that we can reuse each program [with our younger children] as they progress through the years. Our oldest daughter began last year with Kindergarten and we absolutely loved it, especially the Bible verses and stories. Our second daughter was off to a great start using the bright and engaging preschool program. This year, we decided to add in our youngest daughter. They all love and enjoy school. In their family's second year of Sonlight, Evelyn (2, Preschool Full-Grade Package), Kathryn (6, Core B) and Alayna (4, Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package) enjoy their science lesson out in nature.

— **Sarah C**    Richland , WA



On box day, I am most excited about the accompanying CDs for the Core programs. 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.

— **Shandee C**    Big Stone Gap, VA



I am thankful to Sonlight for their Christian perspective while offering a wide range of classic literature and viewpoints. 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.

— **Sharon C**    Canada



What do you do on a lazy Saturday afternoon? You already played football and went to a birthday party. How about Sonlight science? My son loves the InquisiKids Discovery Do DVDs. It doesn't matter what time it is he is always ready to do science. But not just the science alone he loves the cores as well. Often times after a long day we curl a cup of tea and the core . I love how my son and I have bond around that cup of tea and those wonderful books. Sonlight makes learning a really enjoyable family experience. I have homeschooled my son since preK and I can't see using anything else but Sonlight.

— **Shawn C**    Virginia Beach, VA





My son and I really enjoy Sonlight reader's. We have read some many wonderful books that it is hard to pick a favorite. Even the puppy loves to come in and hear a good story. Sonlight Readers turn school time into mom and son bonding time. The readers allow us to have teachable moments as we discuss what is going on with the characters in the book. Thanks for choosing so many interesting books. Sonlight makes learning and reading fun.

— **Shawn C** Virginia Beach, VA

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Sonlight's lesson plans, study guides and teacher helps saved our homeschool. After our first year of patchworking together a curriculum, my husband said, 'If this is what homeschooling will require of you, we won't be continuing!' Then a friend introduced us to Sonlight while we were on furlough from the mission field and we fell in love with it. No more patchwork – Sonlight saved my sanity! Three high school graduates later (with three more to go), we're STILL loving Sonlight. In the family's twelfth year of Sonlight study, Deborah (13, Core G) enjoys a good read in the strawberry patch.

— **Shelly C** Grandview, MO

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This was taken after the vote counts from the outstanding states were finally verified and called for Bush, and may be a less-bleached-out photo than the one I sent a day or two ago. Most of the previous information is the same, except all 4 kids are in this photo (Jessica was missing from the previous submission because she was monitoring the election results at the computer).

— **Sherry C** Spring, TX

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I took this picture a few minutes ago (yes, after school hours!). Anthea is taking advantage of a break in the clouds to read her Kingdom History book in the front yard while waiting for time to leave to set up for the Pumpkin Patch Party (a community outreach event at church). Our family usually carves pumpkins this time of year, but we like to think ours are a little different from the rest... Later the same day... I went downstairs about midnight because the kitchen light was on. I thought the kids had forgotten to turn it off, but when I got there I found Daniel deep in the middle of The Trumpeter of Krakow... after having worked like a dog from 6:00-9:30 setting up for (and cleaning up after) the Pumpkin Patch party at church... you GO, Sonlight!

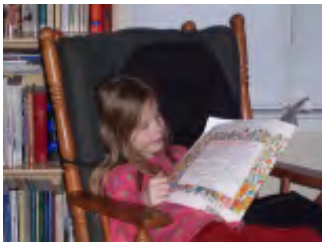
— **Sherry C** Spring, TX

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Everyone in our family loves the stories we read with Sonlight-even our cat Tia! We caught her "reading" Li Lun one afternoon after my son took a break. This truly was not a staged photo! My kids were tickled that she sat there engrossed for almost 5 minutes! The thing we like most about Sonlight is that it has fostered a love of learning and a curiosity about the world around us. Being stationed in Germany, we have been blessed with the opportunity to travel extensively and Sonlight has given my children the world to explore. I love that my kids request trips to museums and locations of archaeological interest so they can see first hand the wondrous things Sonlight has taught them. The cat, I'm afraid, has to be content with just the stories!

— **Stefanie C** United States



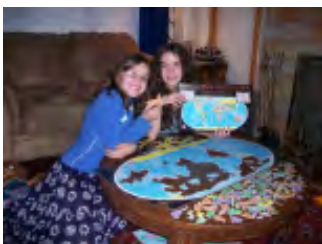
When a friend told me that if we used Sonlight I would have to bribe my children to get them away from the books I thought she was joking. My daughter did not enjoy reading and always tried to skip it. A few years after starting Sonlight, Hannah was supposed to be working on her morning chores and could not be found when chore time was over. We finally found her hiding out in my rocking chair reading our new Sonlight books that had just arrived the day before! This Momma's heart was melted when I saw why she hadn't done her chores as she was deeply engrossed in her book. Now we use Sonlight books as an incentive to help Hannah finish her chores on time!

— **Stephanie C** Lacey, WA



My husband and I were worried about the cost of Sonlight curriculum. I finally took the plunge and purchased the PreK program and the Core K program. {I also use the Science K and the Language Arts programs} My kids LOVE to read now! They love to be read to every day and I never thought that would happen! But my favorite thing so far is seeing my oldest daughter reading to her younger siblings and having my usually wild children SIT STILL to listen to her reading aloud to them out of her Fun Tales Readers! My 5 year old son has picked up many letter sounds just by listening to his sister read aloud! The cost of Sonlight pays for itself over and over as each child in our family spends more quality time together reading good books! To me that is priceless!

— **Stephanie C** McChord Afb, WA



While listening to Alt 7 read alouds, Beth & Chris enjoy doing crafts and, in this case, puzzles. Sonlight Curriculum has made history enjoyable for us in the way that two kids at different ages (15 & 12) can enjoy the same read-alouds and history books. Right now we are reading "God's Smuggler," for Alt 7, and we are learning a lot about God's powerful provision to His children. The older sisters also enjoyed Sonlight, and are now in college for a B.A., and Grad School for an M.A.

— **Stephen C** Parma, OH





I love the structure and Spiritual depth of Sonlight curriculum. I homeschool because I want to give my children the richest and most Biblically based education possible. I don't want to spend my time making lesson plans; I want to spend my time with my children. Sonlight has made that dream possible. It encourages higher level thinking which stimulates creativity and helps Josiah produce ideas such as shown in this photo of a "fully equipped fireman." Josiah has stated, "Mommy, I love being home with you!" What a treasure to be able to spend such quality and quantity time with these gifts God has given us during the brief growing up years. Furthermore, I'm amazed at the progress my son made through his first year with Sonlight. He was petrified and overwhelmed by the thought of reading at the beginning of his kindergarten year. By the end of his kindergarten year as I prepared to order first grade curriculum, he begged me to get the advanced readers because he was ready for and wanted the challenge. Beyond Josiah's reading, we thoroughly enjoy the read alouds together. Sonlight has done well in selecting interesting and engaging material. In fact, we've been so excited about some of the books we've discovered, we've had to share them with other members of our family. The material has delighted them as well, and brought us back to Sonlight for more!

— **Susan C** Turlock, CA

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I love the Christian focus of Sonlight and the lesson plans that allow more time with the child.

— **Susan C** Turlock, CA

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Math is not Matt's favorite subject. That being said, we looked into a couple of different math curricula and were leaning towards Teaching Textbooks but was worried about the price and whether or not it would work for us. I got onto the Sonlight forums and asked for pros and cons about TT. I had many people write and tell me about their experiences with TT. It was overwhelmingly positive so we decided to try it. Once again, Sonlight's recommended products were wonderful. Matt now enjoys (may be too strong of a word) math better than he has in years. It's so easy to understand. The cd-roms have been extremely helpful and easy to use. Thank you Sonlight for taking the stress out of daily math.

— **Tamara C** Clarkesville, GA

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We are newer to homeschooling and were blessed to have friends that are using Sonlight. They showed us their books and schedules and I knew that I had to try it. Sonlight has helped us in so many ways. I love the schedules that help me to know what to do and when. The kids love the books. They all love to listen to me or my husband read to them. Our oldest two children started loving history again after being in public school for years. This has improved our family ties. My children are enjoying getting to be better friends with each other. I can't thank Sonlight enough. This picture of one of the many benefits of homeschooling. We were able to take this trip during the school year to St. Augustine, Fl. and enjoy the history and nature there.

— **Tamara C**    Clarkesville, GA

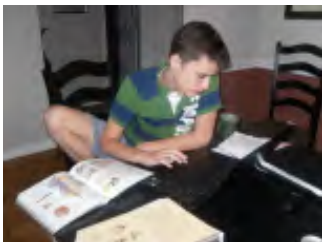
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Matt and Lily love being together. He thinks it's so cool that he can do his school work with his favorite pet. Doesn't she look interested in the Bronze Bow too? You can't do this in public school, can you? This is one of the many benefits of homeschooling. When Matt was in public school he really didn't enjoy much literature unless it had to do with reptiles. Since we started Sonlight, he loves to read. He couldn't believe how interesting the books are. He reads everything I give him and races through them for more. I can't thank you enough for this love of reading. It sounded too good to be true when I heard about Sonlight. I am here to tell anyone that your advertising is so true. You have helped to tie our family together because of reading together. Thanks Sonlight!

— **Tamara C**    Clarkesville, GA

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Thank you Sonlight for products that have given my son confidence in his academic abilities. When Connor was in public school, he did not like to read and any kind of creative writing caused fits of tears. In our fourth year of Sonlight, I can now say my son has become an avid reader! He begs to begin every day with our next history lesson, and he ends every day with his nose stuck in another Sonlight book. Tammy was recently floored and very grateful to hear Connor (13, Core G) say that creative writing is his favorite subject because he is good at it.

— **Tammy C**    Ringgold, GA

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Sonlight has provided continuity and stability to our life as a missionary family, despite many moves and changes. The Read-Alouds have brought our family closer together and enriched our lives through well-chosen books depicting different cultures. As a cross-cultural family in missions we have appreciated Sonlight's broad education. It has surpassed our expectations in many ways and we are thrilled by what our older kids have learned. Here, Daniel (14) dissects a frog for Science 250 as Ruth (11) serves as his lab assistant. In their sixth year of Sonlight, Daniel is using Core 300, Ruth is studying Core H and little sister Kathleen is using Core C.

— **Tanuja C**    Australia



As a family we have been using Sonlight cores for 7 years now. Sonlight books have sparked the interest of all our kids since the beginning. Kathleen is our third child and she has grown up listening to Sonlight read alouds along with her siblings Daniel(15) and Ruth(13). It seemed for awhile that she would be content just being read to and have no desire to read for herself. But this year she has suddenly got interested in reading for pleasure with Sonlight's core D readers encouraging her along. Here she is perched on our banister reading "The Cabin Faced West."

— **Tanuja C** Australia



For the first time in my life, I'm loving history. Thanks to Sonlight, all my children will ever know is to love history!

— **Teresa C** Belding, MI



After seven years of using Sonlight, I am still so excited when our box arrives. This box isn't just full of books, but wonderful memories in the making and adventures to be had. I have memories of weeping at the end of Johnny Tremain, and hanging in suspense with Red Sails to Capri. I am so impressed with the books selected, when friends ask me for advice on new books for their children to read, I just give them my Sonlight catalog.

— **Teresa C** Belding, MI



I'll never forget our last "Box Day!" When my UPS driver pulled up, five of my seven children ran down the road to meet him, screaming with excitement. I'll never forget the look on his face when they told him what was in the box-their school books!

— **Teresa C** Belding, MI





I'm so thankful for the closeness homeschooling has encouraged in my children. I also feel like Sonlight has helped dramatically in laying a foundation for a love of learning and for each other.

— **Teresa C** Belding, MI



I not only have sweet memories of our favorite books, but of where we read them. My husband was building a lean-to for our horse and the kids thought it would make a great Santa Maria as we read Pedro's Journal. I would read while they sketched pictures of Columbus' ships. What a fun time and a great memory for us all! Thank you, Sonlight for selecting such wonderful books that inspire our imaginations!

— **Teresa C** Belding, MI



Talk about history coming alive! We just finished reading the Lewis and Clark Expedition when we had the wonderful opportunity to visit Yellowstone. What a thrill to hear my kids say "Hey mom, we just read about that!" as we passed spots like Colter Bay or crossed the Continental Divide. Thank you for helping us in this great adventure of learning!

— **Teresa C** Belding, MI



There is one problem I have with using Sonlight-it seems my children are wanting to 'do school' earlier and earlier!

— **Teresa C** Belding, MI





It brings me such joy to see the enthusiasm my kids have for learning. We visited a museum in Charleston this year while studying Core E. I'm always so thankful to hear 'Mama, we were just learning about that!' I've even had museum staff comment on how excited my children are to learn! I attribute much of this to the rich, living books Sonlight offers. The seven children of the C family, including Hannah (8) and Rose (4), are studying Core F and Core B this year. Teresa says they've used Sonlight since birth.

— **Teresa C** Belding, MI



They love the Singapore Math program, and I love the MathTacular series that reinforces what they're learning. Math has never been one of my strong points. To see my children have fun with it brings me joy.

— **Teresa C** Belding, MI



My children are growing up with the idea that learning is fun and involves the whole family. That's something I wouldn't trade for anything!"

— **Teresa C** Belding, MI



One of the things I love most about homeschooling is being able to schedule our breaks around my husband's. It's incredible to be able to visit some of the places we've been learning about. Sonlight has made it so easy to take school on the road. Sometimes I think I pack more books than clothing and read until my voice is hoarse, but it's a fun way to learn!

— **Teresa C** Belding, MI







I love how Sonlight encourages my children's sense of wonder as we study God's creation! Hannah was learning about the parts of a flower while going through Usborne's First Book of Nature. I can honestly say I'm (mom) enjoying science for the first time in my life--your programs are wonderful and instill a love of learning.

— **Teresa C** Belding, MI



Sonlight has definitely played a major role in fueling my kid's imaginations! Anytime we learn something new in history, my son Jesse will slip down to the basement and come up with a new disguise. This was the week we read about pirates in Usborne's Book of World History. Needless to say, we're having fun!

— **Teresa C** Belding, MI



Sonlight's historical fiction captivates my daughters--and even our dog, Ginger!

— **Terri C** Franklin, TN



Here, our twin daughters, Rachel and Emily are reading Landmark History with our beloved friend Ginger, who loved getting in on the learning in our first year of homeschooling. This year has meant so much to our family. Sonlight is so well organized, with very little need for planning time, I can relax and have fun with our girls knowing that I am providing them with a quality education.

— **Terri C** Franklin, TN





Just before finishing World History 1, I found our three boys outside in their play structure, spending their "break time" building a Medieval castle. I love watching over and over how one child will learn something new in their studies, and the others will quickly catch on and join right in. I've always believed learning should be fun and that a child will learn a lot more about something he's already interested in. Sonlight provides these opportunities for our family each new year.

— **Terri-lynn C** Canada

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Brianna volunteered to make this rag quilt and donate it to a live auction our church was holding to raise money for a Romanian orphanage. The quilt actually sold for \$2300.00, AND the buyer ended up giving the quilt to the orphanage also. I love how SL has helped me build an awareness in my children of the peoples, cultures, and needs that exist around the world today, and that they are part of making a difference.

— **Terri-lynn C** Canada

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We used this opportunity to study more about lighthouses and the important role that they play along the coastline. We also spent time talking about responsibility and the commitment that was made to take care of the lighthouse so that the light could shine brightly. We related it to our Christian life and our responsibility to care for others and share the love of Jesus. In this manner, our own light will shine brightly to help show others His love. The Sonlight programs offer such wonderful literature to compliment the learning that is taking place in our home classroom. I appreciate the fact that they are learning important life events through creative fascinating stories that keep them focused and curious.

— **Tiffany C** Hickory, NC

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Reading was not Naomi's favorite subject until Sonlight came along. She loves to read to her buddies now. Sonlight books are so fun for my kids, I often overhear them reading out loud in their rooms (not during "school time").

— **Tina C** Altamonte Springs, FL

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I like that my kids don't associate learning with sitting behind a desk all day but with fun, reading and the great outdoors. Thanks Sonlight!

— **Tina C** Altamonte Springs, FL

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Jacob is truly learning to love reading and learning, especially about God. 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.

— **Tracy C** Lenexa, KS

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Sonlight's great Living Books, Instructor Guides, and Science materials allow us to enjoy the best of all my favorite teaching approaches. We are truly experiencing joyful learning, and a Sonlight education is helping my children be all that the Lord made them to be as unique individuals. The books we share have become an important part of our lives, and have lead to some of our most meaningful conversations. I love having a structured schedule that still allows so much flexibility and individuality. It is also a blessing to see my children sharing the books they are using in separate cores with one another. They are excited about what they are learning, and want to share it!

— **Tracy C** Kingsport, TN

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A big change in our homeschooling routine happened this year starting with Sonlight for the first time. My children cried for more time to read, and not the other way around. Here Ludwig is reading from Frog and Toad to our domestic workers son Juan (10 months). He loves to be with them while they are reading. Jenita just learned English this year, and have read through al her Sonlight books in 2 months. She prefer it above our home language Afrikaans. Thank you for making homeschooling easy for us moms that don't have the time to do any preparations.

— **Valarie C** South Africa

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Everybody is excited when it is mom's turn to do the read-alouds. Hanging around while doing is makes it more fun. Mountain Born is definitely our favourite, because we have a lot of Saanen goats or better known as Heidi goats of which we bottle fee d all the newborn kids ourselves. Ludwig (10), Jenita (8) and Juan (10 months) loves the privileged time we can spend with each other while homeschooling. This is our second year of homeschooling, and our first year with Sonlight. It will definitely not be our last. I took the concept of Love to Learn to a new level, because most of the time I enjoy the history more than the kids. If I ever find a time machines I will go back and make sure that my parents homeschooled me. Loving Sonlight forever. Valarie C. South Africa.

— **Valarie C** South Africa

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Most people are scared of using a scale, but Jenita has just finished the chapter of weight and absolutely loved it. Here she is weighing her shoes to see if it is less or more than 1 kg. Mathematics is her favourite subject and she loves Singapore Math. In South Africa we only use centimeter, meter, gram, kilogram and tons, through Sonlight she got to teach me about foot, yards, inches, pounds and ounces. She even taught her grandparents about it. Sonlight was an answer to my prayers when I was searching for a curriculum that suit our family more. It is our first year with Sonlight, but our second with home education. We are looking forward to ordering our next years work, just to dive into all the interesting books. We also love the history, and have a list of places we want to visit when we go on a trip to America one day. Thank you for making learning something we love.

— **Valarie C** South Africa



Alyssa had a slow start on her journey to reading, but once it clicked she caught the reading bug like the rest of the family. Here she chooses to read a book "ahead of schedule" assuring me she will want to read it again when the time comes. At our house, books are read over and over and there always seems to be a part that we didn't remember the first time. Sonlight books are a treasure that keep our minds (and our shelves) bright and colorful!

— **Vicki C** Idaho City, ID



Here my daughter Alyssa reads one of her books while trying to break her hula-hoop record of over an hour! I'm thankful that school can be unconventional enough to allow my daughter who can't sit still for too long, get up and move when she needs to. Thanks Sonlight for all the great resources you provide to make homeschooling easy and adaptable to everyone!

— **Vicki C** Idaho City, ID

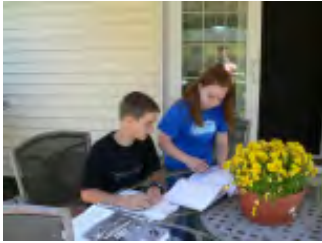


Having already mastered juggling on his unicycle, Noah decided to attempt reading and unicycling and of course, he chose one of his favorite Sonlight books to practice with. One of the things I appreciate about Sonlight, is that I believe the kids creativity and imaginations are sparked by all the wonderful stories they read. Through homeschooling they have the opportunity to pursue their creative interests and learn at the same time.

— **Vicki C** Idaho City, ID







Nothing warms a mother's heart more than seeing her children working together! Sonlight makes it so easy! Each day is laid out for you in the Instructor's Guide. Sonlight has taken out the guess work, even for Apologia Physical Science! The supply kits are great! I'm not running all over trying to find just the right thing for experiments, it's all there together in one place! Thanks Sonlight for making the details easy and allowing us to focus on the important things...like building long lasting sibling relationships!

— **Vicki C** Grove City, OH

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Sandra will sit for hours and look at her Sonlight books even though she can't read all the words. She can come up with some unique stories from just a few words. I like that I don't need to stick to a schedule at all times if I need to skip a few hours I can. I can't think of anything that I do not like about Sonlight. My husband and I tried for 16 years to have a child so every minute we get to spend with her is very special to us and Sonlight helps us do that by letting us spend even more of our day with her.

— **Vickie C** Cleveland, SC

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Sonlight books go with us everywhere--even swim meets! Here Carolina age 7 rereads "The Box Car Children" from Core A. We own several Cores and love having a "library" of amazing Sonlight books to choose from as we head out the door to various activities as a family. After discovering the joy of reading and listening to stories using Sonlight's fantastic selection of books, Carolina and her little sister Alexandria would rather read or be read to than do just about anything else. They have also developed into good listeners and are able to sit quietly during church and other activities such as two-hour swim meets.

— **Willa C** Crofton, MD

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Let's face it: I love Sonlight because it makes my life easy! No more late nights of planning and tired days of frustration. My time is precious and limited.

— **William C** Defuniak Springs, FL

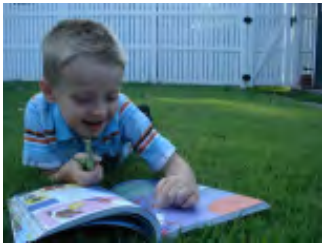
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Ahoy! Faring on the seas of learning may seem threatening and turbulent, but our voyage with Sonlight has been smooth sailing from launch day onward. My sailors are always eager for their next passage. When the Captain summons her shipmates, Marcus (5), Danae (3) and Sputnik (always on deck) are continually eager to come aboard and discover foreign places, bygone times, captivating creatures and magical adventures. The instructor's guide is true and faithful as the north star, so that even an inexperienced navigator can easily chart the course towards the harbour. Bon Voyage! Yvette, Calgary, Canada

— **Yvette C**    Canada



After picking some of the green beans in his garden, Judah is chilling out in the backyard with his P4/5 Berenstain Bears science book. The miracle of God's creation has come alive for him through Sonlight's books this year. We are so grateful for fabulous books that make our child beg to "do school" everyday! Thank you, Sonlight!

— **Amanda D**    Granite City, IL



Our family lives in a small fishing village on the Caribbean coast of the Yucatan Pennisula. Our village is located in the Sian Ka an Biosphere Resvere, where all wildlife is protected. Our village only has electricity for 4 hours a night and none in the day. Which can make life and homeschooling a challenge. But thanks to the ease of Sonlights program we are able to pack up what we need and take our schooling to the beach where it is always cool. Here in this picture our daughter Yalena Natasha age 7 is enjoying reading here Bible under the shade of a palm tree. We have used Sonlight for the last 3 years and love it! Thank you Sonlight for making homeschool easy, no matter where we are or have to go!!!

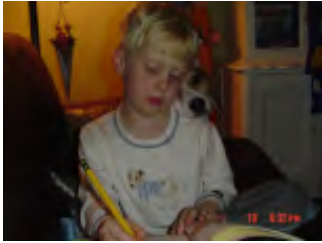
— **Amy L D**    Cherry Hill, NJ



I've been homeschooling for 11 years now and have pretty much tried every curriculum out there. Using Sonlight has changed how I view school. I realize it's not just sitting behind a desk for a set amount of hours in a day; it's a lifestyle. I'm not that stressed out mom anymore nagging my kids to hurry up and finish their school. Sonlight's lesson plans are fantastic and there is such a wonderful variety of books. After finding the girls (Eden, 6, Caylee, 7, Evie, 11, and Cassidy, 13) in the field with a bag of Sonlight books, Mom quickly snapped a photo. They are using Cores B, C, D and W in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Angie D**    Canada





Benjamin was determined to finish his math workbook #1 before the new year. He set his goal for himself and set out to do 10 pages on this night. This child was homeschooled because he was starting to dislike learning and school in his PRESCHOOL class. Sonlight put the spark back into my son. Jingles the beagle hopped onto the couch and did some surprising things to Benjamin as he was working. Benjamin blossomed in his confidence using Sonlight and we took pictures to capture the moment.

— **Annette D**    Birmingham, AL



After reading about the Bedouin tribed in The Usborne Book of House and Homes, my kids couldn't wait to create their own tent. When they called me in to see the completed project, I was surprised to see how accurate they were in recreating the Bedouin tent. I like how Sonlight makes learning enjoyable and has so many suggestions to add creativity to the learning experience. This is our first year using Sonlight and we plan to use it for many years to come!

— **Barbara D**    Seward, NE



Dressed in their "beach" accessories, Anna and Grace decide to take their books on the deck for a little sunbathing! What a great opportunity to enjoy the rare warmth of January and still devour a great read. Anna here is enjoying Phoebe the Spy, one of her favorite readers in Core 3 this year. Sonlight allows us to take our schooling anywhere we would like to, and to take advantage of the outdoors whenever possible. The girls love that they are not confined to a desk. This creates such a love for books and learning in general; it is not a chore to read, it is an exciting part of their life, and a favorite pastime for both of them! ADDED info from call that could apply to either of their two photos: I love that Sonlight provides a schedule. We already love to read and we love to cuddle together and have "couch-time," so Sonlight just fit in with our lifestyle. I am learning so much. I haven't been in school in 20 years or so and yet I get excited right along with my kids. I just have to add, we expected Sonlight's book about the Incas, Aztecs, and Mayans would be really dry. We were delighted to discover how vivid the imagery was and we absolutely loved it!

— **Barbara D**    Las Vegas, NV





Robyn's 16 year old brother Paul hides notes all around our house that give clues to where Robyn's new Sonlight books are hidden. It's a tradition we started when she was in K-4 and she insists on repeating it on the first day of school every year! Here she is enjoying her new treasures. We love Sonlight because it brings the cultures around the world to life. We go on "adventure reads" together and have such rich memories of places we've been through the world of books. I dislike having to omit some of the Sonlight Curriculum because of our busy schedule. I know it is all good and I hate missing out on good things!

— **Carla D** Raleigh, NC

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While studying the South Pacific in Core 5, we celebrated island life with some dear friends and fellow homeschoolers. We ate bananas, kiwi, pineapple and for the first time tried a papaya. We enjoyed baking a volcano cake, making "grass skirts" out of newspapers and digging out our old Hawaiian clothes from closet depths. The day would not have been complete without doing the traditional volcano with baking soda and vinegar which resulted in lots of "OOOs" and "AHHHS!" Sonlight enriches our lives by exposing us to the cultures of the world. We have experienced many adventures by reading the pages of Sonlight books! We have been on mission trips to Mexico, India, and Peru. Our understanding of the cultures in each country was enhanced by Sonlight's curriculum. I think we could go just about anywhere and know a bit about the history and culture of the country. Due to a busy schedule, we have to make choices sometimes and eliminate parts of the curriculum. I do not like to omit parts because I know I am probably missing something good.

— **Carla D** Raleigh, NC

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Ethan has learned more than enough this year, so we are venturing on our second year of homeschooling not only with him but his younger sister as well. We were not sure how homeschooling would work for us, since both my husband and I work full-time. With a few adjustments, we were able to make it work and the Sonlight flexibility made it happen. We like that we can modify as we go along, skipping topics that he already knows and lingering on some as the need arises and yet not miss out on what we think is important. I love the fact that the Core schedule is included and we can adjust it as we go along. Ethan (12) couldn't wait to start on his new books for Core G, so he dove into The Story of the World during summer vacation.

— **Carol D** Quincy, IL

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Sonlight's Instructor Guides have been an absolute lifesaver for me!. 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.

— **Cassandra D** Boise, ID

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'Study buddies' enjoy some time together while doing their American Lit. schoolwork. Sonlight is my number one recommendation - especially at the high school level - when people ask me what curriculum I enjoy. I love that it teaches my children to THINK. All authors have a bias; Sonlight not only acknowledges this, but teaches my children to recognize and analyze different views from a Christian perspective. I want my children to be well prepared for the viewpoints they will encounter as they go out into the world, and to be able to apply the truth of God's Word as they encounter different beliefs - Sonlight supports this goal. I also treasure the interaction and lively discussions we enjoy as we learn together. I feel like I am on an educational adventure which I missed out on in school the first time around!

— **Cheree D** La Canada, CA

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— **Cheree D** La Canada, CA

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We start each day with 'Table Time' and reward ourselves with 'Reading Time'. Sonlight Science, Sonlight Language Arts, Horizons Maths and Handwriting Without Tears worksheets have all been excellent. We get through all of them without tears! Thank you for your Multi-Subject Core packages - just so easy.

— **Chris D** Australia



Sonlight has enabled us to be the ordered, relaxed, welcoming family that we want to be. Testimonies have convinced us that all the hard work has been done by a team we can trust. I feel freed to enjoy being a mum and I have the capacity to continue serving as a wife, a daughter, a big sister, a friend, a next door neighbour, etc. Thank you. Almost done with their first year of Sonlight, 5-year-old Laura reads to 2-year-old Kate from A Treasury of Mother Goose Rhymes in Core P4/5.

— **Chris D** New Zealand



"The encouragement I receive from Sonlight's articles and catalog is a balm for homeschool mother's soul!

— **Christa D** California, MD



Sonlight's passion and focus on missions has truly made an impact on our family. Our children are reading and learning about faithful men and women who have given their lives to the work of the Gospel. They are hearing about the work of real missionaries, and it is inspiring them to follow the call. I listen to them dream and discuss their future plans for when they grow up. In this photo, the D family, Aslan (4), KatieBelle (8), Atticus (6), Shamus (Dad), and Alistair (1), grab a favorite Science book (Frogs and Toads) from Core A, and go exploring for frogs and toads down by the creek.

— **Danalinn D** Georgetown, IN





We love the flexibility Sonlight gives our family. Like most homeschoolers, we often find ourselves learning on-the-go, and Sonlight allows us to have school anytime, anywhere. As a former elementary teacher, I have seen the discouraging effects "traditional" textbook curricula can have on a child's enthusiasm for learning. But with Sonlight, my children LOVE to "do school." They love the "read-alouds" and can literally spend all day pouring through the literature. That's a love of learning I had never experienced until Sonlight. Thank you for allowing me to share that with my children.

— **Danalinn D**    Jeffersonville, IN

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We love Sonlight because it has organized my homeschooling program. For us it has allowed to travel overseas with few books and be able to maximize our work while we visit family and touristic and historical places for a long period of time (30 days). Thanks so much for making travel easy without stopping learning.

— **Dania D**    Suwanee, GA

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In this pictures we are in the city of Chiquimula, in Guatemala, we will go visit the children great grandparents later in the day, but first we have to have our school done. After our read aloud, Heather is writing a little paragraph about it. Sonlight has allowed me to travel with everything i need in an organized way, and with exactly what I need, instead of having extra weight for school. for 30 days. It is easy travel with you.

— **Dania D**    Suwanee, GA

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Connor is not a kid who likes to read. Since starting the Sonlight material, his going through many books. He looks at what is required for the day and reads it - no arguments. This is mainly because the books are so good. He is liking what he is reading. I wish I had found Sonlight years ago! I like that the material is of such great quality, I like that we can choose what to do- not be bound to the schedule, we can make it work for our individual family. I also like that the material is suitable whether the children in our family are enrolled (submit portfolios) or registered (all on our own). The only thing that I dislike is that sometimes I can't get to everything!

— **Dawn D**    Canada

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Living here in southern Israel combined with Sonlight's curriculum has made history quite engaging for our daughters. Though we use two separate Core programs, Saeeda and Ella do not want to miss each other's read alouds, readers, or anything else in the curriculum that can possibly be a shared learning experience. They have enjoyed making the connections between where we live here in the Negev Desert in BeerSheva and the close proximity of several of the ancient civilizations we have studied this year including Egypt, Mesopotamia, the Phoenicians, Greece, and so on. In this photo, we are at the park, more than likely on the grazing grounds of Abraham's herds.

— **Dawn D** Chesapeake, VA

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With Sonlight we can all have fun learning together. This past year we had to decide as a family if I (mom) should go back to work part time or if we should begin a commercial goat dairy operation. The children all agreed they would rather work harder on the farm, continue homeschooling, and not have me go back to work. The Sonlight Cores had everything spelled out for each child, but were flexible enough that if we had to take a road trip to purchase items for the farm, they could take their books with them. Sonlight allows us the flexibility to work together on the farm year round. In their fifth year of Sonlight, Zachary (16), Bethany (14), Kayla (12), Sarah (9), Michael (7) and Maria (3) use Cores 100, H, F and B.

— **Dawn D** Mount Calvary, WI

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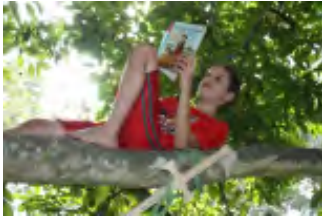
Brianna is so excited to finally feel what it was like to wear the clothing of the colonial times, as she read about it in *The Cabin Faced West*. We visited an old schoolhouse in this historical village.

— **Donna D** Pembroke Pines, FL

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This is our 10th-year homeschooling. Many of those years have been with Sonlight, which have been our favorite. All of my children are voracious readers thanks to the wonderful books. My 14 year old daughter was lamenting tonight, "Mom! We need more books! I've read all the ones we have!" Fortunately, I can let her loose on her Core 100 books in a couple of weeks when we start school! Otherwise, she'd have read them all! (big smile) Christopher loves to curl up with Mom to read and like his sisters, now that he's older, he has a tendency to take the book and finish reading it because he just can't stop! I have many fond memories of lying on the couch with an illness several years ago and listening to an audiobook I got from the library when I wasn't able to keep up with the reading. What a wonderful memory despite the illness! Our oldest daughter, Bailey, is a senior and will be graduating this year. Our first year homeschooling her was third grade and she could be found many a night under the covers with a flashlight reading her Sonlight books. She reads more by lamp than flashlight these days, but still loves every book she reads! Thanks, Sonlight!

— **Donna D** Great Falls, SC



I have always believed that a love of reading should start early, and I love that Sonlight makes that easy with their literature-based curriculum!

— **Emmy D** Pinedale, WY



Sonlight has really developed a love of learning in my children. Using "real" books instead of text books has made history and social studies come alive for them. They beg to bring their school books everywhere we go! I also love how the instructor's guides lay out everything for me, saving me so much time and frustration. It is evident that much research and thought has been put into the curriculum, and I am amazed at how well and quickly my oldest son learned to read. I believe that if I hadn't discovered Sonlight curriculum my first year of homeschooling I wouldn't have wanted to continue to homeschool. With this curriculum, I look forward to teaching without any of the anxiety many homeschool parents experience.

— **Emmy D** Pinedale, WY





The sparkle is back in the eyes of Kristen! I used Sonlight for five years with my first three children but due to health challenges I put my little girls in school. After two difficult years I saw my sweet, little Kristen become despondent in almost every area of life. I knew then, that, regardless of my health, I had to return to using Sonlight. Just as expected, she's becoming the joyful little soul I remember. Now she pulls out school books just for fun. Thanks Sonlight for motivating children and putting the light back into Kristen's eyes.

— **Gerri D** Yoncalla, OR

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The Instructor's Guides lay out everything for us so I don't have to spend time scheduling everything. Sonlight allows our whole family to learn together – from the oldest to the youngest. The books Sonlight uses are fabulous. We have developed a library the kids read over and over again. With Sonlight our children all love to read and to learn and the best part is doing it together. This year, Hannah (13) and Grace (11) share Core H, Bethany (9) uses Core C and H, and Joshua (6) and Mary (4) share Core P4/5 and Core A.

— **Heather D** Sacramento, CA

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Jeremiah was very happily turning pages and reading out loud to himself, learning by imitating. I couldn't resist taking the photo, and I even got a video! I added a shot of Jonathan in the favorite reading chair so you can see what Jeremiah sees on a daily basis. In our family, we love books, we love to read, and we love to be read to. Sonlight fits right in with that. And I appreciate having my Instructor's Guide to follow so I don't have to make it all up myself.

— **Heather D** Hillsboro , NH

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Here is a spontaneous photo taken of my nine-year-old explaining map projections to my six-year-old, while the four-year-old examines the map herself. This is what makes homeschooling fun! I love Sonlight because it lays down a curriculum map that I can easily follow, and just as easily deviate from when my kids find an interesting trail do go down! Sonlight curriculum was a lifesaver for me this past year as we moved to New Hampshire from western Pennsylvania. We lived with my husband's parents for five months before our new house was renovated enough to live in. I kept all our current books and IGs in my lovely Sonlight tote in the bedroom, and switched them out from a closet in the new house when I needed them.

— **Heather D** Hillsboro, NH

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Our miracle story: I, Lee-Anne, moved to Lilongwe, Malawi coming from a big homeschool support group. I met Darcy on the Sonlight forums a month before their arrival "it was an instant friendship!" A few months later Andrea moved back to Lilongwe after being away for a couple of years. (She introduced me to Sonlight 5 years ago during our brief stay in Malawi). She had also told me and Darcy about her friend who homeschool and the 4 of us started the Lilongwe Homeschoolers. We advertised and soon grew to 7 families! Can you believe our surprise that 5 of us are Sonlighters! After this photo a couple more have joined and more have started Sonlight. God completely exceeded our expectations! Except for myself, NONE of the others have ever had a homeschool support group! We meet monthly and have regular field trips. What a blessing to have each other! (It was impossible to fit names and ages in above) The Lilongwe Sonlighters from left to right: Mindy with Rachel(12) & Heather(10) Katie (mom) and Kelsey (teacher) with Anna(8) & Lydia(6) Lee-Anne with Daniel(8), Jason(5) & Erin(2) Darcy with Kaleb(14), Andrew(12), Alissa(12), Anna(10), Joshua(7) & Jonathan(7) Andrea with Emily(10), Jack(8) & Nathan(6)

— **James Alexande D** South Africa



Our children LOVE the hands-on science experiments in every Core. They give concrete understanding to the subject being taught. This year, we studied 3 Science Cores so whenever one child had an experiment, the others would gather around. What a great way to learn together!

— **Jamie D** Pella, IA



Our decision to home school has been the best decision we have made. It not only has relieved stress in our house, it has given us the flexibility we have longed for in the education of our children. Sonlight has been a blessing with the ease of choosing what we need, or putting packages together. The picture above is the kids 2nd day of school and they are excited about learning instead of dreading it. Thanks for all your support Sonlight!!

— **Jane D** Columbus, GA





I've never had a child hug a math workbook before! Laura, 6, was so excited about getting her next set of Sonlight books that she ripped into the newest Sonlight box with me, quickly pulling out book after book. I personally have never hugged a Singapore math book but I have enjoyed using them with my 4 children who are in school. I appreciate that Sonlight found this curriculum which I might never have considered apart from their recommendation. As a former math teacher, I've enjoyed the way the Singapore program helps my kids learn how to think about a problem not just do the same algorithm over and over.

— **Janet D**    Rolesville, NC

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Nathan (8) and Rebecca (6) found their cabin, which all the children built with their Grandpa, a perfect setting to sit and read "The Year of Miss Agnes." The stories in the Sonlight books are ones in which the children love to live out. The characters in the books become friends to them. We have used Sonlight with our 5 children, all with such different learning styles, and it has brought reading to life and a shared experience among us as a family. We often talk of what different characters in books would do in certain situations that arise in our own life. Mom teaches 3 cores at a time and it truly all balances out well! The older children get excited to see the younger children being read their old favorites and usually listen in to their books as well and it gives them something they all share together. The hardest part about Sonlight for our family, is keeping the older kids from reading all the books before it is time!

— **Jennifer D**    Weatogue, CT

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I am so thankful for the guides and helps and awesomely organized lesson plans that keep me from spending all my time planning!

— **Jennifer D**    Windermere, FL

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After reading Robin Hood and The Door in the Wall along with our History books, Natalie constructed a castle. With post-it notes she labeled the keep, the archery butts, the stables, etc.

— **Jennifer D**    Perkasi, PA

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My daughters got so much into their Science 1 experiment of making a submarine that they got out their goggles and swimsuits. They even tried sinking our toy fish with what they learned.

— **Jennifer D** Burke, VA



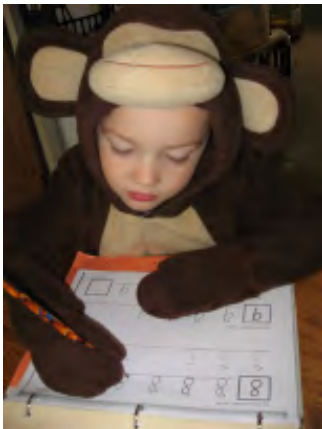
We loved our first year of Sonlight. At our local convention we saw another curriculum we thought of trying so we asked the kids their favorite part of school this year - they all said "Sonlight!" They love everything about it and I love how I don't have to do the planning - we can just enjoy school together. The twins are so excited to be starting their Sonlight this year as they've loved listening to all the boys books. As you can see from the picture - they want to take their books everywhere!

— **Jennifer D** Jacksonville, FL



During the course of studying trees in Science K we took a camping trip up to the mountains. Living in the desert of Phoenix we don't get to spend much time in the woods. But one afternoon during our trip we took a long hike and everyone was fascinated by the beauty of God's world as we walked. It was especially fun to come across a rotten log, alive with life! Practically all of the bugs and fungus pictured in our First Book of Nature was on this dead tree, and it was a great opportunity for bringing learning to life! Three years ago my sister handed me a Sonlight catalog and I KNEW that homeschooling with Sonlight would be in our future! I waited impatiently for my firstborn to be ready for school. Now here we are! This is our first year of homeschooling and we couldn't be happier! We look forward to many years of educating our children with Sonlight.

— **Jessica D** Gilbert, AZ



Alexander has been passionate about animals from a very young age. He loves pretending to be different animals, animal rescuers, veterinarians, animal scientists you name it - "not hunter though, because they hurt animals" ... Our dress up bin consists mostly of animal related outfits and accessories. Today, he was a Gibbon! I am grateful that I can homeschool and that Alexander can 'go to school' in his monkey costume without being worried about what the other kids may think. Although, I must say I don't know that it would stop him, we've done story time at the library as a monkey, a movie at the mall as a pig, grocery shopping as a lion and the list goes on! Anyways, I am also thankful for SL's literature rich program and schedules. It makes my job easier and it gives me more time to run errands with my animal lover in tow :-)

— **Jessica D** Saint Charles, IL





Our daughters are learning from their dad about pond plants and what other creatures are growing alongside their tadpoles. They found mosquito and dragonfly larvae as well as other tiny organisms. Sonlight has helped us become more independent in our learning by teaching us to think outside the box (mom and dad included!). Our girls are resourceful; they are learning to discover and appreciate the God-fashioned world around them. On their own time, they take joy in creating environments in which wild creatures can survive. As a side point, we had considered using a different history curriculum, but knowing we would be missing out on the read-alouds and the rich history readers and texts, we just couldn't do it...we had to stay with our fun and reliable Sonlight! Our girls are engaged in the Sonlight books and beg me to read more; it's even hard for me to stop when I'm learning as much as they are! The best part is when we're able to recall what we've read and apply it to a current conversation. Thanks, Sonlight, for making us want to learn more!

— **Jessica D** Rio Rancho, NM



I heard about Sonlight from a friend about 5 years ago. The first year we used I thought that SI was too expensive, so I ordered our curriculum from various vendors. I was so inexperienced and frustrated that I sent our eldest back to complete first grade at public school. After a short while of having her back in public school she wanted to come home. So, for 2nd grade we brought her back home and decided to use SI curriculum. We have not turned back since! We are enjoying home schooling all our children (Emma ~11, Lincoln ~8, Claire ~6, Dane ~2, Luke ~1). Our family has an insatiable love for books.

— **Kama D** Canada



Our ds, Lincoln, is reading... on his own! Reading did not come easy for our ds. However, with the great books that Sonlight includes in their cores and LA, he is ENJOYING reading! It's not odd to find him reading these days... even on the roof of our shed!!!! I heard about Sonlight from a friend about 5 years ago. The first year we used I thought that SI was too expensive, so I ordered our curriculum from various vendors. I was so inexperienced and frustrated that I sent our eldest dd (Emma) back to complete first grade at public school. After a short while of having her back in ps she wanted to come home. So, for 2nd grade we brought her back home and decided to use SI curriculum. We have not turned back since!

— **Kama D** Canada





Emma LOVES to read!!!! She has really enjoyed the readers/books that Sonlight offers. Emma once told me that if it is a Sonlight book, then it will be a good one! It's hard for her to pick her favourites. I heard about Sonlight from a friend about 5 years ago. The first year we used I thought that Sonlight was too expensive, so I ordered our curriculum from various vendors. I was so inexperienced and frustrated that I sent our eldest dd (Emma) back to complete first grade at public school. After a short while of having her back in ps she wanted to come home. So, for 2nd grade we brought her back home and decided to use SI curriculum. We have not turned back since! We are enjoying using all our children.

— **Kama D** Canada



I like Sonlight because of the Forums and the online support, the quality of the materials, and the flexibility built into the programs.

— **Karen D** Madison, NJ



Sonlight is a blessing to us. Homeschooling allows us to be together as a family. My husband, an opera singer, travels almost constantly, and homeschooling makes it possible for the whole family to travel together. My kids are seeing the world....this spring we spent 9 weeks in Barcelona, Spain. I took this photo at the beach one day....

— **Karen D** Madison, NJ



We worked so hard this year on individual reading, and with the additional practice and personalized attention I was able to give my kids, they all love reading. Without Sonlight's excellent read-alouds and individual readers, I don't think I would have been able to walk in to the room and find them all together, each on their own adventure--reading. For 4 long years we have waited for this precious baby girl. Now that she is finally home, her brothers and sister are able to spend their school days learning with her. We have been able to reschedule, study on the road, and spend countless hours loving this new addition to our family because of Sonlight. I can spend this time with my children because the lesson plans are already prepared for us. And the kids have new motivation to learn everything...whatever they learn, they can teach their new sister!

— **Karna D** Kerkhoven, MN





Whoever thought to make Sonlight's [large shipping] box turn into a castle is a genius! Just the help a mom needs. I was busy in the other room and peeked in on my daughters to see how their castle was coming along. What a joy to discover the fun they were having together! Sonlight has blessed our family by making homeschooling fun for my girls and me. The daily schedule is amazing. In their second Sonlight year, Michaela (6) and Madison (4) are studying Core A.

— **Katie D** Milpitas, CA



Although my youngest daughter went to kindergarten at our local Christian school this past year, she saw her sisters loving their homeschooling with Sonlight the last two years. "When can I have a turn to do school with you mommy?" she would ask me. We have not homeschooled anyone before 2nd grade so far, and I wasn't too sure about teaching her to read since she had struggled a bit in "real" school. Well, after investigating Sonlight's "I Can Read" series, and with through Instructor Guide samples on your website, I am actually as excited as she is about the coming year. We are even going to do some preschool with her younger brother, which we had not originally planned, because of Sonlight's terrific resources, like the Developing the Early Learner series. Thanks, Sonlight for replacing my hesitancy with joyful anticipation!

— **Keely D** Fountain Valley, CA



We love that so many of the books reflect God's great love for all the people groups in the world. The material is fun, inspires learning and Godly in its focus. Thank you for providing us with material that inspires a love for God, all people and God's creation. Thank you for a homeschooling program that greatly inspires learning. Five-year-old Matthew is using the Core A in his first year of Sonlight.

— **Kim D** Zambia



We just finished the Pre-K program and are entering the Kindergarten program. I am most thankful for the time I spent memorizing scripture with my daughter through this program. While we do devotions at night, the extra time we had to focus on Bible and memorization during our Bible class through Sonlight was wonderful. I am trusting that His words will not come back void - and am thankful that the Bible is an emphasis in this program. We also loved reading the stories. It seemed as though my daughter could not get enough of them and it was easy to want to read ahead! I am thankful to this program for pointing me to some great books. I feel like I get to revisit my childhood with her as we explore the world of Uncle Wiggley, the Boxcar Children, and so much more. Thank you.

— **Kimia D** Plymouth, IN







I think that if I'm honest, homeschooling has saved me as a mother. When we moved to a fairly remote location in North Africa, I knew that homeschooling would be a new part of my journey as educational options for our family weren't stellar. My life is very full of loving the women in our community as well, and having this brilliant curriculum laid out for me has been a lifesaver while balancing the demands of community, family and schooling.

— **Kristen D** Canada

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The History and Geography components of Sonlight's Core B and C curriculums have exponentially enhanced our experience of living overseas. While Sonlight clearly sets us up to teach from a Christ-centered perspective, I love that it doesn't shy away from the controversial issues. Rather, it helps parents think through how they want to present various ideas to their children. It leaves room for families to make their own decisions and encourages children to become leaders in thinking through and dialoguing about today's world issues. We long for our children to contribute to their world with wisdom, joy, and a Christ-centered perspective on loving their neighbours. Sonlight is helping us to achieve these goals! In this picture, Maisha (7) reads a Core C History book, *The Usborne Book of World History*, in an ancient Roman coliseum in North Africa.

— **Kristen D** Canada

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I love the variety of books that Sonlight chooses. The time we spend reading them together is priceless. They return to their favorites over and over again. It warms my heart to see my children growing up and growing closer to one another. I am so thankful to have come across such an amazing curriculum so early in our homeschooling. In their second year of homeschooling, Hannah (5) and Ethan (4) share the Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package. Pictured here, they return to one of their favorite books from the Preschool Full-Grade Package, *The 20th Century Children's Book Treasury*.

— **Kristina D** Canada

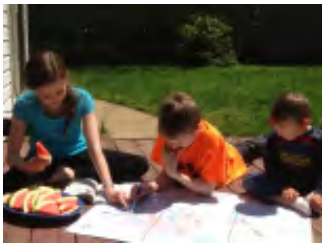
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As a first year homeschooling mom I am amazed again and again at the quality of the stories included. So much so that even Dad wants in on the reading. In this picture they are reading *Ian and The Gigantic Leafy Obstacle*. I love watching my children learn and love learning together. Sonlight has made it so easy. We just pick up and read. Thank You Sonlight!

— **Kristina D** Canada

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I love how homeschooling gives us the flexibility to homeschool wherever we want. This spring, we've really enjoyed getting to be outside while doing school. Even the three-year-old likes listening in on school time! We have loved using Sonlight, and we have so many favorite books. This year, Core F has been a delight. It has really opened the kids' eyes to how much further we have to go in sharing the Gospel. In their eighth year of Sonlight, Davalyn (13, Core F), Reese (12, Core F) and Timothy (3) use the Markable Map to plot locations they are learning about in the 10/40 Window.

— **Kristy D** Bowie, MD

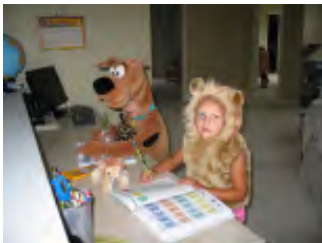
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We love Sonlight and the fact that it enables us to do more as a family. It also has a wonderful Bible curriculum and the ability to tailor our schooling to fit our kids. Originally we used Saxon Math, but being visually oriented both of our girls preferred Horizons. I often found both of them sneaking away to do a little extra math and even this year they have already pulled out their math books to get started.

— **Laurie D** Eagle Point, OR

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Scooby and Lion love math, too! Playing is a part of learning, so we love to incorporate whatever games we are playing into getting our school work done. Even the baby animals are being taught!

— **Lisa D** Fort Mill, SC

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Our family loves to travel. We take several long trips a year and find Sonlight to be the perfect curriculum to travel with. You only have to take along the books you are currently using, so it doesn't take up a lot of valuable suitcase room! No heavy textbooks! Sonlight has opened up our children's eyes to many wonderful destinations around the world.

— **Lise D** Cashiers, NC

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I have been looking forward to Core 5 ever since we started Sonlight and I've not been disappointed. We're especially enjoying China as we live and work there! As soon as the Sonlight box arrived all the children wanted to open the Ancient China Treasure chest and start right away! I made them wait until it was scheduled! Grace especially enjoyed doing Chinese writing because she'd already learned some in Hong Kong before she joined our family.

— **Lois D** China

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During our holiday in Thailand, Hannah, James, and Grace were excited to watch silk being spun from cocoons as they were boiling in the pot! It was just as we'd read in "Silkworms" - I decided to use it as a read-aloud, rather than a reader, so Grace could learn about silk too. They all gained so much more from our trip to the Silk Factory for having had the prior knowledge.

— **Lois D** China



Sisters share reading aloud from one of the hand picked selections by Sonlight. We have loved, listened, and learned life lessons through the beautiful lessons these books offer.

— **Lori D** O Fallon, MO



We are loving our new Core D! The books again this year do not disappoint and I get lots of squeals of "Yay!!!" when I announce it is time to read a chapter from one of them. Our boys are also so enthusiastic to get hands on with their lessons. The CD Rom that comes with the curriculum makes life as the teacher that much easier. I love that the projects are broken down and scheduled by the week so I don't have to hunt for anything. I love the coloring pages that I can print out for my youngest to do while big brothers are working on more advanced projects. I love the variety we have seen so far including virtual museum tours, craft directions and recipes. They loved making this boiled corn and wild greens salad in our studies of Native Americans and they were especially excited to get to eat with their fingers! Sonlight makes learning extra fun and engaging for the children and even for Mom! Thank You!

— **Lori D** San Jose, CA





I am so thankful we began with Sonlight's P3/4 program because it gave my triplets a hunger for reading. Now they love, love, love to read!. They are now 4 years old (using P4/5) and are able to use their imaginations while I read a non-picture story. They also love to sight-see and explore. Homeschool allows us to experience nature while we learn! We pause to scoop up a small pan fish for examination, a crayfish for dangerous excitement, or a toad for holding while reading stories from The Lion Storyteller Bedtime Book [from Core P4/5]. Yay Sonlight! Caleb, Joshua and Isaiah love learning in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Lori D** Alpena, MI



Sonlight made it easy for first-time homeschoolers like us with Instructor's Guides that have daily lesson plans for the entire school year and discussion questions for each book on our reading list. When we jumped into homeschooling a year ago, we were a bit overwhelmed by all the curriculum choices. But we were very impressed by Sonlight. We were able to purchase one Core to study American History with both our 6th grader and 4th grader using Core D+E. It's been a totally new way for us to look at educating our kids and keeping Christ in the center of it all. Pictured here, Mom reads to Christopher (10), Madison (12) and Dallas (6). This year the older two will use Core F while Dallas starts on Sonlight's first grade curriculum.

— **Maronda D** Louisville , KY



To be honest, the literature approach made me kind of nervous. I worried about how much information my children would retain, and the amount of information, and books in the Sonlight packages can be overwhelming. I'm so pleased to say that I worried for nothing. Seeing what my children learn coming out in everyday activities, and conversations is conformation enough. Sonlight is amazing!

— **Melanie D** Canada



Thanks so much for saving our homeschooling experience! We have been homeschooling our oldest from the beginning, but it seemed to get harder each year. We were using a popular workbook-based curriculum for 3 years and then switched, out of desperation, to a computer-based program. But all we got was cries of 'I hate school!!!' I was at my wits end when a friend recommended Sonlight. We got Core D and slowly I noticed he wasn't upset at the mention of school time. By the time we finished the year, he was not complaining at all. A few years after we'd started Sonlight, he said, 'Mom, don't tell anyone, but I actually like school now. I kind of hate to have to stop for the weekends.' That was music to my ears. Here, middle son, Eli (5), gives a sprawling hug to his new Core A books. The D family is now in their fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Melissa D** Rock Island, TN







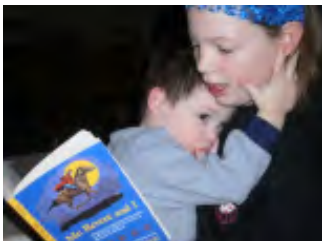
Claire has enjoyed schooling with Core K but was reluctant to read Fun Tales until book 3. Then she wouldn't read any of them to Daddy until book 5. But when grandma and grandpa came to visit, she read ALL of books 1-8 to them of her own initiative! It's been fun to watch her confidence grow! My confidence as her teacher has grown as well. Sonlight makes it so easy for us to enjoy this adventure into reading together! We were out in the yard enjoying a beautiful autumn day, when the mail arrived. Among the bills and catalogs was a gift for Claire & Isaiah from their Grammy. A few moments later, I discovered both kids in the biggest pile of leaves enjoying their new treasures. Thank you, Sonlight, for encouraging a natural love of books and learning in our whole family. Even the grandparents enjoy getting involved.

— **Melissa D** Spout Spring, VA



Claire has really taken off in her reading ability this year, and can often be found reading to herself or to her brother, Isaiah, just for the fun of it. It's a really cool feeling to know that I was one to teach Claire how to read, but it's even more fun watching her share that knowledge with her brother. She may teach Isaiah to read before I get a chance to! Thanks Sonlight for putting together such appetizing array of books, and giving this mom the confidence she needs to guide her children into a love of learning.

— **Melissa D** Waxhaw, NC



Sonlight teaches my children to think for themselves and to think beyond passing a test. 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).

— **Michele D** New Whiteland, IN



We love using Sonlight as we live overseas. When we did Core 5, my kids felt so privileged to be living in Central Asia as we studied that part of the world and read about our own country, as well as places we've visited! We knew first-hand about life in Kyrgyzstan, and what yurts are made of! My kids never leave home without a book, as often our time out consists of lots of tea-drinking and communication in a foreign language. Their books keep them company and help pass the time. One of the things we miss the most from the U.S. is a public library, but we love our home library which consists mostly of our books from Sonlight!

— **Michelle D** Mesa, AZ





Having a cat snuggled up next to you makes school more fun! My kids are always so thankful to do home school, especially on cold, dark mornings when they look out on the street and see other kids walking to school--which, where we live in Kyrgyzstan, is a cold, dreary place in the winter! We love eating an unrushed breakfast together and settling in on our couch for some good reading! We also appreciate how Sonlight provides everything we need for fun science projects, since we don't have a Walmart or Home Depot anywhere nearby!

— **Michelle D** Mesa, AZ



The camaraderie my teens have developed in learning together for a decade now is priceless. We started using Sonlight while living in Central Asia where there were no English schools, but having returned to the US last year, we have chosen to continue with Sonlight simply because we love it!

— **Michelle D** Boise, ID



We've been missionaries in Papua New Guinea since 2003. During the past year, we tossed around the idea of homeschooling "sometime in the future," but when we found out there was no teacher for Claire's preschool class at the local mission school, we thought, "Why not try it now?" We're so glad we did! Claire loves the Core B program and can't get enough. She's always asking us to read more than the IG has scheduled for that day. She even persuades her daddy into reading more during his lunch hour.

— **Missy D** Papua New Guinea



Our family came into homeschooling with no love of reading. Both children, and most surprisingly, Mom, have developed an insatiable love for reading. Thank you Sonlight for opening up a whole new world to us! One beauty of homeschooling is a freedom to get comfortable and enjoy the learning process. In the photo, Leah is enjoying her favorite things--a good book and a good companion. What more could a girl want?

— **Molly D** Plain City, OH





Apologia Science ROCKS!!! We got Sonlight's entire setup for Apologia Biology 1, including dissection kit and microscope. The CD-Rom teacher was fabulous, the book is outstanding, we got everything we needed for our dissection adventures, and the microscope is every bit as wonderful as it is advertised to be.

— **Nancy D** Lexington, KY



With Sonlight, I learned how simple it was to share science and history. It brings a unity to the siblings when they can discuss the things they are learning. Here Sophie asked Drew, who had just woken up, to climb in her lap and look at the First Book of Nature with her. She wasn't reading yet, but narrated a lot of correct info as they turned the pages. I actually snapped four candid shots before this one and they still did not notice me watching them. I had to ask them to look up so I could see their faces.

— **Natalie D** Jacksonville, FL



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

— **Nicholas D** Green Bay, WI





Our oldest son told us, 'I'm so glad we are reading these books because I am getting to see how powerful God is!. 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).

— **Nicolas D** Ward, AR



Thank you, Sonlight, for such lovely books! I have complete trust in the Core selections, knowing my kids will be absorbed and stimulated. I can relax, knowing I will have plenty of help from the well-prepared notes, to discuss, with grace, any difficult issues they may encounter. Additionally, one of the best things about Sonlight's Science program is the interest it inspires in the real world. Our whole family is enjoying this journey of discovery by taking a day each week to explore a local nature reserve. I'm amazed at how this consolidates concepts we've just learned about. Here, Evie (7, Core B) and Corban (4, P3/4) enthusiastically explore a marsh.

— **Phuoc-tan D** United Kingdom



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. 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.

— **Prescilla D** Atwater, CA



This is a picture of Sonlight at it's best: A warm afternoon, free time and a great book! Justin could hardly put "Hittite Warrior" (Core 6) down, in fact he finished it in just two days! The combination of enjoyment, challenge and success through using Sonlight Curriculum has become so evident that we have stopped looking elsewhere.

— **Rebecca D. D** Pomona, CA



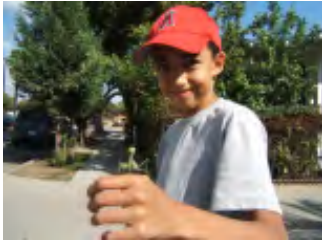




Science 6 has been amazing. The experiments have taught us so much! Not only have we learned a great deal about cohesion and adhesion this year, but we've learned the importance of following directions and communicating the results with accuracy. Sonlight has done a fantastic job of selecting curriculum that builds a solid foundation for my child's future. Thanks, again John & Sarita!

— **Rebecca D. D** Pomona, CA

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"Thank you, Sonlight!" I am so grateful for the wonderful blessing of homeschooling with Sonlight curriculum. After using Sonlight for the last 7 years, I realize how blessed we have been for sticking with it. My son has excelled because of all the great literature and other resources that Sonlight makes available. Not only that, because of Sonlight's support and flexibility, I have the time to enjoy quiet walks in the afternoon or sunny days at the beach and still give him a top notch education. This far into my journey I can honestly say that homeschooling through Sonlight has been wonderful.

— **Rebecca D. D** Pomona, CA

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Michaela thinks that there's nothing better than being outside in the springtime. She was quick to point out that she'd never have been able to read in a hammock if she were at a conventional school. We love the books Sonlight selects, it's such a relief not to have to pre-screen and search to find good books. I've used Sonlight's books long enough that I trust their choices and have confidence in them to guide me in the right direction. I started Sonlight with my oldest son in third grade, and know he's in 11th, starting Core 200. My daughter is extremely excited about starting Core 5 this year as she's developed a fascination with China. History came alive to my daughter as she read about the lives of children during World War II and began to gain an understanding of how the events in history affect real people.

— **Robin D** Redmond, OR

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We were hesitant to homeschool and apprehensive of the unknown. We needn't have worried! It has turned out to be one of the best decisions we have made so far in our parenting journey. I thought we knew each other and were a close knit family prior to homeschooling. Having been through our first year together, I cannot believe how close we have become. The kids have become friends like they were not before. Our family bonds have been strengthened and deepened with this choice and journey. I love that all the materials are included and the lesson plans are already done for you. It's a wonderful feeling to see your children so excited to start school, which wasn't the case before we decided to homeschool.

— **Sally D** Petersburg, TX

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I'm so grateful for the ability to home school with Sonlight! The books you've chosen have drawn us tightly together as a family, and nothing tickles me more than to hear quoted a passage/event from one of our current read aloud books, or to see my engineer husband (Jim) learning to teach Singapore math with it's unique approach. Many times during our study of a subject, person or event, an exhibit, documentary, or conversation directly related to it emerges, making the learning just expand! The confidence we all have gained from our experience as teachers and students with Sonlight is invaluable. I never thought I'd be learning to handle a microscope and make my own slides, but we are all becoming proficient scientists! Thank you for establishing such a glorious path of knowledge for us to follow.

— **Sara D** Woodland, WA

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Sonlight puts together a great science curriculum with fascinating books and engaging activities and experiments. The Instructor's Guide is filled with activities and ideas to explore a topic further. The optional activities, such as this cotton ball race, often use things we have already around the house. It makes it easier to do more with my kids and spend less time planning and hunting for activities to reinforce their learning. We love, love Sonlight Science! After reading about lungs and the mechanics of breathing in Week 5 of Science C, Jonathan (8), Anna (4) and Luke (7) enjoyed testing out their lungs in some friendly competition. They're using Core D and Core A in their fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Sara D** Durham, NC

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I am so sold on Sonlight that I have to be careful that I don't come on too strong when I tell others about it. I like how the teacher's manual is easy to use and has many helpful tips for teaching. I like the flexibility of the curriculum so that if we get busy for a few days, it's not overwhelming to catch up. I also appreciate the Christian perspective on things. I feel like I'm getting a second education along with the children. Chester (15), Courtney (13), Caleb (13), Clayton (10) and Cody (12) are all studying Core H in their sixth year of Sonlight.

— **Sharon D** Canada

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Ryan is a believer that nothing is worth doing unless it's FUN. So when he's asked to sit down and read, it helps if he has someone to do it with, and he treasures his dogs- real AND imaginary. As much as he is a busy active kid, his snuggly side comes out when Coal will indulge him. Sonlight has brought some structure to a homeschool experience we were patchworking together last year, in order to best accomodate the learning styles of kids who were not thriving in public school. We ARE glad to have sonlight- I LOVE the history thread that the books bring to life. I am still experimenting with the best configuration of schedule and uses for our family, but we're thankful for it.

— **Sherylee D** Schaumburg, IL



Alex and I studied butterflies for our first unit in Core A. Alex was so excited to learn about butterflies and to watch them grow and change. Alex and I were lucky enough to see three of the butterflies emerge from their chrysalis' while we were studying them. Alex couldn't wait to release them out "into the wild". This picture captures a beautiful teaching moment between Alex and I. He learned that God created these beautiful creatures, and how much God loves all of us and makes us all beautiful. Sonlight has allowed us many teaching moments, and many opportunities to talk about God and the world around us. This is our first year using Sonlight, and we plan to use Sonlight for many more years to come!

— **Shirley D** Hilton, NY



Noah has always had an interest in places of the world. Every time we study a new country or culture, he wants to visit it. Since we are missionaries in Zambia, that thrills his father and me. Because Noah loved the "Geography Songs" program so much we made it a daily part of school, regardless of what the schedule recommended. We not only sang the song for that week but we always chose a couple of old songs to review. It's great that Sonlight allows you to capitalize on your child's interests and strengths. This picture was taken after we had finished core 2 but Noah goes back to these songs again and again.

— **Sondra D** Abilene, TX



Noah loved the Geography Songs program of core 2. One afternoon, when his friend Mercy came to play, he invited her to learn the songs with him. Since we are missionaries in Zambia we love the fact that Sonlight teaches our children so much about the world God created and all his different people. Sonlight has made homeschooling on the mission field a breeze with all the "flexible structure" built in.

— **Sondra D** Abilene, TX





A family that reads Sonlight together, stays together!. Sonlight has yet to let us down - always providing wonderful books that just can't be put down. Sonlight also gives so many wonderful family bonding moments. When each child wanted to read in the favorite chair, mom made them share. They don't appear too disappointed! Hanging out with their siblings is an everyday occurrence they enjoy. Jonathan (14) is studying Core 100 while Elizabeth (12) studies Core H and Josiah (9) works with Core B. They're in their seventh year of Sonlight.

— **Stephanie D** Hayden, ID

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We've only ever used Sonlight - and see no reason to change. We love the wonderful books and the chance to learn history through literature. We appreciate the fact that the cores can be adapted to meet the learning needs and abilities of each child. We absolutely love the amazing library that we have thanks to 7 yrs of Sonlight - and we love to share our books with friends and family who aren't as fortunate! In this photo, the children enjoy a story with Daddy on one of Cape Town's beautiful beaches (Melkbosstrand). It's always a great joy to introduce a family favourite to the youngest member of the family. Horton Hatches an Egg remains one of our all time favourites...and the older children still jump at a chance to read it!

— **Sue D** South Africa

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Caleb is a fire-ball of energy during the day and it's often not easy to keep him still long enough to do much reading. Every now and then we come across a book that really captures his imagination - then we find ourselves reading that book multiple times a day. Horton the Elephant has been a HUGE favourite and he often takes it to bed with him. On this night he fell asleep reading it and I couldn't resist the photo! Caleb is just starting his SL journey, but I have every confidence that he will discover many firm favourites in the years to come. Those bookshelves beckon...

— **Sue D** South Africa

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After reading the story of Balto in Five True Dog Stories, my two boys, Connor age 6 and Brody age 4 were begging for more. We researched the internet and checked out all the books we could at the library. I went outside to find this one evening, and it made me feel so good about the path we are on with their education. They had used a few bungy cords and a tub and became Balto and Togo the sled dogs. My oldest even has a hand-crafted vial of medicine in his mouth. What you can't see in the picture is that they filled the tub with all sorts of things for the sick kids in Nome like pajamas, books, and toys. It filled my heart to see the enthusiasm they found for the adventure, and the compassion for children they only met in a book. This is making history come alive to me and filling us with an experience I hope we all never forget. Sonlight has changed our home school experience from the first day we started just 6 months ago and I couldn't be happier.

— **Suzanne D** Yucaipa, CA



This book "Twenty and Ten" was our favorite read aloud for the year. I absolutely love the way it introduced the war by creating characters that my children can relate to. This is so much better than a boring paragraph in a textbook and I admire that this was introduced so early. One day my older son came to me very upset about the way his little brother was acting, and he proceeded to tell me that "Brody is yelling at me like a Nazi soldier and I don't like it!" I no longer wonder if they are "getting it!" Sonlight is helping me to create a true educational experience in our family and encouraging me to light fires rather than fill buckets! I can't thank you all enough!

— **Suzanne D** Yucaipa, CA



I love the way that Sonlight really makes Geography come alive. The markable map is a wonderful tool to use along with the History program and really helps to reinforce the places we are studying. My kids don't even consider the work we do with Sonlight as "school" and I love what I am learning right along with them. After they had a basic understanding of the war, they were even excited to interview my Grandpa who trained fighter pilots during that time. Thank you Sonlight for taking what I hated most in school and making it such a great experience for me and my children.

— **Suzanne D** Salem, OR





Today was a pajama school day at our house. The kids and our bird are enjoying Miricales on Maple Hill. (Our parakeet is on Kristelle's head) Sonlight means snuggling together in our PJs enjoying heart-warming stories together. I love seeing the kids get excited about reading! We have been able to share many of Sonlight's books with family members, and now even Grandpa is enjoying Core 4!

— **Tamara D** Gilbert, AZ

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Sonlight is loved by our WHOLE family! Even our parakeet, Katie, enjoys listening to the books. Here, Kristelle is reading aloud to the rest of us, with Katie moving in close to hear the good part!

— **Tamara D** Gilbert, AZ

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During a family vacation in Washington, DC, Jacob and Kristin were in awe of the Lincoln Memorial. Sonlight takes away the guess work. It's all scheduled for me...it makes life so much easier.

— **Tamela R D** Carmel, IN

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Kristin is happily completing her math worksheet. She loves math! Sonlight helps me save time by scheduling everything for me.

— **Tamela R D** Carmel, IN

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Homeschooling our kids allows us to enjoy each other, and have time to explore the world around us. I love that Sonlight's focus on history gives my kids a lot of common ground with their history loving dad. This photo was taken aboard the USS Cod, as we were amazed at the number of leavers, buttons, and dials it took to run just one submarine. Now when we read about WWII submarines, we'll remember just how hard it is to climb down vertical ladders, and squeeze through hatches. Thanks, Sonlight, for helping to make history come alive.

— **Timothy D** Owosso, MI

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Our feet were awfully tired as we ended our tour of the Freedom Trail in Boston in front of Paul Revere's house, but it was so worth it. I was amazed at the people and events my kids remembered from reading their Sonlight books. From Bunker Hill to the Old North Church to Paul Revere's house, my kids knew what they were visiting. Thanks, Sonlight, for using books that make learning fun, and memorable.

— **Timothy D** Owosso, MI

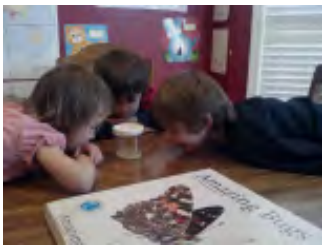
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Our 3 year old has been fascinated with Abigail's science, especially when we were learning about rainbows. We made our very own Jello rainbow. We were even able to mix violet and blue to make indigo! Isaiah also enjoyed learning about the planets but we haven't come up with a recipe for that one yet! We have used Sonlight since we started Madelynn in Kindergarten 5 years ago and love it! The schedules make it very easy to follow and accomplish our day's work. Thank you so much for making it so enjoyable for our WHOLE family! Jonathan and Tracey Dennis, Tustin Michigan

— **Tracey D** Tustin, MI

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The beautiful books, all-encompassing Instructor's Guide, and Sonlight's Love to Learn Guarantee convinced me to give Sonlight a chance. Boy did we choose a winner! All of our children ages 5, 4 and 2 love to listen to the Read-Alouds, pore over the pictures in the Core books and CANNOT wait for 'Experiment Day.' Being pregnant with our fourth baby, I was relieved to open the Instructor's Guide each morning and begin our day knowing I already had everything I needed for a successful day of loving to learn! Here, Jonas (4), Joshua (5), and Jenna (2) watch with rapt attention day after day as the caterpillars transform into butterflies. They are using Core A and Science A in their first year of homeschooling.

— **Tracy D** Jonesboro , AR

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Sonlight pulls together all the best books and understands our family's desire to keep God first. 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.

— **Tracy D** Monroe, NC

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No bland textbook can provide Sonlight moments like this!. Science Activities Vol. 2 and the accompanying Discover & Do DVD [from Science A] provided many hours of wonder, excitement and fun at our house this year. I am so grateful to Sonlight for helping us foster an enjoyment of Science through wonderful books, a well-organized IG, the ready-to-use supplies kit and hands-on activities. Jonathan (6) and Caroline (7) were so excited when their Science A experiment successfully created wind. They are now starting their third year of Sonlight with Core B and Science B.

— **Tracy D** Monroe, NC

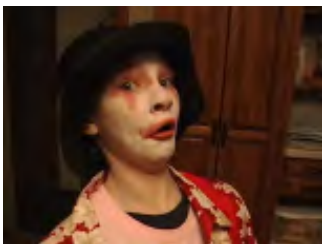
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After reading all about American History in core levels 3 and 4 Joslyn was excited to take a trip to Mt. Rushmore. And after we read all about the Lewis and Clark journey westward we decided to follow the trail ourselves. Our kids loved seeing many of the same animals and places that the Lewis and Clark team saw. Thanks to Sonlight our kids love geography! When they asked a friend from public school if she had ever been out of the country, they were shocked when she replied, "Yes, I've been to South Dakota!"

— **Vicki D** Duluth, MN

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If we finish school early in the day, Joslyn has "free" time in the afternoon to be creative. If she was not at home she would never have had the opportunity to create this fun costume from scratch. She was able to safely express herself and entertain her little brother and mom at the same time.

— **Vicki D** Duluth, MN

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I was really nervous when God called me to homeschool my children. But as soon as I saw Sonlight's Instructor's Guide, I knew that I was going to be able to teach them confidently. The Instructor's Guide does all of the lesson planning for me. At the same time it leaves room for me to add in my own activities and personalize it for my kids. It's a perfect fit! Sonlight has allowed me to provide a solid, Christian education for my kids without stressing myself out trying to create lesson plans. In this photo, Micah (6) and Lizzie (4) enjoy listening to Mom read a Core A favorite. Now in their second year with Sonlight, they are using Core B with Grade 1 Readers, Science B and Singapore Math 1.

— **Abigail E** Katy, TX

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This was our first homeschool year and Sonlight made me feel confident. My daughter flourished!

— **Alisa E** Oshkosh, WI

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This year was a big challenge with a new baby in the house, I wondered just how I would pull off another homeschool year teaching a 6, 8, and 9 year old. In previous years I have taught a different history lesson to each of my then three children. When Patrick came into our lives I thought it was time to combine history lessons as Sonlight suggested, I was a bit skeptical in the beginning, but Sonlight was right, we all enjoyed the history together. I had to grab this shot when the boys settled down for another journey with the the Time Traveler and took their baby brother right along with them!!

— **Alisa E** Oshkosh, WI

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This is our first homeschooling year and we're falling in love with every aspect of Sonlight. Our girls love art so we're finding Artistic Pursuits a wonderful complement. Here, Jayne (5) and Carys (2) are using pasta, toothpicks, rubber bands and straws to learn how lines make shapes.

— **Alyssa E** Portsmouth, VA

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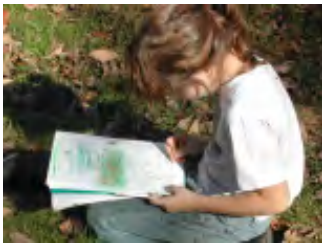
Amy has found a perch upon which she can peacefully pull out her siblings' books and peruse them. The big books are the most fun! I like her having so many books from which to choose; with their color-coded stickers on the bindings, I can return each to its proper spot!

— **Anita E** Woodstown, NJ



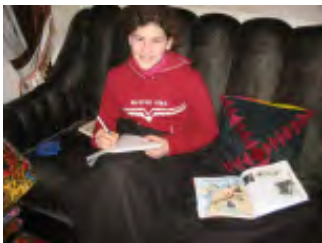
Abram and Caleb get to experience life in the Roman empire through this play. What a great way to bring together all they've learned about the Roman empire throughout their school years! Concentrating on a particular area of history each year of Sonlight helps to solidify their understanding of the world and helps it all to make sense.

— **Anita E** Woodstown, NJ



We own all (ALL) the levels of Sonlight! We appreciate the structure it provides to our homeschool, its depth and the sensitivity it shows to the interests of young people.

— **Anita E** Woodstown, NJ



As a family with five kids living overseas we have gratefully used Sonlight for fifteen years. 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.

— **Annette E** Houston, TX

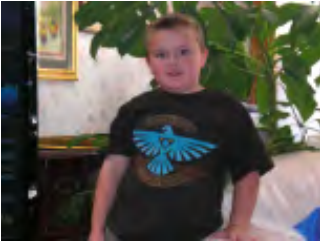




Sonlight truly fits our family culture and lifestyle. We love to read and be together. Being a multi-cultural family, the breadth and depth of the curriculum has certainly enriched our reading experience, and helps reinforce the value of our roots. Here Kevin (11) and Jessica (9) are joined by their adoring sister Abigail (1) catching some Sonlight on a crisp winter's morning on a highland farm in South Africa.

— **Caroline E** South Africa

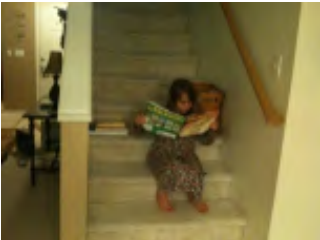
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I took a long time to choose a program. My son is registered gifted with a 142 IQ finding a program for a 2nd grader who is in some subjects more like a 4-6th grader is no easy task! We have been through the gamut, public schools, private schools. In first grade they weren't teaching him anything he didn't already know. He would politely daydream all day as his coping mechanism in the classroom. After all public schools, private schools and even the homeschool accredited programs are teaching the tests! I am not interested in these tests or their accreditation. I'm interested in meeting my son's intellectual potential. Upon my careful review of the core programs offered here at Sonlight I discovered a broad grade-level program that provides literature, science, math, English, and phonics-based reading. Wonderful!

— **Cassandra E** La Mesa, NM

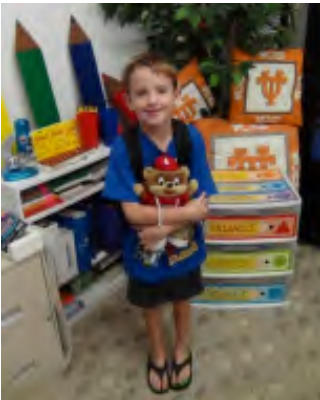
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It excites me to know my children love to learn more every year. Sonlight has given my family the privileged to LOVE to learn. Thank you for allowing my family to unify with learning Sonlight.

— **Charlotte E** Snoqualmie, WA

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Just about to start his first day of school. Very excited to get started on our new Science B curriculum. We love most the mission emphasis as well as the detail lesson plans. It makes teaching so much easier allowing more cuddle time instead of preparing lessons. Nothing like having your son tell you after school...Mom, I loved school today! Thank you Sonlight!

— **Christie E** Knoxville, TN

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Once Caleb caught the reading bug with these books, there has been no stopping him. In this picture, Caleb (7) is reading 'after hours' because he can and he wants to. I'm so thankful for the rich library that Sonlight has provided for my children. They can pick up any one of the Sonlight books and I know they are enjoying themselves while learning. What more can a mom ask for? The three children of the E family are studying Cores G and B in their eighth year of Sonlight.

— **Christine E** Twinsburg, OH

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I love being able to look at my week in the Instructor's guide and then plan when we will complete each of the assignments based on what we have on the calendar week. Today we went to a children's play in the afternoon. Knowing we wouldn't have much time for school today, I read ahead in our read aloud last night (which the kids loved because our assigned chapter left us hanging and they begged me to read ahead anyway!) and I read one extra Bible story and history page in the Children's encyclopedia. They didn't even notice the extra reading time there. We went to our play this afternoon and then came home to do the little bit of notebook work we had and we are still on schedule! I LOVE SONLIGHT.

— **Christy E** Pelham, AL

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It was fun to learn about our bodies first hand as we listened to our hearts. We love the hands on approach to learning, and with Sonlight Science 5, we have been having fun doing that.

— **Corrine E** Canada

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Sonlight makes it easy for me to be a great teacher. I have taught two of my children to read using Sonlight's fabulous Reader selections. Not only do the readers reinforce essential reading skills, but they also are just plain fun. No boring books here. Sonlight's readings are designed to capture the imagination. It's not 'just school' for my children - it flows over into their play. Lydia loved our history readings about Rome from Core B so much that she made her own laurel wreath. She yanked the sheet off her bed and voila! She had a toga. Here, 7-year-old Lydia and 4-year-old Abigail show off their new books on Box Day. They're studying Core P4/5 and Core C in their fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Emily E** Holton, KS

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Our whole family is enjoying Science C, especially the experiments. Every morning, the kids race into the kitchen to see how much our bean plants grew over night. It is a lot of fun, and gives us an even greater appreciation for God's amazing creation. My husband has a large science background, and even he is impressed with just how much Lydia is learning. How many kids at this age can recite from memory the process by which seeds are formed? After Science C, Lydia sure can! We look forward to continuing the learning in the vegetable garden this summer.

— **Emily E** Holton, KS



The Instructor's Guide helps me to be prepared each day, with lessons that I'm confident of and interested in teaching. The Markable Maps and the History Timeline Figures have given me a big-picture view of world history and geography that I lacked after all my schooling, including college! The characters in the Read-Alouds feel like family and become part of our daily discussion, teaching and training. Hanna (4, P4/5 Multi-Subject), Claire (7, Core B) and Dad observe tadpoles scooped from a neighbor's pond on a rainy day.

— **Heidi E** La Crosse, WI



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.

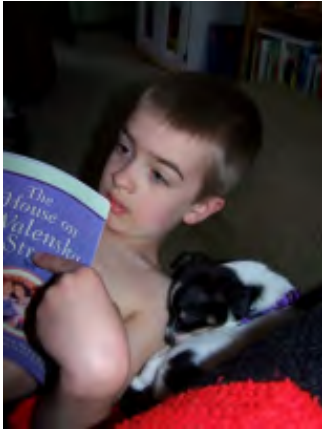
— **J. E** Spokane Valley, WA



After a stressful year, I knew I needed a curriculum I could count on – one that would literally tell me what to do. I sure found it with Sonlight! I tried the eclectic route the year before and it was mayhem. With Sonlight, each day tells me what and how much to do, and it's simple to follow. The incredible books brought the love of learning to all of us and my children thrived. Sonlight made me a confident homeschooler. On their first Box Day, Liliana 7 and Talia 4 (Core B) are engrossed in books and delighted to learn they'll be reading every one!

— **Janis E** North Easton, MA





Carson, 8, loves SL readers. He always flies through them and is anxious to see what is next. The great books that SL offers lets my son spend many snowy Wisconsin afternoons curled up on the couch with our dogs or his siblings. I wouldn't have it any other way!

— **Jennifer E** Monroe, WI



Cousins Ellie and Allison come visit my husband and I a couple of times a week. We built a fabulous family library Sonlighting our two youngest children [now college graduates] several years ago and now our grandchildren are benefiting. Their favorite time of the day is when Grandpa reads them stories before nap time. We have started reading many of the Core P3/4 books to the girls but currently, they love the Berenstain Bear's Big Book of Science and Nature. What a privilege to be able to enjoy great family time while using our beloved Sonlight books with the next generation.

— **Jill E** Wilmore, KY



This is the first year we have "afforded Sonlight." I thought that by buying many different curricula I was saving money but in the long run this is not true. Our school day was getting dry and uninteresting and I worried about losing the kids' joy and interest in school. I had seen Sonlight before but this year I determined to try it...and WE LOVE IT!!! I have learned so much along with my kids. The kids have loved the facts about the Incans, Aztecs and Mayans and we really got into Squanto and Sign of the Beaver. I submitted this photo because it reminds me how lucky we are to experience home schooling. This is the first snow of the season, and in Washington state we don't get much snow. We were able to get out and play before the rain came and melted it all away, during the school day. We then came in and had a mug of cocoa and a good Sonlight story! Thank you Sonlight for igniting a love of learning!! This is our first year but definitely not our last!!

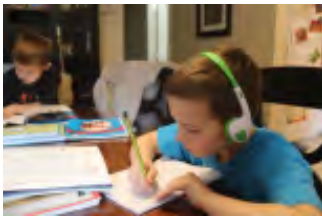
— **Jodi E** Elma, WA





I am thankful for Sonlight's Instructor's Guides, which make preparation easy. That enables us to participate in wonderful field trips. I also love the closeness homeschooling promotes in our family. My kids truly enjoy being together. Here, the E family poses at the base of Cedar Falls in Petit Jean State Park. This year, Emma (12) is using Core G as Josiah (15) studies Core 200. They've both used Sonlight since kindergarten.

— **Karen E** Alexander, AR



We are so thankful to and for Sonlight. Our children were in public school until mid-December and were very unhappy. Our oldest son (9 years old) has dyslexia and spent most nights crying that he felt he couldn't learn. They are such smart little boys and in just the two months since we have had them in homeschool we have watched the love and joy of learning return! In their first year of homeschooling, Isaac (6) and Joshua (9) share Core B and work away while listening to music.

— **Kimberly E** Fall City, WA



Little sister joins in on a science experiment. I love seeing my son excited to grab his science books and read them in his free time, because he likes them: I love seeing my daughter light up because we own these books, and she can read them again: that reading school books to my kids is fun for me. I love getting into an argument at the breakfast table with a five-year-old over whether or not there were Spartans fighting at the battle of Thermopylae.

— **Laura E** Bangor, ME



I love that Sonlight has it all laid out for me so I can enjoy teaching it, not preparing to teach it.

— **Laura E** Bangor, ME





Mom, we're reading! Sonlight gives me rich, rare, classic, and well-chosen literature as well as structure, direction, pacing, and discussion starters for my time with my little ones. Mark loves it and Elliott can't wait to start. When Mark does his workbook, Elliott gets out his coloring book, pulls up a chair, and scribbles on his "workbook," too.

— **Marsha E** Tacoma, WA

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I love how much rich content and how many ideas Sonlight packs into their curriculum choices and Instructor's Guides. We don't do all the developmental activity ideas in the Instructor's Guide, but this one was too good to pass up. I love how much rich content and how many ideas Sonlight packs into their curriculum choices and Instructor's Guides. I like to feel like our schooling is full and we can leave some things out, rather than feel like we've done everything but we're missing out. I love having tips and ideas in the Instructor's Guide ... like this (complete with illustrated instructions, thank you Sonlight!). The newspaper hats were fun to make and even more fun to wear! Five-year-old Mark and three-year-old Elliott show off their new creations as they enjoy Core A and Core P34 in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Marsha E** Tacoma, WA

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We just love reading all the books. Reuben is especially interested in having me read to him. I love Sonlight books, because I know they are good quality literature. I hope to get all the cores. I needed help with the scheduling and not worrying about figuring out all the subjects, so that's one of the reasons I chose Sonlight. It is a good tool to have available to me. And the books that are already chosen for me.

— **Michelle E** Canada

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

— **Nara E** Sanford, NC

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When I was pregnant with my oldest son, Evan, someone gave me a Sonlight catalog. I had taught in a public school and two private schools. When I looked at the catalog I instantly saw the great academic and spiritual value this curriculum offered. My husband and I thought we might be interested in homeschooling our children, but we were not sure of our plans. As time passed we decided to homeschool. My first choice for a good quality curriculum was Sonlight. I knew the literature focus was fantastic, but I did not know how much my kids would love it. Sonlight has given my kids a love for reading and good literature. They have read every book offered in the different cores we have done. Plus, Evan has re-read many of them over and over again. Many of the books from Sonlight have become family treasures.

— **Paige E**    Boulder, CO



The year before we started homeschooling, I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. It was a time of great uncertainty, but, thankfully, I was healthy enough to teach. In the Fall of 2005 we started homeschooling our oldest son, Evan, with Sonlight and absolutely loved it. We have been using Sonlight for four years with Evan and one year with Caleb, our younger son. In that time we have experienced many other difficult trials: my father died in a car accident (June 2007), a good friend died of liver cancer (August 2008) and my mother died (July 2009) of a rare neurological disease with which she suffered for 6 years. Plus, due to a change of my husband's job, we moved four times in fourteen months! Amongst boxes, tears and complete exhaustion we were able to stick with our schooling because it so easy to follow. Sonlight did not only educate my children, but it ministered to each one of us in a special way. The great books and missionary stories helped keep our minds off of ourselves and focused on other people in history, other people and their cultures, and serving our Lord Jesus Christ. Due to God's amazing grace our family is not just surviving but thriving academically, emotionally and spiritually. God used Sonlight in a deep and meaningful way during many of our dark and weary days. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

— **Paige E**    Boulder, CO



Sonlight has made such a difference in not only our son's life in regard to his reading habits, but in ours as well. The Read-Alouds are something Mom and Dad enjoy as much as our son! Sonlight is definitely a family focused curriculum!

— **Regina E**    Temecula, CA





Being able to incorporate my children's interests with their studies is one of the biggest blessings of homeschooling for us. My outdoorsy daughter is free to ramble the property, exercise and groom her horse, work at the neighbor's alpaca ranch or walking a dog, or take her book outside, rather than sit in a classroom where the fluorescent lighting gave her headaches and her questions were often bypassed because of other students who "needed more help". (And that was in private school!) She much prefers the opportunity to have busy hands rather than doing endless math drills and spelling quizzes. Sonlight gives us the resources and ideas to delve into the academic basics, and the flexibility to "mix-and-match" our studies to fit with real life events happening around us.

— **Renata E** Grass Valley, CA

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My girls love drawing with chalk and playing outside on a sunny day. I love that they can do just that, all while learning (in this case their spelling list). Sonlight has literally and figuratively opened the doors to our learning. We started ordering books from Sonlight to have extra reading when we lived in a place with no public libraries. The excellent support materials made Sonlight an easy choice for full curriculum. Now when we travel or just spend a sunny day outdoors, school goes with us. I love hearing the girls spill out information to my husband from stories they have read (like on a recent trip to the Capitol where they saw statues of familiar people). He just smiles, fascinated by all they have learned...without textbooks and exams!

— **Sandi E** Owens Cross Roads, AL

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This was the first year that Dad joined us to visit family in Northern Ireland. Since it was Dad's first time, we visited so many places, Castles, Cultra museum, American Irish Museum, Giant's Causeway, and here we are at the Giant's Ring, thought to be an old Druid ground. It is wonderful to enable the children to see their heritage and we couldn't do it without SONLIGHT homeschooling. Since my parents were missionaries, I am able to share the countries I lived as a child with them. By being homeschooled, we are able to travel for a greater length of time so the children are able to really immerse themselves in the culture. Thank you Sonlight for the direction.

— **Sarah E E** Mercer Island, WA

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Joshua's delighted with all of his new books and supplies for the upcoming year. After pulling everything out and asking question after question about what everything was for, he wanted to take his picture with his new school "stuff." I love the fact that Sonlight books excite my children even before we start school just by the variety and quality of the books. Then when you start to read and study, you realize that even though there are books that are just for fun, so many books (even in the beginning years) aren't just watered down simple books that require no thought or discussion. Joshua is learning that life isn't always perfect, but even so, God is still in control. So many books have ended with tears or cheers in these last 2 years homeschooling with Sonlight.

— **Shanna E** Colquitt, GA



We have been eclectic in our schooling for the last 12 years but Sonlight's readers have always been the core of our curriculum. I enjoy the ease and accountability of the Instructor's guides, especially during the hectic weeks. What I love most about Sonlight is that it encourages family unity and helps me create the "one-room-schoolhouse" I have always wanted for the diverse ages and grades of my children.

— **Stephany E** Oklahoma City, OK



As a full-time homemaker and mama of young children, it is imperative that we use a curriculum that requires minimal preparation time. 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.

— **Stephen E** Flagstaff, AZ



Another Sonlight moment!!! Grandparents are such a HUGE blessing to us and I LOVE that they can step in at anytime and help out by reading a book, a chapter, helping with a lesson, or whatever I need them to do!! You make it SO easy for us to nurture this relationship and we all very much appreciate it! My mom, who was skeptical at first about homeschooling, now loves the books as much as the rest of us. She's always asking my older daughter if she's done with another book, so she can borrow it. In this picture, my mom is enjoying reading a chapter to the girls while sitting on a STRAW bed in a one bedroom shanty on the Laura Ingalls homestead in DeSmet, SD. A trip none of us will ever forget! Thanks, Sonlight!!

— **Sue E** La Crosse, WI



Here our darling daughter (age 7) is working on her Horizon's Math with a big smile on her face. She loves the colorful pages and fun puzzles through out her lessons. I don't think that she realizes how much she's really learning, but I do! This year, I about fell over when she was introduced to multiplication only a few months into her Level 2 book!! When we got to it, she didn't miss a beat, so I certainly didn't point out to her that I wasn't taught multiplication until 6th grade! This truly is the way I wish I'd been taught! Thanks, Sonlight!

— **Sue E** La Crosse, WI



In the photo, Daddy & girls reading under a palm tree in Hawaii. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for supplying us with such FANTASTIC homeschooling materials! When we made the decision to homeschool, everyone around us told us that if \$\$ was no object, get Sonlight! Once I looked into it, I couldn't believe how reasonable it is to use Sonlight. I watch other mom's constantly trying new things and spending time and money doing so. We are completely content with Sonlight and I don't ever see us using anything else. Thanks, Sonlight!!! :-)

— **Sue E** La Crosse, WI



While on vacation, we just couldn't take a break completely from the fantastic literature Sonlight provides. Here my husband takes some precious time to read to our girls out in the sunlight. Curling up in a favorite spot surrounded by people you love... THAT'S what Sonlight means to us. You are truly a blessing to us- thanks Sonlight!!

— **Sue E** La Crosse, WI







As our daughters were chatting about the Mayan Indians on our Mexican vacation to the Tulum Ruins, my husband wondered where they were getting all of their information because his "tour guide" didn't talk about anything that they were talking about. After I handed him the Sonlight book that we had studied prior to our trip (which I happened to have in my bag!), he had to sit down and read through a few pages before moving on. He was pleasantly surprised (so was I!) at their recollection of the Mayan culture and the things that I had read with them prior to our trip. Sometimes, as a homeschooling mom, you're not quite sure if things are "sinking in," but in moments like this you know they are doing just that. Thanks, Sonlight, for making learning fun, instead of "work."

— **Sue E** La Crosse, WI

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I love being a part of helping my girls try to understand the history of our country. After finishing up Core 3, we decided to enhance our learning about Native Americans by taking a trip across the Dakotas. Although the message about Native Americans is not always an easy one to hear, it is an important part of our culture. This part of history brings up many, many questions from my girls about "fairness" and Sonlight does a wonderful job in choosing books for me that help me explain this difficult time in American history. Here, we are reading a little more about the Sioux tribe as we sit in front of a Lakota Sioux display in SD. After Core 3, we all became even more interested in the Native American culture and we LOVED the Indian Prayer Guide provided to us by Sonlight to help us know how to pray for each tribe. Thanks, Sonlight, for thinking of everything for me!

— **Sue E** La Crosse, WI

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Sonlight has instilled a love of learning and curiosity about God's world in our daughters. 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 (11) read their Core G books with Grandma and Grandpa ... who love Sonlight books too!

— **Sue E** La Crosse, WI

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After homeschooling with Sonlight for eight years, my girls are officially best friends. Believe it or not, this photo is not staged. The closeness you see between them is real. I often find them reading together, sharing stories, and choosing to spend time with each other. They like to say, 'sisters by chance; friends by choice.' I know that the closeness they share would never have happened without homeschooling, and I attribute our homeschooling success 100% to Sonlight. The rich literature, minimal planning, and flexibility in our days draws our whole family closer together – thank you, Sonlight! Afton (15) and Anja (13) are sharing Core 100 in their family's eighth year of Sonlight.

— **Sue E** La Crosse, WI



I didn't know about Sonlight when I first began homeschooling. 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.

— **Terri E** Winter Garden, FL



Our kids cannot get enough Sonlight. We have read through these stories dozens of times over the last two years and what do they request for storytime with Nana? Sonlight of course! We weren't even doing "school" while the grandparents visited, but Sonlight is so much fun, they consistently choose these books over the dozens of others lining the shelves.

— **Alicia F** Kodiak, AK



We love the international flavor of Sonlight-- especially in Core 5. After studying Russia in "Eastern Hemisphere" Drew adapted a Russian Folktale into a puppet play. He wrote parts for his younger brothers and sister. We performed "The Girl and the Bear" for two other homeschool families and it was a big hit. Throughout the year we gathered with these two families to share our "Choose your Adventure" projects from Japan, China, Russia and India. To top off our time together, we would share food from the country we were studying.

— **Amanda F** North Newton, KS





If I had an extra 100 hours a week to plan the perfect family curriculum, I might get close to Sonlight. But I wouldn't have the joy of sharing moments tailored to each of my individual children. Sonlight frees us to experience adventures together. The close relationship of my four children has its roots in the bond afforded by sharing Sonlight everyday! Specifically, the daily time spent on Sonlight's early readers became like a balm to the emotional turmoil of my middle child, who needed one-on-one time with me. When Brandon (7) began reading fluently, the whole family celebrated with this "book cake," decorated with scenes from Grade 1 Readers. The four children of the F family are studying Core H and Core C in their eighth year of Sonlight.

— **Amanda F** North Newton, KS



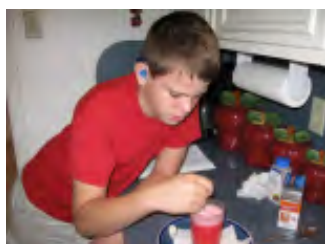
The joy of Sonlight is like a "giant teddy bear hug!" Katy and Brandon snuggle as they share "Clara and the Bookwagon", on the first day of school. My parents gave us "Mr. Shipiro-Bear" to be a cozy lap for reading right before the start of this school year. It is precious to see brother and sister share the cozy lap together. Initially, when I began the Sonlight journey with my oldest son, 9 years ago, my parent (their grandparents) were skeptical. After seeing beautiful results in their four grandkids, their close relationship and their love for learning, my parents have given more than their blessing. {{{Hugs to Sonlight!}}}}

— **Amanda F** North Newton, KS



We have loved how Apologia has presented science in such a way that it allows students who believe in creation to see that their point of view is valid and able to be proven. Her son Scott (14) and his friend Zach (15) have been lab partners throughout high school. Here, they work to measure the width of a molecule. Scott is using Core 400 and attending Jr. College in his eleventh year of Sonlight.

— **Amy F** Duncanville, TX



Andrew loves just about everything we do with our Sonlight Curriculum. He devours the Readers and listens attentively to the Read-Alouds. In this picture he is testing the reaction of acids and bases in an experiment as a part of the Apologia General Science program.

— **Amy F** Duncanville, TX





We visited Savannah, Georgia recently and toured the historic district. The Pirates House was mentioned in the tour as the location where Robert Louis Stevenson began writing "Treasure Island." When Jake & Katie heard that Stevenson used this very inn as the inspiration for the one in his book, they wanted to see this landmark up close. My children love history and literature; Sonlight curriculum has been instrumental in helping these subjects come to life for them.

— **Angela F** Bryson City, NC

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History has come to life for my children through Sonlight curriculum. While we were learning about WWII in Core 4, our homeschool group hosted a WWII Veterans dinner. Jake jumped at the chance to go a meet real poeple who fought for our freedom. Here he is meeting a Veteran who's showing him mementos he saved from his D-Day mission and medals he earned while in Europe. Sonlight has played a key role in creating a passion for history in Jake. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Angela F** Bryson City, NC

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I am so thankful that I can order a full school year's worth of teaching materials from Sonlight as a package. [I can] trust that what they send me will enable me to be successful in my efforts to give my children a well-rounded and Christ-centered education. They have already done the hard work of sifting through the overwhelming amount of material available and have put together a comprehensive collection for me. That, combined with the flexible teacher's guides they include, allows me to spend any downtime I have with my kids, instead of spending that precious time trying to research and put together everything on my own. In his second year of Sonlight, 6-year-old Aiden eagerly reads a Core B book.

— **Angela F** Hazard, KY

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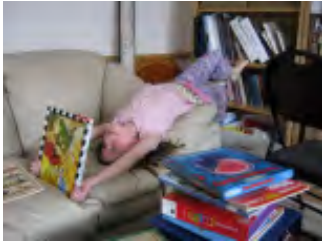


When a friend suggested we use Sonlight, we did our research. Sonlight was by far the only curriculum we didn't even have to discuss further. It was a perfect fit for our little bookworm! I was planning on waiting until August to start our school year; however, once the new books were on the shelves, she kept begging us to read to her. Dad began reading to her when she was still in my belly and she has had a passion for books from day one. In her first Sonlight year, Mary (3) is using P3/4.

— **Angela F** Hazen, ND

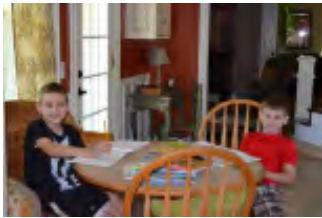
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Sonlight has sifted through all the good books and selected the great ones, so I don't have to."

— **Anna F** Canada



Our son has special needs – this was our determining factor in starting the Sonlight program. At the beginning, I wasn't confident enough to stray from your program, so I stuck to it, frame by frame. As the year progressed, I began to feel more confident, understanding my boys' learning strengths and weaknesses. Your program gave me that! Last summer, as I began to order our curriculum, your web site made it so easy for me. I'm going to add more subjects. I wish I could convey how much Sonlight has blessed our family. Josiah (9) and Eli (8) are studying Core B+C.

— **Annette F** Allegan, MI



Ruth (9) and Marion (7) reading Marco Polo as they wait to set off on their own camel caravan across the Asian desert. Later that afternoon, as Ruth was re-reading Marco Polo on bus ride home, she commented, "The saddest part of this book is when Kublai Khan asks the Pope to send 100 M's to China. They can only find 2 volunteers, and those people got scared and never even made it to China. Mom, those people were supposed to be Christians. Why didn't they go?" I love that Sonlight books encourage our children to have a heart for the world.

— **Barry F** Whittier, CA



Sonlight makes learning an adventure just as exciting as Marco Polo's trip to the Orient. Ruth (9) and Marion (7) are reading Marco Polo as they wait to set off on their own camel caravan across the Asian desert. Later that afternoon, as Ruth was re-reading Marco Polo on bus ride home, she commented, "The saddest part of this book is when Kublai Khan asks the pope to send 100 m's to China. They can only find 2 volunteers, and those people got scared and never even made it to China. Mom, those people were supposed to be Christians. Why didn't they go?" I love that Sonlight books encourage our children to have a heart for the world.

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Marion (6), Ruth (9) and Dad, Barry ride camels across the Asian desert. The trip was more fun and meaningful after reading about Marco Polo's travels to the East. A camel caravan is fun for a while, but we are glad that we can take an airplane. As a bi-racial American family living in Asia, we appreciate Sonlight's international focus. We have been homeschooling with Sonlight in Asia for 5 years.

— **Barry F** Whittier, CA

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Sonlight sparked our girls' interest in music, and the flexibility of Sonlight's program allows them to have time to practice and excel. 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.

— **Barry F** Grand Junction, CO

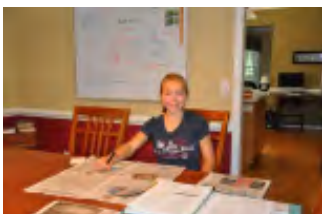
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This year, Ruth is Sonlighting with Core 100 while her younger sister, Marion is using Core D+E. It has been great fun this year having both girls study US history using different cores. The books they read often cover the same historical time period from different perspectives, which gives our family many opportunities for great discussions. Here Ruth is reading the story of Sacajawea, while her younger sister, Marion, is reading about Naya Nuki, Sacajawea's friend who was kidnapped with her, but escaped. Reading these two books raised so many great questions. "Should Sacajawea have escaped together with her friend?" "How different would history have been if Sacajawea had not met Lewis and Clark?" Somehow, the discussions were more "real" and animated when my two girls were each reading their own books about two different Native American girls who were friends, but had different perspectives on their captivity, and made different decisions about how they wanted to live their lives. Some astute readers may have noticed that Naya Nuki is included in the Core D advanced readers package, but not in D+E. Well, Ruth did the two one-year US history cores with the advanced readers a couple of years ago while Marion "tagged along" with easier reading books. This year, I had originally planned to just have Marion read the books from D+E, but when we took a look at the books we would be "cutting", neither Marion nor I wanted her to miss those great books. So, Marion ended up reading ALL of the advanced readers for Core D and Core E in just one year. Sonlight books are just too good to skip :)

— **Barry F** Grand Junction, CO

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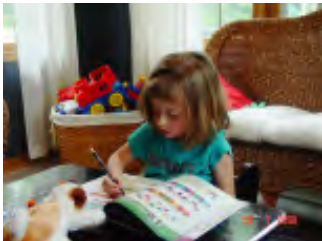
We love Sonlight! Sonlight helps history come to life through their book selection, literature projects, and current events assignments.

— **Beth F** Yorktown, VA



I have so much more time to read and learn and have fun with my kids because I'm not writing lesson plans or researching curriculum. This last year showed us what a wonderful program Sonlight is, because in many ways, it was a very hard year for us. Even when we were dealing with stress and grief, we were still able to read books together and learn because of the flexibility of Sonlight. I had so much to do that it was nice to be able to look at the Instructor's Guide and know exactly where we had left off. In this photo, Alex (4), Juli (7), and Danny (2) take their science lesson outside. They are using Core C in their third year with Sonlight.

— **Bethi F** Bakersfield , CA



5-year-old Carly F. enjoys doing her Singapore Math Earlybird A with her puppy watching along. She loves to then "teach" what she learns to her stuffed animals!

— **Bridget F** Milton, WI



This is Caden (3) and HIS box of books! He's been watching his older sister get her books and finally it was his turn! He's starting early with the P3/4 and he loves it all! (And so do I!) His favorites are the 20th Century Children's Book Treasury, the Teddy Mix & Match game and Mighty Mind. I love that Sonlight picks out the very best in literature and I don't have to worry about what my kids are reading or what I'm reading to them.

— **Bridget F** Milton, WI



Carly loves singing the Geography Songs [from Core C]. What a great way to learn geography! She learned all 7 continents and the oceans in one day -- singing and having fun! I love that Sonlight puts together some of the best material. They pick out the very best in literature and I don't have to worry about what my kids are reading or what I'm reading to them. Seven-year-old Carly may have an exciting career as a performer ahead of her, but for now she's studying Core C in her third year of Sonlight.

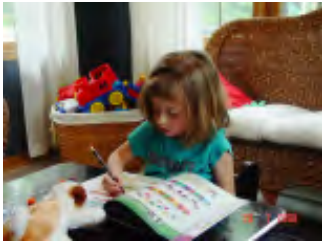
— **Bridget F** Milton, WI



Five-year-old Carly Falk was quick to discover how much fun and challenging the pattern blocks and pattern animals are to "play" with in the Singapore K Prgram. The three words I hear over and over from her since we started kindergarten this summer are "This is fun!" I love that she's learning through play ... with me!

— **Bridget F** Milton, WI





5-year-old Carly Falk, Milton, WI, enjoys doing her Singapore Math Earlybird A with her puppy watching along. She loves to then "teach" to her stuffed animals what she's learning in "school!" I'm always amazed at how much she is learning and retaining every day. I love that Sonlight lays out our day for us so I don't have to spend so much time planning our school day.

— **Bridget F** Milton, WI

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This is our first year using Sonlight as missionaries here in Oaxaca, Mexico. I love how the rich literature opens up discussions about history and culture with the kids. Were glad we chose Sonlight, because it gives us opportunities to discuss world views.

— **Catherine F** West Allis, WI

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As Mom and Cathryne were reading, Joshua was intrigued by the somewhat elusive and rare Bald Eagle flying outside, undoubtedly with it eye on our free range chickens as breakfast. Joshua quickly took camera in hand to catch an action shot. On his way back into the house, his photographic eye found a new subject: The somewhat rare yet world changing "Child reading to Mother," a species not often found in the home, but one which is gaining popularity and has recently been taken off the extinction list. Notice the tender way in which Mother and child snuggle, thus perpetuating the species. See the rectangular angles of the classic, waddle-free book they share, learning and growing as they turn the pages. Can you hear the scratching of pencil to paper as other children in the room await their turn to read to Mom? Can you imagine the narrations given to Dad when he returns to the nest later that evening? If so, you are one of the lucky ones.

— **Cathryn F** Gig Harbor, WA

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For the first time in my life, history is exciting and enjoyable. The Sonlight Read-Alouds are some of our most precious homeschool treasures. My favorite time is reading aloud to my children. Evie (5) and Devin (12) pose in anticipation of the F family's luau celebrating their Core H studies. Devin is studying Core H with younger brothers Corbin (11) and Preson (8) in their sixth year of Sonlight.

— **Cheri F** Frankfort, KY

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This is a picture of our family at the Niabi Zoo in Moline, IL. Since switching to Sonlight three years ago, I've seen my children really get excited about reading and about learning as a part of life. My little boys, especially, love Sonlight's science books and always want to try out or explore what we've been reading about. While reading Johnny Tremain last year, three of my children would literally jump on me at the end of each day's reading and beg for just one more chapter!

— **Cheryl F** Kalona, IA

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Sonlight is such a big part of our family and our lives that we cannot even leave it behind for summer vacation! The kids made sure we ordered and received our Summer Readers in time to be taken on our vacation. Georgia (12), Carlisle (15), and Carlton (14) completed Core 100, their family's ninth core, before going on vacation. Their love of reading and learning year round shines through in this photo as they insisted on taking their Summer Readers to enjoy on the beach.

— **Christina F** Talking Rock, GA

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Because of the literature-rich nature of Sonlight, my children seem to be more imaginative and like to really live in the moment we're in, such as this one at the train station. Good books have opened our eyes as a family to the fact that every moment of life is part of a special story. We're now at a point with Sonlight books that the older two children anxiously await the responses of the younger ones as they listen to a book for the first time. In the family's fourth year of Sonlight study, Eilean (14) and Garrison (10) are sharing Core W, while Linus (6) and Loucette (4) together take on Core A. Cora (11 mos.) is waiting in the wings.

— **Clatie F** Normal, IL

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6-year-old Kayla gets completely absorbed with Core K's Usborne encyclopedia during a field trip studying rocks, mountains, trees, plants, animals and insects at Cheyenne Mountain. Taking field trips is one of the highlights of our home schooling and we take advantage of that as often as we can. As a military family, we are grateful for such a rich and flexible foundation. Sonlight is providing our children a stable and Christ-centered education and enables us all to grow stronger and closer together through the changes, moves and deployments we have to face. My husband is a sergeant in the Army and serves as a combat journalist preparing for his second deployment to Iraq. We became a military family almost 5 years ago and we are currently stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.

— **Cristina F** Colorado Springs, CO

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3-year-old Elliana bends down for a closer look and 6-year-old Kayla keeps a safer distance while I point out some of the prickly details of a cactus using Core K's Usborne encyclopedia and 6-month-old Johann balances on my knee during a field trip to Cheyenne Mountain. Taking field trips is one of the highlights of our home schooling and we take advantage of that as often as we can. As a military family, we are grateful for such a rich and flexible foundation. Sonlight is providing our children a stable and Christ-centered education and enables us all to grow stronger and closer together through the changes, moves and deployments we have to face. My husband is a sergeant in the Army and serves as a combat journalist preparing for his second deployment to Iraq. We became a military family almost 5 years ago and we are currently stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.

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Bringing Core K Usborne science to life, 6-year-old Kayla teaches her 6-month-old brother, Johann, the lessons she learned about flowers. The Sonlight home school curriculum often allows my proud student to become the teacher to her younger siblings. The garden is another example of how the lessons we learn inspire us to attempt practical applications which we can all be a part of and learn together as a family. As a military family, we are grateful for such a rich and flexible foundation. Sonlight is providing our children a stable and Christ-centered education and enables us all to grow stronger and closer together through the changes, moves and deployments we have to face. My husband is a sergeant in the Army and serves as a combat journalist preparing for his second deployment to Iraq.

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— **Cristina F** Colorado Springs, CO





After coming home from a long day of training, I was surprised to find my children waiting for me and an excited and proud 6-year-old Kayla reading to me from one of her Core 1 readers that she had just mastered. Snuggling together in our Sonlight-inspired garden and actively being a part of my daughter's education was a wonderful treat for us all. With a busy schedule and a full load of training while I prepare for my second deployment to Iraq, Sonlight's home school curriculum gives me an opportunity to actively participate in my children's education and build lasting memories that we can each hold in our hearts during the yearlong separation. As a military family, we are grateful for such a rich and flexible foundation. Sonlight is providing our children a stable and Christ-centered education and enables us all to grow stronger and closer together through the changes, moves and deployments we have to face. I am a sergeant in the Army and serve as a combat journalist. We became a military family almost 5 years ago and we are currently stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.

— **Cristina F** Colorado Springs, CO



Teaching a Core 1 art appreciation class during my lunch break, I turn my attention to what my 6-year-old daughter, Kayla, draws while 3-year-old Elliana looks for the perfect color for her masterpiece. With a busy schedule and a full load of training while I prepare for my second deployment to Iraq, Sonlight's home school curriculum gives me an opportunity to actively participate in my children's education and build lasting memories that we can each hold in our hearts during the yearlong separation. As a military family, we are grateful for such a rich and flexible foundation. Sonlight is providing our children a stable and Christ-centered education and enables us all to grow stronger and closer together through the changes, moves and deployments we have to face. I am a sergeant in the Army and serve as a combat journalist. We became a military family almost 5 years ago and we are currently stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.

— **Cristina F** Colorado Springs, CO



We were only about one month into using Core B with Grade 1 Readers, when Sophia (6) got so excited with her progress and yelled, 'I'm reading! She had been able to read many words already, but to read her book with such flow made her (and me) so happy. She loved all of the Readers and Read Alouds in this Core; we had great adventures reading each and every one! On the day reading "clicked" for Sophia, her mom grabbed the camera and captured this shot of the special occasion. Cynthia has taught Sophia at home for four years and has used Sonlight for three.

— **Cynthia F** Martinez, CA





Just like Sonlight, our girl's tree has a place just right for each of them. Sonlight has opened up all three girls to the love of reading and putting their noses in books wherever they are!

— **Dani F**    Beaumont, TX



I appreciate the perspectives Sonlight emphasizes: missions, cultures, hands-on and independence.

— **Danielle F**    Virginia Beach, VA



Four kids and 14 years add up to a big pile of Sonlight books. Each holds more than a story; it holds a history of time well-spent with each child, from the college graduate to my third grader. More than great stories, these books are a myriad of memories, part of our family history. Much like a photo album, they're snapshots into the past. I haven't regretted for a moment our choice all those years ago to give Sonlight a try. Emma Grace (8) has been studying with Sonlight since kindergarten and is using Core B+C.

— **Dawn F**    Prospect, VA



Sonlight has been so much fun, it doesn't feel like work. When I was single, I taught at a Christian school overseas that used Sonlight for its curriculum. I was so impressed at how the Readers captured my students' imaginations and how excited they were to read. The elementary science curriculum fueled their enthusiasm for learning by allowing them to experiment and discover on their own. I knew that when I had kids, this was the homeschooling curriculum I would use. Pictured here, Gigi (3) plays with Mighty Mind that came with the Preschool Full-Grade Package in her first year of homeschooling. Mom is thrilled that Gigi is actively engaged while learning geometry and transformations in an unintimidating way.

— **Elizabeth F**    Akron, OH







What drew us to Sonlight most was the focus on missions. We enjoy adventuring alongside missionaries on the pages of the books we read. Our hearts have been captivated and inspired. Our children's faith has been challenged and strengthened as we have the privilege to pray for a different people group each week. The option to combine subjects has helped deepen sibling relationships in our family. What a blessing to see the beautiful friendships between brothers and sisters blossom. The family is using Core 100, Core F and Core C with their five children in their second year of Sonlight. Here, Anna (13), James (8), Claire (6), and Katie (4) find the countries they have read about in Window on the World from Core C.

— **Elizabeth F** Port Washington , WI

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Here we found Katelynn reading again. Today she is reading to her baby sister. Not so long ago, it was like pulling teeth to get her to sit and read through a book. She just wasn't interested. However, when we received our box from Sonlight, she was immediately intrigued. All of the stories looked so interesting to her and she immediately grabbed a stack of books and retreated to her room. She recently told me that she loves reading now! I can't even tell you the joy I feel when I find her tucked away somewhere completely immersed in a good book. I believe she would not have discovered her love for reading this early if it hadn't been for Sonlight. Thank you!!

— **Ellen F** Oakdale, MN

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— **Ellen F** Oakdale, MN

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One thing I love about Sonlight is how easy it is to take with us wherever we go! Just grab several books and we can do school anywhere. We've started having some great conversations around the dinner table lately, also, with the children recalling things I'd been reading to them--and I hadn't been able to tell they were really listening at the time! They are teaching their Daddy about history and science, and it's wonderful!

— **Emma F** New Zealand

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Do you think she's loving Sonlight? Our daughter loves reading on our front porch. Sonlight gave us the confidence to transition from public school to homeschool. Now as our youngest of eight starts kindergarten, we know that a pure Sonlight education will make her shine!

— **Eve F** Wadena, MN



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— **Eve F** Wadena, MN



On a boring summer day, what do you do? Ransack the Sonlight books and find a favorite to read out loud and laugh over with your sister and her friend! Some books are funny no matter how many times you've read them, and many Sonlight books have become our family's treasures, to be read again and again.

— **Fara F** Puyallup, WA



Following a busy spring, we enjoyed a day of rest and recreation in the San Bernardino mountains. We were concluding the book "Swift Rivers" and Zachary, Matthew & Joshua quickly spotted logs that were cut and stacked by the road ("Just like in our book, Mom!"). Our family of five sat by this beautiful mountain stream and in no time, the boys were "logging" timber and sending sticks they found down the "Mississippi River." The largest piece of wood they found became, of course, "The Little Nut Tree!"

— **Heather F** Simi Valley, CA





We had only been homeschooling for two days in September 2007. The local radio station announced that the temperature on the Oregon Coast was going to be 70° F that day, which is a very pleasant temperature for Oregon. I decided to take advantage of the heat and take my kids on their first homeschool field trip. We drove along the coastline, enjoying a local ice cream and cheese factory and eventually the sand and ocean. This was my adopted children's first trip to the beach! As we were driving along the coastline, we saw a boxcar standing alone on the railroad tracks. We had just started reading *The Boxcar Children* (Core C). I turned the car around and we went back so the kids could see a real boxcar. The kids climbed right in! My "Boxcar Children" have enjoyed all the stories that Sonlight has chosen (in Core C). We have acted out a few of the stories, in addition to trying out the boxcar. The Mother Goose Rhymes was difficult for my kids to understand, so we didn't enjoy them very much. I loved *The Llama Who Had No Pajamas*. Those were great poems! Thank you, Sonlight, for taking the work out of picking quality books and making the lesson plan. This is just what I need!

— **Heather F** Camas, WA



Sonlight literature engages our whole family! We love the literature rich journey that Sonlight Curriculum provides! As a student, I never got to the end of a textbook and determined to read it again...but as a Sonlight Mom, I have ended books in joy or in tears (sometimes both), knowing that we will revisit them as dear friends. We love the past memories, current experiences and future adventures that Sonlight books bring!

— **Heather F** Elk Grove, CA



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!) 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. Rebekah (12) and Samuel (8) are in their fourth year of Sonlight as Sarah (4) prepares to join in.

— **Heather F** Elk Grove, CA





My daughters are adopted. Reading our Sonlight books has created not only opportunities to learn about different cultures and people, but also a special time of bonding. I've always heard Sonlight has great literature. Now we're enjoying many different adventures – from missionary stories, to stories about dogs and dolphins, with interesting characters who captivate the minds of my children. These make a lasting impression and we continue to talk about them, even when the books are finished. With all the different ways we learn, it makes for a deeper level of understanding, as all senses are involved in the process. Bookworms Tiffany (7) and Abigail (6) are reading their way through Core A.

— **Heather F** Miami Shores, FL

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We live in Kadiolo Mali, West Africa. So far Sonlight has been such a blessing to our family. Everyone loves reading the books. We anticipate many more years of Sonlight with our family as it keeps growing. Our 7th child is due in two months. It's been nice to have such a variety of books picked out for us and already 'tested,' so to speak. We live on the mission field in Mali, West Africa. We don't get television and internet is quite slow. The kids don't have other English speakers to play with or talk to, so I like the variety of stories that give them a broader scope on the world.

— **Heidi F** San Jose, CA

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We had just finished making boats out of foil. There were 3 boats (one by me, one by James and one by my daughter). James' boat won the contest; he was able to float the most items in his boat without it sinking. He was able to float 6 marbles, 4 magnets, a bowl and a plastic ducky in his boat. He was very proud of his accomplishment. I love Sonlight. I read everyone's comments and thought, this seems too good to be true. Then I received my curriculum and I was amazed! I can't say enough good stuff about it and I'm so glad we found you.

— **Jaime F** Madison, WI

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Sonlight has combined the richness of great literature, the vastness of history, the enthusiasm and complexity of science and compiled a practical way to bestow this gift to your children. I have homeschooled for over a decade and seen many materials. None compare to the depth and practicality of Sonlight. This company has not only been particularly responsive to its customers, but it is as if this organization has scanned the whole world over and found and reviewed the best resources available. The lesson plans are a straight-forward, easy to use way to organize this wealth of information that has been specially designed and coordinated with a period in history. There is no way to measure the joy of learning with one's children, creating lifelong memories, and enhancing the relationship of siblings. The youngest five children of the F family (including Maria, 13, and Mario, 7, pictured here) have used Sonlight from the beginning. They're all studying Core F together this year.

— **Jean F** Mogadore, OH



You may just see three children reading a book, but this picture is much more than that. It is a picture of three children who engage in the history of the world with questions. History has come alive with the books they read in their curriculum. They have a longing to partake in the world they live in and make it better. Thank you Sonlight for giving me the tools to guide them. Here, Lucas (14), Blake (16) and Sadie (9) read from *The Visual History of the Modern World* (Core 300) together. The boys are studying Core 200 this year as Sadie uses Core F. They're in their third year of homeschooling and third year of Sonlight.

— **Jeanne F** Olive Branch, MS



I was scared to death to homeschool because I had no knowledge of teaching styles, curriculum, or what in the world to do first. I just wanted someone to tell me what to do. My husband sent me a link to the Sonlight website, and I nearly cried with relief -- especially over the Instructor's Guides! I'm so thankful I can trust Sonlight to do all the research and planning for me. I just open my notebook each day, and off we go! I love everything about Sonlight.

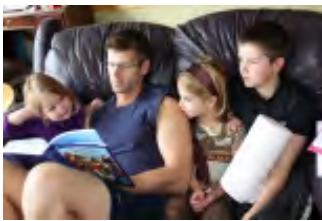
— **Jeff F** Hillsboro, OR





Sonlight has brought my family so close together through the amazing books provided in the curriculum. My son becomes totally engrossed in his books and I feel so blessed to be able to spend this kind of quality time with him while we both learn new things everyday. It's so exciting to see how proud he is when he can read his stories to me through the I Can Read It books!

— **Jennifer F** Denver, NC



What I love about Sonlight is that my husband can be involved and help out when he is home. 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.

— **Jennifer F** Shakopee, MN



Everyone wanted to be the first to open the Sonlight box when it arrived. Each year, looking through all the new books is even better than Christmas morning. The kids get so excited to start school because they know they will like the literature. As their mother, I get excited because I know I can count on having books that will engage them - all of them - even at different ages. That's why I keep choosing Sonlight.

— **Jeri F** Billings, MT



Sibling sharing and book time. We Love Sunlight Sunlight has been a bursting ray of light into our homeschooling educational needs. Sunlight is a family-based business demonstrating Christian values and supplying a solid literature-based style teaching. The planning has been done for the parents with the Instructor Guides which allows for more quality family time. As an added bonus, Sunlight offers easy scheduled payments that doesn't break the bank, as with others programs. We have been homeschooling for 9 years, 3 have been with Sunlight. Quentin, an Eagle Scout this year, (16) and Emily (6) sharing book time at the beach here at our home in Florida. Austin (18) not shown is an Eagle Scout as well, and since graduating has been busy planning classes at our local college.

— **Jill F** Titusville, FL





Sonlight has helped a new homeschooling mom feel like I can do this. [Sonlight has] provided all of the curriculum I need to provide my child a love of learning and quality education. They have simply the best books to learn from. We love this way of learning; it's fun and meaningful. We had to open the box as soon as it came and dig right in. Adeline was so excited and looked over all the books. Just like Sonlight says, she is learning the way I wish I had been taught. In their second year with Sonlight, Adeline (4, Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package) shows her excitement for her new books on Box Day!

— **Kami F** Vandalia , OH



This picture shows how excited we are for a new year of learning. We had to open the box as soon as came and dig right in. Adeline was so excited and looked over all the books. I know she is going to have a great year of learning. I love Sonlight. Just like you say she is learning the way I wish I had been taught. I have no doubt I will learn along the way with her. I truly appreciate that Sonlight has helped a new homeschooling mom feel like I can do this. And provided me all the curriculum I need to provide my child a love of learning and quality education.

— **Kami F** Vandalia , OH



Why we LOVE homeschooling....we can cuddle together and learn.

— **Kelley F** Metter , GA





The adventurers are learning where animals live in the rainforest, the canopy, the under story or the forest floor. The thing I like about Sonlight is how easy it is for me to adapt the books to our style of learning. I am a drama/backstage teacher and I create adventures for my kids as a part of our lessons. Wild Places, for example, was perfect for us in that the sections were logically organized and gave us a good starting point for further study. The kids got the idea to hang vines for swinging like the spider monkeys and the kids made props and listened to pygmy music. The pictures gave us ideas about how to "stage" our basement. My only suggestion for a book Wild Places would be to have suggestions for activities that kids can engage in after reading the page.

— **Kelly F** Kirkwood, MO



Everyone who meets our 3 year old always 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! Here she is pointing out something special to daddy as they learn together!

— **Laura F** Villa Park, IL



Noah was very eager to complete his maths this morning, he was working hard to get everything correct. He is using the Horizon Maths Book 1 for year 1 In the photo you can see his focused concentration and his delight in how quickly he is completing the page without much hassle. Noah has developed a positive attitude and wants to learn. He has realised that he can do it now. Noah said, "lets take our home schooling books with us when we go camping so we can do both things that we love together!" And Noah said, " then we wont need to come home and stay camping longer!"

— **Loren F** United Kingdom







Every Friday, Luke and I would go to our favorite cafe for breakfast and school. Choosing Sonlight as our curriculum was one of the best decisions we have ever made as a family! This was our first year homeschooling, and I was super nervous about having to put lessons together that would be challenging, enjoyable, and God-centered for our adventurous 5 year old! My sister-in-law showed me her Sonlight curriculum that she uses & I instantly fell in love! Our first year of homeschooling has been such an awesome experience! It has brought us closer together as a family and drawn our hearts closer to God. God has moved and changed my heart in so many ways as a mother. Thank you!

— **Manesseh F** Lynnwood, WA

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Josh has really enjoyed the Apologia Science curriculum - with Biology being a favorite subject this year. We are thankful that the whole family can participate in the experiments and learn alongside Josh. That is just one of the many advantages to us with using Sonlight curriculum.

— **Marci F** Cedarburg, WI

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Wesley is standing in front of a King Penguin colony at Salisbury Plain on the Antarctic Isle of South Georgia. There are hundreds of thousands of nesting King Penguins all the way up the slope behind him. Everything you can see behind him that is not green are King Penguins. They are very curious and unafraid. It was truly incredible to see! We love Sonlight because it brings the world to us and fuels our desire to go out and see the world! Thanks Sonlight!

— **Marian F** Alpine, TX

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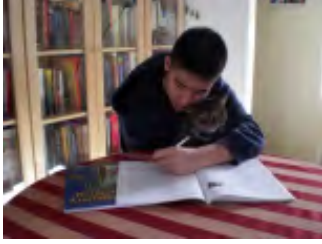


I used Sonlight with my daughter when we started homeschooling her in second grade. We liked it, but decided to try other programs. After a couple years of other full programs and mix-and-match, we came back to Sonlight because it is so convenient and organized! My daughter is now in eleventh grade and is studying Civics/American Government. My son is in sixth grade and is using the Eastern Hemisphere curriculum. The picture was taken when he did a special project as part of his studies of China. What made this project special to me is the memories of my childhood it brought back to me. I remember watching my mother and grandmothers roll and fry spring rolls many a time. It was a great pleasure to do this with my son. One more thing I love about Sonlight, especially the lower grades, the inclusion of science in the daily schedule. Thank you, Sonlight!

— **May F** Kendall Park, NJ

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Sonlight has helped instilled the love of reading in my children. I started to homeschool my daughter when she was 2nd grade and I used Sonlight with her. Since then reading aloud was always a big part in our homeschool. Both my children have become lovers of books and they excel in their language skills and writing. I am particularly thankful for the 400 and 530 series which my daughter used independently through her highschool. Although I used other curriculums too through out the years, Sonlight is the one I always come back to and the one that I recommend to new homeschoolers most. You are number one in our hearts! Praise God for your wonderful service to homeschoolers.

— **May F** Kendall Park, NJ

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My daughter is now a sophomore in college and she used Cores 400 and 530 for her last two years of high school. Thanks again, Sonlight, for walking with me in my homeschooling journey. I am particularly thankful for the 400 and 530 programs, which my daughter used independently. Sonlight has helped instilled 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.

— **May F** Kendall Park, NJ

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Our kids have a great overall science sense about them that we did not have at their age (and we're both doctors)! The boys LOVE doing Science with Daddy and Sonlight makes it so enjoyable and fun! Here they are inspecting flowers and their parts. It is so awesome that siblings and parents can learn together. Nathan (4) and Benjamin (6) are studying Core A and Science A as their three older siblings study Core F and Science F.

— **Meredith F** Ada, MI

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We really enjoyed the TOPS experiments in Science 3 this year. Here Lindsey is measuring her radish plants. Note the phototropism! Lindsey and her sister Bethany enjoy having their daddy as their science teacher! SL has allowed us to provide an excellent education to our children without the extra stress of doing all the research ourselves! It is so easy to use and we love the books! Would it be bad to say that I do NO prep work at night? SL lays it all out for me! We trust SL and are looking forward to our FIFTH core next year. WOW!

— **Meredith F** Ada, MI

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Bethany, 6, grabbed a SL book from a previous Core off the shelf to re-read it and include her brother in the process! I love that the kids enjoy and appreciate good literature. It is so awesome that the older siblings pass on a love of books to their younger siblings. We love the quality of the literature that we get with SL! My kids and I have experienced so much together through reading good books. It has definitely been a blessing in our parent-child relationship.

— **Meredith F** Ada, MI

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Benjamin, 4, loves Singapore Math. After breakfast, he often asks, "Can I do math?" Here he is doing math with his sunglasses on! Of course, it helps that he is following in the footsteps of his two older sisters. We love the curriculum suggestions that SL makes in all academic subjects. In addition to the Cores, we have enjoyed LA, science, and math selections.

— **Meredith F** Ada, MI

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Box Day has become a wonderful and thrilling day for us each year as we peer into our boxes to behold the next adventure that Sonlight has laid out for us! It's so fun to see the kids excited about good books and a lot of them! Equally thrilling is the feeling of accomplishment in looking over the previous year's Core as we realize how many books we read! We are as convinced as ever that Sonlight is made just for us. It fits us so well and we love it!

— **Meredith F** Ada, MI

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We shopped around for microscopes just to be thorough, but finally settled on the SL microscope. Both my husband, who is very particular, and I have science backgrounds and we all love the SL microscope! We should have known from experience that SL offers such high quality products in all categories. In this picture, Lindsey and Bethany are being taught from Science 4 by their dad while I try to work around them in the kitchen while making dinner. It is such a blessing that learning is so integrated into our living. I love that even if they are in my way!

— **Meredith F** Ada, MI

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I do love that homeschooling with Sonlight allows my kids to really know and enjoy each other. I think that my kids would have missed out on all the joys of their new baby brother if they had been in school. Learning together has made us very close as a family and it has been a great blessing!

— **Meredith F** Ada, MI

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For her birthday she wanted to get her own library card. She loves the library, it's her "candy store." She has spent the past 3 years listening to read alouds and loving them. Even when I didn't think she was listening, she would come back later and ask me question or make a comment about the story I read to her 3 siblings. She has such a love for learning, books, and the adventures inspired by them that she inspires us to dive deeper. Thank you Sonlight for making it so easy to love reading.

— **Michelle F** Antioch, IL

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The past year opened our hearts and our minds to exploring a new way of learning. Sonlight has been a tremendous blessing that has lead us down a path of creating lasting memories together, all the while enthusiasm blossoming in the children to explore, question, seek, and create memories about what they've learned. That's the kind of learning that sticks. Our youngest can't go more than one day without doing her school work. She has such a love for learning, that she insipres greater learning in the hearts of her older siblings as they see their reflection in her. Thank you Sonlight.

— **Michelle F** Antioch, IL

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So far, my favorite thing about homeschooling is how much fun my children have learning TOGETHER. Eli absolutely LOVES Lomie's kindergarten math (albeit on a different reasoning level), so I have adapted it so they can both learn together. They both declare it their favorite part of school and ask for math daily. Eli also sits in on all read-alouds, whether literature, Science, or History. I love how Sonlight plans for multiple age levels so school can foster, not hinder, sibling closeness and friendship. Lomie and Eli are each other's best friends, and I'm so glad school does not stand in the way of that.

— **Nichole F** Reedsville, PA

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Sonlight Curriculum is a dream come true for our family. I love how we can plunge as deeply as we like into the cultures of the world. After studying Mongolia, and reading the exciting account of the Mongol empire in "Genghis Khan and the Mongol Horde" our family constructed a Mongolia "Yurt" and camped-out in the living room-- all six of us fit in! We also read the section on present day Mongolia in "Window on the World" and prayed for the Mongolian Christian believers. Sonlight has truly been a "Window on the World" for us!

— **Paul And Amanda F** North Newton, KS

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I had nothing to worry about ... quality literature produces quality writing! We concentrated mostly on reading the excellent readers and really downplayed grammar and all the other 'important' things I learned in school. I was nervous about this easy-going approach to language, but I went with it. Now it has paid off! At the beginning of the school year Naomi started a writing assignment and before I knew it the few paragraphs had turned into pages. Then she announced it would be a book! Naomi plowed through all year and completed a 42-chapter book. Her dad and I are absolutely amazed at not only the creativity of the story but the technical parts as well! Here, 14-year-old Naomi pushes through a bit of writer's block. She's used Sonlight for ten years and is now studying Core 100.

— **Robin F** Bismarck, ND

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As a first year homeschooler I was overwhelmed by the process of choosing curriculum, until I found Sonlight. 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.

— **Sara F** Waikoloa, HI

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We just cannot get enough of Sonlight books! I never would have found such an amazing selection of stories anywhere else (especially living as a foreign missionary)! Jayda, 6, learned to read so quickly because she craved the interesting stories so much! At the start of the summer after completing 1st grade, I got out next year's Core 2 Advanced Readers -- she finished them all in 2 weeks! She just couldn't put them down! Now she is excited to help me in the new school year to read her old preschool books to her little brother Josiah -- if they can wait! I highly recommend Sonlight because of their excellent choice of books which are fun, educational, historical, international, wholesome, and often God glorifying. I also love using Sonlight because of the easy to use, well planned out Instructors Guides. They do all the hard work for you so you can enjoy teaching (and learning with) your children! The Forbes family of London, England are about to enjoy their 4th year of homeschooling, all with Sonlight.

— **Shalyn F**    United Kingdom

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'I want to hug all my books! I really love my Sonlight books! They are exciting and heartwarming.' Jayda, 9, likes how many of her book characters are near to her age, so she finds it more fun learning that way. And I love teaching with Sonlight because of the excellent instructors guides! Our family really enjoys learning together.

— **Shalyn F**    United Kingdom

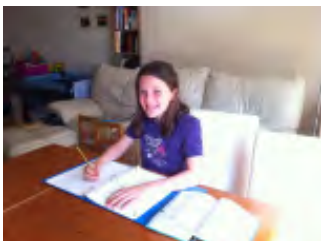
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— **Shalyn F**    United Kingdom

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I woke up from a nap with my newborn and found Jayda, 10, happily writing a new story in her free time because she just loves Sonlight Language Arts so much. I'm so thankful for the great books that Sonlight chooses for each year; the children love them. And the Instructor's Guides are like a survival guide for us busy Mums! They allow me to cope with homeschooling while raising my three children and church planting in London, England! In their sixth year of homeschooling, Jayda (10) works on a Creative Expression assignment from Language Arts F.

— **Shalyn F**    United Kingdom

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For a child that doesn't really care for reading, she sure enjoys the books that Sonlight offers! We love Sonlight!! My daughter decided to do school in her dress up box today!! In this pic she is reading *By the Great Horn Spoon*.

— **Sharilyn F** Caledonia, MI

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Time is precious, and I love that we are able to say YES to the best books without having to sort through other good books to say no to. I love that I can open a book and start reading to the boys with confidence, even if I have not read the book before. Even if the subject matter is something we have not discussed before I know the books are chosen thoughtfully and purposefully. This means more time reading with our boys and less time for me as the teacher spent pre-reading to screen content. Here, Dad reads to the boys, Caleb (2), Micah (4), and Joby (3 months). In their third year homeschooling, Micah is using Core A as Caleb dives into the *Preschool Full-Grade Package*.

— **Shawn F** Olympia , WA

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My son, William, is absorbed in "Every Living Thing." He has always loved animals, and as soon as we began this book he would hardly put it down. The great thing about Sonlight is that there is something in it for everyone, and the more my kids read (especially the books that interest them), the more they get interested in reading all kinds of books.

— **Sherry F** Abilene, TX

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My husband Yancy is helping William with his math. Although he isn't particularly fond of math, William loves pattern blocks, so any lesson including them is a big hit with him. One of the things we enjoy about homeschooling is that either one of us can do it. Since we are missionaries, we both have more flexibility in our schedule and either of us can teach. Neither of us is an educator by training, so Sonlight helps guide us through the material we need to cover.

— **Sherry F** Abilene, TX

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I often find myself needing some solitary teaching time with the children, so the kids trade off keeping Miriam entertained. On this day, Ingrid decided to read to her and chose Cora Frear. I would never have thought it would keep her engaged, but Ingrid reads with such fluency and inflection that Miriam was pleased to be sitting with her bigger sister doing "school." I love that Sonlight has so many quality books that we can leave them on the bookshelf for the kids to sort through as they would in a library. But in this library, Sonlight has already sifted out the drivel in favor of quality literature. My kids have educational, yet interesting and engaging, literature in almost every room in the home.

— **Stephanie F**    Plano, TX



Our family was particularly grateful for the American Government course. Like so many Sonlight courses, it gave sound principles and balanced them very fairly with opposite viewpoints; pressing students to think through their own presuppositions. You know your material is engaging when even the family cat tries to take part! Aram (17) and Leiajoy (15) have been homeschooled since kindergarten and have used Sonlight since second grade. Furry Murray the Cat participates by trying to chew their pencils.

— **Suzanna F**    Dolores, CO



Zach and Lily are sharing quality time together, while Zach concurrently learns his history. This is what I value most about Sonlight, the time spent together as a family, on the sofa reading or learning together, all ages, all of us.

— **Tanya F**    San Diego, CA







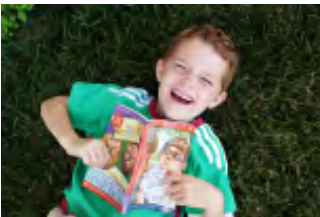
It was one of many cold, dark, Ukrainian winter days, where, after doing our seat work (math, grammar, handwriting...etc.), we snuggled in Mom's warm bed for reading. These are some of our most favorite times! (The curtains are tucked up onto the windowsill to keep the cold near the window and to let the radiator pipes give more heat to the room. We are leaning back on the pipes. I love Sonlight, because it makes it easy to use real books for school. That has been my dream ever since reading Ruth Beechick's books (You Can Teach Your Child) when my children were preschool age. I love the IG and the fact that it's not a slave driver, but a guide to help me better use the resources I have. The main reason we love Sonlight is the amount of books we receive. Living overseas, we have little or no access to English books and our children all love to read. Using Sonlight has helped build our library, filling it with really great books that get read and reread. In the photo, we are reading an Usborne book, so I wanted to add that we love Usborne Books. Even though they aren't "Christian", they are full of interesting information and, as the teacher, I am free to filter out whatever I do not agree with.

— **Thomas F** Birmingham, AL



Danielle got so excited about the Balloon that Professor Sherman had made that she decided to make one, too.

— **Thomas F** Birmingham, AL



Because of my son's special needs (sensory processing disorder), he attends public school in the morning and then I have the privilege of homeschooling him in the afternoon. It's my favorite part of the day! Knowing that my primary responsibilities are to teach him history and science, we are so blessed to have Sonlight. He's learning so much more than his peers at school, and I must admit, I'm learning a lot too! We sing geography songs at dinner, pray for people groups at night, and are constantly able to make Biblical connections with what we're learning in History. Although he officially has reading at school, we use the Readers and Read-Alouds at home, too, because they're appropriate and captivating. He LOVES them-- and I do too!

— **Traci F** Upland, IN





I love Sonlight's detailed Instructor's Guides. I would be lost without them! Douglas had been having trouble with his creative writing assignment for the week. He was supposed to describe being stuck in the mud. Remembering an IG hint from last year about actually getting a piece of chalk and examining it using all five senses before writing about it, I decided to duplicate the technique with mud! After preparing a mud pit, I invited my son to step in and experience the mud before beginning to write. What a difference! Thanks, Sonlight!

— **Victoria F** Kissimmee, FL

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Even in lean times, we invest in our children's education and our family library by staying with Sonlight. 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.

— **Wendy F** Sunset, TX

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'Is this what it was probably like for Lewis and Clark, Dad?' The kids sat a little taller and rowed a little harder as dad told them, yes...this is probably very similar to the beauty that Lewis & Clark encountered on their expedition west through the Rocky Mountains. Our kids had made the connection between historical figures and the real life places described in the engaging literature of Core 3- American History! What more could a homeschool parent desire, than to see history come alive in the eyes of their child? Thank you Sonlight, for books my children desire and devour.

— **Yvonne F** Dumas, TX

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Dad and the kids worked together to craft bows and arrows after gathering supplies. They then worked on archery skills and safety rules together. The book Moccasin Trail provided the incentive.

— **Yvonne F** Dumas, TX



Towards the end of our first year, Nora Jane's reading started to explode. As a parent and an educator, it was thrilling to watch. I would give Nora Jane the next book from Language Arts 1, and she would finish the entire book in one sitting. On numerous occasions, she set up a story time for her younger brother and sister. I love that Sonlight provides high quality instructor guides and materials, so that I can focus on what I love - spending time with my family.

— **Alaina G** Chevy Chase, MD



I am so glad my husband and I chose Sonlight as our homeschool curriculum. We had such a great first year using P45. Our daughters enjoyed the stories so much and they were certainly a pleasure to read. I love how Sonlight helps us to introduce our children to other belief systems and cultures and gives us the opportunity to discuss some similarities and differences as we share our own beliefs with our children.

— **Alicia G** Gorham, ME



Our children have "discovered the world" through Geography Songs; not just country names but doors have been opened to other cultures and languages. When our children meet people or hear about news from somewhere else in the world, it is more real to them now they can place that country. We live in a very isolated part of Africa but Sonlight is our ticket to adventure every day. Sonlight, in all its aspects, is not "schooling" so much as "voyages of discovery!"

— **Alisan G** Namibia





The best part of Sonlight can be summed up in a comment from my oldest daughter: 'Mom, please don't give us any days off, we love our school work too much! Here, Shelby (5) and Celene (6) dress up to learn about ancient Egyptians.

— **Aliza G** Mount Joy, PA



Sonlight really makes science come alive and inspires children to think outside the box. We have enjoyed all of the experiments and easy instructions Sonlight provides. From a mom who didn't like science much in school, thank you Sonlight for making this fun! I wish I had been taught the Sonlight way. Mikey (8) loved the experiments in his first year of Sonlight, and wanted to do some of his own in the summer. Here, he and dad blast their homemade rocket in the backyard.

— **Ammy G** Lakeland, GA



Andrew perched himself on our deck rail for his reading time. Catching him in this photo was fun, because it represents homeschooling to me: having the option to read outside when it's a nice day! The many freedoms homeschooling brings to school work and family life is priceless!

— **Amy G** Omaha, NE







Here we are, vacationing on the ocean in October. Thanks to homeschooling, we can take our vacation at odd times of the year, times when the beaches are EMPTY!! We've homeschooled for the past 7 years, but discovered Sonlight 2 years ago. We have had the BEST time these past 2 years, all thanks to Sonlight. In the past, we've had experiences with textbooks, workbooks and hodge podge "put all the books that looks great to you in one organized pile" curriculum. Absolutely, without question, Sonlight has been our gift of sanity. Before Sonlight, I wanted to find a curriculum that challenged the minds of my children, taught them valuable life lessons through stories, taught them about their Father in heaven, and prepared them completely for college and beyond. This curriculum also had to be somewhat easy to teach, since my school has 4 students! I have found what I've been searching for in Sonlight. May God continue to bless your company and may He also bless all of the precious families teaching their young through Sonlight.

— **Amy G** Omaha, NE



Both of our girls love books. Ivy has gained a lot of confidence in her ability to read and enjoys sharing that with her baby sister. She looks forward to doing school with Mommy every day. Sonlight was an easy choice for us. The great selection of books and being able to custom build your curriculum for your child while having the convenience of one stop shopping made Sonlight stand out above the rest.

— **Amy G** Hopkins, MO



Sonlight books have inspired my girls to read, read and READ! Thank you!

— **Andrea G** Hagerstown, MD



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

— **Angela G** Mountain View, CA





I'm so thankful for Sonlight's Language Arts guidance. We kept plugging away and I took faith in the tips and pointers (and Ruth Beechick's book). I won't forget the week everything seemed to brighten and I wasn't 'making' Zeke read anymore. He now says reading is his favorite! Here, Zeke (7, Core C) and Amelia (4, Pre-Kindergarten Multi-Subject) think little sister Isabella's hair looks like Ping from Little Pear [Core B].

— **Angela G** Galveston, IN

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My girls love Sonlight Science, with its great hands-on experiments. I was terrified to homeschool because I had no experience. I couldn't do it without Sonlight to put it all together for me. I can provide an outstanding education for my girls without spending lots of prep time. The wonderful books and complete schedules allow me to homeschool with confidence and still have time for my own interests. Sonlight has allowed me to follow the Lord's direction for our family. Here, Grandpa, Lucy (5, P4/5 Multi-Subject), Grace and Annie (9 and 7, Core B, Science B), confirm what they've just learned about the moon and space.

— **April G** Edmond, OK

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Peter relaxed, sitting in his favorite chair, his back wedged in the corner leaning against his book table, feet propped up on his dresser. while reading "The Lord of the Flies" thinking "Aaah, this is one of the most enjoyable parts of my high school day. I hope it's a good book!" As the kids grew older. the cores forced us to think and to look beyond ourselves to see the happenings of this world. I may only get through a portion of the cores and add classes to my children's schedules, but we remember many of the discussions from our Sonlight, and these discussions have laid a foundation for other course work and classes. I wish I had done more of my Sonlight curriculum and had formed an even better foundation for my children. My own high school experience and Associates degree from community college has not been even close to what Sonlight has given my children. So my exposure was very limited. I, as a parent, learned many issues of our day through teaching Sonlight. My reading level was not very high either. I grew up on "See Dick and Jane run." The read alouds stretched me and I did not realize it until I reread a book for the next child and realized it was much easier the second time around. I read through some of the high school books and struggled through them and realized how much further along my children are in their reading. They may struggle, too, but they are still young and will continue to grow faster and further than I. Isn't that the wish of most parents? I believe the Lord has been with us through this endeavor and helping my children to see Him in History, whether with the blessings of God or the absence of God in people's hearts as history unfolds before us.

— **Barbara G** Concord, NC

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The school materials are always available for our boys. Even though Joel couldn't walk at the time, he pulled out a book as he had seen his big brothers do, and began "reading." Sonlight's literature emphasis creates a love for reading that is essential to academic growth. The more they read, the better they spell, the better their syntax and vocabulary, .... The list goes on. It's also a time for family bonding!

— **Becky G**    Huntington Beach, CA



Daddy is reading Red Sails To Capri complete with Italian accents (hence the look of hilarity on Noah's face). Reading aloud captures our boy's imaginations and helps train their minds' creativity as they re-create the scenes in their heads. The grammar and vocabulary are advanced so they are challenged to go beyond what may be offered in a typical class of 30 students.

— **Becky G**    Huntington Beach, CA



Our family loves Sonlight books. Our home is filled with books, but time and again it is always the Sonlight books that are poured over for hours and spark memorable family discussions. Sonlight's curriculum has shown our family an incredible way of learning, and I would never have imagined it to be so fully engaging and enjoyable.

— **Becky G**    Ballwin, MO



Ethan (6) and Austin (7), who live in Japan, pose excitedly with glasses full of bubbling yeast as they prepare to make bread for one of their experiments in Science K. Austin and Ethan absolutely loved all of the books and experiments in their Sonlight science curriculum this year and even wanted to do many of the experiments over again because they enjoyed them so much. We love Sonlight because of the wonderful books we get to read together and because of the great science program. Since we live in Japan, it is especially wonderful that the science kit contains almost everything we need for every experiment. We don't have to waste time tracking down items that could be difficult for us to obtain. We also appreciate being able to build our own home library of great English books through our Sonlight curriculum since we don't have access to any good local English language bookstores here.

— **Bryan G**    Roanoke, VA





One of the things our kids love most about Sonlight is the hands-on experiments. Though I was initially a bit overwhelmed at the thought of building the equipment for the plant experiments in Science D, I was pleasantly surprised to discover that my third- and fourth-grader were able to construct them almost entirely themselves in a short time just by watching the Sonlight Science DVD and following the step-by-step instructions. We love that our different-aged kids can work together to do the experiments. Even our preschool-aged daughter can join in the fun at her own level and learn! In their fourth year of Sonlight study, Ethan (9), Austin (10) and Katie (5) are using Science D and Language Arts 2.

— **Bryan G** San Diego, CA

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The day the boxes arrived from Sonlight was like Christmas morning at our house. The girls were so excited to open the boxes and look at all their school supplies! After letting them peek at everything I had to box it all up and hide it so they wouldn't read through all the books before we even started school. I have no regrets for choosing Sonlight Core A. My girls loved the Bible stories and did so well memorizing all the Bible verses. The CD with the verses put to music was worth its weight in gold. They still have each verse and song memorized, and they enjoyed learning them. I LOVED how the history and geography lessons tied in with the Bible lessons and missionary stories. When we talked about creation in Bible, we also talked about ancient times in history. I was able to show my children from the Bible how God created men and women and that He created them with intelligence. They were brilliant; they built cities and invented musical instruments. They were not ape-men sitting around a fire grunting and trying to figure out how to make a wheel. When we studied Joseph and Moses in Bible, we were also studying ancient Egypt in history. The missionary stories also added depth to our study of history and geography and Bible. Seeing how God worked in the hearts of men to take the Gospel to all the different parts of the world put meaning into why we were studying the world and its history.

— **Cami G** Avon, IN

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I feel such confidence in the quality and completeness of this curriculum. I have been quite surprised and delighted to find that my active little boy will (most of the time) listen to longer stories with few pictures, like those in Uncle Wiggly's Story Book. We love the activities that coordinate with the reading. Not only do they reinforce elements of what we have just read about, but they really are fun! Carrie and her 4-year-old son, Christopher, are using Core P4/5 in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Carrie G** Springboro, OH

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I never expected Rosetta Stone to be such a hit. My father in law gave it to us as a gift for our second oldest son, but Megan was able to make some progress as she gave it a try too. I love the way that many of Sonlight's materials (including Rosetta Stone), develop analytical thinking skills, and are suitable for a wide range of ages. Instead of studying a long list of boring vocabulary words, they are actually engaging with the material and making connections with real life from the get go.

— **Celia G** Baker, WV

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Sonlight gives us the flexibility to take our school work with us wherever we go. It is a blessing to be able to spend some of our school time out enjoying God's creation! Sonlight has such a wonderful selection of books that my children have developed into voracious readers who always have a book wherever we go. Thank you, Sonlight for helping them develop a love of literature and learning. Sonlight is providing the bridge to take them from early learners to tomorrow's leaders. As Sadie (8) studies Core B and Syaira (11) and Nakeata (13) share Core G, they love to do school by the Boise River. The G family has homeschooled for two years and used Sonlight for both.

— **Chris G** Garden City, ID

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Sonlight doesn't shy away from challenging curriculum. The most exciting part of the school week is the Science experiment. Joshua often watches the entire Discover & Do DVD, just for fun. Because his daddy is an electrical engineer, they both especially enjoyed working together on circuits for the Core C year. Dad was amazed with the advanced concepts being taught. When he heard the buzzer beep, the expression on our son's face was priceless—as if he had conquered the world! Here, Joshua (8) completes a circuit. The G family, including siblings Marissa (11), Maggie (5) and Eli (3), has been studying with Sonlight for seven years.

— **Christine G** Aurora, CO

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Sonlight fits our family perfectly because our kids love to read. We have many happy memories of learning together. Isaiah, Josie, and Isabel can be found reading in hammocks, hanging upside down on couches, swinging from trees, and lying down on the trampoline, just to name a few places. Our kids have retained so much more knowledge from the rich literature than if they had learned strictly from textbooks. We love Sonlight! In this photo, Isaiah and Goldie are enjoying some reading and snuggling on the couch.

— **Christy G** Greeley, CO

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Not only have we experienced the academic benefits of using Sonlight in our homeschool journey, we've also had the delight of watching this curriculum impact our children's character. When we began eight years ago, little did we know that the seeds planted by Sonlight's inspirational biographies and stories of diverse cultures would sprout up children who long to let God use their lives for His glory. Because of Sonlight, we're watching our children become more aware of the world around them, more sensitive to the needs of hurting people and more confident that God can, and will, use anyone willing to obey His call. Tatum (13) shares one of her Sonlight favorites with Josiah (3), AJ (5) and Greta (10).

— **Christy G** Joplin, MO



As missionaries in Senegal, we are so thankful that whether we are out in the village (like in this photo), at our home in town, or travelling, our three girls are able to continue their schoolwork. Over the last nine years Mama, Papa, and Grandma have all taken turns teaching, and we have all appreciated the complete lessons plans and portability Sonlight provides, as well as all the fascinating books from around the world!

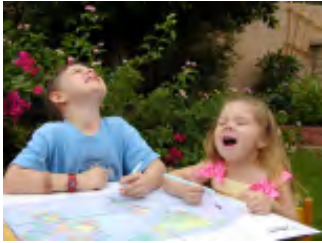
— **Corey G** West Simsbury , CT



Sonlight's four-day option gives us the opportunity to use our fifth day for co-op enrichment classes and field trips. We love the variety and scope of the books included in Sonlight's Core packages. The structure of the curriculum helps everything in our home run more smoothly. We know that as we continue with Sonlight, we'll see our boys truly transform and take flight because of the solid material and the freedom to learn and grow as God designed. Liam (7, Core C), Cuinn and Aedan (3 and 5, Core A) enjoy their annual outing to the All-a-Flutter Butterfly Farm.

— **Crystal G** Kernersville, NC





"I wonder what I'll learn today," calls my 6 year old son from his bed upon waking. Another day he yells out, "I love school" Whether it's experimenting with magnetic force, boiling red cabbage to test acidity, or breaking a variety of fruit/vegetable juice cells, my son's enthusiasm is evidence we're certain Sonlight will guide us through another academically-rich year. Our entire family loves Sonlight for different reasons. I love the organization, thoroughness and flexibility of the Curriculum guides. Sonlight provides a fantastic education without dodging the tough topics. My husband loves delving into the adventurous stories and Internet linked science. My son loves explaining how things work -- applying what we've learned from the countless hands on experiments. My 3-year-old loves coming alongside, joining the mapping activities. And I'm certain my baby enjoys watching all the excitement our Sonlight lessons create. Thank you Sonlight for recommending "Handwriting Without Tears!" My left-handed son had all the bad habits -- arched hand, awkward grip, bottom to top writing... Within a short time of using HWT, these were reversed. His handwriting is described as legible and fluid. Once again, Sonlight has exceeded my expectations! As a former elementary school teacher with a Master's Degree, I can truly say that Sonlight has exceeded my expectations! The family bonds strengthened and the conversations beyond school hours are priceless.

— **Dana G** Scottsdale, AZ



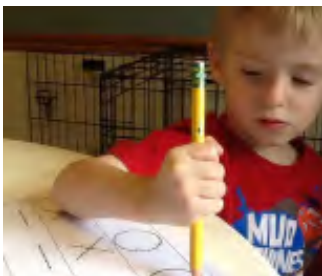
Horizons Math has been a success in our family. In fact, the new concepts are introduced so smoothly that Ryan self teaches many times. Even better, the constant review without tedious repetition helps Ryan to remember the concepts. Ryan (6) works on his Math as little sister Kaley (1) shares the chair. Ryan is studying Core B in his third year of Sonlight.

— **Dana G** Scottsdale, AZ



Sonlight has such a variety of great literature for all ages. I was hesitant at first because it looked like a lot of reading. Now we feel like that's the best part! We love to talk about our favorite books from each year and even re-read them. It has been such a blessing to watch our children bond by reading together and developing such a love for books and learning.

— **Dana G** Stilwell, KS



The moment when their eyes light up with understanding and their growing understanding of God's love for us keep us going, even when we are having our most difficult days. The many stories have provided meaningful conversation, as well as giving my children many opportunities to learn other skills while developing a strong love of reading. Sonlight has helped me have the tools to provide a well-rounded education for my children without the fear of forgetting or neglecting a subject.

— **Danica G** Manhattan, KS



Three years ago I began searching for a curriculum to use to home school my oldest daughter who was then 4.75 years old. I asked God for wisdom and direction and asked friends what they were using. Nobody was using Sonlight. I was looking into two other curricula, a Kindergarten only curriculum and a unit study curriculum that adjusts for all age groups, and had just about decided to go with one of them. I kept praying and the Lord kept pressing on my heart to go look at that Sonlight catalog. I really didn't want to because I had the idea from perusing it the first time that it was too deep, too involved, and too much work! In fact, I don't remember how I got a hold of one of Sonlight's catalogs but I do know God orchestrated it! And how I thank Him! He knew what would fit me AND my children the best and it was and still is Sonlight. Sonlight gives us a plan to do school as a family. In these pictures you can see my husband Joe "doing school" with our kids. They're playing Sonlight's Alphabet Bingo in some of the pictures. In another, he is reading the read-aloud for the nightly story time before the kids go to bed. These kinds of things bring us together as a family so we can grow together. What better way to live life than to grow together! Thanks, Sonlight.

— **Danielle G** Henderson, NV



What I love about homeschooling and Sonlight is how much I am learning. My decision to homeschool was a sudden one. I needed a curriculum that was structured and included everything I needed. Sonlight has given our family the guidance we needed so that we could give the flexibility and love of learning it provides to our children. This curriculum has helped bring our family even closer together. What a true blessing it has been! In this photo, big brother, Reef (8, Core D), offered to help Sky (5, Core A) read. Cruz (3, Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package) plays in the background. In their second year with Sonlight, Mom enjoys seeing these special moments of family bonding.

— **Denise G** Tavernier, FL



Steven's heart is growing so deeply in his love of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in no small part due to the discussions we have around the wonderful Christian literature included with the Sonlight curriculum. We are so fortunate to help him journey down the road of life in a God-centered path. It makes our task so much easier since we have found such a wonderful Christian curriculum to come alongside us in this endeavor. Diane is using Core A with Steven (6) as little sister Megan (4) listens in.

— **Diane G** Simi Valley, CA







We all love Sonlight for so many reasons, but one of the main reasons is that our kids have time to be KIDS! I'm so thankful that with the carefully laid-out schedule and quality Christ-based education, we can get a solid education and still have time for unstructured, creative play. Not only do they have time for academics, but they also have time to explore God's creation firsthand, not just in a book between overscheduled activities. Here, Steven (7, Core B) and Megan (4, Core A) do just that!

— **Diane G** Simi Valley, CA

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We're staying on the northern border of Namibia, on the banks of the Okavango River. Angola is on the other side. Science classes provide us with wonderful opportunities to move out into nature and to see how science works in real life. Facts in the science books change into reality as we rediscover these for ourselves. Here we are classifying different types of grass. We love the flexibility of the Sonlight curriculum. As a missionary family who is involved in training people, we often move around. Wherever we are, we can adapt Sonlight so that it suits our teaching situation. We deeply appreciate the strong focus on missions and the Biblical truths that we can teach our children from this curriculum. We also like it that our children are gradually exposed to opposite views as well and that we can lead them to form their own views on things like evolution and humanism.

— **Dirk G** Namibia

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Jana (10) finishing her Draw Today series. Except for very helpful drawing skills, this program taught her endurance, to finish what she has started with. We love the flexibility of the Sonlight curriculum. As a missionary family who is involved in training people, we often move around. Wherever we are, we can adapt Sonlight so that it suits our teaching situation. We deeply appreciate the strong focus on missions and the biblical truths that we can teach our children from this curriculum. We also like it that our children are gradually exposed to opposite views as well, and that we can lead them to form their own views on things like evolution and humanism.

— **Dirk G** Namibia

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Benjamin (12) enjoying one of his readers. He often looks for a place to hide when reading, so as not to be disturbed. Here he chose a wato (dugout canoe that the local people use) on the river near our house. Our children are ardent readers. We appreciate the excellent books that influence their way of thinking about issues. The good literature that Sonlight uses, contributed to our decision in choosing this curriculum. We're staying on the northern border of Namibia, on the banks of the Okavango River, Angola on the other side. We love the flexibility of the Sonlight curriculum. As a missionary family who is involved in training people, we often move around. Wherever we are, we can adapt Sonlight so that it suits our teaching situation. We deeply appreciate the strong focus on missions and the biblical truths that we can teach our children from this curriculum. We also like it that our children are gradually exposed to opposite views as well, and that we can lead them to form their own views on things like evolution and humanism.

— **Dirk G** Namibia



Three cheers for Sonlight for a fun, sweet year with my young ones! I'm so grateful for a program that I didn't have to put together myself, that is thorough, that challenges the student's potential, and that is fun to do together. I love that I can challenge my 5-year-old with reading and math material that fit her level and stretch her (1st and 2nd grade levels), and yet allow her to be an inquisitive and fun kindergartener with lots of play, imaginative Read-Alouds, and not too much other material to bog down her young life. I also love that we can include her 4-year-old sister with school. In their first year of Sonlight, Kalle (5) and Hannah (4) share Core A and some of the Pre-Kindergarten books.

— **Elizabeth G** Norman, OK



We were a little nervous about home schooling during the high school years. But when we began to look at all Sonlight has to offer, we knew we could finish this journey we started so long ago. Sonlight took the fear out of homeschooling even challenging courses, like Biology, because they had everything we needed – like detailed Instructor's Guides and all the equipment for labs. Elizabeth says everybody wants to participate when it's time for a lab. Here, Korbyn (10), Meghan (2), Katie (5), Kendal (12) and their friend Christiana (14) crowd around 15-year-old Makinnley's Biology lab. The G family is using Core P3/4, Core H and Core 100 in their eighth year of Sonlight.

— **Elizabeth G** Greer, SC





With Sonlight's Parent and Student Guides, I feel confident in letting my oldest daughter work independently. With the detailed notes and answers to the study guide questions, I know from checking over her work that she understands the books she is reading. I enjoy Makinnley's journal notes on each book and the discussions we have about the authors she is studying. I am still able to take part in her education, but it is exciting to watch her become independent and take responsibility for her studies with Sonlight's help. Makinnley (17) has used Sonlight for 10 years. In this photo she enjoys *A Tale of Two Cities* from British Literature 530.

— **Elizabeth G** Greer, SC



Sonlight's Language Arts programs are so versatile. This year is the third time through Language Arts 1 for our family, and I have been able to tailor the program to meet the needs of each individual child. If one child needs more work with a certain concept, there are plenty of extra activities in the Instructor's Guide that I can choose from to reinforce that concept. But if they catch on quickly, I have the option of leaving out the extra activities. We also love Sonlight's choices for Readers. The books in Language Arts 1 are familiar favorites that the little ones often pull off the shelf for Mommy to read. Here, Katie (7) reads to Mom as Meghan (3) and Karson (2) eagerly join in for the story.

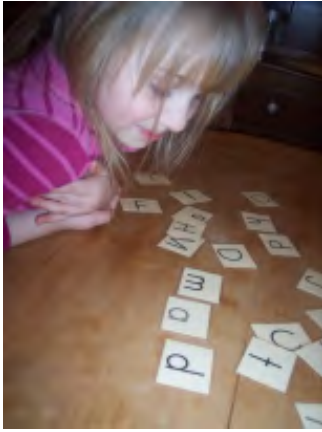
— **Elizabeth G** Greer, SC



Debbie is a single mom to Rebecca. They are both like family to me and my children. This year we will be homeschooling our daughters together with the Sonlight program. Sonlight has truly enriched our lives with it's wonderful literature, excellent lesson plans and perfect supporting material. With both Debbie and myself working from home, this organized and fascinating program makes homeschooling exciting and stress-free, for both us and our children. We love that Sonlight helps us to teach our children about God's creation in a relaxed and family oriented fashion, adding to loving moments and a strong bond with our daughters.

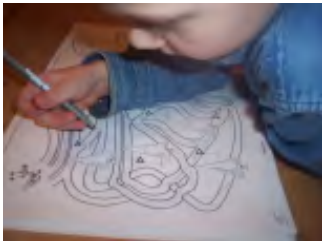
— **Emily G** Cartersville, GA





Selah knows that Mom uses "magic tape" (i.e. contact paper) to protect important things. Very early in the year, Selah asked if her letters cards for Language Arts 1 could have "magic tape" so she could use them over and over. Selah's brother Shepard will now have a nice set of "laminated" letter cards for his Language Arts study next year. SONLIGHT gives us the incredible opportunity and privilege to teach our four- and five-year old together! Public (and even private) school would have them separated by two grade years! Thank you SONLIGHT!

— **Esthermay G** Adams, MN



The "Developing the Early Learner" series is 4-year-old Shepard's favorite part of homeschool. Everyday he peeks at the up-coming pages with wide-eyed anticipation; and when he thinks mom is not looking, he goes ahead and turns the page and starts an exercise on his own! SONLIGHT gives us the incredible opportunity and privilege to teach our four- and five-year old together! Public (and even private) school would have them separated by two grade years! Thank you, SONLIGHT!

— **Esthermay G** Adams, MN



Shepard, age 4, grasps handwriting techniques best when doing his copywork. SONLIGHT gives us the incredible opportunity and privilege to teach our four- and five-year old together! Public (and even private) school would have them separated by two grade years! Thank you SONLIGHT!

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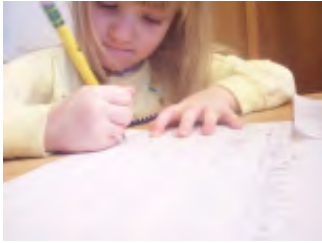


Four-year old Shepard hasn't really started phonics yet, but was slightly jealous when Selah (age 5) was learning to spell with the "cool" letters from Language Arts for Readers K. SONLIGHT gives us the incredible opportunity and privilege to teach our four- and five-year old together! Public (and even private) school would have them separated by two grade years! Thank you SONLIGHT!

— **Esthermay G** Adams, MN



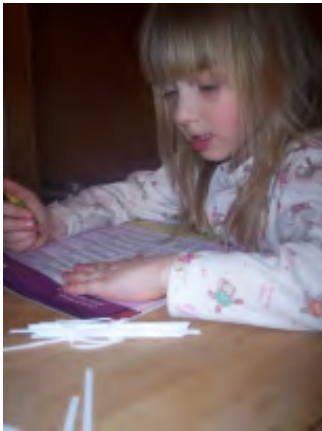




Handwriting Without Tears-K has given Selah (age 5) great confidence. She now enjoys making "Handwriting Samplers" and often asks for lined paper just to write out the alphabet. SONLIGHT gives us the incredible opportunity and privilege to teach our four- and five-year old together! Public (and even private) school would have them separated by two grade years! Thank you SONLIGHT!

— **Esthermay G** Adams, MN

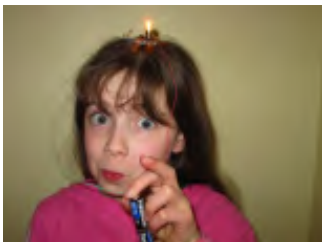
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The colorful illustrations in Singapore Earlybird Math K always drew Selah's attention to a subject that she usually did not want to tackle. By the end of the year, Math was a fun subject. Learning the "power-of-ten" seemed a turning point for her. We now bundle things around the house in tens - from Lincoln Logs to Cheerios to blades of grass. Hail! The Power of Ten! SONLIGHT gives us the incredible opportunity and privilege to teach our four- and five-year old together! Public (and even private) school would have them separated by two grade years! Thank you SONLIGHT!

— **Esthermay G** Adams, MN

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For the first time in years I can have early nights now, like the kids. The way Sonlight is organized means we will be able to continue homeschooling all three of our children without endless hours of preparation each night. I can still engage in conversation with my children about the books (because of the detailed notes to the parents), even though I haven't had time to read them myself. I thought Sonlight was too good to be true. Well, now I know it IS true! In her second year of Sonlight, Yale (11) shows off the light circuit she made as part of Science C.

— **Giulia G** Australia

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Madigan (4) has spinal surgery every October and April. If she were in public school she would miss 6-8 weeks of school and fall behind. She is very bright and doesn't need any labels. My husband and I loved the idea of being able to educate her on her terms. Of course teaching her about the Lord just makes it that much better. We are very excited about Sonlight.

— **Gloria G** Little Meadows, PA

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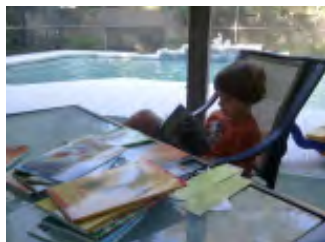
I KNOW I am giving my kids the best [education] I can possibly give. In our oldest daughter's first grade year, we did not use Sonlight. I was so disappointed with that year. She was bored and really disliked school. Then, Sonlight to the rescue! Our kids' favorite time of the day is when I am reading to them. Thank you Sonlight! Your work is such a blessing to our family. In this photo, Brynn (12, Core G), Mary (5, Core B), and Keith Jr. (9, Core G) find a fun place (the closet) to do school work together.

— **Gwen G** Charles Town , WV



In between subjects, the girls like to take a break by singing and dancing around. In this picture they were singing along with Sing the Word: A to Z. They just love this CD! We love to learn about world history. The girls just love to recreate or make things from different time periods. We live in Casper, Wy. In this picture the girls are making bakers clay to create a melting pot they can paint. We were learning about the Egyptian days and different things they made. The girls love this time of school when we can recreate things from history. We love our time together. It is such a blessing to be part of their learning process and I get to learn some new things too!

— **Heather G** Casper, WY



I guess the only bad thing about Sonlight is that I as the teacher don't get a break because my children love doing school too much! I am definitely not complaining though because it is such a blessing that they love learning so much, thanks to Sonlight. When we finished our most recent school year, the very next day my 7-year-old son Jake said he wanted to start our next school year. He said taking a four-week break was too long and he was too excited to get right into his new Core B books. I tell all of my homeschool friends to give Sonlight a try; it is definitely worth it! On his third Box Day, Jake eagerly starts on his new books from Core B.

— **Heather G** Fernandina Beach, FL



My husband and I researched home schooling options for quite some time and then decided to choose Sonlight. [We chose Sonlight] because of the complete curriculum option and the amount of books and kits that were shown for the year. It has been an amazing experience for Jasmine and me to share in this learning. She has gained so much insight into the world and has had educational experiences with such a wide variety of information. Sonlight has truly given Jasmine a new love of learning. In their second year with Sonlight, Mom and Jasmine (6) use the Kindergarten Full-Grade Package to study weather around the world.

— **Heidi G** North Dartmouth , MA





Sonlight lessons are all planned out for me and they include all kinds of fun activities. This was our first year homeschooling. I've been terribly busy and sleep-deprived with a new baby and three young children. Using Sonlight's Science A program was the best decision I could have made. Although the program is laid out in a weekly schedule, I've found it easy to adjust according to our needs. Some weeks we do a bit each day. Other times we have a 'Science Day' and do a week's worth of lessons and activities all at once. I simply pick up where we left off. Here, Gideon (2), Miriam (5) and Tabitha (6) make "hot lava" while studying volcanoes.

— **Holly G** Ridgecrest, CA



You can't find better books than in the Sonlight Curriculum! Our favorite school moments come after lunch when we can relax with our Read-Alouds and follow good stories together. Our Ethiopian children have learned a balanced view of 'Africa meets the West' through Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, Wilburforce's biography, The Landmark History of the American People and Across Five Aprils [all from Core E] – not the sort of education they would get anywhere else, because we are there to help them see and understand the evil and the good throughout history. Here, Liz works on Core G with her youngest three – Susannah (12), Emily (11) and Benjamin (12). Her older nine children also used Sonlight for many years.

— **Howard G** Winchester, VA



I love that my son reinforces what he's learning by telling his fish all about what he's been reading and sometimes he even reads to "Mikey" the Beta fish, oh, and his sisters! Every day Sonlight provides us with meaningful opportunities to learn and grow together as a family through reading exceptional literature together.

— **Jaime G** Lafayette , CO



'Mom, that's just like us!' That was my son Simeon's response as I read to them In Search of the Source, a missionary's story about living overseas. My kids have learned to stay on task even when our neighbors come for a visit. The children and adults alike love looking at the pictures and hearing the stories that we translate to them. I have been encouraged as a mother by the not only Christ-focused but also globally-focused choices of books that Sonlight offers. In their fourth year with Sonlight, Simeon (10) and Gloria (8) share Core E and Science E. In this photo, their neighbor, Tala, joins in to hear The Winged Watchman, a Core E Read-Aloud.

— **James G** Pflugerville , TX





I enjoy the shared bond that reading Sonlight books brings to our family. Box day for the younger children means new books for the older ones as well! Then everyone can discuss the books together. Often real life situations will remind us of a book, and we revisit a favorite story and talk about how the main character handled the situation. Our lives have been greatly enriched by the many beautiful Sonlight selections.

— **Jan G** Columbus, GA

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It is tradition that we take a picture of our girls' first day of school. Even though we order our new core earlier in the year, it does not diminish the celebration of the first day we start our cores. Christian homeschoolers are on the forefront of a wave of global change; it won't be uncommon for school pictures to look more like ours in the future.

— **Jane G** Gaithersburg, MD

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Sonlight inspires creativity and freedom and leaves plenty of time in our schedule to branch out. After reading 'The Snowy Day' [from The 20th Century Children's Book Treasury] for P3/4 during our lackluster winter, the girls decided to make chalk angels, since we couldn't make snow angels. Mommy outlined them, and the girls colored them in! In their third year with Sonlight, Jenna (5), Sarah (3) and Autumn (1) are using Cores A and P3/4.

— **Jane G** Gaithersburg, MD

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Sonlight Science D is excellent in answering so many of their questions about the world around them. Both Tate and his sister Abby eagerly pull out the science books (spelling and writing can wait) and want to hear about biology, water, animals and LIFE. [Overheard] 'We get to do real science today! At the pond! Let's find a water snake. Hey, that's a tadpole, and that's algae over there! It grows from lots of sun.' That's how it went as Tate introduced his cousin Curtis (who had a day off from school) to science class, outside! Tate (6) is studying Core C and Science D in his third Sonlight year of study.

— **Jeff G** Ramsey, MN

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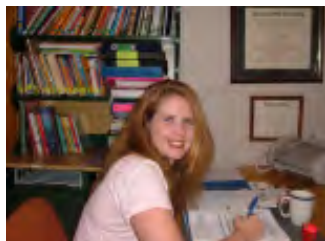




One of the goals that our family strives for is establishing strong, lasting relationships with each other. We believe that using Sonlight is helping us do this. With what other curriculum do you get to do your schoolwork curled up on a winter evening with dad and one of your sisters? We absolutely love the read-alouds. My husband, Greg, is so sweetly involved by helping read to the children in the evenings. He looks forward to finding out what happens as much as the children! Here, they are reading Strawberry Girl, one of our all time favorites. Abby, pictured on the right, wanted to know if there was a Strawberry Girl 2! There are days when I am moved to tears because I am so thankful that we are privileged to be with our children everyday, teaching them about the Lord as we go about our school day. Thank the Lord and thank you Sonlight that we can homeschool our children with confidence, knowing that they are getting an excellent education, without having to put them on that school bus!

— **Jennifer G** Griffin, GA

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Several years ago, as my family grew to 6 children, I needed a curriculum that would allow me to enjoy my weekends with my family, not spend it planning for the next week. A dear friend introduced me to Sonlight and I have been hooked ever since! My husband and I love the worldview that Sonlight presents. We love that our children are being challenged to examine their faith, and learn what others believe so that they can share their faith with them. Even better, the IG allows me to get up on Monday mornings and be virtually ready to go with very little prep time! Here, I am smiling because I love getting ready to teach my little ones using the wonderful books that Sonlight has, without all the planning and fuss! Thank you, thank you, thank you Sonlight for letting me homeschool my large family without losing my sanity!

— **Jennifer G** Griffin, GA

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Thank you Sonlight, for providing the latest and best products to make homeschooling a success. My son has always struggled in math. To be honest, it is not my favorite subject either. Teaching Textbooks has solved both of our problems! I can be assured that he is being taught correctly, without those "mom" errors. It also frees me to spend time reading to or working with my 5 other children. The automatic grade book and solutions are awesome! I am hoping we will see a Math 4 for my daughter next year! Thanks again Sonlight for providing another great product.

— **Jennifer G** Griffin, GA

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Today after lunch, I said the kids could get a marshmallow. That led to using their candles to roast them. I said sure, because I could read to them while they roasted. I read an article years ago by John Holzmann about letting kids play while you read aloud, that they will still pick up the material. This has been a great piece of advice through the years, especially this one since we have been doing SL and there is so much listening to me read. I had forgotten to open the day with prayer, so I said I was going to go ahead and pray before I started reading. I told everyone to keep their eyes open! It hit me that I was so grateful. I thanked God that my kids (and our neighbor Nick who joined us this year) weren't sitting behind a desk all day, but were roasting marshmallows during history class!! This year I have thought so MANY times: "This IS the way I wish I'd been taught!"

— **Jennifer G** San Marcos, TX

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Sonlight's grab-and-go Instructor's Guide makes it possible for us to homeschool. We live on a cattle ranch and homestead (produce much of our own food), so I wouldn't have time to design a curriculum. Sonlight has brought the world into our house. I love that my kids embrace diversity as a direct result of exposure to Sonlight books. They regularly impress people with the depth of their knowledge. They want to be explorers and adventurers, just like the ones we read about. On this day, Dalton (5, Core A) and Maddy (3, P3/4 Multi-Subject) explore the creek.

— **Jennifer G** Polo, MO

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Our first year of homeschooling was very unstructured and chaotic. We were so thankful we found Sonlight for our second year of homeschooling! 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. We loved the books we read and the kids were always asking me to read more chapters than the one assigned. One of their favorite books was "My Father's Dragon" which we got through so quickly, we had time to read the next two books in the series that we borrowed from the library. We plan to start our second year with Sonlight this fall with the B core.

— **Jennifer G** Blair, NE

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

— **Joanna G** Norris City, IL



Jovany loves Sonlight. Every year he makes sure to let me know he wants to use this curriculum again the next year. He loves reading chapter books and learns so much from the History books. Whether he is hanging upside down from the couch or on the treadmill, he really gets into Sonlight books. In this picture, he is reading *The Horse and His Boy* [from Core F] for the second time. I knew nothing about homeschooling when we started three years ago. On the advice from a friend, I tried Sonlight for History and Literature. We haven't stopped. Fourteen-year-old Jovany is now soaking up Core 200.

— **Jodie G** Butler, IN



The Sonlight Ultra Microscope has been a big hit at our house. The children are constantly dragging it out of the cupboard to study feathers, blood cells, cicada wings...Once we studied dust mites when the vacuum salesman stopped by with his wares. The children hauled out the microscope in the middle of his demonstration. The salesman was as curious as the children and he paused his demonstration to join the queue for a turn with the microscope.

— **Kate G** Aberdeen, MS



We love Apologia's approach to science! I like the conversational tone of the textbooks, the hands-on experiments, and the creation-centered perspective that is at the core of each text. I also appreciate that other scientific points of view are introduced where appropriate. This approach allows my children to recognize that there is debate in the scientific community so that they are prepared to debate these areas with intelligence and grace. Here Colin and Hannah are studying the composition of air from a chapter in *Exploring Creation With Physical Science*. For this experiment, the goggles were only for effect.

— **Kate G** Aberdeen, MS





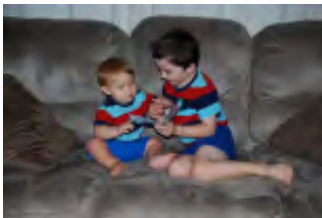
Sonlight has been a key ingredient in creating an insatiable thirst for the printed word in my children. Shared books create a strong family bond. When one of the younger children picks up a book that an older child has read their hearts are knit together a bit more. Our ever expanding Sonlight library contributes a great deal in this regard.

— **Kate G**    Aberdeen, MS



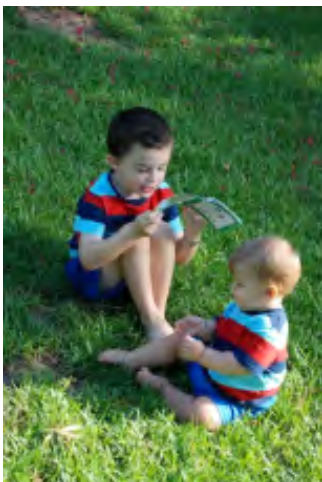
Teaching Textbooks takes away the stress when it comes to teaching middle and high school math. I love that the CD-ROM works out the solution for EVERY problem so the kids only need me for moral support. This is the only math program that allows me to cover this subject for my older children. I'm learning as much as they are! Here, her daughters Hannah, 12, and Erin, 7, work on their math lessons in their makeshift bamboo fort. The G family has homeschooled for seven years, all with Sonlight.

— **Kate G**    Aberdeen, MS



Although Trevor already had an entire bookcase full of books, as soon as we got Core A, the Sonlight volumes immediately became his favorites.

— **Kathryn G**    Columbia, SC



It is wonderful to see Trevor's confidence growing. He has always lacked confidence in his own abilities, easily giving up when something doesn't immediately go the way he'd like. When he announced that he wanted to learn to read, I was concerned he would find it too frustrating. I ordered Grade K Readers and Language Arts, and he has done so well! It is a very gentle and gradual introduction to reading. We love Fun Tales! Trevor loves the silliness of the stories and loves that HE can read. Sonlight is the exact type of program I would have designed myself, only I didn't have to do the work! Trevor is using Core P4/5 in his second year of Sonlight.

— **Kathryn G**    Columbia, SC



I was so glad to find Artistic Pursuits in Sonlight's catalog! Not being very artistic myself, it helps me to discuss great art with Trevor and gives us a starting point for his own interesting works of art. We love the quality electives that Sonlight offers.

— **Kathryn G**    Columbia, SC







We love the emphasis on history with Sonlight and are excited to have both of our girls learn side by side this year.

— **Katrina G** Owens Cross Roads , AL



We just moved from the city to the country. While reading about chickens in Our Animal Friends, we couldn't resist bringing my son's favorite new baby chick inside to share the moment! SL has been so easy to use during our move - it has allowed me to keep homeschooling my son even in the midst of chaos. Thanks for this lovely, gentle preschool program.

— **Keely G** Mcalester, OK



Core 5 has made other cultures come alive and even the younger members of the family have enjoyed hearing tidbits about them. We spent 3 years of "drought" in our homeschooling, looking for water and finally with Sonlight can settle and enjoy this oasis! Considering we live in a country with few homeschoolers like us, it has been hard to source materials, and now we are building an amazing library through Sonlight, that we can use for all our children. We love the journey that Sonlight takes you on, especially the literature choices and how they tie in so well to what we are focusing on at the time.

— **Kelly G** Israel



The girls are reading their favorite books near the canyon where we live. It is in the Negev Israel. Sonlight has become an oasis to us in our homeschooling "desert" as very few people homeschool in Israel or homeschool the way we do!

— **Kelly G** Israel



During a break from school work the kids migrated to the front yard. I found them huddled together on the front porch together studying a moth. Getting covered in pollen as I crouched between the shrubs was a small price to pay to get this shot! I love that Sonlight has brought us closer as a family and has given my children the opportunity to learn together.

— **Kelly G** Byram, MS



This picture completely sums up Sonlight to me. I love the excitement in learning, the thrill of experiencing life through the eyes of the authors Sonlight chooses, and the delight we have in being together as a family for all of it! My children have a heart for the Gospel that Sonlight has cultivated through the richest curriculum, and they have a wonderful love for one another that has come through sharing all these experiences together. Thank you, Sonlight! Here, Titus (2), Gratian (4) and Brunner (7) examine some new caterpillars that will someday turn into butterflies. Along with their sister Aurora (10), the boys are all sharing Cores A and F in their family's seventh year of Sonlight.

— **Ken G** Grove City, PA



Jacob & Braden are doing their Horizons Math at the table but the baby, Nicklaus, can not be left out! He loves to "do school" with the big boys so he practices his Muggins math while the boys work on their worksheets. The boys love the home school diversity of worksheets, reading and read-alouds. As a first-year home schooling mom, I love how easy Sonlight is to use. As an English major in college, I love the literature. I also like that I won't be giving them tests because I know exactly where they are at on their educational journey. We all love the diversity and richness of the content in the Sonlight books. We love Sonlight and can't imagine using any other program! Jacob & Braden are doing their Horizons Math at the table but the baby, Nicklaus, can not be left out! He loves to "do school" with the big boys so he practices his Muggins math while the boys work on their worksheets. The boys love the home school diversity of worksheets, reading and read-alouds. As a first-year home schooling mom, I love how easy Sonlight is to use. As an English major in college, I love the literature. I also like that I won't be giving them tests because I know exactly where they are at on their educational journey. We all love the diversity and richness of the content in the Sonlight books. We love Sonlight and can't imagine using any other program!

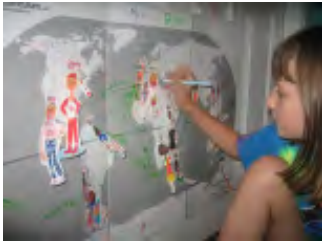
— **Kimberly G** Phoenix, AZ



Sonlight has exposed our kids to wonderful literature, unique perspectives, and at all times, the highest standards. I appreciate Sonlight's flexibility. I work full time and love how I can tailor the schedule to suit our lifestyle. We spent the past year studying British history and literature in preparation for a trip to Great Britain. Here, Mom, Caroline (15) and Meredith (13) read from *The Ravenmaster's Secret* outside the Tower of London. The family has been studying with Sonlight for 8 years.

— **Kristina G** Canada





Caroline decided to create these "Global Girls" (and there are "States Sisters" on the reverse, too!) all on her own one day. She got out an atlas, found the country flags, and designed these paper dolls with colours matching their flag colours. More than that, though, she'd learn about the climate where they lived to give them appropriate dress. These was all self-initiated, and I feel confident that she'll be retaining more, and connecting more things visually in her mind, because it was her concept and her plan. She works on them happily while we're doing read-alouds, or on her own time. She wanted to use the paper map, but of course it would have torn with the tape, so the Markable Map was perfect for her project. I was happy because she was making something educational her own - and learning on her terms made it more significant to her. Although this isn't a Sonlight activity, it's that readiness to explore, and that interest in thinking about people all over the world that I see all the time in my girls. They're not focussed on their corner of the world - they want to be Global Girls! That's a Sonlight thing.

— **Kristina G**    Canada

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Sonlight has done so much to bring the world home to our girls. It's been really amazing to watch their awareness and concern for other cultures bloom. They love discovering the countries we read about during school over dinner. This tabletop map that you suggested has been fabulous!

— **Kristina G**    Canada

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A dream realized as my daughter Taylore reads to her Papi. Stolen moments like these... private times between a daughter and her dad are so easy to grab with our blessed homeschooling lifestyle. Out in the brilliant mid-winter Arizona sun... does life get any better than this?

— **Kristina G**    El Mirage , AZ

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Tana helps little sister Corina with one of her Preschool read-alouds while twin Taylor reads a little history to Papi. Moments like these, out in the brilliant mid-winter Arizona sun aren't uncommon with the blessed homeschooling lifestyle we enjoy with Sonlight Curriculum.

— **Kristina G** El Mirage , AZ



I love this picture that shows our son, Micah, excited about exploring the mountains of Colorado. During this past school year we studied about mountains using the book Wild Places from our Sonlight history/geography studies. Our family then decided to go see the mountains for ourselves over the summer (and take Grandpa, Grandma, and an uncle with us!). We never knew hiking could be so much fun, and studying with Sonlight gave us the tools to understand what we were experiencing in the mountains. Visiting the mountains also whet my daughter's appetite for her study of rocks and the formation of the earth's surface, which she is studying now using the Usborne Guide to Rocks and Fossils! Interesting and informative texts, hands-on family exploration of topics that we study, and lots of fun together.....learning doesn't get better than that!!! Thanks to Sonlight, my husband and I have an intimate awareness of what our children are learning and have the flexibility to make our studies come alive!

— **Laura G** Florissant, MO



As a family, we care for medically fragile foster babies. Homeschooling with Sonlight allows us the flexibility in our schedule that we need to work together as a family to care for the many day-to-day needs of these special babies while at the same time allowing our children to enjoy a top notch education. My children love to learn and devour their readers and history literature. In this picture, which was taken by a family friend, Hannah is on the couch working on Wordly Wise while my son, Micah, reads Window on the World with Dad, and I read books to the babies. Micah loves learning about the different countries and cultures in Window on the World and then finding them on the map. My children are developing a servant's heart and compassion for others as we care together for fragile babies while at the same time their Sonlight curriculum opens their eyes to the needs of the larger world around them. Dad is holding baby Jesse, whom we adopted, and who has severe brain damage. Yet if you ask Micah about his baby brother, the first thing Micah will say is, "Jesse is the cutest baby in the world!!!" Thank you, Sonlight, for supporting us as we seek to teach our children to love and care for the those around us.

— **Laura G** Florissant, MO







Taye and I were doing our Read-Alouds, with Arri listening in. Arri loves the books about animals; Taye enjoys anything with machines, like the science book, Finding Out About Everyday Things. Taye will be starting Core 1 in the fall, and Arri will reuse his Core K when she's old enough. We like Sonlight because the books cover so many subjects. Taye especially likes the science experiments and recently was "examining" a worm as a "worm scientist" in the backyard. We also counted the rings on a stump in the backyard to see how old it was when it was cut down. Sonlight is also great because it's flexible - some days Taye will write a letter to a relative rather than do his regular writing assignment.

— **Laura G** Albany, NY

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We have been using Sonlight since we started homeschooling Taye in kindergarten. This coming year we'll be using Core F with him. We love the literature-rich curriculum, the missionary stories, and the historical fiction. Taye especially likes the eye-catching Usborne books in the science curriculum. I love that I am continually learning along with him.

— **Laura G** Albany, NY

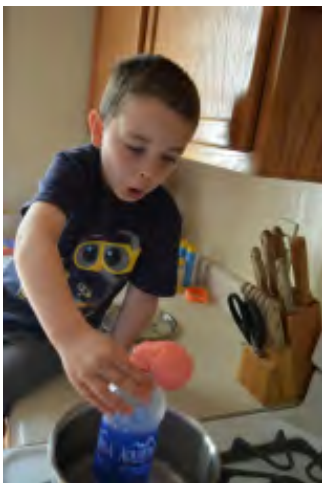
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After our first week of homeschooling Levi cried on Saturday and Sunday when we didn't do school. Levi loves to show his little brother Aaron (age 1) what he is learning, and he tries to teach Aaron everything he learns. We are so grateful to Sonlight 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.

— **Laura G** Laughlin Afb, TX

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Levi was in awe that the science experiment actually worked! He loves doing all the experiments. We love spending time together as a family, and seeing Levi's awe and excitement learning something new is the most precious gift that Sonlight gives our family. In his second year of Sonlight, 5-year-old Levi (Core A, Science A) is amazed to see how hot air expands and cold air condenses.

— **Laura G** Universal City, TX



I was very hesitant to try homeschooling, but Sonlight's Instructor's Guides had it laid out step by step for me. 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.

— **Lee G** Rocky Mount, NC



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. 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.

— **Lesley G** Beggs, OK



Sonlight has given my 7-year-old daughter a real understanding of the flow of history. 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-H] 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! It's like it actually means something when it 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.

— **Libby G** Indianapolis, IN





The close integration of Sonlight's readers and history has given our children a deep understanding of U.S. history. We're amazed to see them draw parallels between the U.S. history they've studied and the current events they see on television or in the newspaper.

— **Lisa G** Springfield, TN



The step-by-step approach of Saxon math, with its constant drill for reinforcement, has been a good fit for my daughter. Though her interests lie in the humanities and she doesn't count math among her strongest subjects, she made a perfect score on the math portion of a recent achievement test.

— **Lisa G** Springfield, TN



Since we've started using Sonlight, no family vacation is complete without a trip to some historic location. This year we visited the many historic sites around Williamsburg, Va. Thanks to Sonlight, the entire family has a deeper appreciation for the sites we see; we have already "visited" many of them through our Sonlight reading.

— **Lisa G** Springfield, TN



I was on the verge of giving up on homeschooling when we stumbled upon you! Thank you Sonlight. 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.

— **Lisa G** Shinnston, WV





Because of Sonlight's hands-on experiments, Caleb has fallen in love with science this year. 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.

— **Lori G**    Zebulon, NC

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Reading a Sonlight favorite over again after it has been read-aloud is a common occurrence with Lilly. Once is just not enough. Sonlight has blessed our home by providing quality literature that remains classic year after year. Lilly may grow, the tree as well, selections may change, but one thing about Sonlight books stays the same...they are there providing food for her mind and enrichment for her heart and soul.

— **Lynn G**    University Heights, OH

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Learning is always an adventure with three sisters to join in the fun. Lilly, Bella, and Vivienne find something new to discover every day with Sonlight. Big sister Lilly takes the lead by sharing her love of science with the other two. Sonlight is unique because it can be tailored to fit each child's individual learning style and passion for a certain subject. Of course, Mom is always kept interested too, by the variety of award-winning literature and topics covered. With Sonlight, each day promises something new and exciting will unfold.

— **Lynn G**    University Heights, OH

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Lilly and Bella do just about everything together and homeschooling is no exception. Thanks to Sonlight, big sister Lilly can share her love of reading with her little sister who is at the beginner level, but eager to learn. The curriculum offered by Sonlight is presented in a way that multi-age children can learn together successfully. It has been a blessing for our family because as they grow and learn together, they are also forming a bond that will last a lifetime. Thanks, Sonlight!

— **Lynn G**    University Heights, OH

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Reading aloud means that Mom becomes a master teacher, whisking them away to some new land, introducing them to a new friend, or teaching them about a culture usually far-removed from their own.

— **Lynn G** University Heights, OH

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Each year we have a neighbor plow a portion of our 2 acres and the children start planning what flowers and veggies they want to grow. They each plant and water and watch. It has become a family project we all love. Even the weeding. In the photo they were all so proud that their plants had germinated and were growing. They love being home and getting to experience real life science. Love Sonlight, always have. The support I have received from the phone staff is very valuable. Each time I have called I was treated kindly and given wise information. Most importantly, the daily schedule makes using this curriculum flawless!! After adopting 3 children when they were babies, (in a 10 month period) I was worried how my 5 year old and I would be able to make homeschooling work. Having the program so organized and really use-able was a life saver. I tell everyone about Sonlight. Really. Do not plan on using anything else

— **Mary G** Roseville, CA

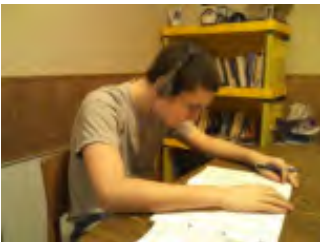
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As homeschoolers we like to use every opportunity as a learning experience, Sonlight helps us to do so. We also like to use every available resource to the fullest. Dad is in the military and deployed to Iraq last year. When he returned we used the wrapping paper from our Sonlight box to create the welcome home banner. Our Sonlight readers travel everywhere with us. We've used them in many states from Alabama, to Virginia, North Carolina and currently in Michigan. Dad likes them too and even took a couple to Iraq with him.

— **Mary G** Mount Clemens, MI

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Zach is working on his Wordly Wise. SL's IGs make it very easy for me to have Zach working on his stuff while I work with my other children on their schooling. Zach has commented that SL books expose him to books that he would not have picked up on his own, but has enjoyed thanks to SL's scheduling of them. Thanks to SL, my son's horizons have truly been expanded!

— **Melissa G** Ankeny, IA

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Bekah is a developing, reader. SL's great books encourage her to read, while the IG's make it easy for me to adapt the reading assignments to her level and ability. Here Bekah is enjoying a poetry book with her favorite teddy bear, Winq (because he only has one eye). She practices her reading in anticipation of bringing home her adopted baby brother, to whom she is looking forward to reading all the stories she has so enjoyed.

— **Melissa G** Ankeny, IA



Bekah is working on her Teaching Textbooks assignment. I love the ease of TT. She is able to do her assignments while I concentrate on helping my other children. Also, because Bekah is very good at math, with TT, we were able to accelerate her to a higher level than her "grade" would indicate - a benefit in all of SL's programs because of the literature nature of the curriculum.

— **Melissa G** Ankeny, IA



The greatest thing about Sonlight is that my children, all different ages, can work together on any certain level! This makes my job of planning a school day and teaching lessons so much easier! Zach, Amanda, and Bekah work together on a science experiment from Apologia's General Science.

— **Melissa G** Eldridge, IA



We love the way Sonlight caters to different ages while incorporating our favorite pasttime – reading! No time is wasted getting schedules together and planning. Sonlight is great when we're on the go, whether on a trip to the beach or when moving to whatever country God sends us. Emily (16, Core 300), Christy (14, Core H), Joseph (11, Core G), Heidi and Johannes (5 and 3, Core P4/5) think that doing school 'down under' has never been more fun!

— **Michele G** New Zealand





We love the diversity of cultures represented in Sonlight curriculum. As an interracial family, this is extremely important to our family. Sadly, so many other Christian curricula are not as diverse. We adopted Johannah from Ethiopia four months ago. One of the ways we bond together is through books and telling stories. Sonlight has helped us find quality literature to enjoy and talk about as a family. Johannah loves looking at the pictures and talking about them. In so doing, she has already learned so much English naturally. In their third year of Sonlight study, Isaiah (7, Core B+C) and Johannah (5, P3/4 Multi-Subject) take it to the park.

— **Missy G** Centennial, CO

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Jasey and Kelis are enjoying a beautiful morning with, A Family Treasury of Little Golden Books, one of their many favorite books from Sonlight core P4/5. I often find them sitting with a book retelling the story. I love that the older boys, ages 10, 13, and 14 will take time to read a story to their younger siblings, remembering a favorite of their own or being introduced to a new story or culture. I also love the great variety of books and stories in a core and that I don't have to run to the library every few days for more reading material. This has saved me a huge amount of time and fuel. We have always been voracious readers, but Sonlight has come up with some gems that we hadn't read or even heard of, so we thank you. My biggest complaint is that I never know where I might find the current favorite book.

— **Misty G** Dixon, IL

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Samuel Green, 10, is absorbed by "Bound for Oregon, from his older brothers" core 100. One of my favorite things about Sonlight is that the books in all the cores are interesting enough to capture a wide age and developmental range. Samuel goes from reading his younger sister's books in core P4/5 to his books in core 4 to his older brothers' books in core 100. Sonlight, it makes you glad to be a middle child.

— **Misty G** Dixon, IL

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Lincoln, 13, relaxing in the tulip tree while engaging his mind with "A Case for a Creator," by Strobel, purchased to supplement core 100's Bible and Apologia's Exploring Creation with Biology. I appreciate that Sonlight offers additional books that are thought provoking and useful for electives or further study.

— **Misty G** Dixon, IL

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Homeschooling with Sonlight has allowed us the opportunity to enjoy learning and to have fun. We have time to be serious about our studies and then time as a family to ...well, just be a family. The joy we experienced as we explored new places was evident as Jonathan showed his true personality as he "kissed" the Sphnix in a moment of pure fun.

— **Nancy G**    Canada



Homeschooling allows us the time to be still in God's world. After walking through Roman ruins in Varna, Bulgaria, Sarah takes a minute to make connections between what she has learned through Sonlight history and what she sees. So often we rush through our days trying to meet everyone's expectations. With Sonlight we have the time to read, to connect and to be a family together; we have the time to simply be. We have used Sonlight for all 6 of our homeschool years and love the gentle approach to learning.

— **Nancy G**    Canada



When many people find out our family homeschools they say, "Wow. You must have a ton of patience. I could never do it." What they don't know is how much fun it is! We have the opportunity to learn and explore new things together. Sonlight has helped my children to love learning. Sonlight has given us the freedom to learn through real literature and still have time to do things we choose." Nancy G, July 2009

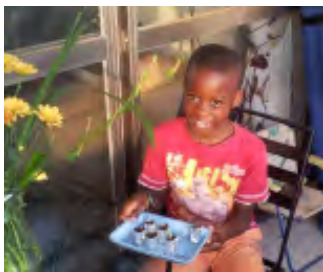
— **Nancy G**    Canada



When I first starting looking for a curriculum that served a multitude of age ranges and allowed for little imaginations to grow, I was amazed to find Sonlight had all I was looking for! With Sonlight's wide range of Culture Studies, History, and Language Arts blended in with my Christian values, I found that I could be flexible in our schedule. And with the addition of two new children in the home I needed that! We take advantage of field trips when possible and hop in the car in the spur of the moment to enjoy a great family outing and they are still learning! Thank you Sonlight for instilling great books and the love of learning into my children. They have a real heart for other cultures.

— **Pamela G**    Houston, TX





I'm not sure which part of Sonlight makes my son more alive: History or the Science experiments. We live in Uganda, and when we invite one child from the neighborhood to join our class, we get the whole village! One boy agreed to an offer I jokingly made for our family to adopt him. But first, his face turned serious. He had an important condition to request: 'Will I get to do Science with Tal?' I answered in the affirmative, and with that, he happily said 'Okay!'" Talema (9), is studying Core D+E in his third Sonlight year. Here, his experiment seems to show that plants don't like to feel crowded.

— **Pendo G**    Uganda



This year was our families first time using sonlight as our main source of learning. We studied Core B this year and enjoyed every minute of it, I love the fact that Sonlight is so mission minded. They also give children the chance to go on many adventures through many wonderful books. My husband Brian has loved Sonlight so much this year because of all the reading he hears us do throughout the day. As you can see, he is absorbed in some reading time with two of our little ones, who both enjoy that special time with Papa (Dad). Thank you Sonlight for helping us create memories that will last a life time.

— **Priscilla G**    Lenox, MI



My daughter loves Sonlight! She loves the Science, she loves history, she loves, loves, loves the books! Homeschooling has allowed us the flexibility to move around the world without upsetting our educational goals, and Sonlight makes the school days a pleasure. In this photo, the "Mad Scientist," as her dad called her, was using Sonlight's Science to compare how various substances respond to heat. This day it was hard to decide which :jamie" had the most fun....

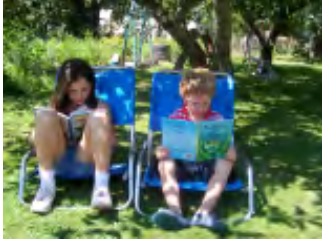
— **Rosie G**    The Woodlands, TX



I'm so thankful the Lord led us to Sonlight, where so much of the work is done for me. When I found out we were expecting our fourth child, I knew I would need a curriculum to help lighten the load. If it wasn't for Sonlight, homeschooling would feel like an overwhelming, impossible task. We love the material and the worldview so much. In their third Sonlight year, Ruby Mae (2), Dad, Aaron (3, P4/5 Multi-Subject) and Isaac (6, Core C) enjoy some world history with engaging illustrations.

— **Roxann G**    Columbia City, IN





Two of my children were 'caught' reading under the apple tree. Our family loves Sonlight for many reasons. Some of which are the ease of planning, the book selection and the cohesiveness of the curriculum. My oldest daughter wasn't fond of reading much before we began using Sonlight and now we can't get her to put the books down! Here, Savannah (8) reads from one of last year's Core C Read-Alouds as Ian (5) reads from Science A. The four children of the G family are studying Cores B, D, H and 400 in their fifth year of Sonlight.

— **Rudy G** Gresham, OR

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Sonlight gives me the opportunity to stop, slow down and get lots of snuggle and one-on-one time with our blessings! 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. Seven-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.

— **Sara G** New London, OH

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Sonlight is the BEST way to homeschool. Sonlight has given all of my children a love of books and the gift of knowledge. It has enabled us to create a strong family bond through reading and studying together. Thanks for making learning fun for my children. In their sixth year of Sonlight, Luke (11) and Lindsay (8) read outside with their dog Cole. They are currently using Core D.

— **Shannon G** Magalia , CA

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When we read such wonderful stories we sometimes forget that this IS school. 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.

— **Sheila G** Fort Ashby, WV

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Sonlight is worth every penny! I was hesitant to make that first purchase because it seemed expensive. I spent hours trying to figure out ways to get a Sonlight education without buying a Core. But each idea was lacking in some way and would require lots of time and effort on my part. I finally ordered Core A with Science A and am so glad I did! The IG is a big deal. The hard work and planning has been done. All we do is open and start learning! Sonlight lets us relax and enjoy being a family. Here, Dad reads with Paige (4) and Sydney (6) during a normal Sonlight day.

— **Shontel G** Etiwanda, CA



Sonlight has been able to encourage my son's thirst for learning. 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.

— **Shruti G** Tupelo, MS



Before starting Sonlight, we completed a different curriculum for kindergarten and our homeschool year was full of tears and frustration. Quitting homeschooling did cross my mind many times, but then we found Sonlight. It is such a complete, beautiful, enjoyable curriculum. I don't have to worry about what I am going to teach next because it's all right there in the Instructor's Guide, already planned out for me. The books in the Cores are so full of emotion that they have touched our souls. Now I just sit down and cherish every moment with my children. In their first year of Sonlight, Bella (7, Core A) and Seth (5, Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package) enjoy a Sonlight Reader, Put Me in the Zoo, together.

— **Taidee G** Leesville , LA



We live in rural South Africa, so were kind of "forced" into home-schooling, but it has become a real way of life! Our theme in home-schooling is to create a love of learning. Content is secondary at this point. The children love exploring the world around them. And Sonlight is great in providing fantastic material and guidance to help them do this. In the photo, Joshua and Grace explore electrical circuits.

— **Taryn G** South Africa





Jared and Kenan are both learning two different lessons while building a bond of friendship that can never be broken. Home schooling allows my family ties to be stronger and Sonlight curriculum promotes that. The choice of books that the core packages have, have enriched us! We have enjoyed gathering on our couch to read as a family and we've had fun going on adventures in our own living room.

— **Thamar G** Wasco, CA

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Sonlight curriculum's focus on other countries and cultures is unique among homeschooling resources and has sparked in our children an interest and heart for those in other countries. Jonelle was able to take advantage of an opportunity to spend a week in the Peruvian Rainforest with the Oregon Zoo and this experience has left her with a profound desire to return and help the local villages. Thanks Sonlight!

— **Thea G** Scappoose, OR

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I love that Sonlight Curriculum allows all three of my kids to study together. They listen to the same Read-Alouds and are aware of what each other is working on. It has brought all of us closer together and has helped to build trust and respect for each other. Cole (13) and Ellie (9), along with Sammie (11, not pictured), just finished Core F in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Tricia G** Yakima, WA

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Core 3 has not only encouraged the creativity in my children, but it brought early American history alive for them. We created these costumes for Fall Harvest, but they have worn them many more times as they explore our backyard, acting out the characters in their favorite Readers. It was amazing to see the connection with the characters. This was our first year to homeschool. Sonlight made it amazingly easy.

— **Tricia G** Yakima, WA

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I love being able to slow down and embrace our surroundings. A rare moment; this hummingbird was trapped, due to exhaustion we were able to retrieve it from its snare and set it free. The excitement my children experienced has been encouraged through Sonlight's readers and read alouds. I believe stories encourage us to notice what's going on around us, rather than expecting to be entertained. This is our first year of homeschooling. I chose Core 3 because I could teach all three of my children using the same curriculum.

— **Tricia G** Yakima, WA

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Independent study allowed my son to thrust forward with his interest in Science. Not only did he love the experiments in Science 4, he took on more and more projects to expand his interests. Sonlight's Science curriculum is so hands on that it empowers children to explore and find answers on their own. I chose Science 4 because I could use this one curriculum to teach all three of my children ages 8-11.

— **Tricia G**    Yakima, WA

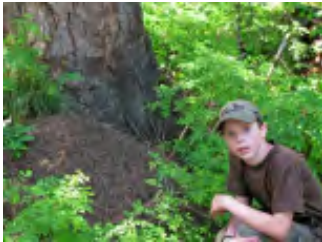
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It's our first year of homeschooling and my husband loves it. He especially loves to participate in the Read Alouds and the science experiments. It's a great feeling to watch him actively be a part of my children's education.

— **Tricia G**    Yakima, WA

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The appreciation of nature has increased through homeschooling. Taking the time to notice his surroundings, my son discovered this gigantic ant hill, home to thousands of very busy ants, while hiking through the Cascade Mountains. Sonlight's Science curriculum is so hands on that it empowers children to explore and find answers on their own. I chose Science 4 because I could use this one curriculum to teach all three of my children ages 8-11.

— **Tricia G**    Yakima, WA

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I am a mother of 4 daughters, and have been homeschooling them for 8 years. I have tried several different curricula through the years that either demanded many hours of advance prep work, were dreadfully boring, or simply overwhelming in the demands it made of me and my children. I was always jamming, cramming, planning, skimming, skipping, adjusting, adding. It was exhausting. At the end of most weeks I would feel like a failure. After my fourth daughter officially began schooling, I was seeking a quality curriculum that would require little prep work so that I could juggle all the requirements that running a home and schooling 4 children required. But I also wanted to avoid handing my daughters dry textbooks and workbooks, essentially taking away all the joy that homeschooling can be. Last year I tried out Sonlight with just my oldest daughter to see if it would work for our family. Sonlight has been the answer that I've been looking for! The option of a 4 day or 5 day school schedule is such a gift of flexibility! The lesson plans are laid out so simply and it is such a relief to me as a busy homeschooler to be able to hand her the assignment sheet on Monday morning and know that she can work her way through the well thought-out daily assignments mostly on her own. We meet for our one-on-one time in the afternoons which is a special mother-daughter time for just the two of us. This past year of Sonlight with our 13 year old daughter has been the best year yet, I now feel like a success as a homeschooler, and a huge burden has been lifted from my shoulders: the anxiety and guilt are gone. I am excited to include the other three children this year as they begin their own Sonlight journeys. I have finally found a curriculum that fits.

— **Valerie G** Eden Prairie, MN



We chose Horizons Math this past year and it has been a great math curriculum for all three of my children. They love the brightly colored, illustrated workbook pages, and I love the spiral learning method! My children have grown so much in their understanding of mathematical concepts without becoming frustrated by rote memorization. In their first year of homeschooling, Majandra (7, Core B) learns how to carry when adding.

— **Violeta G** Oakmont, PA





For our first year of homeschooling, I couldn't have asked for an easier-to-follow Instructor's Guide. To see the love of books through my children's eyes is amazing! When they're finished with their schoolwork, they even choose reading for their fun activities. Sparked with an interest for the homeless after reading George Muller in our Read-Alouds, Abby collected 144 blankets. The encouragement that book gave her for this mission is one we could've never taught on our own. Here Abby (7, Core B+C) shows her goal checklist and the blankets she collected during her first year of Sonlight living and giving.

— **Adam H** Lakesite, TN



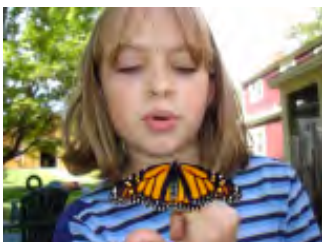
Sonlight has been wonderful in teaching Daniel and Zach to love reading and learning. The Sonlight book choices are outstanding in their content and challenge the kids to learn 'above and beyond' what is typically taught at their grade level. They have enjoyed every book so far. We read them together and they often reread them on their own. Zach (6) and Daniel (8) enjoy some free time reading in the tree house as Benjamin (2) happily tags along. The H family is using Cores A and B and Science A and B in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Alicia H** Rochester, NY



Sonlight Curriculum exposes our children to God-honoring and challenging concepts in literature. 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! Sonlight books go everywhere with us. Here, Daniel (9) and Zach (7) read a Core C favorite on the front porch in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Alicia H** Rochester, NY



Jacquelyn is sending off a Monarch butterfly hatchling after emerging from his chrysalis and drying his wings. Each year, in early September, we have the privilege of watching the miraculous transformation of caterpillar to butterfly. Then we set it free....Freedom is what Sonlight gives us in a lifestyle of learning. Since the curriculum is ready-made, we have no need to "reinvent the wheel," and more time to engage in appreciating God's miracles of nature unfolding around us.

— **Allyn H** Temple, NH



Jacquelyn and Kerith like to read in locations that feel natural to them. So where else would you read a horse book?...on horseback! The people at Sonlight understand how to select literature that will captivate a child's heart. Our girls particularly enjoy the Marguerite Henry books which feed their natural love affair with these majestic animals.

— **Allyn H** Temple, NH



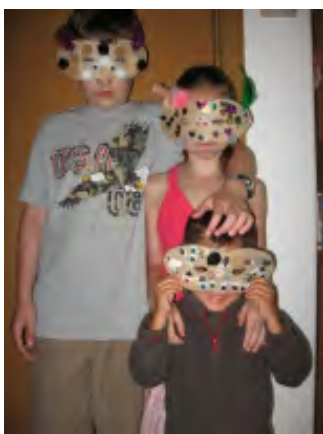
Family trips to the mountains of NH will be one of the memories we hope our children will treasure someday. One of the great perks of using Sonlight is the versatility that's built into using the program. I love that I have "permission" to use a 4-day schedule and it's all planned out for me. This flexibility gives us day five to use however we choose....makeup work, field trips, art projects, or making memories enjoying the outdoors together. That freedom is what homeschooling with Sonlight is all about!

— **Allyn H** Temple, NH



By using the Developing the Early Learner series [from Core P4/5], I was able to learn that Elizabeth wasn't always deliberately disobeying me. It was that her auditory memory skills were terrible! It gave me a specific goal to work on with her, and now she is getting much better at remembering my instructions. This is not a workbook set I would have purchased on my own, but I'm thankful that Sonlight included it in Core P4/5. Our family has benefited much from learning more about both of our daughters' perceptual strengths & weaknesses. Lord willing, we will use Sonlight until the children are done with high school. To find a curriculum so rich in great literature and Jesus was a blessing! Elizabeth (5) and Abigail (4) both love their school work. They're now using Core A in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Allysha H** Jaffrey, NH



I am so thankful that a friend recommended Sonlight before my oldest son started Kindergarten. We have enjoyed using it more than I can tell. The books are fabulous. I love the family time we have with all of us together reading and listening to such great literature. It has created an insatiable curiosity in my oldest son and a love of reading in my daughter. Now we get to share it with the neighbor boy, who we babysit every week day. He is from an unchurched family and P34 allows us to teach him about the bible and give him a christian perspective on life, that he would not otherwise have. He is always asking us to read to him and is thriving in our home while he learns along with the big kids.

— **Amber H** Snohomish, WA







We love Sonlight because it's literature-rich and uses "real" books. Our kids become Romans, pirates, mummies or pioneers as they learn from Core K.

— **Amy H** Littleton, CO

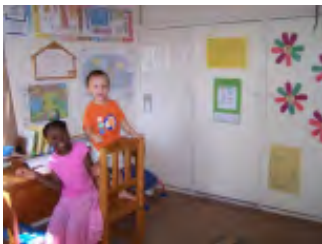
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We love Sonlight and how it makes learning fun. It has helped our children to love reading like no other curriculum that we have researched or used. Sonlight, with its great selection of books, has increased our children's love of reading and learning. We travel often and live on Madeira Island, a remote island off the coast of Morocco. Sonlight has truly blessed us with the ease and flexibility of transporting our homeschooling classroom with us. It also allows both parents to be a part of the learning experience and share the joy of homeschooling. Sonlight gives us confidence to live and serve God overseas, as we are still able to provide the books and education that we know will bless our children's learning experience for many years to come. In these pictures their dad, Kristjan, is reading Usborn Book of Science Activities and The Usborne Complete First Book of Nature to the kids outside as they look at all the creatures and plants that God has given us to discover. All our kids Kaija (6), Mikkai (4) and even Adelei (2) can enjoy these books. Thank you, Sonlight.

— **Andrea H** Maryville, TN

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Life in Zambia has brought many unexpected and joyful surprises to me. Topping the list was adopting my daughter Ireen nearly five years ago. When the time came to begin her education, I wasn't ready to send her away to school...I had already missed the first two years of her life! That's when I began homeschooling, another unexpected yet joyful experience. It has further bonded us in our relationship and allows her to spend her days with her two brothers, Ian (pictured) and Tristan (9months). Following Ireen's example, Ian is excited about school and pours over Ireen's books, especially the pictures in her history books! Getting a year's worth of curriculum and books can be a bit tricky but it is absolutely worth it in a resource limited setting. Our days begin with Sonlight bringing a fun and predictable rhythm to our days when much else on the mission field is so unpredictable.

— **Andrea H** Dixon, IL

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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]. 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 Clair is happy to stay home again this year for her ninth year of Sonlight.

— **Angie H**    Myersville, MD



We have used Sonlight since our oldest daughter started homeschooling, and for sure we can say it is the BEST choice. We like the diversity it offers. Through all the reading we, as a family, have learned so much about the world and history, that we would have not learned with any other curriculum. We have never regretted choosing Sonlight. We recommend it to all of our homeschooling friends, and will keep using the Sonlight throughout the children's high school.

— **Anita H**    Holton, KS



Our whole family has been waiting anxiously, watching out the window for the FedEx truck. We all knew our box would be arriving from Sonlight today, and we couldn't wait! When it finally arrived, we couldn't open it until everyone was in the living room ready to dig in. Doug, Ann, Olivia (7), and Angela (almost five) poured over each book, analyzed each title, and explored each theme as we unpacked each treasure from the big box. From beginning to end, we never grow tired of our school year, and I know that next year we'll be just as anxious to dig into a new box of treasures as we were today. Thank you, Sonlight, for such a rich and exciting education!

— **Ann H**    Monticello, AR





Gavin is only five but has soared this past year with Sonlight. He loves to go to bed with flashlight in one hand and a stack of books in the other, and he proudly brags to his friends that he can now read chapter books in Kindergarten. I am amazed by what he remembers about the Sonlight stories we've read or the people in history we've learned about. I, myself, was a struggling reader so this was not my top curriculum choice, but seeing my son's love of books, there really was no other option! My daughter (2 years) has developed an amazing attention span as she often sits with us while we read aloud and has thoroughly enjoyed doing the science projects about magnets and water with her big brother. Both are eagerly looking forward to their school with Sonlight again this year.

— **Anna H**    Waynesville, NC

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With Sonlight, all three of our boys are growing strong in knowledge and growing bold in their faith. Sonlight is Stephen's key to so many doors! When I see him on our patio, sitting in the shade, fascinated by a Sonlight book, it's almost hard to believe he's learning world history! Sonlight has truly given him a love of learning and it really shows in his enthusiasm. Stephen (9) is studying Core C along with his brother Sam (7) in his fifth year of Sonlight. Older brother John (13) is using Core H.

— **Anne H**    Vernon Hills, IL

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

— **Anne Marie H**    Denver, CO

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With Sonlight as a guide, the countries and people of the world seem like neighbors. God brought our book-loving family together from all over the world. No matter what the reading level, Sonlight has books to entertain, excite and challenge our children to the next level. We're quickly becoming book snobs! Only the best literature, like the books we receive in our Sonlight box each year, make it into our school time and bedtime reading. The H family, including Grace (8), Jack (7), Ana (5) and Will (4), have been exploring their world with Sonlight for four years. Here, they're reading Maps and Globes from Core C.

— **Anne Marie H**    Denver, CO

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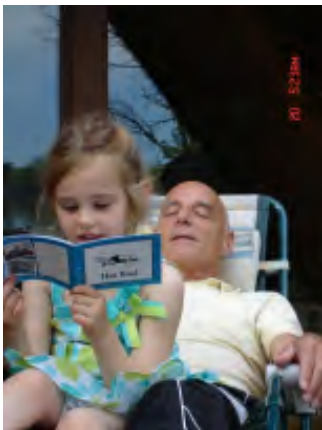
Sonlight has made learning an adventure for the whole family. While exploring an island of baobabs in the vast Makgadikgadi salt pans of Botswana, I found my fellow explorers so engrossed in their Sonlight Read-Aloud, they didn't even notice my approach. They were reading about Lewis and Clark, explorers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

— **Anne Marie H** Denver, CO



As an educator in the community college system, I used to poll my students to see the best way to educate my children - private, (not public), or homeschool. Invariably the homeschooled youth were the most diligent and respectful of the lot. I researched until I found Sonlight 14 years ago - and so we began our journey. Since then I have more than fallen in love with Sonlight - as have my original 4 daughters, and our newer adopted daughter/sister. The five have bonded more than I could never have imagined, while always increasing their love for the Lord and his awesome world. Sonlight has been a major catalyst carrying me (and the girls) through single parenthood and back into the stability of a fuller family. They love using their dramatic flair in bringing what we learn to life - as seen in their rendition of US History in this picture. Thank you Sonlight for bringing us the best, the most interesting, and uplifting curriculum out there - one we don't have to be cautious about before jumping into a good book! Three cheers for Sonlight!

— **Anne Marie H** Gardnerville, NV



Grandpa is discovering the homeschooling curriculum for the first time. Edana enthusiastically shares her progress, however by her second book the teacher was left behind in a daze, unable to keep up he dozed off into dreamland...where children go to public school and leave grandpa alone. This Sonlight program has united our family through a common project where everyone is involved. The beautiful books make it easy to pickup any one of them and dive right into it. While the teacher's schedule has made it easier than ever to understand what homeschooling can look like. We hope to have many more years of discovering Sonlight's programs.

— **Anouchka H** Switzerland







I can't even begin to tell you how much Sonlight adds to my life. I have wanted to homeschool from the start, but the idea of planning everything every year for 3 children is completely overwhelming. I stumbled across Sonlight and saw right away that it was literature based and practically bought the curriculum right then and there. When I further looked into it and saw that everything was planned and put together for me even down to a daily guide I was sold. I have been so thrilled with the curriculum. We were going to wait until August to start with the rest of the public schools but after opening that box and seeing all those amazing books we started that day!

— **Ariana H** Spring, TX

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Sonlight has enabled a special bond between my daughter and I to develop as together we share so many wonderful literary adventures. I hardly remember anything I studied in the 12 tedious years spent in a classroom. Now I am learning alongside my children and we are all loving it! I have been homeschooling for seven years trying this textbook and that curriculum, but homeschooling was never the joy I'd heard it was meant to be. Then a friend introduced me to Sonlight and all that changed. We have just completed our first year with Sonlight. We are looking forward to adding an extra core for Naomi's younger brothers this new school year. We plan to continue with Sonlight for all our future homeschooling.

— **Avigail H** Israel

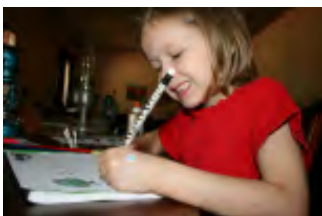
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I believe that Megan has become a lifetime learner through the Sonlight curriculum. She loves reading, which delights her parents! At age 13, she also wanted to study Biology so she could perform dissection. Being a high school-level course, we weren't certain about supporting her preference. We added Apologia with the Sonlight Science Schedule and she rose to the challenge and had a successful year. I feel certain she will be well-prepared in her high school years and beyond. Here, Megan (14), who has been studying with Sonlight for six years, completes a lab assignment as furry study buddy, Belle, looks on.

— **Barb H** International Falls, MN

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Lacking confidence in teaching a left-handed daughter how to write properly, I can be confident of Sonlight's selection of handwriting options. Here, Elianna, 5, is using Handwriting with a Reason's K Manuscript book. It helps by reminding me what to look for and even which way her page should be tilted. And, as you can see, she is very excited to be doing "big girl school" and having her very own book that looks just like her older sisters' books!

— **Barbara H** Lima, OH

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Even though we are often together as a family, we really enjoy the time that we can read together as an entire family. The girls especially enjoy when Daddy can read the books with the girls. It was Sonlight that introduced us to reading aloud together regularly. Thank you, Sonlight!

— **Barbara H**    Lima, OH

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As missionaries we love Sonlight's broader approach to education. While on furlough last year, we got to learn about Glasgow, Scotland. School is a family affair for us. Dad does the subjects mom cannot do with her limited vision. Learning together keeps our hearts in the same place.

— **Barbara H**    South Africa

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Takara is working on her writing program. We use A Reason for handwriting. She has just had a break time in her dressup closet. The joy of homeschooling, is that dressup can come to school too.

— **Barbara H**    South Africa

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The kids are enjoying a snack and daddy reading to them. It is a treat to have him home. One of the best things about Sonlight is the great books. While my husband was in Afghanistan, he regularly asked the kids what they were reading, and he was able to ask them questions about the books because he is familiar with them. That really kept the kids motivated to learn all of the details so that they could impress daddy during his next phone call.

— **Becky H**    Adams, NY

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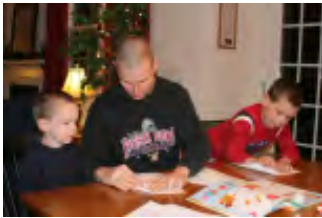




One of the goals of our homeschool is to teach our children to think well. We remember the words of George Orwell, 'If people cannot write well, they cannot think well; and if they cannot think well, others will do their thinking for them.' Of course to think well, one must first read well! We are grateful that Sonlight has assembled a rich diet of great books coupled with meaningful writing assignments for us to incorporate into our homeschool adventure. The discussions that have followed show that our children truly are learning to think for themselves. Eric (12) and Nicholas (10) are studying Cores F and H in their third year of Sonlight and fourth year of homeschooling.

— **Beth H** Morrison, IL

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I was home schooled from 7th-12th grades, so homeschooling was an easy decision for our family. But I was a little nervous about starting our first year, I was not quite sure where to begin or how to approach certain subjects. I was very happy to find Sonlight. The Instructor Guides have made my job so much easier by having everything laid out for me. I can look at the Instructor Guide that morning, and pull out the book(s) we need to read from. It also makes it very easy for my husband to be involved in reading stories or doing different activities with the kids. Our boys, Caleb (6) and Joshua (4), love to "do school" and usually ask for it before we've even finished breakfast in the morning.

— **Bobbi H** Rolesville, NC

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Olivia conducts a taste testing science experiment from Isaiah's Core B. We believe these sibling interactions are priceless and would not occur without Sonlight! We are a missionary family living in a rural desert area of northern Kenya; if it weren't for Sonlight, we would have to send our 3 children to boarding school 500 miles away....meaning we would not be able to serve where God has called us!

— **Breanna H** Anderson, IN

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God has given us the desires of our hearts! Not only has He blessed us with nine children, He has blessed us with an amazing curriculum to teach them. Sonlight is truly an answer to our prayers for homeschooling help. We don't know what we would do without it! Having three high-schoolers at the same time seemed overwhelming, but Sonlight's organized instructor's guides have allowed them to become independent learners and thinkers. Because of Sonlight, history has become a favorite with all of our children. We also enjoy drama, so a re-enactment of "The Lewis and Clark Expedition" seemed fitting, except for one, who wanted to read about it instead.

— **Brian H** Kettering, OH

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My kids, Ileana, born in Guatemala, and Abel, born in Ethiopia are exceptionally close. I often joke that they're "attached at the hip." When I take one out for some one-on-one time, s/he constantly talks about what the other might be doing. I love how homeschooling, specifically with Sonlight helps foster their closeness and growing relationship.

— **Carmen H** Port Angeles, WA

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Ileana has always loved to be read to. Now she's discovering that she can read too and will read to anyone who will listen!

— **Carmen H** Port Angeles, WA

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Three of our four children were adopted internationally, one as a 12-year-old. Reading, learning and discovering together has helped tremendously with attachment and closeness. I also love how Sonlight covers so much world history and culture. It's so easy to study our children's birth cultures and country's histories and languages, right along with whatever core we may be working on. Sonlight makes exploring each of our children's rich and varied heritages so much fun!

— **Carmen H** Port Angeles, WA

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Every morning after we do our reading time the girls grab the books and starting reading the stories over again and looking at all of the beautiful pictures. I am thrilled with how much we all love Sonlight! Sonlight is the closest thing I found to how I was homeschooled so I love the tagline "the way you wish you'd been taught"! When I started thinking of what I wanted and how much work it would mean for me every year I just happened to stumble across your website and knew that you had already done the work for me, though some of the books were not ones I would have chosen on my own it seems like my girls like those the best. I also love that my three oldest can share a core, with only 14 months between my oldest and the twins it has been perfect for us to have them all in P4/5 with LA k for the younger girls and LA 1 for Emily. I'm already looking forward to getting to do this core again with my youngest in a few years! Oh, and the girls have already asked me to keep all of the books so they can use them with their own children someday! Thank you Sonlight!

— **Carrie H** Tallahassee, FL

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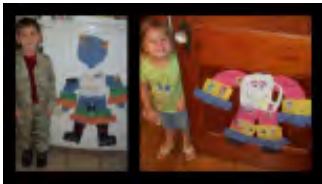




As a first-time homeschool mom, I was overwhelmed by all the curriculum options available. I kept coming back to Sonlight, seeing the pictures and reading the stories of other Sonlight families, and I knew that's what I wanted for our family. I want my children to love God, to love reading, and to love learning! We chose Sonlight and we couldn't be happier! We love reading our Sonlight books together every day and my son begs me to read "just one more chapter!" after EVERY chapter. I'm treasuring this time spent with my children as we learn together. We look forward to a great year of learning!

— **Carrie H** Ringgold, GA

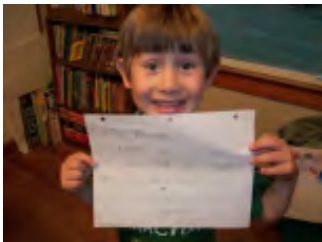
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I'm amazed that (with Sonlight's suggestions & advice) it is so EASY to teach my kids! :) Sonlight has opened my eyes to a new understanding & patience to teaching my children to learn the basic necessities, the principles from the Bible & life changing character qualities that will aid them in becoming strong Christians to go out and impact the world for the cause of Christ. I was so amazed to see so many thoughtful books in the curriculum for Kindergarten and 1st grade. Our children have been challenged early on to consider life from God's perspective. Their hearts have been made away of the culture around us & the grace of God. I would not have been able to find these resources on my own & I am prayerfully thankful for Sonlight's preparation on my behalf! I don't know what I'd do without those amazing Instructor's Guides & Schedules! thank you Sonlight--we look forward to years of home educating with your magnificent curriculum

— **Carron H** Rural Hall, NC

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Each year I am proud to adventure through the most incredible literary selections with our children. Using Sonlight is truly an experience I wish I had had, but am so blessed to give our children! I have read some titles that were hard to swallow – deep content, thoughtful multicultural exposure – and have tasted and seen the presence of the Lord in all areas of our education at home. Here, 5-year-old Joseph shows off a real letter he wrote thanks to his Handwriting Without Tears program and a writing prompt from Core A. Carron says Joseph felt very grown up when he mailed his letter; he was so pleased with his ability to communicate.

— **Carron H** Rural Hall, NC

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As a busy homeschooling mom and full-time student myself, Sonlight frees up the time that I would spend on planning my children's curriculum for the year. We love the hands-on nature of Sonlight Science and how the activities get them to think like 'scientists.' We have also enjoyed Sonlight's literature-based focus and have had many hours reading and talking about the interesting books in the program. In this photo, Chelsea (6, 1st Grade Full-Grade Package) tries out the water wheel she made as part of the Science B program.

— **Cathlene H**    Canada



I love the moments and bonding that Sonlight creates between us all. The kids and I "do school" during the day, and then Daddy comes home and he gets to participate in what they're learning, too. Heidi is not officially homeschooled yet, but she has definitely been a part of everything we did for K and P4/5 with her brother Benjamin. I was nervous about homeschooling and being responsible for giving my kids a good foundation to build on, but it all just came so naturally. Day by day, we just followed the instructor's guides, and before I knew what happened, my son was reading everything, writing little notes all the time, understanding math and science, devouring the time for read-alouds, and asking questions constantly about how the world works. Learning is just part of the fabric of our little family. I can't wait to start Core 1 with Benjamin and P3/4 with Heidi next year!

— **Chandra H**    Battle Ground, WA



I'm heading off to college for the first time and can't help but feel a little jealous of my siblings, because they'll be doing Sonlight again this year. My family has loved learning so much since we started using Sonlight. History became my favorite subject, and I consumed all the books in each Core. I'm grateful for the in-depth Student Guides that forced me to think critically and caused me to formulate my own values. I feel well-prepared, and the thought of writing a college-level essay doesn't frighten me. I know I have the tools to be successful. Pictured are siblings Luke (15, Core 200), Abigail (13, Core H), Hope (10, Core G), and Mark (8, Core D).

— **Charis H**    Marshfield, WI





In the busyness of being a pastor's family, the challenge of schooling five children has been wonderfully simplified by Sonlight's well-organized Instructor's Guides and the gripping literature. After 10 years of homeschooling trial-and-error, our family has found a home. Having tried so many other options, I recognize the incredible quality and value of the Sonlight curriculum. I love the camaraderie the children have, and the atmosphere in our home has become quite peaceful. A flame has been kindled for learning that we haven't experienced before. I wish we had discovered Sonlight sooner! Here, Luke (14) and Mark (7) share a shady spot and a story. Now in their second Sonlight year, the H family studies Cores B, E, G and 300.

— **Charis H** Marshfield, WI

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Masa loves to read. After we all worked in the garden, I came in to heat up supper and found her reading on the counter. I laughed and asked why she was reading there and she said, "Because it's comfortable."

— **Charity H** Jasonville, IN

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\\"Homeschooling with Sonlight allows us the flexibility of doing school in ways and at times that fit our schedule and lifestyle.\" -Cheryl H, June 2009

— **Cheryl H** Strathmore, CA

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We have used Sonlight from the beginning in our homeschool and with Cooper turning 10 and Core 5 to come, for the first time I found myself not looking forward to the next core! What could we possibly learn that would be relevant and interesting about the Eastern Hemisphere's cultures, people, and religions? After much prayer and finally just trusting that we have loved every Core we have done, I decided Sonlight must have provided just as well with Core 5. Our trust was rewarded. We had so much fun and learned things that you just cannot learn with any other curriculum or school. In all the countries we studied, the commitment and dedication the peoples have to their families, ways, and cultures, even if they differed from our Christian ways, were to be respected and we were able to easily make valued applications to our lives. In the picture, Cooper is showing off one of his Explorer projects he chose which was a diorama of the Maasai people in Africa. While he was working on this project, "God's World News" - our chosen current events publication, featured some Maasai people from Kenya. The article included a picture showing them wearing shoes made out of car tires along with their traditional Maasai clothing. The "warriors" were running in a race in London to raise money for a much needed well! Commitment is an understatement. This year with Core 5 was truly our best yet and we have confidence in every Core to come. Thank you Sonlight for being a curriculum we can trust to provide relevant excellence in our homeschool!

— **Christina M H** Cazenovia, NY



Since we have only used Sonlight, our library of schoolbooks is MASSIVE. Books are read over and over and across different age brackets. 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.

— **Christy H** Urbandale, IA



We love the togetherness that Sonlight allows us to have. Sometimes I wonder if I am doing enough for them when it comes to school. Some days it feels like nothing is 'sticking.' Then my kids randomly bring school into conversations with others and I know we are doing OK! For example, when my 8-year-old discusses ancient Egypt and Rome with my cousin who is a history major in college or when my 6-year-old explains to her fisherman grandpa why his boat floats! We love Sonlight! In this photo, Jordyn (6, Core B) Hayden (8, Core C) and Jackson (3) gather at the dining room table to do schoolwork.

— **Christy H** Galena , MO







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

— **Cindy H**    Huntsville, TX

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The most anticipated day of each week was Thursday! This was all because of the wonderful Science experiments we were able to do. We are so thankful for Sonlight and how it brings learning alive. It is also amazing to see my son's eyes light up when he connects something in everyday life to something we've learned in Sonlight! Like when we watch Plant Earth or go for a hike and he sees over and over the wonderful plants, animals and places that we have just learned about in Core A!

— **Colleen H**    Canada

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I was reluctant about purchasing the Piano Wizard program due to its cost and my uncertainty that my children would learn and enjoy it. But now I am very thankful for its engaging way of teaching piano. Since there are almost no piano teachers in our small town, this program was a great purchase for our family. Isaiah enjoys playing piano with his Piano Wizard program. It's fun to see him get excited when he passes onto the next level in a song and it's fun for us to hear his songs. In this photo, Isaiah (7, Core C) concentrates while practicing.

— **Colleen H**    Canada

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Our two year experience with Sonlight has been everything that we hoped for and more! Isaiah asks everyday to do school and has enjoyed all the reading and activities. We are so thankful to have access to such a wonderful Christian curriculum that challenges everyday.

— **Colleen H**    Canada

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The selection of Sonlight books we receive with our Core each year brings a passion to my life that overflows in my teaching and enriches each one of our lives. Not only does Sonlight introduce incredible, captivating and truly inspiring books to my children, but to my husband and me, as well. With all the curriculum choices available, I can understand that Sonlight may not be a fit for every family. However, I'm extremely grateful that Sonlight is a fit for the Happy Hearts Homeschool. We're here to stay! In the family's fifth Sonlight year, Hayden (9, Core E) and Gunnar (6, Core A) participate in a theatre production inspired by Clara and the Bookwagon, a favorite from Core B.

— **Courtney H** Edmond, OK

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

— **Crystal H** Plainville, CT

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My Husband is pointing out to our daughters how looking at a rock can tell you about the past and what we need to do to preserve the future (Looking at the past, pointing to the future). Zion National Park in Utah is rich with history and beauty. As a young student, I was never interested in history but your curriculum makes history come ALIVE. Because of you, I can now teach my daughters history with PASSION!!

— **Cynthia H** Ojai, CA

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Silas found my stash of Berea's Core 1&2 easy readers and would sit and look through them all. Once I found the whole pile in his room. Well, this was the first day he had gotten his hands on this one and Kyle wanted to read it at the same time. He wasn't really keen on sharing...we're working on that! The interesting thing was that neither of these books were for them to read but they wanted to all the same. I like that Sonlight has great books that my children WANT to read and that we are collecting good literature, not workbooks. My oldest Kyle is not vocal about his feelings but when we packed up the core at the end of the year, he kept commenting about this was his favorite, and oh, he really liked that one. For a child that doesn't let you know if he likes something or not, that was really encouraging.

— **D H** Canada



Books are dear friends at our house - and when our Sonlight boxes arrive for the new school year our children greet them at the door with such excitement! We discovered Sonlight 5 years ago while searching for a new curriculum that would require little lesson planning for me. I was tired of patching together a curriculum for our son and wanted something rich in literature. Now we get the best of everything in one neat package. Sonlight fits our family like a glove and we are loving the many new "friends" that fill our bookshelves!

— **Dan H** Brooklyn, NY



This photo just about says it all about our love for Sonlight! When our boxes arrived our daughter, Symphony, threw herself on one of them and begged to start school that very day!

— **Dan H** Brooklyn, NY



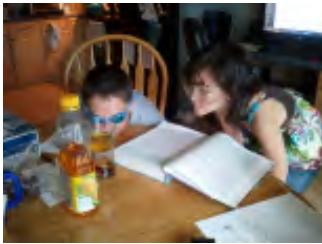
One thing I continually appreciate about Sonlight is how easily it promotes "family learning". I know that they are really learning when I hear them say excitedly, "Hey Mom, come look at this!" or to a sibling, "Did you know...?" I'm confident in our choice of curriculum when I overhear them say to a brother or sister, "You're going to love this book when it's your turn to read it!" or when I hear them making a parallel from one of their books to a real life situation. My children have begun a lifetime of learning through Sonlight!

— **Dan H** Roosevelt, NY



Thank you, Sonlight, for the great kids they are today. The camaraderie and love evident among our kids represent the values of loving learning, having fun, valuing others and Christian principles that Sonlight inspires. For our 25th anniversary, they planned a special meal and program, and even composed an ode to our marriage. I'm sure it was a result of their Sonlight upbringing! Coming back from grad school in Baltimore, school and an internship in San Diego, and on vacation from freshman year of college in Minnesota, they blessed our hearts. In their fourteenth year of Sonlight, Dina (16) is using British Literature as Micah (13) and Isaiah (12) share Core 200. Sarah, Hannah and Leah have graduated from Sonlight and are now in college or graduate school.

— **Daniel H** Lancaster, CA



Sonlight science kits are the ONLY way I can accomplish experiments without endless anxiety over whether I have the supplies needed each day. They are a complete lifesaver, perhaps better described as a complete 'science saver.' My kids love it and I get to start the day with the confidence that nothing is going to postpone another experiment. Here, Joshua (12) uses his swimming goggles rather creatively for the first science experiment of the year. He and Joy (10) are studying Core G and Science H in their fifth year of Sonlight.

— **Danielle H** Virginia Beach, VA



While living overseas, my children had the unique experience to live what we studied using Sonlight's Eastern Hemisphere Core curriculum. Thank you, for bringing history alive with accurate meaningful activities and literature based lessons the whole family enjoyed. The instruction not only sparks interest but also deepened our understanding of being part of a global community within God's Kingdom.

— **David H** United States



Using Sonlight curriculum allows me to adapt and combine core programs while meeting each child's needs. Sonlight fosters family learning and builds strong family relationships between siblings who are excited to share their learning. My youngest Rebecca, will be using her own Sonlight curriculum for the first time this year but it is amazing how much she has already learned by being exposed to the read alouds and hands-on activities her siblings enjoyed.

— **David H** United States







While training for work with a mission Stacie and Heather enjoyed interacting with the national children. They learned to play with things other than traditional toys. Here they enjoy relaxing in an old fishing net hung up in a tree like a hammock. Sonlight made it possible for us to live in a remote location and still keep up with the girls education.

— **Dawn H**    Canada

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This is our oldest Isabelle, (6) at Busch Gardens Europe in Williamsburg, VA. Even though this was our vacation time I thought I would take advantage of the situation and review our continents.

— **Dawn H**    Highland Falls, NY

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Michaela and her Dad are panning for gold in the river that runs next to the fishing lodge that is our home and family business. Studying Early American History with Sonlight has piqued Michaela's interest in the gold rush and she was eager to try gold panning for herself. I love that our studies often lead us to try new activities and help us to appreciate and enjoy our environment.

— **Deanne H**    Ketchikan, AK

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Holly has been enjoying the history in Core 1. When she read about early settlers, she wanted to try an activity in Usborne's Book of World History. She weaved a small hammock for her doll. In this picture she is weaving an even bigger piece of fabric. We like the depth of history, geography and science instruction, and the variety of vocabulary that Sonlight provides. It gives us plenty to do and plenty to think about.

— **Debbie H**    Santa Monica, CA

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Reading the Bible and learning about different people, places and events is so exciting! How God uses the sinner and the weak by changing their hearts and having them then walk in the fullness of the Lord. We enjoy reading Sonlight's Core 2-Intro to World History because we are learning as a family about God's world, His creation, one country at a time. This Sonlight book that we are reading here, outside on our patio, gives Logan(10), Ron(dad), Debbie(mom) and Reed(7) the opportunity to understand how God's people are hurting, to see their living conditions and learn about what God is doing in their lives. It then gives us the great opportunity to pray for these countries and the people so that their hearts can be changed for Christ and that they then can walk in the fullness of the Lord. Sonlight has allowed our family to experience a full and close relationship with each other by getting to the heart of the matter all through homeschooling.

— **Debbie H** Menomonee Falls, WI

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"I thoroughly enjoy the smile on Carl's face as his 'yee haw' tells me 'I like what I'm doing. In this photo Carl is wrapping up his school year with Horizons 2 Math. Carl enjoys Horizons and all of Sonlight's books. My older kids have specifically told me not to take Sonlight away from them. They enjoy their curriculum so much. Joy struggled a bit at first with Language Arts, but now it's her favorite subject. I like that my kids are loving to read, write and do their arithmetic! Carl (9) and Joy (10) are now sharing Core C in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Deborah H** Kremmling, CO

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Joy (age 9, 3rd grade ) loves picking up Missionary Stories with the Millers from Core B. Though a read-aloud, I would find her in a chair reading it again and again. This was a great book with geography maps at the beginning of each chapter highlighting the country talked about in each story, an excellent illustration for teaching. No grabbing another map. I am very encouraged as a mother that my children are learning about the world and other cultures. And I pray a love for other people as well. I'm still glad I chose Sonlight as a Bible-based program. My children are developing a great love for reading....the key to loving to learn!

— **Deborah H** Kremmling, CO

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Core A is great in giving the kids an introduction to the other people of the world outside of their own town and country. 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.

— **Deborah H** Kremmling, CO

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For years my son and daughter were captivated by the rich and vibrant books of Sonlight's Elementary/Jr High curriculum. But I am even more excited about Sonlight's curriculum for the High School years. Both of my teens voraciously read on their own and learn so much. In this picture you see a very outgoing teenager so engaged in reading that complete mayhem at the swim meet around her is ignored ... that is amazing! Her older brother, Troy, just took the SAT and excelled in both English categories. Thank you Sonlight for being the richest part of my children's education. In their seventh year of Sonlight, Tess (14) is studying Core 300 while older brother Troy (17) uses American Government/Civics 420 and British Literature 530.

— **Debra H** Santa Ana , CA

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Sonlight makes learning so enjoyable that my daughters often share what they have learned at dinner table with Dad. And they read and re-read their Sonlight books totally on their own! Here's my daughter Rebekah after our school was over for the day. She picked up her history book and just savored page after page on her own. Thank you, Sonlight! Rebekah (9) and her younger sister Sarah (7) are currently studying Core C in their fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Diana H** Okemos, MI

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The boys and their very first Science project! After following the instructions given, they tried out their OWN experiments with different sized batteries.

— **Donna H** Baton Rouge, LA

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"Military life is about transitions and that is not always easy. But with Sonlight I've been able to give my kids something constant," writes Shannon H. "I've been able to give them something they can carry with them no matter where they go: great books and a love for learning about new places, cultures, and people. Sonlight started as a solution for our two eldest children as we prepared for an overseas military assignment. Now after 12 years, three more duty assignments, and two additions to our family it has become a way of life for us." This year, Shannon is using Core 200 with Whit (16), Core F with Brycyn (13), Core D with Mattea (9) and Core A with Aynsley (5). Here, they enjoy a fun field trip to the zoo. — Shannon H • Live Oak, TX — Aug. 2012

— **Dwayne H** Live Oak, TX



Teaching Core 3 was my favorite year of homeschooling my 2 older children and I am really looking forward to teaching it again to my two younger children. We are lucky to live near many places that we can visit to add context to our learning, such as the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The greatest strength of Sonlight is that it awakens a desire in children to explore and learn on their own. The fact that Emma spent her week in the Smoky Mountains catching and observing critters from the river makes it all worth while to me.

— **Elizabeth H** Huntsville, AL



I love how Sonlight opens our eyes to the world around us, taking our minds off of ourselves and making us aware of challenges others have. Sara's favorite book this year was "Follow my Leader" about a boy who was blinded in an accident and was learning how to experience the world without his eyes. In this picture, Sara and CJ were experiencing lunch the way Jimmy did on his first day at the guide dog school.

— **Enola H** Douglasville, GA



Ethan and Meredith are very different from one another, but they connect when it comes to science. Here, Meredith is reading aloud about "Life in the Ocean" while her older brother listens. Ethan completed Core K a few years ago, but has really enjoyed the books again since Meredith is doing Core K. We love that our kids choose to read many of the Sonlight books over and over and OVER again!! We also are amazed by the interesting and in-depth conversations we often have over dinner.

— **Ericka H** Troy, NY







I'm a sophomore in high school and live on a small farm with my four sisters and brother. I'm so grateful for what Sonlight offers. As a family, we've used Sonlight Curriculum since 2003. For the two years I wasn't homeschooled, I was so disappointed with the schooling I was offered that I begged to be homeschooled again. Now I get the chance to learn and grow with my family. My siblings and I love to read, and Sonlight offers astounding literary choices. Gracelyn (14) found a way to connect with her younger siblings while reading *The Boxcar Children* to Gynnae (12), Geoffrey (8) and Geneva (5). Gracelyn and I are studying Core 200 while Gynnae is using Core W and Geoffrey and Geneva share Core A.

— **Geri H**    Leesburg, IN

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My six year old said he wanted his Core K books next to him as he slept so they would be right there when he woke up. I never would have thought he would grow to love books so much! We have been very impressed with Sonlight and the Core K for our first year of homeschooling. I couldn't be happier with Sonlight and all our priceless experiences! Using Core K in our first year of homeschooling has been a blessing because, not only did we see how much our six year old enjoyed it but, we got to see our two year old enjoy it as well as he tried to do whatever his big brother was doing, which was a big surprise for us! Sonlight is awesome! My 6 year old LOVES his Core K Sonlight books and enjoys sharing them with his younger brother. Our homeschooling experience with Sonlight has brought the whole family closer together, especially my two boys who now like to share books, rather than fight over toys. They can be seen carrying the books around the house and out to the car! Keep up the great work Sonlight!

— **Gloria H**    Cadillac, MI

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Sonlight books are not easily forgotten. In 2002, while living in Uzbekistan, we purchased "the Berenstain Bears Big Book of Science & Nature" as part of our standard order. We all enjoyed it. Janaya was 5 1/2 at the time. In 2003, we ended up back in PA with most of our Sonlight books stranded across the ocean. We kept thinking we would be returning & be "reunited" with the books. Finally, in 2007, I broke down & re-ordered the Berenstain Bears' Science book. The day it arrived, now 10 1/2 year old Janaya excitedly announced she remembered this book & proceeded to sit down with her brothers to read it to them. She didn't stop until they had read the whole way through - a couple of hours. Her brothers were captivated as much as her memory must have told her that she also had. I caught the moment on the camera! The quality of books that Sonlight chooses is difficult to beat! The problem is that we can't ever seem to get them all read!

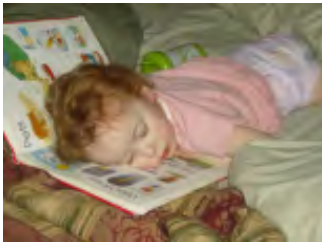
— **Gloria H**    Mount Joy, PA

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The IGs have been a huge timesaver. What a privilege to relax with my coffee while perusing my Sonlight IG with the plans all laid out for the day! I love having the Readers, Read-Alouds and History books all brought together from the same time periods. I also love having summers free to spend time with my kids away from our books. With the IGs, my workload is so much lighter. You take a load off my mind, Sonlight! Now in their sixth Sonlight year, Gwen and her five children are using Cores A and F.

— **Gwen H** Neche, ND



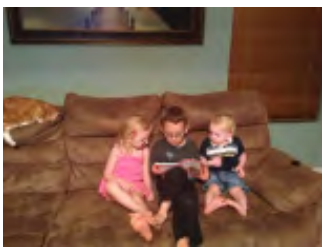
Honor loves to just sit and read. She loves the Usborne first 1000 words and 100 words in Spanish. She will even read (in her own way) to her 1 1/2 year old sister. This particular day was at nap time. She is notoriously hard to get to take a nap, but leave her alone and let her read her books and there you go. She had to read till the eyes and the head dropped.

— **Heather H** Winterset, IA



"I really appreciate the way using Sonlight has made our homeschool time family time as well. During Read Alouds all four kids often cuddle together to listen." -Heather H, April 2009

— **Heather H** Springfield, VA



Our son has made amazing strides in his reading! At the end of kindergarten, he was barely able to sound out three-letter words. Just four weeks later, he's able to easily read stories from the I Can Read book. The Sonlight curriculum is very easy to use, even for a novice homeschooler. It provides structure, while allowing flexibility to adapt to our son. I love that it has a Christian perspective, but also promotes discussion about topics such as the age of Earth, and what different cultures across the ages believed about gods. Here, Christian (age 6, Core A, Language Arts with Grade 1 Readers, Science A, Handwriting without Tears 1) reads to siblings Carina (4) and Nathan (2).

— **Heather H** Sahuarita, AZ





Sonlight has tremendously reduced the stress in teaching multiple children in a larger family while ensuring we make no compromises in their academics. We have seen a tremendous growth in all of our children as they absorb the stories, lessons, and insights delivered through Sonlight. With a growing family, Sonlight allows us to spend more time together without compromising our desire to extend the best education possible to our children. In their first year of Sonlight, Dad reads from Core A with Garrett (7), Bayleigh (5), Hannah (3) and baby Caleb.

— **Heather H** Palm Beach Gardens, FL



With God's blessing, we greatly appreciate the ability to grow closer as a family – through our faith, through our daily interactions and, because of Sonlight, through our children's education. In this photo, Garrett (8) reads The Usborne World of Animals to sisters Bayleigh (6) and Hannah (4). Caleb (1).

— **Heather H** Winter Garden, FL



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. 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.

— **Heather H** Kansas City, MO



Sonlight has encouraged a biblical world view in which all our kids have become aware of other cultures. The exposure to world cultures has opened my children's eyes and hearts to help others. The more we learn, the more we value what is truly important. Nathan stepped out this summer and traveled to Indonesia on a missions trip to help build a Jungle Bible School! This journey started because I believe Sonlight readers have impact. In the same way the characters discover more about themselves, my son is impacting others here and all the way around the world! In their sixth year of Sonlight, Nathan is using Core 100 as his four siblings share Core G and Core B+C. Here, he hikes to a village in Indonesia.

— **Heather H** Kansas City, MO





Although we were initially concerned about how our technology-driven tween would respond to Sonlight, our reservations were quickly put to rest. Not only has his writing improved, but his love for reading has been rekindled. Sonlight's quality is outstanding. The effort to find high quality literature that is both educational and entertaining shines through. The outstanding books included in the Sonlight Cores have sparked fantastic family discussions on life lessons, character, and history. Here, Jackson (12) enjoys a great book outdoors. In their second year with Sonlight, Jackson has finished Core F and is excited to start Core G.

— **Heather H** Easley, SC

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We read today about the Lewis & Clark Expedition reaching the Pacific Ocean & building Fort Clatsop. Immediately after reading they were excited to "recreate" Fort Clatsop out of the couch cushions & blankets. After this photo they added Pompey & took on the rolls of Lewis, Clark, and Sacajawea. I love the imagination that Sonlight spurs on, and the variety of books that we might not have read otherwise. The ease of scheduling is one of my favorite parts & I don't feel like we are missing something with the full package. We've used Sonlight for all 4 years of "official" homeschooling and see no reason to change. We love it!

— **Heidi H** Milwaukie, OR

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I view reading to my children as one of the most important gifts I can give them. 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.

— **Heidi H** Mount Vernon, NY

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Box day is ALWAYS an exciting day at our house. The anticipation can be overwhelming! What will this school year hold? Which are my readers? Yipee, this workbook is mine! As the mom I am excited to add the boys (officially) to our schooling this year. I love the way their Core will mirror the girls, reinforcing the ideas & concepts for the girls as they hear or help read the Core with the boys. This is just one more way Sonlight unites the family through learning. We started our homeschooling journey with Sonlight 6 years ago & have never thought we should consider anything else. Literature based schooling is much more enriching than the workbook based curriculum we initially considered before discovering Sonlight. We live in Milwaukie, OR.

— **Heidi H** Milwaukie, OR

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Having young readers does not automatically mean you have lovers of reading. Sonlight has really helped to instill a love of reading into all our kids. The library of books we have after using a core is wonderful & we pick out the favorites to re-read. James Herriot's Treasury is one I've loved since we did it years ago with the girls. When we first decided to homeschool I knew what program I wanted to use (not Sonlight), but as soon as I saw the great books, the family time reading, and the flexibility it gave me I was hooked! (and who are we kidding, the Instructor's Guides are a LIFESAVER!) We will be using Core G and B in our 8th year of homeschooling.

— **Heidi H** Milwaukie, OR

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This is a shot of Elisabeth holding one of the butterflies that we observed go from caterpillar, into its chrysalis, and then emerge. This was the big release day! Sonlight has made science so real and exciting to our family and has inspired us to order and hatch some lady bugs this summer!

— **Holly H** Carlisle, PA

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Why do we love Sonlight? Here's a photo of my daughter, who is an absolute ham anytime a camera is out, sooo engrossed in her reading that she has no idea I even have the camera out! We love that even the "mundane" tasks like learning phonics are made engrossing by Sonlight!

— **Holly H** Carlisle, PA

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I was looking through the contents of the newly-arrived Sonlight box when I heard a little voice: "Mommy, what are you doing?" I let both kids into my room, and they immediately climbed onto the bed and started looking through the books. Petra started describing what she thought might be happening in the pictures in each new book to an attentive Eleazar. I hadn't planned on starting school with them for a few weeks, because we were going on vacation, but the kids' enthusiasm meant that I ended up bringing 3 or 4 books from P4/5 on vacation with us. The Sonlight books are so much fun to look at that they're almost always the ones I choose to bring along when the kids will need to sit quietly for an extended period of time. We have so appreciated the quality of the books - when the kids demand to have a book read for the third time in a row in a single morning, I'm much more likely to acquiesce if it's a Sonlight book, since high quality books don't become repetitive as soon. And the missionary stories, particularly "The Gods Must Be Angry" and "New Toes for Tia," have triggered some deep conversations about the difference Jesus can make in a person's life. Thank you, Sonlight, for excellent products that both kids and their parents enjoy!

— **Jane H** Swarthmore, PA

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"How do you like to go up in a swing, up in the air so blue?" Robert Louis Stevenson inspired us to see how high the swing set Daddy built could take us. Mommy grabbed the book from inside to check on the words, and ended up having to read the poem through twice due to popular demand. Eleazar, who was 22 months old when we started using Core A, is now able to sit still through an entire story, and often two. Petra has clearly increased her attention span, as well, and asks deep questions about the stories we read. Both adults in the family are reading addicts, so the promise of quality books to enjoy with our kids made Sonlight appeal to us. When asked to choose a book to read, there's about an 80% chance the kids will request something from the "Sonlight Shelf" instead of one of their other books. One of their most common demands: "Mommy, stop reading your book and read me this book!"

— **Jane H** Swarthmore, PA

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"My husband and I both hold science degrees, and we're impressed with how much our children are learning about the world God made - and how much fun we're having with them!" writes Jane H of Houston, TX. "We have all enjoyed the experiments in Sonlight Science A this year. They are easy to do with materials that we have on hand. Petra and Eleazar spent almost an hour playing with the parachute we made using a plastic grocery sack, some thread, and a rubber ducky. We really enjoy how Sonlight science gives so much interesting information to even small children, and triggers a desire to learn more about God's creation." Petra (6) and Eleazar (5) experiment with parachutes in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Jane H** Houston, TX

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Burke Wesley Horst of Ecuador, South America enjoys "monkeying around" with Tarz our pet while catching up on his reading. My husband Dale and I have enjoyed the unlimited opportunities to explore and learn together with our 4 boys along with the flexibility as we have adjusted to living in a new land these last 2 1/2 yrs. All this in an atmosphere of curling up with a good story has been great! I enjoy Sonlight's wide selection of literature and their world-view approach.

— **Janet H** Canada



Our boys drink in animal information from their Science book while able to see the Pacific Ocean from our 2nd floor porch.(Our pet squirrel Alvin gets in on the lesson in the background.) Our boys enjoy connecting the variety of ocean animals we have read about with the nature we continually meet up with along the shores of the ocean. Often one of them will point out a bird or creature as "we read about that one in our Science!" Geography Songs has been another highlight this year. Denzil has sung through the whole book several times since we have completed our year. Dale and I (Janet) enjoy the flexibility, wide range of literature, worldview and endless opportunities to have meaningful conversations with our 4 boys that Sonlight brings into our home. Thank you!

— **Janet H** Canada



A new hammock, a compelling Sonlight science book, and a crisp October day made an irresistible combination for our 7th-grade twins and their 5th-grade brother, who do Sonlight science (and history) together -- and love it! We've appreciated Sonlight throughout our homeschooling journey, mainly for its excellent reading and ease of use. Also, we've found it easy to integrate Sonlight curricula with other curricula, programs, and activities we find ourselves using in various years. Every year is a new schooling experience, and Sonlight flexes along with that reality.

— **Jaye H** Mclean, VA





Brason came out of public school five years ago hating school. And no wonder! It was no place for a boy with his high energy and selective enthusiasm. Since we began Sonlighting, Brason's love of learning has blossomed. Every new Core has been a way to feed his hunger for history and introduce him, through great books, to people who love adventure as much as he does! Perhaps best of all, Sonlight's four-day schedule gives him plenty of non-school time to enjoy real-life adventure, like this rappelling trip with his Boy Scout troop. Thank you, Sonlight!

— **Jeanne H** Tucson, AZ



We love the freedom of homeschooling and the privilege of enjoying the gorgeous fall weather! Our kids adore all our Sonlight books--so much that they don't realize it's "school!" They will tell relatives they haven't done "much school," but will rant and rave about their favorite Songlight stories! I just stand there and smile, with a twinkle in my eye. Ethan, age 8, goes to bed each night with "Time Traveler" and the Usborne "World History" book tucked under his arm!

— **Jennifer H** Saint Michael, MN



The H family has loved using Sonlight ever since they discovered it in the spring of their first year of homeschooling. One of the best parts of homeschooling: enjoying the clean, crisp fall air while learning and experiencing life! Ethan, pictured here at age 8, just had to dig out his "Living Long Ago" book from last year's core, while he was building his own primitive shelter in and around his favorite tree. This book was the perfect building block for Core 1--we referred to it often as we learned about the first cultures of history. We are now excited to build upon what we've learned with Core 2!

— **Jennifer H** Saint Michael, MN







Friday is "science day" at our house! We LOVE using the InquisiKids "Discover and Do" DVD along with the "Science Activities" book. Our 4 kids LOVE the hands-on, real-life learning that homeschooling and Sonlight provides through easy lesson planning and plenty of time for nature walks outside!

— **Jennifer H** Saint Michael, MN

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Another homeschool day became a day of fun and imagination when the kids dressed up and Christian was able to do all of his school work dressed as an astronaut. 4 year old sister Brooklyn had a tea party while she waited. We love that using Sonlight gives us the freedom to do school whenever, and however we want! If it's warm, we go outside, if it's cold, like this day, we stay in, dress up, do school in a tent in the house, or anything we can think of to make a hum drum day more exciting! We love that homeschooling gives us the flexibility to do that!

— **Jennifer H** Franklin, TN

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Christian was very excited for his first day of school with Sonlight. He was proud to be a first grader and start with World History. We loved doing school on our deck when the weather was nice. We would sit the books while his sister, Brooklyn, played in the sandbox, allowing us all to share in the experience together. Sonlight allows us so much freedom to do what we want, when we want to and get a better education than most kids he knows!

— **Jennifer H** Franklin, TN

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Christian helps his little sister Brooklyn with her school work, enjoying being the teacher. Sonlight is bringing them closer together and also teaching him to be a "leader." I love that Brooklyn, who is only 3, can be there for some of the schooling and learn things Christian didn't at this age as he didn't have an older sibling using Sonlight!

— **Jennifer H** Franklin, TN

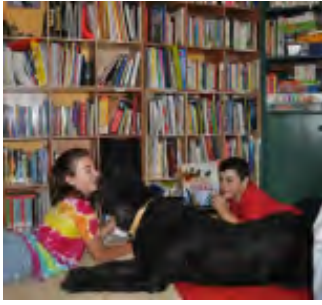
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We look back on the extensive list of books the kids have read and the priceless moments we have had over the years and know we made the right choice in Sonlight and homeschooling. Sonlight gives us the freedom to enjoy great literature and cozy family time together. Everyone looks pretty content on this 'school day. Cassidy (12) and Jameson (9) are studying Core B and Core H in their family's seventh year of Sonlight.

— **Jennifer H** Wasilla, AK

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

— **Jennifer H**    Austin, TX

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Tracing, writing, and reading - win/win! We love being in the word, learning new concepts and skills in one easy to use curriculum! LOVE!!!

— **Jennifer H**    Bonney Lake, WA

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

— **Jenny H**    United Kingdom

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My children beg to "do school" from the time they wake up until the time they go to sleep. In this picture, Mama is reading to Katie and Owen just before bed (Owen already has his beloved Spot Dog in tow!). It just so happens that this evening's selection is not an "official" Sonlight book, but that is because my children do not know the difference in reading "fun" books and "school" books - it's all fun to them! We are just as often reading the Berenstain Bears' Big Book of Science and Nature (a favorite) or some other Sonlight classic. Although Katie and Owen are more than 36 months apart, I have found that Owen can still sit in on much of Katie's schoolwork. In our family, this is a huge blessing! How else would you keep a bored toddler out of trouble all day?

— **Jenny H**    Munford, TN

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Literature-rich learning results in a love for books! My daughter Katie is part of a homeschool book club that meets at our church on Wednesdays. The children love to listen to the stories and perform related activities. In this picture they are standing in front of their geography project - a big map used to locate the characters in that week's story. Sonlight is the driving force behind my daughter's love for good books, and for that I am very grateful!

— **Jenny H**    Munford, TN

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Box day at [our] home is so much fun! First, my husband opened the box. My daughter Katie (5) rushed to unpack it, excitedly exclaiming over each item that appeared. My son Owen (3) was slightly interested in the books, but even more interested in the box! After sitting on the floor for a few minutes with the Markable Map, Katie asked, "Can we do school RIGHT NOW?!?" How can a mom say "no" to that? Several days later she had already read all the readers (pictured on the shelf behind her). I suppose we will just have to read them again - and again! Sonlight is a wonderful choice for our family. Being homeschooled myself, I come from the "olden days" when homeschoolers had very little choice of curriculum. This makes me especially appreciative of the fact that Sonlight makes learning fun and exciting. Actually, the list of reasons to NOT buy Sonlight is what sold us! Thanks so much for your great product.

— **Jenny H**    Munford, TN

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We all love box day in our house. My children love to pull out all of the books, look through them, and decide which ones they want to read first! As a mom, I love that Sonlight creates such an excitement in my children, for learning none the less!

— **Jessica H**    Indianapolis, IN

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This shot is priceless to me. Getting ready to officially start with his school career, I wonder what he's thinking as he looks into this box full of books, and papers. Is he nervous about school? excited? So much ahead of him, we are so excited to use Sonlight again.

— **Jessica H** Indianapolis, IN



For my two very active boys to sit down and choose to read, it's simply magical!. I love that Sonlight instills a love of reading in my children. All of my children love to go back through old books and pull them back off the bookshelf and read them again, and again. My Father's Dragon [from Core A] is one of their all-time favorites! Brayton (8) and Nixon (6) are studying Core D together this year in their fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Jessica H** Indianapolis, IN



This picture is all your fault :-). After reading "The Bravest Dog Ever", Aviana got a little obsessed with dog sleds and dog teams. Here she has tied up her younger brother and sister to be her dog team and she is the musher. They pull the office chair around the house--I guess this is the best you can do when there isn't any snow! We love Sonlight for many reasons, chief among them how it encourages my children's innate creativity and love for life led learning.

— **Jessica H** Eldridge, IA







I was nursing the baby in the camper and looked out to see my oldest up on the roof of van reading. I said, "If you were reading a Sonlight book we could submit to their photo contest!" Naturally we had Sonlight books with us, since they are our favorites, so the other two needed little encouragement to get up on the roof too. We have been doing Sonlight since we began homeschooling. It works itself very organically into our daily lives. We don't ever feel like we're "doing school". We do a lot of life learning and we like Sonlight because it not only appeals to that relaxed method of education, but also because it is so engaging. The read alouds and readers captivate both boys and girls at all the ages. We have a VERY active family so we need high interest materials. Sonlight fits our requirements perfectly!

— **Jessica H** Eldridge, IA



Sonlight keeps my children excited to learn. They are always asking what book is next! Sonlight makes us want to learn and that is priceless!

— **Jessica H** Franklin, ME



Sonlight gives us confidence! Our youngest daughter doubted her ability to read like her older sisters. She was so excited when she opened the first "I Can Read It" book and realized she actually could read the words. Now she'll read to anyone who is willing to listen, even the dog! Thank you Sonlight!

— **Jodie H** Russiaville, IN



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

— **Joscelyn H** Katy, TX





What I love about Sonlight is the togetherness. When we came upon this chameleon in our yard our youngest immediately connected it to big brother's science. The whole family had the chance to stop and learn together about one of God's amazing creatures. Life on the mission field has us together a lot of the time but Sonlight helps us transform time "just together" into meaningful moments of learning, sharing, celebrating, and serving together. Sonlight also gives us the freedom to pause when we want or need to for travel, big ministry events, or just because we've worked ourselves into a free day. No matter where we are we can grab a book and learn! Stephen and Joscelyn, Tanzania

— **Joscelyn H** Katy, TX



This year Anna was still reading her readers to me. So, when she read a book on her own, she just couldn't wait to share it with the whole family. I couldn't believe she was reading the whole thing again, just for the joy of sharing it!! And here's my then 3 year old listening attentively to a long chapter book. And you can see the sweet relationship that's developed between our girls because of being home together. Books have become such a valuable part of our life. I love that Sonlight not only has helped literature become a part of our lives, but more importantly, QUALITY literature. I look at the books in the library and have to hunt to find one that I feel is acceptable. But with Sonlight, I have books that impact our family, including ME! I'm teaching my children the most important lessons they can learn. The worst problem is when my daughter loves a books and finishes her reader early and then needs more! My husband who teaches 4th grade is amazed that she can read and comprehend so much--better than his students 2 grades ahead of her. Thanks Sonlight! And my 4 year old is picking up so much and we haven't even started her own Core yet.

— **Joy H** Waco, TX



When I taught public school, I was not very good until I found the teacher who taught for 20 years and did exactly what she did! Then I did a great job! Sonlight's lessons serve that purpose in my homeschool and make me look great with little effort!

— **Joy H** Waco, TX



When we pulled our child with ADHD out of public school, we made the very best decision for him. My highly active boy is loving homeschooling and has grown so much in the past five months. Impressively, he sits quietly and attentively as mom or dad reads a Sonlight Read-Aloud. It is truly amazing what Sonlight has already done for our schooling and our family! It is Bible-based, rich in history, full of exciting Read-Alouds, and family-oriented. Best of all, dad is excited to teach! Here, Graham (7) and Dad enjoy a Core B Read-Aloud, Charlotte's Web, together.

— **Joy H** Lehigh Acres , FL



The exuberant phrase, 'Mom, this is what we read about!' is frequent evidence of our kids' joy in learning. Sonlight has melded together our family's love for reading with a selection of captivating and instructional books. Our children love to cuddle up on the couch for Read-Aloud time, as we explore the past and delight in the present. As a parent, it's delightful to have our kids connect everyday experiences with what they learn in school. In this photo, my son Danny, who is particularly interested in the life sciences, is thrilling over one of God's fascinating creatures: a frog. Danny (5) is using Core C in his third year of Sonlight.

— **Julia H** Saint Johnsbury, VT



I remember more American history from a series of historical novels I read in Junior High & books like the Little House series than I do from any history class I've ever taken.

— **Kara H** Victoria, TX



We have been using Sonlight with my daughter, Grace, for seven of the nine years we have homeschooled. We both LOVE the wonderful books and how it makes History come alive. It has given us a love of literature like nothing else. We are a Navy family and Sonlight has gone with us on many moves and given us many opportunities to experience what we have read about first hand. We always get so excited when we are going somewhere that we have read about. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Karen H** Edmond, OK



One of the joys of using Sonlight as an American family living overseas, is that we are often able to visit places where we can experience what we have studied in a book. On a recent trip to Morocco, Andrew enjoyed experimenting with Dad's camera, on a tour of Roman ruins in Morocco. I love the fact that my kids are falling in love with history. Sonlight's great books and our international life provide a full learning experience for our boys.

— **Karla H** Spain





Eric has been a member of our local 4-H club for 10 years. Sonlight curriculum helped him to be extremely involved in 4-H. He has been able to set his own pace to get his work done and with no homework in the afternoons or evenings he has been able to try a variety of projects in 4-H. From cooking to arts and crafts to raising livestock and being a club officer for 8 of the 10 years. Sonlight has been a perfect fit for him because he is an avid reader. This helped him learn many new skills and how to be an effective leader in his club. Even with the demands of high school, Sonlight helped him do it all. I would encourage other parents to go the distance with their kids through high school.

— **Kathleen H** Morro Bay, CA



The children were very excited about Core B book 'Peoples of the World'. When we read about 'Hair, jewellery and make-up' they asked their faces to be painted like Nuba warriors.

— **Katja H** NI



As parents we are happy to present our daughter with so many good books from a company we have come to trust. We often have in-depth conversations about the world around us, following or during our reading. Sonlight gives us the tools to open up the world for our children in the safe context of our home. This is especially important as we are preparing to be missionaries in Africa next year. Sonlight's focus on the whole of history helps us to understand our place in history and the world around us. In this picture, Vanya (9, Core B+C) displays her favorite book next to the many others she has read this year.

— **Katja H** NI







This photo sums up our life with Sonlight: portable, educational, and workable. This year my family has started a homestead farm on 3 acres. There is no way I could continue to homeschool and enjoy the work that goes with a farm without having a Sonlight schedule to guide me through my day. I need the books to be right there. I need the answers to be right there. I need the schedule to be right there. I only need to be able to go to the library when we have time and are interested, not when the goats are kidding in the barn Sunday evening and I haven't been able to plan the week looming before me. Sonlight makes my life still work the way I want it to. Farm animals are not predictable or plannable by nature. A Sonlight guide is that pillar of sanity and direction that keeps cheering me forward, whether we're reading in the barn or packing up the goats for a trek down the trail--taking the Sonlight books with us! Who would have ever thought that our little goats would be packing our Sonlight books down the open trail so we could do RA's in the open fields on a blanket with a picnic lunch? If I had to plan that, well, it just might never happen. Sonlight is education for your life instead of planning education--hoping life might happen.

— **Kelby H** Eufaula, AL



The hours I had spent researching books can now be spent with my family. 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.

— **Kelly H** Columbus, IN



"Three years ago I was hesitant to purchase our first Core from Sonlight because it was more money than I usually spent on school books, but after the first year I had no qualms about purchasing the next Core – it's worth every penny to see my sons loving to learn together!" writes Kerri H. "When they read and listen to the same stories and lessons, they can talk about them and even act them out together. Even our youngest son, who isn't doing the same core as the older three, loves to listen in and join in the fun of 'playing' history. One day I glanced toward the playground to see my boys reenacting the Boston Tea Party!" Here, Isaac (10) Luke (9), Levi (9) and Elijah (7) crowd in to read together outside. In their third year of Sonlight, the three older boys are sharing Core D as Elijah uses Core A. — Kerri H • Hettinger, ND — Aug. 2012

— **Kerri H** Hettinger, ND





Tate is a voracious reader and I was concerned about finding reading material that was challenging for her, yet age appropriate. Sonlight fit the bill. When we started using Sonlight I was a bit intimidated by the workload. But once I relaxed and realized I could take the best and leave the rest, I loved it. We are never lacking for something to discuss. In her third year of Sonlight, 10-year-old Tate (and her gecko Luisa) are diving into the Eastern Hemisphere with Core F.

— **Kim H** Omaha, NE



We LOVE Sonlight. After making the decision to homeschool the next big decision was what curriculum to use. We chose Sonlight after researching many different options. We are so glad we did! My four year old has Sensory Integration issues and ADD. But here he is, thanks to Sonlight, captivated, interested and happy just being with his brothers. Thank you, Sonlight!

— **Kimberley H** Manassas, VA



Mackenzie and Madison serving at a Orphanage in the Dominican Republic with their Dad. Ten years of homeschooling our five girls all with Sonlight has given us all a passion for missions.

— **Kitsie H** Charleston, SC



That is a natural cathedral behind us in the Redwood forest on an R.V. trip for six months using Sonlight. We have used Sonlight for ten years now. That R.V. trip to see our country was able to happen as a result of mobile and interesting books on American History.

— **Kitsie H** Charleston, SC





Mallory experiencing India with her Grandma on a Dental Mission to an orphanage. Ten years of homeschooling our five girls, all with Sonlight has given us all a passion for missions.

— **Kitsie H**    Charleston, SC



Ten years using Sonlight has made homeschooling our five daughters an adventure in different cultures. At first it was only in our reading and now we have ventured out. Our whole family has been given an eagerness for missions.

— **Kitsie H**    Charleston, SC





My kids have done Sonlight for years. Now that they are older, geography studies have shifted to working with reference books and maps. We use a combination of the Mark-It map, a big world map on our kitchen wall, and the maps provided in the Instructor's guides. Here are Rebekah, David and Alexandra at the top of Grouse Mountain in North Vancouver, BC. It provided an opportunity to see many of the things they have previously studied, including inlets, deltas, straits, bluffs, islands, narrows, bench lands, shore lines, mountains and valleys, all in one panoramic view! I feel a great sense of appreciation for what Sonlight has meant in the lives of our children. There is a richness in what my kids have experienced in their years of mingling with Sonlight books that will stay with them forever. All the great books they have read (or have listened to mom read aloud!) have left deep impressions on each of them. Their memories of sitting cuddled up on the couch with mom, begging for "just one more chapter, pleeeaaasse...!" probably define their growing up years more than any other single item. My oldest son would spend hours poring over the Usborne science books Sonlight offers. I used to worry that we should be doing a more traditional approach to science, but I hated to kill his interest in the subject by forcing him to read a science textbook. I am glad I followed my instincts--he is now in his third year of medical school! Many of the Sonlight books we have read over the years have provided our family with some great expressions, analogies and anecdotes. My second oldest son, who has finally stopped growing after hitting 6' 3", was impossible to fill up as a teenager. It was always great to be able to borrow a line from *The Master Puppeteer* and tell him to "pick his teeth" if he was hungry! I don't know how many times over the years, usually after we have encountered something pretty disgusting, that we have referred to the Chinese servant in *Homesick* who used his long, curved fingernail to carve the butter sculpture. And more than once I have used the example of *A Grain of Rice* to illustrate exponential growth. The *Phantom Tollbooth* remains at the top of my eighteen year old daughter Rebekah's list of all-time favorite Sonlight books. Growing up being surrounded by great literature has played a huge role in inspiring her to want to write, including her dream of some day writing stories for children. I have also appreciated Sonlight's commitment to studying the Eastern Hemisphere. Rebekah was adopted from Korea, so she had a special interest in *Tales of a Korean Grandmother*, a book we probably would not have encountered if it hadn't been for Sonlight. My youngest son, David, is seventeen, and was adopted from Thailand when he was five. David is a multiple amputee, so as he thinks about his future he needs to choose a career that uses his intellect rather than any physical abilities. He loves history, and is thinking of majoring in it when he goes to university a year from now. Once again, I am able to see Sonlight's influence! My youngest daughter, Alexandra, is fifteen, and was adopted from Romania. A powerful Sonlight moment occurred last year when Rebekah and David were doing *Twentieth Century History*. As we were discussing the fall of the Berlin Wall, and all the events that happened in Eastern Europe after the wall came down, the importance of history in the lives of real people became evident. If Romania had not rid itself of its communist government, Alexandra would not be a part of our family. It wasn't just some historic fact they were studying--it had become very personal.

— **Kristie H**    Canada







The H family has been homeschooling with Sonlight from 1990--the first year Sonlight was in business. Kristie H, Alexandra's mom, writes: "With the exception of a couple of years we have taken off to study Canadian history, Sonlight and homeschool have been interchangeable terms in our family. "We have five children; the older two are birth children and the younger three have all been adopted internationally. My two oldest boys, Karsten and Kellen, are now grown up and living on their own. My middle child, Rebekah, graduates from high school this spring (she is currently doing Sonlight's British Literature program), and my youngest two children, David and Alexandra (both doing American History in Depth), are in grades eleven and nine, so the homeschooling/Sonlight era in our family is soon coming to a close. I feel sad that our learning adventure with Sonlight is soon to be over, but I also feel a great sense of appreciation for what Sonlight has meant in the lives of our children. "There is a richness in what my kids have experienced in their years of mingling with Sonlight books that will stay with them forever. All the great books they have read (or have listened to mom read aloud!) have left deep impressions on each of them. Their memories of sitting cuddled up on the couch with mom, begging for 'Just one more chapter, pleeeaaasse...!' probably define their growing up years more than any other single item." Concerning Alexandra, who was adopted from Romania, Kristie writes: "Alexandra has two serious illnesses that require many visits to see specialists at the local Children's Hospital. We are often there for hours waiting for various doctors and/or tests. Alexandra just grabs whatever Sonlight books she is reading at the time and takes them with her! And if she has a day when she feels unwell she can just curl up on the couch with a blanket, a cat, and a Sonlight book. This is Alexandra with the violin she received from the Children's Wish Foundation. "A powerful Sonlight moment occurred last year when Rebekah and David were doing Sonlight's Twentieth Century History. As we were discussing the fall of the Berlin Wall, and all the events that happened in Eastern Europe after the wall came down, the importance of history in the lives of real people became evident. If Romania had not rid itself of its communist government, Alexandra would not be a part of our family. It wasn't just some historic fact they were studying--it had become very personal. Doing Twentieth Century History has given Rebekah and David a perspective on events they never would have had without it. "An interesting thing for me is how Sonlight and its influence has moved beyond just our own family. My oldest son is engaged to a young woman who emigrated from communist China when she was nine years old. So the very same year Karsten was reading books like *The House of Sixty Fathers* and *Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze* and studying about China, his future wife was leaving China and starting a new life in Canada. Last year for Christmas I gave her a copy of *Red Scarf Girl*--a book that we had just read in our Twentieth Century studies. Her mom was a red scarf girl and lived through the Cultural Revolution, and my future daughter-in-law has shared some of her mom's story with us. Once again, it was history that suddenly became more than just facts in a book. I have a feeling these Sonlight moments will continue to happen to my children all of their lives."

— **Kristie H**    Canada





"Thank you, Sonlight, for helping me capture my son's vivid imagination, and for satisfying our thirst for quality literature," writes Kristina H of Reading, MA. "Our favorite time of the day is when we get to snuggle up together with our Read-Alouds. I know that Galen (5) is involved in a book when his toys lay abandoned in his lap and he's gazing open-mouthed at my face. With Sonlight books, that happens nearly all the time!" In their second year homeschooling with Sonlight, Mom snaps a photo of a common scene: Galen (Core A) tucked away in a favorite place to read.

— **Kristina H** Reading , MA



Reading has always been a favorite in our home. Right after a pancake breakfast, Jack was really interested in a book and got his siblings interested, too! Sonlight has exposed us to rich, living books that engage the heart, mind and spirit of children.

— **Kyong A H** Gilbert , AZ



Sonlight has captured my heart after only two weeks! Getting my middle son to read is like pulling teeth. Reading assignments are usually met with tears and fits. This particular evening I assigned only 1 chapter. Perhaps it was reading about a nine year old boy who did not want to do school that drew him into the story. As he finished the first chapter, his eyes lit up and Samuel said, "I want to keep reading! I want to finish the whole thing!" He proceeded to read all 8 chapters in the book in one sitting. This is nothing short of a miracle in our home. Before he was finished all of his siblings were surrounding him and listening. I thought, "If this is Sonlight, we will never go back."

— **Laney H** Fort Worth, TX



We often read after dinner, but the kitchen chairs get a bit hard. This evening as I moved to the recliner to read Toliver's Secret, all four children piled in as well. Read alouds have always been a treat for us. We love the rich, engaging stories offered. My husband often leans in to hear as well. We also enjoy the readers. As a concerned mom, I especially appreciate that I can trust Sonlight and the content of the readers that are provided.

— **Laura H** Wasilla, AK





We just finished "A Unit on Canada" in Core 4 and took a trip to Fort Steele in British Columbia, Canada. Hennessey enjoyed it very much. It was an old fort town that has been re-done to bring it alive in a 1890's way.

— **Lauren H** Bigfork, MT

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Kailtin loves history and loves reading, so Sonlight is a wonderful fit for her. The books give her real insight into the time period and she is always willing to share something she has learned. Sonlight really is how I wish I'd been taught and am so grateful that it is available for my children.

— **Laurie H** Lansing, KS

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Austin is on a field trip to Hubbard Glacier Bay in Alaska. Sonlight has exposed my more technically-minded son to books he would not normally choose to read. He is comfortable talking about most any topic with adults. I credit homeschooling and Sonlight with this confidence.

— **Laurie H** Lansing, KS

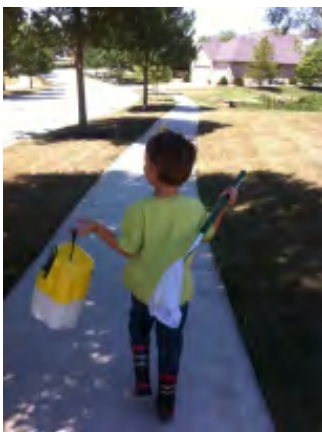
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History comes alive and even interests my more "technically-minded" son. Sonlight really is how I wish I'd been taught and am so grateful that it is available for my children.

— **Laurie H** Lansing, KS

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Sonlight has helped make eager learners of our children. They are becoming quite the God-loving, intelligent, critical thinkers. Sonlight has brought our family closer together and allows for us to be actively involved in educating our boys. The Instructor's Guides are very user-friendly and take the time out of lesson planning, so we have more time to enjoy the actual learning. The books and Read-Alouds are among our favorites and Bible time at breakfast is how we start our day. I truly wish Sonlight was the way I'd been taught! After reading about the life cycles of frogs and tadpoles in the Kindergarten Multi-Subject Package, 6-year-old Joey joyfully heads off to to catch some!

— **Laurie H** Lockport, IL

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Braeden is fascinated with "Living Long Ago." He found the directions for making a cauldron on page 57 while browsing through the book. He wouldn't rest until he had constructed one complete with a "twig, nut, grass, rock stew" simmering over the "fire." I love how easy Sonlight is to use and how it captivates the imagination! We have found the curriculum match for our family! Thank you!

— **Lavonne H** Harrisonburg, VA



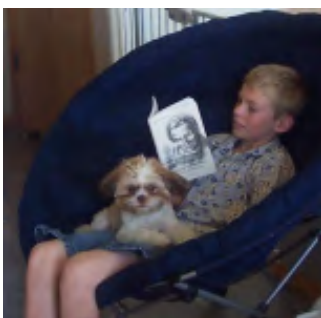
After 7 years of involvement in private school, I was unsure of what curriculum to use when the opportunity came as the result of a move for our family. Although I knew no one who used Sonlight, the more I looked at the catalog, the more I felt it was what the Lord had for us! After a nervous start, we ended up having a super year. I have enjoyed learning right along with 3 of our children in Cores 2 and 7. What a blessing Sonlight has been. Ben and Abby made the owl in Science 2 and their little brother Josh(2) used it as a nightlight until we needed the parts for the next experiment!

— **Leanne H** Ashland, WI



One of the greatest benefits of homeschooling with Sonlight is that it's completely versatile. Whether you're the type of person who is bubbling with ideas on how to supplement your child's school day or you view formal education as unfamiliar territory, Sonlight offers plenty of ideas and opportunities to make your lessons come to life, and gives lots of guidance and support to those who need it. With Sonlight, you don't have to recreate the wheel; they've already done it for you!" In her first Sonlight year, Macayla (6, Core A) enjoys lunch, Ancient Rome style.

— **Leslie H** Bella Vista, AR



Reading has become an enjoyable event. It has been very stressful in the past because it was extremely difficult for this student in the picture. With God's grace and intervention, there has been much improvement. To Him we give the credit. Sonlight has provided enjoyable, interesting stories that have drawn Keaton in. So with the combination of God's power, the home school atmosphere, and Sonlight curriculum; we have gone from distress to relaxed, natural education.

— **Linda H** Bozeman, MT







Sonlight is like the middle of an Oreo cookie. Learning sometimes requires the tough outer sides but the books that Sonlight chooses provides all the yummy tidbits that keep us coming back for more. Sonlight has brought us closer as a family as we have laughed and cried with each character. Just looking over each title we have read together provides a sweet memory of cuddling up on the couch and discussing great books. We have that shared experience of how other people face life's challenges. Each character has shown us a quality that we would like to possess in our own lives. Sonlight has ignited the flame of curiosity and the desire to know more in our home.

— **Liza H**    Phoenix, AZ

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Eeeewww!!! Cody is doing an experiment from Apologia Physical Science. While he loves to read almost anything, Science this year was a challenge. He worked hard to complete this Physical Science course in one semester in order to receive High School credit in eighth grade. He was a diligent student and with the help of the great Apologia textbook, he has a great grasp of our Physical World and the science behind it. I love Sonlight because I feel like all the Science over the last few years has built a strong foundation of knowledge and they are familiar with difficult concepts thanks to the introduction they had in the lower Cores. My kids are required to take the standardized tests and Math and Science always come out strong! Thanks Sonlight for building that foundation and igniting their curiosity.

— **Liza H**    Palisade, CO

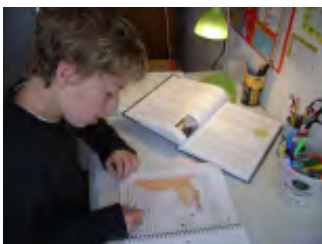
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Sonlight has been a blessing for both our families. Building good character in all our children is our goal and Sonlight does an excellent job of that. We have all enjoyed Sonlight and when us moms get together we can't stop talking about all the good books we have read and all the fun projects we have done during Sonlight. If everyone knew how fun it really is to homeschool. We have bonded so much together since we have started Sonlight and we all enjoy literature now. Thank you Sonlight for making homeschooling such a blessing.

— **Loni H**    Pinehurst, ID

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Matthew (age 11) is writing what he learned in our reading of Apologia's Exploring Creation with Astronomy book. Here he is drawing a picture of a solar flare. We had such a wonderful time reading and discussing what was in this little science book. I had no idea such a large amount of Astronomy information could be learned at this level! We followed up the chapters with experiments and many fun trips to local science museums. Since we live in the S.F. Bay Area, we have many wonderful science museums to visit. It is wonderful to learn and enjoy science from a perspective that gives credit to God for all of creation.

— **Loretta H**    San Mateo, CA



Being introduced to Microbiology with the Apologia General Science (Biology chapters) was even more fun with the experiments that literally made Biology come alive - as we grew (or prevented growth of) bacteria in "the lab" so to speak. There was lots of family fun in the kitchen as we grew bacteria, fungus, mold etc. One of the tape labels on the jars reads, "Do not eat- Science Experiment". : )

— **Loretta H** San Mateo, CA



"I love how Sonlight outlines each day's lessons. It really makes things much easier as a mother of several young children." -Lori H, July 2009

— **Lori H** Allentown, PA



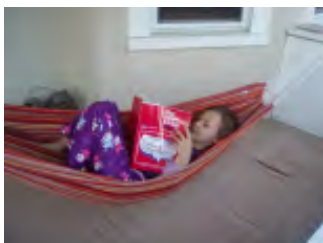
Sonlight is by far the best curriculum for history. We tried another curriculum a few years ago, but came straight back to Sonlight. The range of books is wonderful. I quite often find Sonlight books underneath Ben's bed, where he has taken them from the school room and re-read them in bed at night. In his fourth year of Sonlight, 14-year-old Ben soaks up Core 200 as his younger sister studies Core G.

— **Lyn H** Canada



Sonlight fosters a love for learning. It also allows you the freedom to spend more time on your child's interest. My son Harrison, age 5, loved the Berenstain Bears' Big Book of Science and Nature in core P45. Harrison is doing a science experiment while his brother Winston, age 3, waits patiently for his turn. I love that both of my boys got to enjoy learning together this year.

— **Mariah H** Siloam Springs, AR



Even after 4 years, Anna remains excited to "do school." Sonlight's curriculum is so rich with history and great books, that she and I truly enjoy time reading on our porch- especially relaxing in the hammock! Thank you Sonlight, for providing wonderful homeschool curriculum for us.

— **Marilyn H** Dover, NJ





I walked upstairs to see my children reading another wonderful book they found in our Core P box. It warmed my heart to see Anna (6) reading to her younger brother and sister. I am so thankful that Sonlight has encouraged a love of reading in our whole family. Even though the younger children aren't officially homeschooling yet, they are enjoying the great books that their old sister reads to them.

— **Martha H** Colorado Springs, CO

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One of the many advantages of Sonlight is how I can continue to use the books year after year. We have seven children and it is wonderful to be able to take out the proper Core for them every summer and plan for the following year. The children also have the added blessing of shared experiences with the books. 'Hey, I remember that book! You're going to love it!' is commonly heard around our house. Here Josh (19) is reading to Sarah (6) and Anna (4) the same book Mom read to him when he was young. Mary has used Sonlight with all her children, including Laura (17), Coretta (14), Isaac (12) and Eli (8), for fourteen years.

— **Mary H** Oxford, NE

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We can't even imagine homeschooling without Sonlight,. We spent three months in our camper last winter when we stayed close to family in Florida. Our Sonlight IGs made gathering up three months of school a breeze. We packed up all our school books and did school 'camper style. Here, Haley (13) does her Bible study in the upper bunk while Macy (9) studies Rosetta Stone. In their fourth year of Sonlight, the girls are now using Core D and Core H.

— **Melissa H** Auburn, NY

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As a bookworm myself, Sonlight has provided a way for me to share my love of reading and good literature with my children. The great books that Sonlight offers in it's Cores helped spark a fire for reading that has not only lead to learning, but to many priceless family memories.

— **Meredith H** Liberty Hill, TX

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Sonlight's books encourage reading – anytime, anywhere. They are special enough to do what no school desk or computer could ever do: keep Joshua and new puppy Lizzie engrossed and engaged. Without Sonlight, our children wouldn't have developed such a love for reading. We changed curriculum for a couple of years, but thankfully, the Lord brought us back to Sonlight and we'll never change again! Joshua (10) is studying Core D+E. The H family, with three additional children, has been schooling with Sonlight for nine years.

— **Michelle H**    Australia

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Even on summer break, Jessica enjoys reading about World History while sister, Christine, snuggles up for a short nap atop their brother's loft bed. I love that my kids pick up the "school" books to read on their own time.

— **Michelle H**    Canada

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When we started reading Core B+C as a family and our daughter began talking about characters at length, she understood the information because they were people and events, not just dates and moments in time. My husband and I are truck drivers and Olivia travels with us. We don't have access to libraries and I knew she would miss out on a lot of great books. We're currently finishing Core D and my daughter relates to the history of our nation as she sees historical locations around the country. I also LOVE the Instructor's Guides, though I don't feel pressured to do everything in them. Pictured with Australian Labradoodles Milo and Birch at a rest area, Olivia (9) has been traveling with Sonlight for two years.

— **Michelle H**    Saginaw, TX

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Our family has been using Sonlight literature for two years now and absolutely love it! Each time we finish a book, we can't wait to start a new one. Not only are we enjoying reading together, but we are also having great discussions and learning as a result of the books. Janae (7) is especially fond of her Grade 2 readers. When it's time for reading, she even invites her younger siblings to listen in. Often, she wants to read several pages ahead of the reading schedule. This week, she started reading Greg's Microscope. She got so interested in Greg's science experiments from the book that she decided to conduct her own. With her magnifying glass in hand, she was able to view salt and sugar crystals up close, just like Greg. But not close enough, she claims. Looks like we'll have to save up for the microscope you carry in your catalog! Thank you Sonlight for encouraging a love of learning in my children through great literature. I don't know what we'd do without your great book recommendations.

— **Mindy H**    Spanish Fork, UT

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After reading "Keep the Lights Burning," Abbie, and Natasha H., of Jacksonville, Florida, was delighted to help care for chickens, just like the heroine in the story did, even when it would have been easy to choose to shirk that responsibility. "She risked her life for those chickens, going out in a hurricane, because they were counting on her to feed them!" Natasha reported breathlessly to her family, after meeting chickens in person brought the story to life even more for her. "Thank you Sonlight for choosing readers that are not only beautifully written and illustrated, but also great examples of character in action," says her mom, Nanette. "I always know I can count on Sonlight's choices to 'double dip,' teaching history, as well as modeling character attributes we'd like our children to develop, such as responsibility, kindness, faithfulness...the list goes on and on."

— **Nanette H** Jacksonville, FL

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Tucker H., of Jacksonville, Florida, experiences the charm of a Lorikeet up close as he feeds the nectar-sipper on exhibit at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. He and his sisters, Natasha, 7, and Liberty, 2, delight in going to the zoo to meet animals described in the faith- building Science 3 resource, "Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution." Their mom, Nanette, says, "Homeschooling with Sonlight saves me so much planning time, we have the freedom to take our studies out into the world for, quite literally, as you see here, 'hands-on' learning to support what's in the resources you've so carefully chosen for us. No wonder my kids retain so much information--and regularly thank me for homeschooling them! And that's why I thank you, Sonlight!"

— **Nanette H** Jacksonville, FL

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After being inspired by the hilarious book "By the Great Horn Spoon!" we decided to try our hand at panning for gold in our backyard in Tarakan, Indonesia (a tiny island off the coast of Borneo). Sonlight's great selection of literature transported to us to another time and place and greatly enhanced our study of American history.

— **Natalie H** Nampa, ID

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Thanks to SL Science, he knew how the hot air balloon worked! We loved doing Core 3 and can't wait to study Core 4 and the Civil War. Thanks to SL, I have kids who love history, their country and God.

— **Natalie H** Indianapolis, IN

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Jammer had to write to someone famous for a SL LA assignment and chose Dr. Zahi Hawass --the head archaeologist in Egypt. Hawass' "people" sent the obligatory letter back. It made J's day. It made mine that he recognized the Arabic and Greek on the envelope. Earlier this year, the kids were selected to be part of a focus group for Take Me There Egypt <http://childrensmuseum.org/takemethere/>. We met Cathy (one of many of the wonderful people on staff at the museum) and Jammer talked about how much he liked studying archaeology, how much he liked Dr. Hawass and the letter he received. Cathy, bless her heart made sure we knew about and were able to get in on the day Dr. Hawass was at the museum. It was such a busy day --the opening of two major exhibits. We would not have missed it for the world. Jammer was first in line to meet Dr. Hawass after the exhibits were opened. He brought the letter Dr. Hawass's people sent back and a Carole Marsh Mystery book he has that features Dr. Hawass (he wanted to get it autographed). Dr. Hawass had Jammer read the letter he brought and talked with him for a minute. Dr. Hawass looked at the letter and got a pen. "Jammer-- You use THIS e-mail address. You write me whenever you want and I WILL answer back. When you come to Egypt, you let me know and I show you ... Mom--make sure you e-mail me when you come." Then, he said something to his staff in Arabic. Next thing we knew, Dr. Hawass said "Get the hat." Dr. Hawass gave Jammer a hat just like his and autographed it. Then he saw Ellie and asked her "Are you the sister?" and gave Ellie an autographed book on King Tut. I have other pics of that day, including some taken by museum staff. Sonlight is so rich in content and makes history come alive. You can't help but want to know and explore more. Which is what happened with Jammer. We loved studying Egypt in Core 1 and we watched National Geographic videos, read books, etc. I've said many times that we would not be homeschooling if we had not discovered Sonlight. To me, SL is a gem--an academically rigorous curriculum that acknowledges other world views without disrespecting differences in opinions, values and cultures.

— **Natalie H** Indianapolis, IN



My 11 year old daughter and I enjoy being outside doing school, so we take advantage of good weather. (So do the cats.) We enjoy Sonlight because it is so good at providing readers that go along with the history we're studying. AND, the readers are so good.

— **Necie H** Charlotte, NC



The toys and swings are forgotten. My backyard reading chair sits empty. Our five energetic children pause to enjoy the afternoon breeze and their Sonlight books. The closeness we share as a family is the result of thousands of moments just like this, when we are loving to learn all together.

— **Nicole H** Ramona, CA





Having used Sonlight for 9 years now, everyone of our children have become book magnets, gulping down books and learning like a sweet drink. This is unlike my wife and I who equated reading as a boring chore but now enjoy reading quality books to our kids! Here are 3 of our 5 children, Ailsa (9), Jaida (6) & Ayin (3), when we made what was supposed to be a quick stop in a nature center after walking the trails. Seeing a room with a wall of books, they stayed a good 1 1/2 hours reading. Later the attendant let us know the center had closed 1/2 hour prior and the children reluctantly let go of their books as we called it a day.

— **Niki H** Sunbury, OH



Hannah was reading out loud as I was busy with a chore. Isaac was watching Beth and soon he angled in to see the cool pictures...Elijah was close behind and then Abbie had to make sure she was in the mix. She is never too far from the "action" of school. Sonlight has been a gravitating force in our homeschool lifestyle...drawing and captivating the children's interest (Mom too!) and making learning an exciting adventure. We wouldn't blast off our school year without Sonlight curriculum as our mission control!

— **Nikki H** Mccanna, ND



The biggest joy of homeschooling our five children for me has been having the privilege to teach them to read. When they finally "get it" and begin to devour the words on the page like Pac-man it is a day of rejoicing in our household. Being able to take school outside is a blessing within the freedom of homeschooling and we enjoy our yard very much. Bethany is my last young reader. At age six she is loving being able to read the "big kid" books from Core 1. "The Sword in the Tree" was a favorite of her older brothers and in this photo, as Beth reads aloud to me :), the boys are acting out the scene in the background. They couldn't do that in a traditional classroom! Thank you, Sonlight!!

— **Nikki H** Mccanna, ND



Hannah is reading to her younger sister, Leah. Our girls love reading Sonlight books. Using this curriculum has been a wonderful way for our family to gain knowledge while growing closer to each other. It is a great way for all of us to spend some quality time together.

— **Patricia H** Orlando, FL





Our older daughter, Kelly, is reading to our two younger daughters, Hannah and Leah. We love how Sonlight Curriculum helps our family grow closer together, while enhancing the girls' education.

— **Patricia H** Orlando, FL

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My son had a biology lab worthy of any public or private high school. The Apologia science program along with Sonlight's Instructor 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.

— **Patti H** Dallas, TX

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Fall came very early and very cold this year, so when it got back up in the 60's in mid-October, we took advantage of it. We packed up our math and writing, and I took our RA book and walked to the neighborhood pond and enjoyed the day. Sonlight has always provided us with the flexibility to go out and enjoy God's world - and not just read about at the table. Thanks Sonlight for letting us enjoy our "beautiful days," especially seeing homeschooling doesn't require us to take snow-days.

— **Peggy H** Muskego, WI

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"They built part of this with sticky rice!" Piper, right, exclaimed in amazement when visiting the Great Wall of China with her friend Lianne. I certainly learned nothing about Ancient China in the first grade, and am envious of my daughter's Sonlight education. This is our fourth year with Sonlight and we expect to spend 13 more. I'm looking forward to every single one of them.

— **Ra H** Highland Park, IL

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What a blessing my Instructor's Guide is. I have complete confidence that I'm teaching what needs to be taught throughout the year. When people have asked me about homeschooling and how I know my children are learning what they need to, I've whipped out my IG and they've been blown away. Most comment that with a tool like that, they'd be able to homeschool too! Thanks to the confidence I get using an established program like Sonlight, my boys are thriving and my husband and I couldn't be happier! In their first year of homeschooling using the 4th Grade Full-Grade program, Brooks (2), Jase (7), and Carter (9) climb a tree with Dad to read a short story.

— **Rachelle H** Wakarusa , IN

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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. 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. Rebecca says that thanks to Sonlight, her kids anticipate the first day of school each year as if it were a holiday. 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.

— **Rebecca H** Canby, OR

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Being extremely nervous about taking on this venture [of homeschooling], the Instructor's Guide was what did it for me! I needed detailed, specific instructions on what to do. It took all of the stress out of the day-to-day planning. Other homeschool moms were struggling with their own curriculums. They expressed stress, their children being uncooperative and on and on. And then they would ask me what I was using, and I would tell them about Sonlight. I almost felt guilty in telling them that we weren't struggling. My homeschool journey has been very pleasant and enjoyable. In her third year of Sonlight, Clara (6, Core B) reads to Mom, Dad, Kate (4, Pre-Kindergarten) and Canon (2).

— **Rebecca H** Lindale, TX

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My children have just found the Sonlight boxes and are very excited to get started. They look forward to this day each year. We enjoy Sonlight so much! The read alouds are probably our favorites. We spend so much time learning and sharing stories together. I am so glad we found this curriculum. Sonlight makes learning fun!

— **Rhonda H** Huntsville , AL

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Our 8th grader told me she doesn't want to put the Core 100 books away because she will be reading them all again for fun over the summer. Thank you for your careful choices.

— **Rob H** Mount Pleasant, SC



I believe this picture is self-explanatory! This child has been reading books (or at least shown an interest in books) from a VERY early age! We catch her reading almost everywhere! Sonlight seemed like such a natural choice for her because of her love of reading. After looking at several different curriculums, she picked Sonlight because of ALL the books!! I fell in love with Sonlight because of the organizational layout and lesson plans that are so easy to use. We just started school Monday and are SO pleased! I've already heard, "Awww, can I please read more?" or "NO! Don't stop--read another chapter" referring to the read-alouds! We have thoroughly enjoyed incorporating the maps and timeline activities too. It's such a JOY to actually see the light-bulbs in my child's brain as I share this adventure with her. I never had that opportunity with her in public school. I thank God for His leading us to homeschooling and I also thank Him for Sonlight and all of its wonderful resources!

— **Robin H** Sherwood, AR



Our kids have learned how to think logically and critically and how to teach themselves anything they want to for the rest of their lives. It's like the difference between teaching a man to fish and giving him a fish. I wish many others could grasp how foundational the reading of great books is to a child's education. It seems very logical that language arts, reading and history are tied together. It helps kids learn when there's connection among subjects instead of compartmentalization. If I had it to do over again, I'd use Sonlight from beginning to end. Robin has used Sonlight for the past twelve of her nineteen homeschooling years. Her three oldest have already graduated with Sonlight, and she is savoring her last year with David (17), who is studying Core 200.

— **Robin H** Oconto Falls, WI





We try to get our day off to a good start by eating a nutritious breakfast as well as having devotions together as a family. After reading the Bible or some inspirational literature suggested by Sonlight, there usually ensues a hearty discussion that either leads down the road of spiritual advice and explanation or a time of bantering and playful dramatics! Our discussion goes even further since Sonlight has encouraged our teens to study Current Events that pertain to their culture locally as well as worldwide. It is during this "together" time that we hold this information up in the light of Jesus Christ and His Holy Scriptures as we strive to understand how to follow Him in today's world.

— **Sally H** Temple, GA

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When Daddy took the reins in the "Science department," we had no idea the adventure we were in for. Under his tutelage, we have learned first-hand about so many of God's creations; things from rattlesnakes to Colorado wildflowers. Sonlight has made the daunting task of homeschooling actually seem manageable. The lesson plans are so user-friendly and the book selections are to die for!

— **Sandee H** La Jara , CO

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Sonlight creates a closeness in our family that could not be achieved by sending our children to school.

— **Sarah H** Marion, NC

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My husband and I live in Israel, a country where being a stay-at-home-mom is completely unheard of (let alone homeschooling). Between the ages of 6 months to a year most children enter daycare and moms go back to work. By 3 years old virtually all children are in daycare, even the children of religious Jewish people. It has therefore been challenging having my kids at home, both because of a lack of resources and also a lack of friends to play with (praise God for a couple of other believing families with SAHMs in a nearby city!) On a recent visit to the States I began investigating homeschooling options. I did a lot of research and after receiving a recommendation for Sonlight from another mom and perusing the Sonlight website, I was excited to give it a try. I love that everything is together in one package and ready to use. From my 3 year old (who the curriculum is for), to my 18 month old, myself and even my husband who overhears us reading often and sometimes joins in, we all love the program. It has been a huge blessing to us. We thank the Lord for Sonlight!

— **Sarah H** Apple Valley, MN

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Justin is holding his snake Domino, he loves to let this California King Snake out and slither around in his hands.

— **Shannon H**    Ontario, OR



Rachel poses with her dad on the top of a cement quarry in Eastern Oregon during a high point in her tour of daddy's work. Rachel was one of only 2 daughters brought to work that day. She had a wonderful time with dad and really enjoyed seeing where he worked, what he did and helping file papers. The freedom that Sonlight gives us allows time to go on field trips and learn from our environment around us. I can't imagine missing out on such a wonderful adventure. Thanks Sonlight.

— **Shannon H**    Ontario, OR



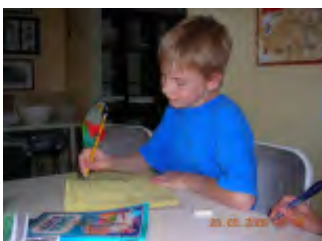
Jenny had completed both Saxon K and Singapore Early Bird math, so before I started her on Miquon or bought the next Singapore, I wanted to introduce her to the Cuisesenair Rods. She loves them and has made many geometric designs, this one happens to be a rectangle. She's quite proud of her creation. I have only schooled with Sonlight and have relied on SL for Math suggestions. Thanks Sonlight for great Math programs and for giving excellently detailed descriptions of each program you carry.

— **Shannon H**    Ontario, OR



Our family loves to travel and Sonlight makes it so easy. We just pack the wonderful Sonlight books in our suitcases and our kids don't even realize they are still learning while on a holiday. Our kids remember what they read in these exciting books far more than any textbook they've used in the past.

— **Shari H**    Canada



In this photo, Slade is working on his Science, Core 5 with his pet conure, Tippy. As soon as we received Sonlight in the mail, Slade devoured his Science books. He loves reading the brightly coloured and detailed Science books.

— **Shari H**    Canada







In this photo, twins, Talon and Slade Hall are doing one of the many experiments in Science Core 5 with their Dad helping them out. We so enjoy how Sonlight has brought our family closer together. Everyone, including Daddy, gets to be a part of Sonlight.

— **Shari H**    Canada

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In this photo, J.T. Hall, 6 is doing one of the many very exciting experiments in Science Core 1. J.T. often spent hours going over and over the experiments. How exciting it was to really see J.T. and our other children really come alive doing Sonlight Science this year.

— **Shari H**    Canada

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We love Sonlight's Bible curriculum. What a great feeling to know that instilling a love of God and Jesus through wonderful Bible stories can lead to moments like this. The Bibles for each grade are perfect at keeping the little one's attention. We reach for our Bible first thing in the morning. Sonlight's Instructor's Guide is totally written out so we can go through our days seamlessly. We can spend more time reading, doing and going rather than so much time planning. This moment was caught when Jessica (6) and Joshua (5) thought nobody was looking. They're studying Core A and Core B in their family's fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Shelby H**    Jourdanton, TX

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As a mom, I love how Sonlight brings it all together and eliminates the stress of lesson planning!

— **Sherry H**    Boones Mill, VA

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"Our boys, Ben and Jon, love to read the many Sonlight stories that bring history, people and places all over the world to life for them," writes Sonja H. "Reading has become their favorite activity and we are so glad they've developed a real love for books early in life – largely due to exposure to such wonderful literature through Sonlight's curriculum over the past five years." Here, Jon (13) enjoys a riveting read from Core 100 Literature, alongside his curious canine companion, Cameron. — Sonja H • River Falls, WI — June 2012

— **Sonja H** River Falls, WI

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This is box arrival day at the H. household in Wells, MN. Everyone quickly found their favorite part of the package. Michaela (12) picked up and devoured 5 of the core 1 readers that were ordered for her sister Serena(7)!! Nathaniel (2) ran around the house scattering all the brown packing paper, then put it back into the box, making some comfortable nesting material for himself. We listen to Story of the World CDs in the car. I asked Michaela if she didn't mind hearing them again for school. She said, "No! I like hearing them." Thanks Sonlight for making learning fun!!

— **Sonya H** Wells, MN

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Homeschooling seemed impossible when my husband and I first discussed the idea. Once we had decided to go forward with the challenge, we knew we needed an organized curriculum. Not only that, but one that would foster a love for God, others, and of learning. Sonlight fit our goals perfectly! Fostering her love of others, our oldest daughter, Eliana, reads to some lovely ladies at our local nursing home. She did a great job and was asked to come back any time!

— **Stefanie H** Herreid, SD

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

— **Stephanie H** Hallsville, TX

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Since Elisabeth first began her formal schooling nine and one-half years ago, Sonlight has been a joyful educational adventure for the whole family. It has been a map, compass, and guide to exploring God's wonderful creation. We have been greatly blessed and influenced by the unique World Christian view offered by Sonlight. We believe that Sonlight has been especially instrumental in helping us see life from God's perspective. Thank you for this tremendous service and gift. May God continue to bless and prosper you in your ministry of education.

— **Susan H**    Pensacola, FL

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We love watching the Discover & Do science DVDs...we even watch them in the car. Then we get to pick our favorite science experiments and have Mom help us perform the experiments and study the data. Thank you Sonlight for creating easy-to-understand and use experiments just for us younger kids!

— **Susan H**    Mishawaka, IN

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Sonlight has truly brought back the joy and interest in learning for my children! It was difficult for my son to retain what he learned from other textbooks. The wonderful literature has engaged both of my children in digging deep into history. Because they enjoy dressing up and acting like the characters, these books have become personal friends! History comes to life every day in our home! Whether we're camping out with Jim and Tom while setting beaver traps and surviving in the wilderness (Moccasin Trail), or becoming efficiency experts with the Gilbreth family (Cheaper By The Dozen) - history does indeed become a rich, fascinating experience! I have been amazed at the deep, important, life discussions that come up as we read each book! The read-alouds have stretched us, grown us, and caused us to love history more than ever before! Thank you for the rich learning experiences, Sonlight! We're here to stay!

— **Tamara H**    Colorado Springs, CO

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My favorite part of homeschooling is reading to my kids so Sonlight has been a perfect fit for us.

— **Tammy H**    Morgantown, IN

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I received a gift subscription for a Sonlight purchase this year. Because I had already bought our Core for the year, I had the pleasure of spending it on "wants" instead of "needs." One of our purchases was the Classical Kids Collection Vol 1. I'm always looking out for things our kids can listen to, especially at rest time. Little did I know what a winner this series was going to be. My girls (even Katie whose listening skills aren't the best) LOVED them. We listened to them in the car at first and since then they can't get enough of listening to Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Vivaldi. They even incorporate the music and stories they've heard into their play. In this picture they might be dressed as Cinderella and Snow White, but in their minds they are princesses from far away lands, dancing to the music of Mozart ... or Venetians dressed for the masked balls of Venice during Vivaldi's time. Thanks to this series, not only has the imaginative play been enhanced, but their ability to recognize musical instruments and these composers in other contexts is unbelievable. Thank you, Sonlight, for introducing us to these classics!

— **Taryn H** South Africa



Because we meet over lunchtime, our Sonlight homeschool co-op group has been dubbed The Lunch Bunch! Each mom has an opportunity to enrich the kids' learning with music, art, classic stories and physical fitness. Here our kids (ranging from 4-8) are having a skipping race. They've been learning how to skip with jump rope thanks to the great lesson plans and tips in the Homeschool Family Fitness book. We love that Sonlight has thought of every aspect of homeschooling and has included this fitness manual in the curriculum. For many parents the fitness aspect stumps us, so having such a goldmine of material to follow is certainly very welcome! AND the kids love it too, especially when they get to learn with their Sonlight friends.

— **Taryn H** South Africa



This photograph represents what makes homeschooling so important to us: being flexible enough to make the most of opportunities and family time. In the middle of our school term, Dad had to take a business trip. It was to coincide with our 6-year-old's birthday. So we joined Dad! Taking our school books with us to keep the continuity of our work going, we drove up the coast and had a mini-vacation. With Sonlight, you can pick up and go whenever, wherever, you want. Here, Kiera (7) and Katie (6) enjoy special time reading a Sonlight book with Dad on their trip. They're studying Core B in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Taryn H** South Africa







This Pattern Block Set [#RM09] has been an integral part of our Sonlight experience. All four of my kids have used them in learning patterns, shapes, fractions, addition, subtraction and more. Even my eldest daughter, Kiera, still enjoys trying to create elaborate symmetrical pictures with them. When she was a preschooler, I thought long and hard about whether I should buy the set with the rest of our Sonlight curriculum. I am so glad I eventually took the plunge and bought them. Once again, I am reminded how much I appreciate Sonlight's excellent choices and recommendations! Here, 10-year-old Kiera poses with her latest pattern block creation. Taryn is using Core D and Core P4/5 with her children in their sixth year of Sonlight.

— **Taryn H** South Africa



While visiting the South African Museum in Cape Town, our co-op group had fun pretending to be in the jaws of a carcharodon megalodon! This group has been together for two years now, enjoying learning about our world together. Every week, during the kid's play time, the moms have an opportunity to catch up and share ideas. Because the Hayes family kids have been using Sonlight for the last 3 years, we have been able to share our Sonlight "moments"; books and catalogs with the other moms. Just reading through the catalog was enough to convince Kerry that Sonlight was a superior homeschooling program. Now, the moms who plan to homeschool next year are super excited to start their own Sonlight journeys this coming school year!

— **Taryn H** South Africa



Alexis is reading Peace Child part of her Core 100 curriculum. She loves reading and considers Sonlight books to be some of the best she has read. Sonlight has made homeschooling effortless for our family rather than a chore it has become a pleasant pastime!

— **Taunya H** Port Wentworth, GA



Sonlight really brings Science to life. The adventures and experiments make learning a great bonding experience for our family. Our five children and I all enjoy exploring outside with Sonlight Science A. It allows our family to have much more time together through learning and fun because the lesson plans and materials are there for us. We are thankful that we can learn in a natural style and all together. Using the Children's Encyclopedia [from Core A and Science A] for reference, Tiffany explores outside with Briley (7), Bryce (6), Kelsey (2), Kinley (2) and baby Blake.

— **Tiffany H** Garrison, TX





When my friend told me about Sonlight I jumped on the opportunity to learn more. This will be our 3rd year homeschooling. The last 2 years seem to be a chore. My girls never seem to want to start. But ever since the Sonlight books arrived my girls have been reading and can't seem to put the books down. They are wanting to know if we can start school early this year. They are even looking forward to Math and Science! Thank you Sonlight! Maddy, 8, and Tori, 12, are sharing Core E in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Tina H** Oakley, CA

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We have used Sonlight for 8 years now. It has allowed us to do our school work wherever we go, whether that is outside, at the park, or on vacation. Core G is world history part 1 and Core H is part 2. Doing world history in 2 years has given us the opportunity to read some really great novels that have broadened my kids imaginations.

— **Tina H** Montgomery, AL

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Help! My girls are getting along and they won't stop learning! 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.

— **Tina H** Oakley, CA

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My daughter, Taryn, is reading a Sonlight history book, while the kitten, Goliath, looks on! Something must have caught his attention as well as hers!

— **Toni H** Kerrville, TX

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I found Hannah reading the Bible aloud to her sister, Kendall, one morning. This was not prompted by anyone but the Lord! The missionary focus of Sonlight has really made an impact on my daughter, Hannah. We all love hearing the missionary stories and about God's faithfulness, but now Hannah has a desire to teach others about God and become a missionary herself. What an impact Sonlight has made on this 7 year old little girl. Sonlight has opened her eyes and ours to a lost world that needs a Savior. Thank you.

— **Toni H**    Kerrville, TX

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Sonlight has proven to be a winning curriculum for our family. My girls have learned to love history and reading by using Sonlight. I often "catch" them reading books from previous Cores that we've done. I've even noticed my husband walking in on the last few chapters of a read-aloud, then later on grabbing the book to start at the beginning to find out how it all began! A frequent question at our house is, "Mama, can I pleeeeeease read the next book?" History really comes alive for my kids (and for myself). How do I know this? Because I see it in their pretend play! They act out whatever time period we are learning about. Whether it's Egyptians, Romans, Knights and Queens, Pilgrims or Indians, they are in their made up costumes and have the accents to go right along with it. What a joy it is for me as a mother to see them really taking their learning to heart!

— **Toni H**    Kerrville, TX

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Sonlight is more than a curriculum company. The forums that SL hosts have allowed many of us to meet "in real life." Here the kids of the H and M family pose for a quick shot after spending the day touring a local rail museum and playing at the M house together. The H family was traveling out of state and the M family hosted us for the day. The kids hit it off, the dads did too. And well the moms got a chance to sit on the front porch swing and chat with happy chatter in the background. More than a curriculum company it has provide our family with friends just about anywhere we go.

— **Traci H**    Austin, TX

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Sonlight has instilled such a love of books that we often find our oldest "up a tree" with a book. Here she is waiting for her brother's baseball game to get underway up a tree reading. This is a girl who struggled to read until about first grade in traditional school. Thanks Sonlight.

— **Traci H**    Austin, TX

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The Teacher's Guides and the well-chosen classical books are the key to Sonlight's success. I also love how they recommended other resources, like Explode the Code and Handwriting Without Tears, which work hand-in-hand with the curriculum. With Sonlight, I'm able to work with my kids on a daily basis on a continuum of excellent learning. I see my children's world expanding and it makes me excited to be their teacher. For the first time, I feel confident and comfortable with my decision to home educate. My kids finally enjoy homeschooling and I absolutely love teaching. In their third Sonlight year, John-Paul and Emelie (9 and 8, Core B+C) take their Math outdoors.

— **Valerie H** Slater, MO

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When I was doing my Australian Distance Education Program, I was supposed to learn sports like football and skipping and cycling road safety. Because we live on a yacht and are sailing the world, I often couldn't do the program when we were sailing and so I couldn't get a mark. Now I'm with Sonlight and I can do REAL sports like kayaking and surfing and snorkelling. My Dad slots them into my science program with my 'Human Body' book and we learn about muscles and breathing and how my body works. I always get an 'A'.

— **Venessa H** Malaysia

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We love reading whole and interesting books. As we are Australians, we thought it appropriate to have two Australian books in the photo. The book 'The Great Brain' that David is reading is appropriate as he is an ideas young man. Read aloud time has always been a hit. It's great spending time discussing stories, and related writing expressions. In the photo we have Bobby our dog with the book 'Balto'- 'The Bravest Dog Ever', encouraging him to reach higher as well!

— **Vicki H** Australia

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They have the BEST books, an amazing Instructor's Guide [IG] that walks you through every day, the greatest customer service I've ever encountered, and best of all, my kids are loving life each day. Having the IG makes life easy; we know what to do and our days run smoothly. As a homeschooling mom, I can't imagine my life without Sonlight. The boys have soared in their studies with the amazing books Sonlight has chosen for each Core. Our family is happy, healthy and thriving, and I know I have Sonlight to thank for that! Blaze (9, Core B+C) has been soaring with Sonlight for three years.

— **William H** Berlin, MD

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We have been homeschooling with Sonlight for 7 years. We love the great books we get to read that bring history alive as well as up close and personal. Read Alouds are the family favorite. I love reading to our boys and learning right along with them. Even dad loves to listen to the stories and be filled in on what has happened while he has been at work. The boys also like their readers and sometimes can't put them down to do other things until they have finished. Here our boys Justin, 12; Caleb, 10; Zachary, 7; and Andrew, 5; wrapped up mummy style in the brown paper that came around our curriculum order for next fall. This day they were wrapped up reading all their great Sonlight books. The breakout is fun too! Thank you Sonlight for seven great years already and many more to come.

— **Bradly I** Hillsboro, OR

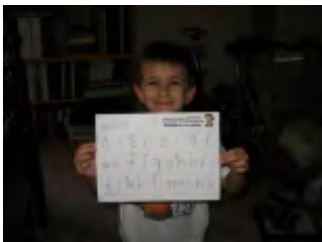
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I discovered Sonlight 16 years ago and boy, am I glad I did! The high interest level of Sonlight books have given my active boys (and my more tranquil daughter) the opportunity to hear and learn from great books even if they couldn't sit still very long. Even in high school, we choose some books to read aloud because we enjoy books together and it has become part of our DNA. Although this photo is staged, 17-year-old Nathaniel really can maneuver a soccer ball while he reads or listens to Christie read. He is studying Core 300 and British Literature in his twelfth and final year of Sonlight. His three older siblings all used Sonlight from 6th grade through high school, graduated college, and are now working.

— **Christie I** Sussex, WI

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Abraham is so proud of his hand writing that he made me take a picture of it! He wanted me to send it to his grandparents and all his aunts! He loves home schooling. Last year he was at a pre-school and loved it, but begged me to start home schooling him too, like his big brothers. He was just as excited when the Sonlight box came as they were. He knew all the words - Sonlight - "What Core will I be in, Mommy?" - Science Kit - "Do I get a DVD too?" We've used Sonlight for three years and I can't see us using any other curriculum.

— **Doris I** Clayton, NC

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We love Sonlight because it lets our children learn together and explore the things that interest them. The books we read spark their curiosity and give them ideas for activities and adventures they can enjoy. After I read *Dry Bones and Other Fossils* with Jacquelynn and Brennan, they decided to go on a fossil search with their younger sister, Rosemary. I found them examining a fossil in a small rock they had found in our yard.

— **Jannette I** Franklinville, NY

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We were new to homeschooling and have loved using Sonlight for the last year and a half. We took a bit longer doing the year program as we had a move from New Zealand to the UK. My son delighted in the readers which have all been so engaging compared to the dry boring school books he used to have. In the photo, I found him on a kitchen seat wrapped in a toga reading his favourite book from the readers for the second time! Sonlight has made the transition to homeschooling easy for me, I have learnt so much about world history and feel confident that I can trust the selection of books to enhance my son's education.

— **Judi I** United Kingdom



Sonlight's Science A curriculum has opened Cole's eyes to the natural world around him and he has since become fascinated with it. 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.

— **Karen I** Philippines



My children really enjoy books. They want me to read to them all the time. But when we first started homeschooling they never wanted me to read them a book. They just wanted to go play. But I really wanted to use Sonlight because of the literature and the focus on God's great love for the Whole World. So I just read to them anyway and in a very short time their desire for literature blossomed and now I find them with books all the time, or they bring books for me to read to them, etc. Thank you Sonlight! I wasn't sure if they would ever "love" literature, but they certainly do now!

— **Katrina I** Wichita, KS



My kids all get excited about snuggling up with Mom or Dad to read a book. Sonlight has introduced us to some wonderful books, and it has created a deep enjoyment and appreciation for literature in my children. I so enjoy getting the school books out in the morning and reading to the kids. We start with Bible at breakfast. I read to them while they eat. Thank you for doing all the work of finding the books and putting them together for us! We appreciate you!

— **Katrina I** Wichita, KS





The Sonlight curriculum has easily let Dad be involved in homeschooling. He enjoys reading to the children at bedtime. Honestly, when you hear him telling others about Sonlight and homeschooling, you would think he was the one doing most of the work as he is quite knowledgeable. How many dads really know what their kids are learning?

— **Margaret I** United States

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Kessiah is performing one of the experiments from the section "air that pushes." Both Varenka and Kessiah look forward to Fridays when we do our science experiments for the week. They also really enjoy the science DVDs and try to be like "the science guy." I personally thought the DVD was rather lame when I first saw it but my girls' enthusiasm proved that mom can't always judge what will work or be useful without trying it first. We'll definitely be ordering the science DVDs again. Sonlight is a great fit for us. It provides me with so many good ideas that are easy to put in practice and I can always leave out things I don't want to do or we don't have time for. Our first year homeschooling I was trying to plan and organize a curriculum myself and it was just too difficult. Sonlight is worth the money just for the time it saves me, not to mention how much fun we all have learning so many interesting things.

— **Sonja I** Canada

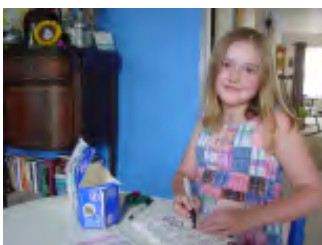
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My daughter has complete faith in the books Sonlight has chosen. Referring to a new Reader, she has said on many occasions, 'I know it will be good, because Sonlight picked it. We started homeschooling with Sonlight (Core A) because we were drawn into the Christian focus and the way Sonlight uses books instead of boring textbooks to teach history. As we approach the teen years, we're still lined up on the couch, happily reading aloud together. I'm so happy with the education we're getting. Not only has my child received a great education; but I've learned so much more than I ever did in public school. I have no desire to try other curriculums. Larkin (11, Core E) also has a fondness for Sonlight Science.

— **Tracy I** Brownsburg, IN

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My daughter told me she liked Science B and Science C, but she LOVES Science D! 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.

— **Tracy I** Brownsburg, IN



Homeschooling seemed like it was going to be difficult for someone like me (who isn't great at math), but with products like Teaching Textbooks, the work is done for me. I had heard about the Teaching Textbooks curriculum through the Sonlight forums and finally decided to give it a try. It's great hearing what works for other families and sharing tips and ideas. We're a little different in that we do more than one math program to keep things fun and lively. (Kind of sounds like Sonlight, huh?!). In her fifth year of Sonlight, Larkin (10), seen here enjoying her TT math lesson, has a full plate with Core E, Science D + E, ARTistic Pursuits and Rosetta Stone language learning.

— **Tracy I** Brownsburg, IN



Trevor is doing experiment 3.2 in Exploring Chemistry with Creation. As he immerses the wires (attached to a battery at the other end) in the solution of baking soda in distilled water, he sees bubbles forming, as predicted, due to the electricity being conducted. A genuine smile crosses his face as the experiment produces the predicted results. Science is such fun! Homeschooling was an excellent but short term experience for our family. Due to a work contract for my husband, we needed to move from Ottawa, Canada to Dallas, Texas for a year and a half. Our 3 children were sad to be leaving their Christian school, but were delighted with the idea of homeschooling while we were in Texas. We loved the Sonlight curriculum. I especially appreciated the advanced science courses, Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Exploring Creation with Physics by Dr. Jay Wile. These were Trevor's favourite courses. I was impressed with the quality of material taught and the excellent detailed explanations each step of the way. Not being scientific myself, I was concerned about the prospect of homeschooling high school level science courses. The textbooks in these courses are so well written that he was able to self teach. All I needed to do was provide the schedule and review and mark his work (with answers provided this was so easy!). I also got to enjoy his absolute pleasure in learning about God's creation in the science realm. Sonlight made homeschooling easy, which I especially appreciated being a first-time homeschooler - of 3 children. I couldn't have done it nearly as well without your well-planned lessons and schedules and excellent materials.

— **Trish I** Canada



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— **Trish I** Canada







Trevor is reading his American History for the day, with cat, Snuggles on his bed. This was our first homeschool year and the kids loved being able to do their daily schoolwork wherever they chose. Homeschooling was an excellent but short term experience for our family. Due to a work contract for my husband, we needed to move from Ottawa, Canada to Dallas, Texas for a year-and-a-half. Our 3 children were sad to be leaving their Christian school, but were delighted with the idea of homeschooling while we were in Texas. I chose to do American history with the children, which enriched our experience of living in the U.S. Joy Hakim's History of the U.S. brought history alive for us. Living in Texas during the recent presidential election was an unexpected bonus which added to the learning experience for all of us! Sonlight made homeschooling easy, which I especially appreciated being a first-time homeschooler - of 3 children. I couldn't have done it nearly as well without your well-planned lessons and schedules and excellent materials.

— **Trish I**    Canada



Bailey & I had gone for an early morning walk on the beach to take pictures and collect sea shells. We found this creature, we still aren't sure what it was, and she was fascinated by it. She actually carried it back to our condo just to see what would happen. This is my child who likes school the least! Even she enjoys learning, just as long as we don't call it school. Using Sonlight has given even my reluctant student a desire to learn.

— **Wilma I**    Smyrna, TN



Our family often has staring contests, but John Mark has a difficult time winning because he is such a giggly, happy go lucky boy. One of his sisters suggested that he might be able to win this contest because the competition had no eyes. Over the years as we've read books & learned together, I've watched as my children have grown closer together and have seen real friendships develop between them. They actually enjoy each others company which isn't something many of my friends can say. Sonlight has made our homeschooling journey a pleasure for our family.

— **Wilma I**    Smyrna, TN





We had spent the day in St. Augustine doing a trolley tour of the city. Our trolley guide told us great stories about the history of St. Augustine and we found lots of stories ourselves. The amazing thing to me was that even though we were on a beach vacation, our whole family enjoyed the history of the city and no one ever thought it odd that we were doing history instead of being on the beach. Sonlight has made history so real to us and such a part of our lives that it just seemed like the natural thing to do.

— **Wilma I** Smyrna, TN

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Whenever possible if we can, we love to take road trips to see the things and places that Sonlight's books have described. We have taken the kids to Australia to experience the ocean, to Cave of the Mounds to experience a cave, to coffee hour with an Italian language group to hear a different language being spoken, to a hands on farm. That is also one of the reasons homeschooling works is that ability to get up and go, to see, to touch and to learn.

— **amy Gail J** Madison, WI

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Sonlight helps my kids be passionate about learning, loving and living. I love when somebody says, while reading a Sonlight book, 'Can we do that?' or 'I wonder what that's like.' From one book or chapter, we explore so much more ... Every school year we start and end with a picture. They had a theory about how Sonlight would alter their physical appearance and wanted to see how knowledge would change their heads! Looking back at this picture, Lucy said, 'It didn't change how we look, but it changed my heart.' Lucas (6), Lucy (5) and Laurelin (2) are studying Core C and P4/5 Multi-Subject in their fourth year of Sonlight study.

— **amy Gail J** Madison, WI

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With Sonlight, I have never doubted that my kids are getting an incredible education. Other homeschool parents in the area talk every year about the would-of's, could-of's and should-of's. For me, it's so easy to talk about how Sonlight has made our homeschooling life easier, with great literature, fun books, daring characters and easy instructions. My kids are excited about history. They are free to focus on learning, connecting and absorbing everything in God's world, instead of worrying about grades or other things in the public school. In their fifth year homeschooling, Lucas (7, Core C), Lucy (6, Core C) and Laurelin (4, Core A) often bring Core C characters to life through play. In this photo, the book Captain Nobody inspired them to become superheroes.

— **amy Gail J** Madison, WI

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We liked Walk the World's Rim, because we live near the area Chakoh's tribe lived. January 29, we went on a hike with our home school group. Seeing the Prickly Pear cactus reminded us of how miserable Chakoh and Esteban had been in the Texas winter, and how hungry. We investigated the cactus and imagined eating it. This cactus is sold in our grocery; it's eaten stir-fried with tortillas. It was interesting. We love the value Sonlight gives us all year-round. Although the story had been read in early Fall, the children remembered so much through that read-aloud. Enough to discuss it on a January walk! Real learning is remembered and used long after the book has been closed and returned to the shelf.

— **Amy J** Austin, TX

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What's happening in this photo is a Big Fat Meet up of the families of 4 forum users. Sonlight gives us not only a quality education for our family, but a community of friends.

— **Amy J** Austin, TX

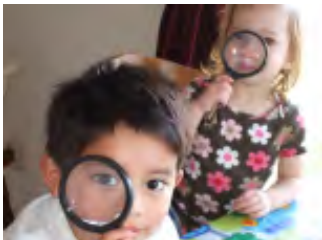
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Sonlight makes it easy to homeschool large families. The included literature and games intrigue even the youngest, and are sturdy and timeless enough to last through several children. Our younger children can learn alongside their older brothers and sisters. Sonlight has taught our children to love books. It is an investment worth making! Rebekah (2), Anna (4), Gideon (4), Abigail (7) and Kate (2) enjoy their Core P3/4 and Core P4/5 books together.

— **Amy J** Beggs, OK

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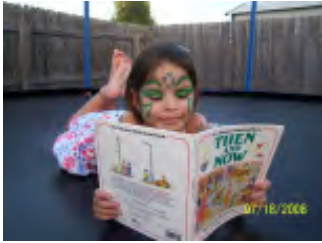


The lesson plans laid out by Sonlight not only facilitate continuity between lessons, creating building blocks for future learning, but they also excite kids to want to learn. When we started home schooling, my son was bored. We were going to the library three times a week. I was trying to put together my own curriculum and not succeeding. But then Amy Gail found Sonlight. She appreciates the flexibility and communal nature of Sonlight: several relatives all help teach lessons and love it! Here, Lucas (3) and Lucy (2) prepare for a science experiment as they explore P4/5 in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Amy Gail J** Madison, WI

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My daughter Jenna enjoys looking through her Then and Now book while relaxing on the backyard trampoline. Although we had already finished reading that book in its entirety, she continues to enjoy it time after time. Sonlight has helped me make homeschooling fun! Some of my friends spend hours every week just to plan out their curriculum. Because of the included schedule, I have more time to plan and do fun activities with her, like face painting. Thank you Sonlight for making this first year a fun and memorable one!

— **Andrea J** Leander, TX

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I have a friend who uses another curriculum, and she is always stressed out about time. Sonlight is different. I feel free to teach my children using their learning styles and my teaching style. The Instructor's Guides are great – I know exactly what to do each day. We can take time off if needed for spontaneity or vacation or whatever. The single BEST thing about Sonlight is all the wonderful books. Here, superhero Maximus (6) reads his morning devotions.

— **Angela J** Upper Marlboro, MD

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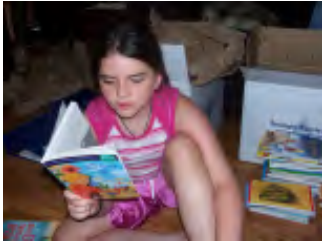
Our sons wanted to play "Sight Word Bingo" ("PLEASE Mom, please, please?") It was not a school day, they just love playing it! My older son enjoys teaching his brother the rules. My youngest just likes putting the chips on the words. Maybe he'll learn some along the way! I am pleased with Sonlight. We have used it for Kindergarten and 1st grade. In the fall, our 3 year old will begin Kindergarten with Sonlight Core B. You make it so easy to teach. Everything one needs is sent at one time. I was very careful with which curriculum we would choose for our children. All the others made me nervous because they seemed so stringent and stressful. I have a friend who uses another curriculum that rhymes with "Rebecca," and she is always stressed out about time. Sonlight is different. I feel free to teach my children using their learning styles and my teaching style without any deficit. The Instructor Guides are great for me - I know exactly what to do each day. The great thing is that there is no specified schedule - we can take time off if needed for spontaneity or vacation or whatever. The single BEST thing about Sonlight is all the wonderful books. I have always been an avid reader and book lover, (box day around here is crazy) so I believe God led me to this particular curriculum. My son is six has been reading since he was 3 years old and Sonlight is great for him. I can't wait to start our other son with Sonlight in the fall. Thank you so much!

— **Angela J** Upper Marlboro, MD

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We'd just received our 1st order of Sonlight and Elizabeth (who had been pretty adamant about refusing to read out loud; she couldn't read; she hated reading, etc...) started pulling out books then began reading. I was extremely pleased and decided this should be photographed for posterity. She and her brothers piled up and read for a good while and I went through and did my Mom thing with our new books. These guys are enjoying the real life stories they are reading and they get a kick out of reading something then having it come on the travel channel. We read *Red Sails to Capri* then about a week later there was a documentary on the Blue Grotto in Capri. We'd already checked it out on the internet but I think seeing it on tv made it more real to the children. Elizabeth said "'I'm going there when I grow up!" I love that kind of response. Those are some of the things I love about Sonlight. I'm still having a hard time with the lack of workbook pages. After 16 years of homeschooling I still feel like I need those pages to keep me straight. I've read R. Beechick's book., *The Three R's* and I still feel like I'm not doing enough.

— **Beckie J**    Rockport, TX



I love our morning homeschool routine, which includes math and language arts around the table. Sometimes I work one-on-one with a child, and other times, like this one, they all work at the same time, helping (and pestering!) one another. The camaraderie among the siblings results in the younger ones craving to "do school" along with the older ones. One of my favorite things about homeschooling with Sonlight is how we are able to do so much together. My children have such close relationships with one another, much closer than I would have dreamed, because they live, learn, love, and laugh together. Sonlight helps us do just that!

— **Beverly J**    Las Vegas, NV



We love reading our chapter books aloud in the evenings when Daddy is with us. The kids loved *Twenty and Ten* (as they have loved EVERY Sonlight selection) and could hardly wait to find out the end of the story. (Neither could their parents!)

— **Beverly J**    Las Vegas, NV





WHAT'S HAPPENING: Arden is creating letters with the new HWT wooden pieces that I ordered just for him. He has listened in on the other kid's Sonlight reading for the last 3 years and is excited to "officially" be a homeschool kid this year! We school year round with breaks here and there, and we all couldn't WAIT to get back into the Sonlight routine after about 3-4 weeks between cores. The kids were begging me to start! HOW DOES SONLIGHT ADD VALUE TO OUR LIVES? Though we've only been homeschooling for 3 years (all of them with Sonlight), I can't even begin to describe how full my heart is because of the rich experiences I've had with my precious children. Cuddling together on the couch, hearing them beg for just one more chapter or one more page, thrills me to no end. I love hearing my 4-year-old quote Bible verses that his older siblings are learning. I love seeing my 6-year-old "sneak" away with his Explode the Code books because he wants to do more pages than are "scheduled." I love hearing the chorus of "Justin, Justin, Justin!" every time the kids get to watch a Discover & Do or Mathtacular DVD. I love that I am learning right along with my kids! We don't let the kids read the read-aloud selections on their own while we're working our way through them as a family (we save read-aloud chapter books for when Daddy is home), but you can bet those books will be read over and over and over! I find Sonlight books in my kid's rooms all the time! Their hearts are tender towards other people and cultures--I'm sure I wasn't nearly so aware or sensitive when I was that young. I'm so thankful for a curriculum that incorporates the same beliefs and values that we would want to teach at home anyway and does it in such a way that our whole family is shaped into the image of Christ. It is to the Father's glory that we bear much fruit, and Sonlight is helping us produce an orchard for God's glory!

— **Beverly J** Las Vegas, NV



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

— **Carissa J** Racine, WI



This Spring our boys have bonded with dad through their bedtime jaunts outside to check out what they can see in the night sky. When we vacationed in the woods for a week this Summer the boys got to view the Milky Way and Andromeda galaxies with their own eyes. I love to see how my husband and sons have a contagious enthusiasm for science and can share that interest with each other.

— **Carissa J** Racine, WI





After homeschooling for 6 years and working very hard to assemble my own lessons, our family switched to Sonlight. 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.

— **Christene J** Orem, UT

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Through Sonlight the fun educational reading has encouraged our daughter to read anytime, anywhere and to 'anyone' with pride and self-confidence that radiates into who she is and what she does!

— **Corrie J** Northern Arizona, AZ

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At the end of every chapter of a Sonlight Read Aloud, my kids cry for more. Here, Grace (6) was reading My Father Dragon from Core C when her baby sister, Faith, came over and begged to be read to. While Grace was trying read to Faith, Noah was unable to control himself, and had to see what was happening in the story, even though he already had heard this Read-Aloud. Noah and Grace agree the tigers chewing bubble gum is their favorite part of the story--how could Noah miss it?

— **Diane J** Hempstead, NY

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We have used textbooks and workbooks these past five years of homeschooling and always felt school could be so much more for us. We are only finishing up our fourth week with Sonlight, but this has been a wonderful game changer for our homeschool. I asked my daughter what she likes best about Sonlight so far and she said Sonlight has given her a different way of looking at things, challenged her more – in a good way – and also that it was much more interesting than our old curriculum. For the first time in our schooling we look forward to it. EVERY DAY. Thank you for the joy that has been added back into our school day. In this photo, Tessa (10) practices Chinese calligraphy from the 5th Grade Full-Grade Package.

— **Emily J** Gainesville , MO

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

— **Emily J**    Wappapello, MO

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One of Addi's favorite things about homeschooling was that she got to read to her guinea pig. This year, her love for reading--and Ferdinand--grew immensely, thanks to Sonlight's Grade 1 Readers. I was pleasantly surprised to see her love for reading and listening to books grow as we went through our first year of homeschooling. Sonlight has planted a love for literature in her at a young age, and to me, that is priceless.

— **Emma J**    Pendleton, IN

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My husband is an avid reader, but "kid books" weren't really his thing – until SONLIGHT! He totally supported my decision to homeschool, but never thought it would involve him much. The kids are so excited to show him what they've learned during the day and beg for bedtime stories from their "school books!" He enjoys these precious moments with our children, as they have learned so much about the world around and beyond them. Thank you Sonlight, you have truly blessed this family in Oklahoma!

— **Erin J**    Oklahoma City, OK

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This photo was from 2005 when we were doing our 1st year with Sonlight. My son Christopher then 9 was so excited about making bubbles, he just thought this was the best. We were using Core 1 Science, and he was really into it as you can see. All my children really loved our 1st year with Sonlight it sealed our decision to stay. I now have seven children and we are in our fourth year. Sonlight has been a blessing in many ways, from easy record keeping, great benefits, great materials in all subjects, providing awesome family time, and drawing my children to learn more. It has been a blessing to be a part of you and share in your family. Thanks Sonlight!

— **Gail J**    Mansfield, MO

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After using Cores A through F, Hannah eagerly enters into discussion of nearly any historical event, person, or culture. Our years of Sonlight have given her a wide base of knowledge; I am thrilled to see that she is constantly using this base to learn more and make connections as she goes through life. Library books, news articles, field trips - she learns much from these sources because she already has a context provided by our Sonlight studies. I've used Cores A through F (so far) and have started over again five years later with my youngest children. I enjoyed repeating Core A last year and am looking forward to using Core B for the second time this year. I'm sure I wouldn't have this excitement if I were using a textbook-based curriculum. Sonlight books are so well-chosen that they feel like old friends; I look forward to spending time with them again! - NM

— **Heather J** Santee , CA



Sonlight's literature choices are the best! No boring textbooks for us. We are enjoying traveling all over the world with Sonlight 5.

— **Holly J** Friendsville, TN



Sonlight is a true, "turn key solution" which enables success for us as parent-educators and success for our children as the students. Sonlight presents us with so many opportunities to accomplish greatness and establish family bonds blending education and fun!

— **James J** Lapeer , MI



Not only are our girls learning more about the world around them, but Sonlight is giving them daily opportunities to learn more about loving one another. The girls are able to share their books and teach the younger ones all about them, which is a perfect opportunity to bond as sisters! Here, Emma Grace (5), Ellie Kate (4) and Emerson (2) read, learn and love together. The girls are studying Cores A and B.

— **Jan J** Jackson, MS





I recieved the "widows mite" pendant this year with my purchase of Core 5. Homeschooling 6 little ones is such a busy and exciting task. Some days it feels as though I have little to offer and yet I know that every "mite"...every "loaf and fish" will be multiplied in His hand to provide for our every need. I want to give all I have, every moment of every day to the Lord. What better way than to serve my family through homeschooling. Thank you so much for the continued solid support, educational resources and encouragement.

— **Jessica J** Canada



We have been using over half of Sonlight's books for years now and I finally thought, 'Why not use it all? I wish I had made this move sooner. My older two are doing the Core W program and have enjoyed knowing where they are going each day and managing their workload. The 'Creative Expression' assignments have been a highlight. These tasks have brought out the best in them and given all the right pointers to get them going. Another highlight is the current events component. We have read and discussed so many issues this year - usually around the dinner table when my husband gets home. Without Sonlight, I don't know if we would have had this. I can't thank you enough for providing such an in-depth, Christian program for my children. After a trial year with her older two, Jocelyn's youngest asked to do Sonlight as well. "Our one year trial has turned into a permanent change!" she says. Here, 13-year-old Stephen ponders a Core W writing assignment.

— **Jocelyn J** Australia



We chose Sonlight right from the beginning of our homeschool journey and haven't looked back. Sonlight has worked well for our family because it is Christ-centered and mission-oriented. We participate in a co-op with another family since we can all share the same Core C. It provides a change of scenery when we all get together and since the Cores can be shared, we don't get behind. We love the variety of great books. My husband, a physician, especially loves to get involved with the science and math. In their third year of homeschooling, Dad reads a science book to Carolina (7) and Cassidy (5).

— **Jodie J** Guntersville , AL



Sonlight is giving my girls a knowledge and heart for the world that needs Jesus. They love looking through all the colorful books and hearing the stories. They get to share a core which makes teaching easier! We are not bogged down all day with "school", but work through the IG and complete our school day before lunch. Sonlight is very portable too! We are at the grandparents house enjoying God's creation and learning about His world.

— **Jodie J** Guntersville, AL





We have absolutely loved our first year of Sonlight. Matthew loves to be read to and loves to discuss what we've read. I knew he was really "getting" it when I saw him building The Great Pyramids with his 16 month old sister and was showing her that the "little pyramids are where the queens were buried." We also love the fact that daddy can be involved in school at night. This not only helps me but also let's Matthew share his schooling with his dad. All of the great books combined with all of the work that has already been done for us in the Instructor's Guides have made for a truly wonderful homeschool year. We intend to be with Sonlight for the rest of our homeschool years.

— **Jonana J** Olive Branch, MS



Grandpa Fred is taking grandkids on a boatripe through the swamps of South Carolina. This year in school we studied "Wild Places" in our History Curriculum and also read "The Story of Dr. Dolittle" in our Read-Alouds. The kids understood and had read about the swamp/jungle environments this year and were able to experience first hand an adventure in the water with the some amazing animals - alligators. Sonlight gave my husband and I confidence to homeschool even when our parents didn't understand. Now their grandparents are seeing what a gift it is to homeschool and how delightful kids can be when taught at home. Sonlight makes learning fun for the WHOLE FAMILY! Even grandparents!

— **Julia J** Maryville, TN



While on a family bike trip through Civil War battlefields, our daughter Pia was able to make connections between America's Civil War and the war between Athens and Sparta during the Peloponnesian War. This amazing comparison was something she came-up with all on her own and this discovery was made not long after Pia had completed the Intro to World History Core B Curriculum. It amazes us how learning has come alive through the wonderful "living books" chosen by Sonlight. We love how Sonlight brings our family closer. Pia is able to read her Core B readers to her brothers and will begin this year reading to them from their own pre-school curriculum books. It is truly a blessing to be able to be actively involved with our childrens' learning. Sonlight has made it so easy, no long hours of developing lesson plans, the entire curriculum is set-out for us. Thank You Sonlight for helping our family to enjoy the gentle art of learning!

— **Julie J** Columbia, VA





As a new homeschooling family, we were immediately drawn to Sonlight's educational approach because it is both biblical and globally focused. I met my husband on the mission field in Nigeria, and we have since been blessed with three boys, with another one on the way. Our kids are being exposed to the very heart of missions and we can share with them a worldwide perspective for God's people. We are able to teach our kids about differing cultures and help draw their two cultures together. Sonlight is making our homeschooling journey more exciting every day! Here, Ishaku teaches Josiah (5, Core B) and Tobias (4, Core A) about a Bibleless tribe in his home country of Nigeria.

— **Kasey J** Parker, CO



As a former teacher I have looked at other curricula out there but I just love Sonlight for many reasons. They make it so easy to start the day. We just open up our binder and go. They teach in a way that opens up my kids' minds to the whole world around them. Also, the company on a whole is wonderful; any time I have a question I can call and someone friendly always has the answer I need. On their first day the new school year, Erik (7), Sara (9) and Karalynn (5) asked to play with the teddy bear cards from the Preschool Multi-Subject Package. Sara is using Core D this year as Erik and Karalynn share Core A.

— **Katie J** Howell, MI



This year, the kids were so excited to get started with school I had to remind them to eat breakfast. The night before school starts I fill up each kid's backpack with new school supplies and some of their new Sonlight books. The kids are always so excited to open their backpack and dive into all of the fantastic new books. In this photo, Karalynn (7) writes in her MCP Phonics book that she uses with her Sonlight Language Arts program. In her fifth year of Sonlight, she is studying World History, Year 1 of 2 (Core B).

— **Katie J** Howell, MI







I love Charlotte Mason principles and have floundered through the last four years trying to piece together an education for my kids. So I was thrilled to find it was already done for me by Sonlight. Here, we thought we'd lost our tadpole when we realized he had turned into a toad! And although the children all use different Cores, they all appreciate a good picture book to help identify their wild toad. The book is from Core A Science readers, but it certainly brought kids of all ages together for a moment in time. In their initial Sonlight year, Ben (5), Bryan (15) and Caleb (9), as well as brother Tim (18, not pictured) are studying Cores A, D, 100 and 400.

— **Kristen J**    Sierra Vista, AZ

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I love Sonlight because it creates within children such a love of learning and reading. Both Emma and her friend Leah are using the Pre-K 4/5 curriculum and love looking through all their school books. Thank you Sonlight for creating a curriculum that creates such a strong desire within my child to learn. Emma and Leah are both using the same core so it is so fun for them to pour through their school books when they are together. They love to share their favorite parts of each book with each other. I love all the books in the Pre-k 4/5 core. My daughter is not content to only read them during school time. She loves going through them all day. Often she will ask to talk about a specific thing she learned through one of her books. One of our favorites that we frequently talk about is The Berenstain Bears' Big Book of Science and Nature. My four year old daughter Emma loves looking at her Sonlight books with her friend Leah. On this playdate they had so much fun discussing all the jobs in the book "Things People Do". My daughter loves to spend time each day doing her schoolwork. The time we spend together each day going through her books is creating in her such a desire to learn. Thank you Sonlight for such a great curriculum that makes learning so fun for my children. I love Sonlight and the vast collection of books available with every core. My daughter Emma and her friend Leah are both doing the Pre-K 4/5 core. As a parent it is so rewarding to see such a love for learning in my daughters. I know this is due in a large part to Sonlight for creating such a wonderful curriculum. Both my daughters love Sonlight and have enjoyed every single book that is in each core. I also appreciate that all the teacher planning is all laid out for every day. It makes it so simple to focus on my time with my daughter without having to spend a lot of time on preparation. I have several friends that also use Sonlight curriculum. My daughter Emma enjoys looking through all her books with her friend. Leah is using the same core for her school so the both girls are familiar with the books. I love that even at this young age they are developing such a love for books and learning. Thank you Sonlight for such a great curriculum!

— **Kristen J**    Venice, FL

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This will be our third year and I can't imagine using anything else. When we started homeschooling two years ago, Lily was not at all interested in reading. It has been a challenge for both Lily and Mom, but she is now enjoying it. She has a great sense of humor and enjoyed reading books last year, like Frog and Toad, Amelia Bedelia and Nate the Great. Sonlight has made reading fun for her! Here, 8-year-old Lily enjoys a good Sonlight read. She's studying Core F with her older sister and using Grade 3 Readers in her second year of Sonlight.

— **Kristin J** Interlochen, MI

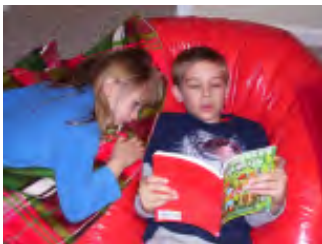
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Sonlight allows us to enjoy life anywhere and learn together as a family. Being a large family this is very important. The Sonlight cores allow us to customize the curriculum to each child's strengths and weaknesses, all while laying a strong biblical foundation. Since starting Sonlight, our oldest has developed a strong love of reading, and our younger ones are quickly on their way.

— **Krystal J** Broomfield, CO

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One of the most fun things to do with my kids is to share my favorite books from my childhood--and so many happen to be in Sonlight's curriculum. It brings a special joy to my heart to see my son sharing one of his "old favorites" with his little sister!

— **Laura J** Buford, GA

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For years I followed a traditional textbook curriculum. Each boy had his stack of books and his work space and they were alone in their work. By the end of the school day, the boys would each go their separate ways with no interaction between them. This was not my idea of homeschooling. After much whining on my part, my husband said to try something totally different, try Sonlight. I did and within weeks I noticed a phenomenon, my boys were doing things together. There was an energy in the house that wasn't there before. School wasn't just books it became incorporated in all areas of home life. We now do art, nature studies, music, and home economics. Our world has opened up because Sonlight broke the chains holding us down. We are actually 'home' schooling now. When Emma started school, the boys were so excited for her. They help her with phonics, numbers, and as the photo shows, handwriting. Best part, we are a family that not only lives together but is growing together, learning from each other, and bonding together in ways families only dream about. This is Sonlight.

— **Laurel J** Mandeville, LA



As a homeschooling mom, I love how Sonlight does so much of the planning for me so that we have more free time to enjoy schooling. We love how the plans are so well laid out that even dad can jump in and be the teacher. School with Dad ends up outside a lot, which of course the kids love! Thank you for making our lives a little easier and fuller!

— **Leanna J** Spring Hill, TN



Sonlight makes it easy to instill a love for learning. The flexibility of the curriculum allows us to learn wherever we roam. On nice days we enjoy exploring outside and talking about what we have been reading. I love how the materials catch and hold the attention of both my older son and daughter.

— **Leanna J** Spring Hill, TN



To me the slogan, "The way you wish you'd been taught" says it all. One of my favorite things about homeschooling is discovering the things I never learned or quickly forgot. Sonlight makes history come alive with its wonderful and extensive selection of books. My kids love when I answer yes to their plea to read them "just one more chapter." Thank you Sonlight!

— **Leanna J** Spring Hill, TN



My biggest apprehension with ordering the Sonlight curriculum was that it would put too much pressure on me and my children to complete all the work listed. Wow, have we been surprised! You all have lightened my load and given me more time to spend just enjoying my kids and the learning process. I love how you encourage parents to pick and choose depending on the family and its needs. The excellent books, superior curriculum & the fun I am having learning with my kids has made Sonlight one of the best homeschooling decisions I have made. Thanks!

— **Leanna J** Spring Hill, TN





With Sonlight, I'm free to homeschool without having to prepare lessons and organize books and papers. With a brand new baby, a 1-year-old, 3-year-old and 7-year-old, Sonlight lets me be a mother to my children and teach at the same time. I'm confident that he's learning, without having to stress over each day. On this day, the house was too quiet. When I went to see what they were up to, Clayton was reading to his sister on his own! In their two years with Sonlight, Clayton (7) has completed the Grades K and 1 Multi-Subject Packages, and is moving on to the Grade 2 Multi-Subject Package. Sisters Jazlyn (3) and Shyann (1) enjoy sharing their big brother's journey.

— **Lloyd J** Albany, MN

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Going Green With Sonlight! The kids have always been homeschooled. This year, when the box came with school supplies they didn't want to throw it away, but they wanted to recycle. We decided to build a solar oven. The Sonlight boxes were perfect! I love that Sonlight has given my children a love of learning and a love of science. My oldest knew how to find the directions online and we all worked together to build the oven. I love that because of SL, I'm not spending my time planning- but I'm able to use my time to follow my kids interest! Thanks, Sonlight, for giving my kids a love for learning and experimenting!

— **Lori J** Paducah, KY

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We are so pleased with how we can incorporate all our children together in the learning experience. Our oldest daughter, Anna Maria, loves reading aloud to her siblings. The bond between them continues to grow as they share their thoughts on different topics and learn together despite the age differences. We began our homeschool journey while traveling this year. Sonlight's curriculum gives us the flexibility to learn outside of a traditional classroom. In their first year of Sonlight, Anna Maria (13, Core F), Alex (11, Core F), and Isabella (7, Core B+C) stop to read The Awesome Book of Bible Facts from Core B+C among one of God's beautiful landscapes.

— **Maria J** Winter Garden , FL

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This picture is from a short trip we made up to Fort Macon this spring. The kids, and I, have really enjoyed this first year of school together. I have really appreciated how Sonlight has a lot of the learning come from good books that I would love to have on my shelf anyway! Thanks! Martha J

— **Martha J** Fort Bragg, NC

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We love the depth of the Sonlight studies and the flexibility it provides. John was able to go on the Rafiki Foundation trip and take along some 20th Century Sonlight books to keep up with that part of his education. We had studied the History of Christianity with Sonlight several years back and were delighted to see first-hand how God is working in Africa.

— **Mayhoward J**    Roanoke, VA

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For the first time we had a peaceful day at school! EmmaLee was excited too. We could take our time and answer questions about the stories we were reading! We even took the time to call Great Grandma and ask if she used a wringer washer and did it really take ALL day to wash clothes! (From the story of More Stories From Grandma's Attic) That phone call lasted for 20 minutes and it was OK! In the past we had to keep up and not get behind there was never enough time to explore. Thank you so much Sonlight!

— **Mechyel J**    Carencro, LA

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Katie is reading to her sister and her brother her book from Core B Archaeologists Dig for Clues while we are running errands around town. I like that my kids don't fight me when I tell them it is time for school reading. They all come running, even the 3 year old with a huge pile of books. Every since our first year of Sonlight I find my oldest daughter, Katie, with her nose in a book. I love the huge selection of books that we get every year and my kids excitement when we get the big white box in the mail

— **Megan J**    Fairbanks, AK

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Sonlight has helped develop a true love of learning for our two boys. I was hesitant to choose Sonlight because of the cost and also because my younger son is on the young side for Core A. We used a different curriculum last year, however, my son just wanted to 'read more!', so we are happily returning to Sonlight full-time this year and my son is so excited about our new stack of books. I have to admit, I am too. In this photo Megan caught her two highly active boys, Jacob (4) and Andrew (6), stopping to read their books after a day of shopping, before they had even made it fully inside the house.

— **Megan J**    Dobson , NC

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My kids love Sonlight Science! Our oldest son is using Science 6 by himself, while the rest of us, from our 10 year old down to our 3 year old, are doing Science K. The highlight of our day is watching the InquisiKids DVD and then doing Science K experiments all together as a family. Sonlight helps makes homeschooling a large family enjoyable.

— **Michelle J** Riverton, UT

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Liam is my third child to use Core A. When I pull out this game to play with him, my other kids come running from all directions wanting to join in. The fact that he's having practice reading and recognising sight words almost seems incidental. It then has an impact on his reading because he reads these 'naughty words' (our term for words that don't follow rules) more easily. Which then gives him greater confidence in his reading. Which then means greater enjoyment.

— **Naomi J** Australia

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Jacob and Sophie are listening as Grace reads to them from her Sonlight reader!! They love to read outside on sunny, warm days. I love how the oldest child can teach the younger ones what she has learned in a way that the younger ones can understand. Since using Sonlight, my kids have grown to love reading and learning!! It is fun and involves all of my children instead of just one at a time!

— **Nickole J** Wentzville, MO

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When asked what his favorite parts of school are, my son answers 'the Sonlight parts! 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.

— **Raina J** Iron Mountain, MI

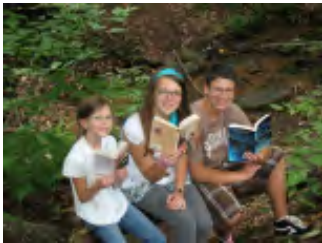
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In the words of a great poet, "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree..." Well, Rachel J. found a favorite tree to relax in while rereading a work she finds as lovely as a tree -After the Dancing days from Core 100....this book was Rachel's absolute favorite. She enjoyed it so much that she jumped at the chance to rewrite the ending for an English assignment. This was one of the many stories that our family was able to enjoy hearing about all through supper! :) Thank you Sonlight for the smile on that girl's face!

— **Rebecca J** Derry, PA

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These three siblings are like the three musketeers...they have grown up as each other's best friends. Here they are spending some time in the woods with some favorite books. It makes our (Mom and Dad's) hearts sing to hear our children chatter with each other about the characters, themes and story lines from their latest read from Sonlight! I grew up spending my summers tucked up in a tree reading mysteries. I am so excited that my children have a great love of good literature thanks to your quality curriculum! Thank you for stirring up good conversation between family members here at home and when we're out in the fields and meadows.

— **Rebecca J** Derry, PA

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Sarah, our youngest child, has the most tenacity! She certainly showed it when she picked out this pattern and stated, "I am going to sew that and do it before school is out in two months." She'd been studying the colonial period in Core 3 and she was inspired! I didn't think she'd get past cutting out all the pattern pieces, but several weeks and over 24 hours of pinning, cutting and sewing - she proved me wrong with this fabulous costume! She wore it to the post office where her Gram works and one of the customers there asked where she'd bought it - imagine their surprise! Gram couldn't resist saying "She's homeschooled and this is one of her creative projects with her history!" Yeah, Sonlight you inspire us and bless us tremendously with your books! You may have influenced Sarah's future career choice - she's thinking of opening a shop with antique clothing as the venue! p.s. In this photo Sarah's reading about Paul Revere to one of her dolls:)

— **Rebecca J** Derry, PA

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Bailey, our 7 month old yellow lab pup gets in on the act with Joshua and Sarah listening to Rachel read *The Call of the Wild*. "Oh no, will Buck survive this latest dog fight?" That is the question on everyone's mind. Dear friends, you know Sonlight's books are good when the pets begin to listen in on the read alouds! The Jones family has enjoyed Cores 3, Alt7 and Core 100 in our first year with Sonlight. Lord willing, when we complete our second year we'll add Cores 4, 400 and 530 to that awesome list of materials that you make available to us! Please note, it's not just kids, parents and puppies that are enjoying these materials - no, the kids have been sharing their books and many fascinating excerpts with Gram and Pap, too! Thank you fellow lovers of great literature!

— **Rebecca J** Derry, PA

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Sonlight's relaxed schedule allowed Bobby to take three weeks off for a mission trip to Slovenia. We'd just finished reading about Brother Andrew, so it was a great opportunity to reach out to the same people group. Thanks for choosing Read-Alouds that are so amazing! Bobby (14) is using Core 200 in his fifth Sonlight year.

— **Rebecca J** Chiefland, FL

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We are going to start our 3rd year doing Sonlight. I love to read and Sonlight helps me share this with my boys. Their love of reading is growing with each year. The Sonlight books have let us learn new things together, are so easy to take with us, and the boys are constantly pulling them back out and reading again. We couldn't find another curriculum that emphasizes great Biblical concepts with classic books that as a family we could enjoy together!

— **Rebekah J** Greensboro, NC

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Whenever one of our four children sit down to read a book from our Sonlight collection, the rest of them want to enjoy the book as well! Sonlight has increased our children's love of books and it has brought our family closer together as a result of all that reading and cuddle time! Sonlight has brought so much more to our learning than a bunch of workbooks ever could.

— **Sarah J** Frederic, WI

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I kept hearing about how great "box day" is from Sonlighters and I didn't really understand until we had our own box day. The boys couldn't get enough of the books and asked if we get to have box day every year. They were ecstatic when I said "Yes!"

— **Shanelle J** Broomfield, CO



I love that Sonlight has given Ben a LOVE of learning. 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 delightedly reads to his baby sister. The J family is in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Shari J** Scottsdale, AZ



Sonlight Curriculum is awesome! We've believe it to be the best curriculum for our children and family. It's such a luxury to have all the research and planning completely taken care of by Sonlight's experts. We trust Sonlight's recommendations and know a Sonlight education will be of the highest quality for our children. And thankfully, our children love it too. They anxiously await their new curriculum each year, and beam with pride over their siblings and their own accomplishments. Thank you Sonlight!

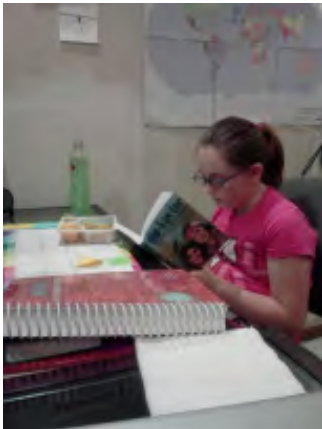
— **Stephanie J** Mountain City, TX





The whole family is gathered in the backyard to learn from the incredible Sonlight book. We do schooling in our beautiful backyard in sunny California. Mom is teaching from the book, Dad is doing the barbeque and taking part in the lessons along with the kids. Sonlight books are so interesting. My kids can't stop reading the books once they start. We have to put time limits for them. We were so anxious about homeschooling when starting 2 yrs ago. We chose Sonlight and we are so excited about our kids progress. They are learning so wonderfully. Along with them, we are also learning. The curriculum is the best we have seen. We studied the tough Indian curriculum when growing up and Sonlight is so advanced and learning friendly compared to that. Great to see kids wanting and waiting to learn everyday. Their punishments these days for any disobedience etc is to stop them from reading or lessons for 30 minutes or so. We are so grateful for Sonlight. We thank God for all the people in Sonlight for producing such world class learning experience.

— **Sunil J** San Jose, CA



When she discovered that her Readers, Read-Alouds, and History lessons were all related material, Syd's eyes lit up with excitement! Diagnosed with a form of autism, she has struggled to keep up with her schoolmates for years. We decided on Sonlight for many reasons. It was all planned out for me, and being a new homeschooler, that alone was a huge weight lifted. The curriculum is full of the Word of God and we all enjoy the Bible lessons together. She's now flourishing in all subjects! Sydney (10) is studying Core D+E in her first Sonlight year.

— **Susan J** Miamisburg, OH



Photography by homeschooler Isaac Jernigan of his brother in traditional Korean formal wear exploring (and damaging) the flower garden! Homeschooling has given Isaac the freedom he needs to explore his interests, including photography and take some responsibility for directing parts of his education. We appreciate Sonlight's Global focus in homeschooling, providing quality books from the many cultures of the world. Having one child adopted from Korea, we particularly value the focus on Asian missions, history, and culture with a Christian perspective we can't find anywhere but with Sonlight!

— **Tara J** Sewickley, PA





To borrow from those old coffee commercials: "we've secretly replaced this family's vacation with school time. Let's see if they notice the difference." :)

— **Tara J**    Sewickley, PA

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This is our second year using Sonlight and we love it! I'm so thankful for the instructors guides and how easy it is to plan for school. Saving time on planning lets me enjoy home schooling more and spend more time with the kids. I love all the books - history, science, language arts readers and especially the read alouds. The kids always want me to keep reading the read alouds. They don't want the books to end, but then they are excited to start the next book. Ethan is using Core C and Science D this year.

— **Tessa J**    Spring Hill , TN

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The free shipping, money-back [Love to Learn] Guarantee, 10% discount and free forum access [with Core or Multi-Subject Package purchase] are great bonuses of one-stop Sonlight shopping! I love that I can order our extracurricular items, as well as our Core programs, from Sonlight. It's so nice that I don't have to spend time searching around for quality items. Here, Josie (13) shows off her new art supplies. She'll use Core W in her fourth Sonlight year. Siblings Isaac (7), Nathan (15) and Jordyn (19) are also Sonlight students.

— **Tia J**    Selah, WA

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I believe my children are now getting a better education than they would from a private school in the UK. And in addition we are building family memories and having fun together! This is our first year to homeschool and I have been surprised by how much fun it has been. I had expected it to be time consuming and to reach the end of each week exhausted. But with Sonlight I have been able to reach my targets and still have time for fun excursions. From the beginning, I felt confident to teach with the help from the Instructor's Guides even with subjects that I knew little about previously. Here, Andrew (6) stands in an ancient British Camp and pretends to challenge the Romans to attack. He and his two siblings are studying Core B in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Wendy J**    United Kingdom

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Andrew and John love to look at and read books. This afternoon they were found reading *What Do People Do All Day* together on the couch without Mom even prompting to read together. I had to take the picture as a reminder of how much they do like books and like each other. Sonlight has filled our house with great books for our boys to read on their own and as a family. Their continued love for learning has been one of the best benefits of homeschooling. Because they love books so much, their comments in conversation and the tidbits of information that they throw out make others really wonder what we do all day!

— **Amy K**    Rolla, MO

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One reason we homeschool our children is to strengthen our family relationships. Sonlight really helps us in that endeavor by providing daily opportunities for our children to spend quality time together. It warms my heart to see Bryan patiently and lovingly teaching Lucy, using the methods and mannerisms that I have used with him. Lucy will always remember having her big brother, whom she adores, read her favorite Bible stories to her. With Sonlight, everyone in our family is a winner!

— **Amy K**    Nashville, TN

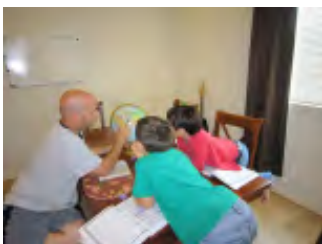
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The first day we began reading *Usborne Book of World History* my son was captivated. We had just had a field trip learning about the early settlers to Tennessee where we learned about the specific skills (basket weaving, spinning, and using looms to weave wool) of the people back then. Once again, our Sonlight books were right on target. Bryan was thrilled to see on p. 5 the things he had just learned about and quickly tried his hand at weaving with a mini loom of his own.

— **Amy K**    Nashville, TN

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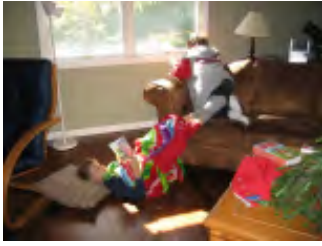
Thank you Sonlight for going through thousands of books and resources for me, saving me valuable time and always giving us the best books there are! I enjoy having the children home with me each day, watching them delight in learning. Sonlight is amazing because the children learn so much when they just 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.

— **Amy K**    United States

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

— **Amy K** Rolla, MO

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Sonlight has fostered an intense love of reading with our boys. Here, Ezra and Caleb have just completed their spontaneous construction of a model of the titanic using Duplo based on their reading of "The Titanic - Lost and Found" from Language Arts 2. The Sonlight books in our home are a treasure that our boys read, re-read, and ask to have read to them. Over and over, they provide the inspiration for the creativity of building, painting and sketching and positively influence how our children play. Our whole family enjoys reading these books again and again!

— **Andrew K** Canada

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Our struggling reader has been transformed to an avid reader, our beginning reader has grown by leaps and bounds, and our already avid reader has been challenged by engaging new books! In his second Sonlight year, Micah (11, Core E) takes his studies to new heights.

— **Angela K** Wayne, NJ

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While waiting for a table at a restaurant my son Grant was telling dad about the book BRUCHKO ( as seen in photo ) this photo was NOT staged in anyway, I just happened to be at the right place at the right time to capture this amazing moment in our homeschool year! My husband was listening with full passion as his eyes filled with tears hearing my son tell him the story of Bruce Olson Christianizing the Motilone Indians. What a blessing this year has been with Core E and mostly with Bruchko.

— **Angie K** Mullica Hill, NJ

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We have seen kids who do not look forward to the start of school, but we have never experienced that with Sonlight! Caroline (7, Core C) enjoys sitting on the porch to work on a Horizons Math worksheet during a beautiful spring day.

— **Ann K** Reno , TX



Sonlight Science C provides hands-on experiments each week. Reading through the books and using the activity sheets for discussion has been an effective way for us to explore science. -NM

— **Ann K** Reno , TX



We love the way Sonlight organizes and simplifies materials for the homeschool teacher. Kirsten loves to learn, but a competitive classroom environment or a laborious and inflexible curriculum would drive her to insanity. We think Sonlight is a perfect fit for Kirsten's developmental challenges (slight autism, dyslexia, and ADHD). We're also excited about how Sonlight teaches discernment rather than non-thoughtful allegiance to a prescribed set of beliefs. Here, Kirsten (5) learns to use a magnifying glass as she observes butterflies in the garden. She's studying Core A with Grade K Readers, Language Arts for Readers K, and Science A in her first year of Sonlight.

— **Anna K** Lancaster, PA



We've been using Sonlight for 2 years now and all I can say is my kids have an insatiable desire for learning. They never ask to quite reading or leave my side before I stop reading. In fact, one time I decided I would try to out-read them. It lasted for 2 1/2 hours. They were still attentive, but my mouth was dry, so they have yet to be out-read to!

— **Anna K** Lancaster, PA





Devan & Jared, brothers and (both) homeschool graduates, share a strong bond that developed through their years of homeschooling together. It really is true... "Families that learn together, stay together." Even now as they independently pursue post-secondary educations (Devan 6th year university, Jared 4th year university), they are the best of friends, often proofing each others papers, debating interesting/controversial topics and just spending quality time together, as this photo demonstrates. The value of gaining a lifelong relationship with someone you truly respect, may just be the most important lesson ever learned in our "home" school.

— **April K**    Canada

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This photo of my brother and his two sons instantly made me think of the poem, "Footprints" (Margaret Fishback Powers). In reality, just as it reads in the poem, it is during life's most difficult moments, that our Father carries us. The knowledge of his unfaltering love gives us strength, courage and hope. Life is an education, ...beginning with how we learn to view ourselves and our world through the lens of our family experiences. The rest of our learning, as it comes (from this source and that), evolves from that early childhood point of view. It then stands to reason, that the most important curriculum ever delivered comes straight from a parent's heart.

— **April K**    Canada

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

— **Arnold K**    Simpsonville, SC

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Annaleise is teaching her brother Brogan a little about plants. The level C science curriculum has opened her eyes to a new world and now Annaleise wants to be a scientist and can't wait to start next year's course work. I loved the well rounded lesson plans. It has really allowed me to just relax and enjoy learning along with my children.

— **Aynsley K**    Burke, VA

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Annaleise and Brogan are looking over the Time Traveler book they have just received for the next school year. They have just discovered it is full of knights and castles and want me to start the lessons up immediately. I have loved the lesson plans in the instructor's guides, but more importantly I have loved the quality of the lessons. It is such an academically rich curriculum and it makes me feel proud of the top notch education I can give them at home.

— **Aynsley K** Burke, VA

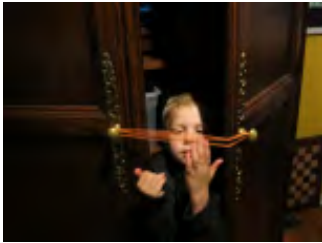
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Anna, age 9, is learning how to draw using the Mark Kistler's Draw Squad. I love scheduling in the subjects that each child has a love for and the Sonlight catalog has extra electives that fit each of my children's interests.

— **Aynsley K** Burke, VA

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Brogan, age 5, is doing his science experiment on sound vibrations. He really loves the hands on experiments and I love that the hard to find supplies are already gathered in the science supplies kit!

— **Aynsley K** Burke, VA

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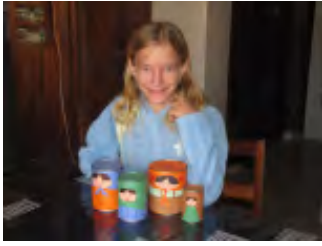
Rachel and Sarah Kim were so enamored with Asian countries and peoples after studying the Eastern Hemisphere Curriculum that we invited a Japanese exchange student to stay with us for a month. Our daughters were very well prepared to learn more about her culture and all the girls got along beautifully. They did not make 10,000 cranes, but we do still have dozens of them about the house! Our children were born after we moved to New Mexico and they have lived here all their lives, so books are their main way to learn about other peoples and cultures outside our small town. Since our family is multi-racial, (half Asian and half Caucasian) we really have appreciated that Sonlight has such an inclusive focus in its curriculum. We rejected a number of other curriculums mainly because they did not cover any non-western cultures. My girls love learning about the rest of the world. Since our church also has an international focus and members from different countries in Africa and Asia, it is terrific to have some background in the culture and history of the east. (When we first got the curriculum, it was called History of Non-Western Cultures, but you all changed the name, I think)

— **Barbara K** Las Cruces, NM

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Hannah poses with the "Russian stacking dolls" she made for Core 5 Eastern Hemisphere. I think the girls came up with the idea on their own. I am enjoying going through the cores a second time with my youngest. Years ago I decided to pack away each year's books so the youngest child would have a "Box Day" just like the older two. Once she's done with them, they come out onto the bookshelves. When we got out the Core 5 box, David and Beth were as eager as Hannah. "Oh, that's a good book! Oh, you get to read this one this year!" We ended up doing many of the read-alouds again with the whole family. Our Sonlight school books are like old friends.

— **Barbara K** Charlotte, NC

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Reading leads to imaginative play! Evy is fishing for whales after reading about Curious George's fishing adventure. She often spends an hour with her brother Oliver, 5, making up adventures based on books they have read. Her father made her this fishing pole out an old garden bamboo stick and strick. She ran across the yard and began fishing in the "ocean." I love how books help to transport her from our yard and street to a completely different place! Sonlight helps us find the best books for our kids and develop a healthy, Christian relationship with the world around them and with each other. Oliver and Evy have grown together as we read and work and play this year. They learn so many things working and playing together each day. Its a joy to teach them and foster their sibling relationship.

— **Ben K** Spring Grove, MN

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As a public school educator, I have been deeply impressed by the scope of the Sonlight curriculum. 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. They all look forward to being members of the Sonlight family for years to come.

— **Beth K** Pineville, AR

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I can trust Sonlight to have interesting, challenging, Christ-centered materials that are always just right for Elizabeth's academic level. My husband and I are so thankful for the flexibility a Sonlight education offers. We can have school anywhere, anytime! As a working mother, my time is often short. I'm so grateful that I can open my Sonlight [Instructor's Guide] binder and have my little girl's education all planned out. Like most Sonlight families, Box Day is one of the most exciting days in our year! The joy on Elizabeth's (6) face is apparent as she hugs her Core C materials in preparation for her third Sonlight year.

— **Beth K** Pineville, AR



Olivia & Marissa are pictured here with their TOPS Science experiment (Corn and Beans). We were very excited to make our own balance and to check the mass of our growing plants. We also tried to transplant our plants even though it was January in Maryland (unsuccessful, but fun anyway). Jack (in kindergarten) loved to be part of science time as well and take part in the experiments. Sonlight enriches our life through the GREAT literature that we get to read. I have noticed that my children have a greater capacity to comprehend anything we read now. We have learned so much (including mom!). I feel that my life and the lives of my children are richer through this great literature based curriculum. We just know so much more. I feel like we learned more this past school year than any time before. And I don't know if I learned more, or simply dusted off areas of my brain that haven't been touched in years...but I feel so much smarter too. I am hooked on Sonlight. I think the children dislike the dictation passages the most, but I have noticed that they have greater attention to detail when taking a phone message (or watching a commercial :-). They also get more out of church and I think it is because they have learned to listen better.

— **Bobbie K** Beaufort, NC



Although I only have one "school" aged child, home-schooling has made it a family affair! To all those Moms out there who wonder how they will homeschool their eldest with little ones in the house: it can be done and it is fun!

— **Brigitte K** Canada



Sonlight has superb books. I have completed Core 1 for the 3rd time, and as I was sorting through curriculum, and thinking of selling or passing on books, I met great protests from our 3 children; Calisha (12), Danica (10) and Evan (6). "But Mom, you can't get rid of those books - they were SUPER stories, please keep them". We live in the mountains of Costa Rica where reading can happen inside or out, year round!

— **Burt K** Costa Rica



Sarah loves to climb trees and loves to read. Here she is combining the two things she enjoys doing! We enjoy using Sonlight. I love seeing my children have the joy of learning. Both of my children love to read. Sarah wants to be an author when she grows up. My son wants to be a missionary. I don't know what they will end up being, but I love seeing what God has laid on their hearts. While I know God is directing their future, I think that Sonlight with its use of real books and missionary focus has influenced their passions. My favorite homeschool quote is from my son, Matt, when he was sharing something he learned: "Mommy, I didn't learn that in homeschool. I learned it from reading books."

— **Carrie K** Woodbridge, VA



Sonlight creates book lovers! And what a great pleasure to cozy up in a chair with a favorite book! Sonlight students with their love of books are never tired of learning, because there is always something else to read. It is a very well-rounded program and I look forward to the stories as well, as I am always learning something new.

— **Celty K** Brownwood, TX



Having the Instructor's Guide proved to be a tremendous blessing when Mom's health suddenly became worse. We decided to share the instructing with our 12-year-old-daughter. She would read the Read-Alouds, instruct in Handwriting and Math, and complete Science A. Mom would read the Bible and History and cover Language Arts. Following the IG proved extremely helpful during this period. We discovered that even if you can't stick to the schedule perfectly, the help of having a schedule you don't have to create yourself is a blessing. Havilah (15, Core 200), Cosette and Anakin (13 and 11, Core F), Tirian and Aravis (8 and 6, Core A), Liesl (4) and Adelina (2) share an Under the Sea adventure during their annual at-the-beach vacation.

— **Cherish K** Austin, TX



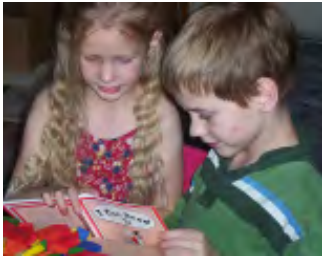
This was our second time using Core 5, and one of our favorite parts is making meals from the countries we study. All year, our kids were looking forward to making chapatis again because they remembered it from the first time. Sonlight and homeschooling have given us the freedom and time to learn many practical skills, like cooking. The girls made these all by themselves and had a wonderful time together.

— **Chrisanne K** Bloomington, MN



I stepped out onto our porch and found my husband and daughter snuggled up together, each reading a Sonlight book. It was a great way to spend the evening! My children are avid readers from the college graduates down to the fifth grader. The Sonlight book lists gave them wonderful, insightful educational books to read and endless hours of entertainment! I am so glad that I chose Sonlight! It helped me give my children a fantastic education and I am grateful.

— **Colleen K** Kingston, NY



My son feels extra accomplishment when he gets a chance to help out his little sister with her school. Little does he know that he is learning how to teach, and gaining creativity and patience at the same time! Sonlight has blessed us even before we started to use it! My older sister used Sonlight to teach her kids. When we would visit, we got to sit in on "story time." We were sold!

— **Cynthia K** Susanville, CA



We inherited these little school desks from someone who once preferred the "schooling at home" method. They seem very traditional and I wasn't sure I wanted to use them, since we had always done school on the couch. I gave them a try. While we still do all of our reading on the couch or snuggled in bed, writing and math often take place at the desks. But, as you can see, not in any traditional way!! We joke that it is hazardous to my son's health to sit on his bottom for any length of time. So while my daughter does math HER way: with the blessings of Miquon's hands-on, explorable approach AT the desk, my son does math HIS way: using beloved electronics ON the desk. Thanks, Sonlight, for offering rich books that make us cheer for reading (and snuggling) time. And thanks for offering a variety of resources to meet the special needs of my very different children!

— **Cynthia K** Susanville, CA



My daughter, Madi, has struggled with "getting" math. We discovered Miquon in the Sonlight catalog and felt such relief that there is a program that speaks to her kinesthetic ways! There just isn't a program to beat Sonlight. It is so complete, so true to my family's mission to teach our children to have a missionary heart.

— **Cynthia K** Susanville, CA







We like Sonlight because we can adapt it to Edmund's needs and abilities. 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.

— **Daniel K** Union Grove, WI

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We love Sonlight because we are able to customize it to fit the needs of our family. Specifically, we love being able to choose which math program we use. I love how thorough the Saxon Math program is. It provides the right balance of hands on activities with skill and drill. Here, 8-year-old Chloe and 5-year-old Kiersten work on their math in the kitchen. They're studying Cores B and E in their family's fifth year of Sonlight.

— **Dawn K** Front Royal, VA

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Our family loves the opportunities that Sonlight allows us to have together, whether it's reading a great story around a campfire like the photo above or doing a science experiment, we are always learning and enjoying it! It is because of Sonlight that our children were able to identify on a map where Myanmar's(Burma) cyclone hit, and then find small ways in which to help and pray. Thank you Sonlight for bringing the world into our home.

— **Debbie K** Fort Pierce, FL

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Pierre and Destinee are always begging to read another chapter of the book! So no matter where we go, it seems a book travels with us! Here some are putting a puzzle together while Mom reads "the Hobbit" Whoever would have imagined that when we first started on our homeschool journey we would experience so many emotions...from books?? We have laughed ourselves silly on some of the stories and shared tears together on others. We have been challenged in our walk with God and forced to make decisions in our own lives as we see and are made aware of the needs of the world around us. We have studied and prayed for unreached peoples so that it feels like we know them! And have been blessed with the joy of seeing our children be world-changers in their own small ways because of a rich education legacy that we are able to give them. Thanks Sonlight for making the selections available to us and easy IG's to make it happen.

— **Debbie K** Fort Pierce, FL



Sonlight has been with our family since our homeschool beginning. The materials and the guidance we receive with them make our school time flow smoothly. Our kids' favorite has always been the science curriculum. They enjoy learning about the many different plants and animals God created. I am glad we chose Sonlight and see our family using it for years to come.

— **Dustin K** Concord, NC



One of my favorite things about Sonlight is how the wonderful selection of books has really helped my kids develop a love for reading. The well-organized Instructor's Guides allowed us to keep both Grace and Samuel going strong when Eleanor joined our family last fall. People kept asking me, 'How are you going to homeschool with a new baby?' But with Sonlight, it was easy. The Instructor's Guides are so easy to use that my parents really enjoyed 'substitute teaching' for a few days.

— **Erin K** Houlton, ME



Isaac is reading the book Christy for his Core 100, American History year. He enjoys going outside and really engrossing himself in what he is reading. This past year was our first using Sonlight. We loved the books chosen and the discussions that came out of them. It brought us closer together in the common bond of shared literature. I never thought Sonlight could work for us because of my wide span of ages. It worked beautifully to do two cores this past year, all of us doing American history. We are looking forward to using Sonlight again this school year.

— **Heather K** Centerburg, OH



Sonlight has made my daughter a lifelong reader. Before Sonlight, Nathalie just read once in a while, but now she reads nonstop, for fun! We love how Sonlight makes it seem like you aren't in school, and instead are learning for pleasure, which gives you natural and fascinating discussions. My daughter is growing up into a wonderful young lady, ready to learn more about the world. In this photo, Nathalie (15) is absorbed in a book from Core W. This is her second year with Sonlight.

— **Hilda K** Belgium





Sonlight saves me time while making me look good. Gotta love it! As my kids get older I can't keep up with all that they read. It is nice to know I can trust the selections to be appropriate, meaningful and enjoyable. I am especially excited to start Core F after being gone from Sonlight for two years. While we enjoyed a different curriculum, my kids both voiced how much they missed Sonlight and doing it all together. Here, 8-year-old David enjoys a Sonlight book on top of the swing set.

— **Holly K** Friendswood, TX



Our son just loves the readers 2 int. books. The Third Grade Detective series is a favorite and perfect for his 3rd grade year. Here, Brooks pulled 1 year old sister Charis up on his lap and she sat and listened happily. Sonlight has allowed our family to be together and bond, building sibling relationships daily. This is why I got up and grabbed the camera, it just says, "Sonlight."

— **Irene M K** Half Moon Bay, CA



Sonlight provides us with great books that build character, make us laugh, make us cry and help us to shape our children into the people they were meant to be.

— **Jaime K** Ajo, AZ





Even though our children are at different stages, their schoolwork is something that pulls them together through learning, praying, reading, sharing, imagining and laughing together.

— **Jaime K** Ajo, AZ



We live in a very culturally, racially and religiously diverse town. We appreciate that Sonlight curriculum helps us to learn and relate to many different people in our world and even in our own neighborhood. We love that it teaches a beautifully Biblical worldview of loving others.

— **Jaime K** Ajo, AZ



Sonlight gives us a lot of flexibility to learn in a variety of environments and to be taught by both Mom and Dad. We can travel and learn. Go on field trips as a family. Visit family out of state and still do our school work. What a fun way to learn!

— **Jaime K** Ajo, AZ







Sonlight gives me hope in my home education journey, especially at the outset when I have my hands full with little ones and little time for lesson planning. It is a solid Christian curriculum that is based on living books, making the experience fun and memorable for us. Even still, I love that it is a value that I will reap the benefits from more and more with each child. With the fourth little one on the way, I look forward to having these great resources on hand for the long term, on the shelf, whenever the moment presents itself to teach and bring richer learning to whatever situation or discussion we find ourselves in. Thanks so much!!!

— **Jennifer K** Peoria, AZ

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Reading together has become a special way to give the kids the one-on-one time they crave, which is why we love Sonlight so much. My husband didn't grow up with even a like for reading, but as he sees the delight in his kid's faces when he reads to them, I've seen him enjoy it more himself. Here, they are enjoying some Dr. Seuss books, which my son likes to "read" to dad. His other favorites are the "Please and Thank You" book and "Wild Places."

— **Jennifer K** Peoria, AZ

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This is my first year of homeschooling, so I was going with my gut when I selected Sonlight as my curriculum at the homeschool convention. Time and time again that decision has been affirmed as I understand more about how children's minds develop, how to foster a love of learning, and therefore, the importance of providing exposure to a broad array of reading materials, the works of great authors (rather than textbooks), and familiarity with the larger world around us. The best part is that I am loving the process, too. Our daughter is in Core C, and this is the first time we have read any of these books (with the exception of Mother Goose). Above all, we are fostering a love of God and family togetherness that will strengthen the children throughout their lives.

— **Jennifer K** Peoria, AZ

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Sonlight has made learning a delight for her and--thankfully--for me. I didn't much enjoy poetry in school, but have found the Llama Who Had No Pajama to be a surprisingly entertaining book that both the kids look forward to. I love it when their Sonlight "school books" can serve as rewards for being diligent in the rest of their studies. Best of all, seeing the camaraderie and closeness growing between them as they share their favorite books is my reward!

— **Jennifer K** Peoria, AZ

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Sonlight! As seen in the picture, we are a homeschool co-op living in a closed country in Asia. Unlike most co-ops, our S.E. Asia co-op met together daily for school during 2008-09. Each family had a parent teaching a combined class of 2-3 students. We were 7 expat families, comprised of 7 nationalities, desperate to provide a credible, fun and affordable education for our children. We chose Sonlight for our science and history and did it ever deliver!! We could not possibly have found a curriculum that not only allowed each class group to learn about something unique and foreign, but each family had a member coming home sharing about their OWN culture and history as well! Every family had a need met! The year went beyond "credible and fun," to VIBRANT and Alive!!! My 5th grader Isaak was even upset that he had "only" read 60 books for the year!! I was shocked and insanely pleased. He was transformed when learning about Mother Theresa and India (Core 5) and we then pulled up movies about India that made it come even more alive, but he would "correct" the movie if things had been exaggerated. :) The 1st and 2nd graders loved learning about the Yanomamou Indians and sat transfixed through Gladys Aylward, which I had initially thought would be too long and tiring for them. They also made maps of every country they studied and proudly wallpapered one side of our classroom with them! :) While some families have only homeschooled, others came in tentative and having pulled their children out of a bricks and mortar school. Not only were they Not disappointed but Sonlight turned "non-homeschooling moms" into passionate and committed ones! Every single family is so keen to continue and thrilled with how their children inhaled the life inside these pages that we are committed to using Sonlight as long as God allows the co-op to continue. Next year (2009-10), 3 more families are joining the co-op, specifically after asking which curriculum we use. We have already ordered our cores for next year and are anxiously awaiting their arrival... One of the biggest bonuses is that- as we live in a country with zero library or resource facility, we are now able to build one up ourselves and thereby create a place for others in need to be blessed by. As a spokesman for the co-op, I can say it has been an utter delight to hear story after story throughout the week from my sons about what they are reading and learning. The love for books has escalated in such a way, that now that it is summer, they almost daily need to run up to the co-op and grab another book... & they are so scared we will run out of material for them! :) Thank you Sonlight, on so many levels, for providing a world-envisioned curriculum that meets so many of our needs, for choosing books that are alive and intense, and for plotting the daily course for us. :) You have many admirers and grateful mommies in Asia. God Bless.

— **Jennifer K** Norfolk, NE



This is the gang of the S.E. Asia homeschool co-op. We represent 7 families from 7 different nationalities - New Zealand, Australian, Singapore, Canada, Thai, American, and Lao. This year we used Cores 2, 4 and 5. In 2009-10, we are using Cores K, 1, 3, 6, and 100. We were all transformed by Sonlight this year. :)

— **Jennifer K** Norfolk, NE





This is the co-ops 1st/2nd grade. This picture was taken during our early morning devotional time and the Yanomamou jumped out at the kids and they prayed diligently over them, not just that day, but throughout the week! They would eagerly ask when devotion time was over "O.K., WHAT are we doing today, Science, or History?" Any answer was met with screams of joy! Who said homeschooling was difficult!?:)

— **Jennifer K** Norfolk, NE

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Joseph has thoroughly enjoyed reading this year and has gained so much knowledge. I hadn't realized how much until we were on a field trip (at Fr. Hunter, PA~ about Indians) and he knew the answer to almost all of the questions asked and the other children and even myself did not know the answers. I was totally amazed (and proud, of course) so after our field trip I asked him how on earth he could possibly have known all of those answers and he said "Mom, all of the books I read from Sonlight." Of course!! He is in Advanced Readers LA3, and many of the books are Indian stories. I was totally blown away that he took the information in the stories and understood it well enough to answer questions in a different scenario without even being prepped for the field trip! Absolutely Amazing the knowledge they will acquire without you even realizing it!

— **Jennifer L. K** Shermans Dale, PA

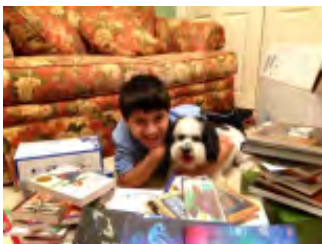
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I'm so glad to have Instructor's Guides that are clearly laid out yet give me flexibility if I want to tweak the program a bit. As our children approached the school years, I was intimidated about the thought of homeschooling. The first year we did a workbook-heavy curriculum and hated it. Then a friend recommended Sonlight. I took one look at the books and was sold! Thanks for taking something that I was NOT excited about and making it an adventure of learning together. Now in their sixth year of Sonlight, Joshua (11) and Zachary (9) are sharing Core E while Marianna (7) and Katelyn (5) share Core B.

— **Joanna K** New Holland, PA

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With Sonlight's approach, Mario has relaxed and discovered the joy of learning. There is something unique about a program that combines the love of God with the beauty of carefully chosen children's literature. I believe it nourishes both mind and soul, feeding the whole person. Facing a diagnosis of ADD and beginning homeschooling all at once was terrifying, but Sonlight was there to guide us, with experienced advisors who were always available to answer our questions, provide support and encourage us along the way. After a little more than one year of homeschooling, Mario has taken another achievement exam and his scores have blossomed ... just like he has. Now in his second Sonlight year, Mario (10) is all smiles, surrounded by Core E and his dog, Krypto.

— **Judy K** Champaign, IL



We are Sonlighters for life. Mason was a reluctant reader, but we persevered through the Read-Alouds and Readers in every Core. He had a huge breakthrough somewhere between Core E and F and now reads everything in sight, which he shares with his baby brother. Karen has used Cores B, C, D, E, F, G, H, 100 and now 200! She's homeschooling Mitchell (13), Mason and Miller (pictured here, ages 11 and 1) and Madaline (7) in their eighth year of Sonlight.

— **Karen K** Suisun City, CA



The flexibility of homeschooling with Sonlight allows us to pursue our children's gifts outside of academics and to stay together as a family at each child's activities. Miller was proud of his big brother, Mason, who took second in a regional Drive, Chip, and Putt golf competition in DuPont, WA.

— **Karen K** Kent, WA



I used to only like books with lots of pictures in them, but now I see that the ones without pictures are really the coolest!

— **Karin K** South Africa



We're having lots of fun doing an experiment to see how our sense of taste and smell work together when we taste! The Usborne book of Science Activities was an absolute hit with my kids this year. Thank you so much for including it in your K programme and giving us great ideas to do "real science" at home!

— **Karin K** South Africa



Caria aged 5 loves music in ANY form. I found her in her room spending some quality time with Wee Sing Nursery Thymes and Lullabies. This is one of her favourite items in our new P3/4 curriculum.

— **Karin K** South Africa





Arnan, Caria en Dewyk are enjoying the Children's Encyclopedia together. This is part of Dewyks K program but is a firm favourite with all three my kids. Because your books are so vibrant and beautifully illustrated I have been able to use it for both the younger ones as well on an informal basis to teach, as well as to get them interested in books.

— **Karin K** South Africa



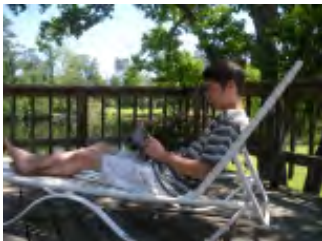
Amelia and Nancy laugh and cheer as 2 eggs collide during an experiment for Apologia Physical Science. We love how Sonlight uses many fun and exciting book, such as Apologia. It helps to have Sonlight curriculum because the children have learned to love reading - and reading to each other. This has helped them bond and get along better as a whole.

— **Katherine K** Kokomo, IN



Sonlight has really taken the fear out of homeschooling. I can enjoy learning with my child rather than worrying about finding materials, planning, etc. Emmajeane can't wait to open up the books each day! I am truly amazed at the changes I have witnessed in her in the last year. She has grown so much in knowledge as well as faith and I contribute our successful teaching to Sonlight's excellent curriculum and amazing dedication to service. Here, 4-year-old Emmajeane smiles up while reading Why Do Tigers Have Stripes from Core P4/5.

— **Keith K** Benton City, WA



We are in our 8th year of Sonlight and wouldn't be content with any other curriculum. The day I got our first catalog in the mail, I stayed up until 3a.m. reading it from cover to cover. When I closed the last page, I had no doubt that this was what God had in store for us - an exciting (sometimes heartbreaking) journey through history and culture that has really opened our eyes to a world that needs the God of the Bible!

— **Kelly K** Livingston, TX





Who doesn't want to do school outside? Sonlight let us take our learning whenever we wanted to go. Andrew is reading "King of the Wind" for Core F Eastern Hemisphere with his dog Astro in the autumn leaves. Sonlight combined interesting, enriching literature with history to make learning come alive. Even Astro enjoyed listening to Andrew read to him! We love Sonlight. Kim K. of Wichita

— **Kim K** Wichita, KS

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The student becomes the teacher! Science has always been my oldest son's favorite subject. Logan, age 8, shares that love of Science with his little brother, Cody (age 3), who will be starting his homeschool experience this year with Sonlight's P 3/4 curriculum. They were both so excited when their new books arrived that they immediately dug right in! Their Science books were first on their list. I love that Sonlight chooses books that spark the desire to learn and it's even better when my boys want to learn together! Hmmm...Logan is a pretty good teacher. I just may be out of a job!

— **Kimberly K** Severna Park, MD

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Finally...mine, all mine! My three year old son, Cody, has been watching his big brother, Logan, enjoy reading all of his Sonlight books for the past two years. Now Cody gets a chance to experience all that Sonlight has to offer with the P3/4 curriculum. He was so excited as he took each book out of the box and I was excited when he actually sat down to "read" one! We are looking forward to a doubly fun Sonlight school year!

— **Kimberly K** Severna Park, MD

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Daniel and Mia were excited to enjoy a beautiful spring morning. They had bought kayaks in the winter and couldn't wait to try them out on our pond. Here they are peacefully floating around while reading. Mia is reading The Lewis and Clark Expedition from Sonlight Core 3. We love the literature that Sonlight chooses. The stories always are examples of good character and Christian values. Often the T.V. is turned off at night while we all experience some enjoyable family time reading a great book together!

— **Kimberly K** Muskegon, MI

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Aiden and Norah were each reading a different book--What Do People Do All Day and Berenstain Bears Science--and talking about them with each other. Norah would point out something in her book, then Aiden would point out something in his. Ronan is plotting his future discussion questions:). I love that even at this young age, my kids are actually dialoguing about the books they read!

— **Kirsten K** Tacoma, WA

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Aiden got tired of playing and said he wanted to read outside, so I told him to go choose a book. He came out with Things People Do, pulled the chair under the tree, and settled in. I love that "school" is just how it was before he was in "school" -- we read great books and talk about them, and he learns a ton!

— **Kirsten K** Tacoma, WA

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Aiden is reading a book he read for the first time that day to Dad as soon as Dad got home from work. I love that Sonlight has high-interest, quality books for my kids.

— **Kirsten K** Tacoma, WA

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Norah was entranced with The Llama Who Had No Pajama from the first time she heard me reading it to her older brother. One day I found her on the couch, book opened to the correct page, while she recited word- for-word almost all of the poem Mouse. Because of this book, I have discovered that Norah has a love of poetry and song that I hadn't picked up on--she dearly loves this book, as do I, and yes, the child that it was intended for likes it, too!

— **Kirsten K** Tacoma, WA

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Our recently adopted sons, Daniel & Isaiah, really enjoy the terrific history and geography books from Sonlight. As a new home schooling mom, I am very grateful for the weekly tips and helps like the coloring sheet we did while reading "The Apple and the Arrow." Sonlight is helping us bond as an adoptive family and helping our sons learn English at the same time they can retain their first language speaking to each other every day about their lives instead of being separated as they would be in public school.

— **Kristin K**    United States

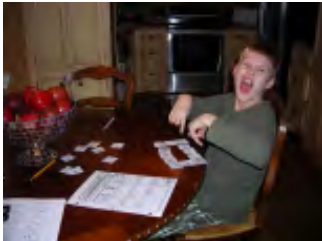
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We love Sonlight because it brings our family and friends together. Our children have grown to LOVE reading. The children read and talk about the good books they are reading with their friends. It is fun for them to have homeschool friends reading the same great books. The Fargarson, Knowles, McConnell and Thompson Families

— **Laurie K**    Pinson, AL

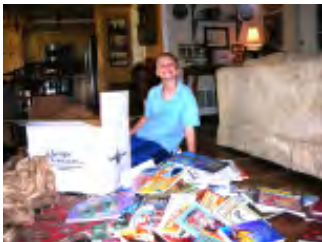
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That expression on Caleb's face is "boy" for "Science is so cool!" We enjoyed the Top's Electricity so much this year! My son became a # 1 fan of Mr. Justin's instructional DVD. Then he couldn't wait to try the science experiments for himself. Sonlight's Curriculum has caused Caleb fall in love with Science!

— **Lawrie K**    Midland, TX

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Does this remind you of Christmas?! That is how it feels when Caleb opens his box of new curriculum each year! Sonlight's literature based learning has given not only our son, but our whole family a "love of learning!" Sonlight adventures become what we think about and talk about as a family. We look forward to beginning school each year because of Sonlight. We can't wait to dive into the core 5 curriculum this year and journey through the Eastern Hemisphere (if only in our hearts and minds!)

— **Lawrie K**    Midland, TX

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Homeschooling allows us to go adventuring any time there is an opportunity and to make the most of our time in this beautiful country. Moving every three years with the Navy is always hectic. This move took us across the Pacific Ocean to Japan. But we kept our daily routine of having 'school time' and both of my girls were able to complete their school years on time. It was nice to have that time each day of quiet work together, a reminder that life wouldn't always be so crazy. In their sixth year with Sonlight, Mom, Dad, Isadara (9, Core E), and Eisley (7, Core C) enjoy exploring a new country.

— **Leandra K**    United States

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My children's favorite topic in science is ocean life and we like to follow up our reading with a trip to the beach for some hands-on learning. We love to read about the ocean and marine life and then walk down to the beach to do some exploring and learning.

— **Leandra K**    United States

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As a Navy family, we deal with constant deployments. What a blessing that when Dad is home we can make up for lost time. Our schooling is just another part of family time; it is a chance for us to have an adventure and make some great memories together.

— **Leandra K**    Lincoln, AR

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Sonlight has created such a love of learning in my family, our book learning has carried over to real life lessons. Our kids have been chasing, catching, studying and taking care of frogs and lizards all summer. They have taken their book knowledge and translated it into real life experience. When they are not catching lizards and frogs, you can find them begging mom to read one more chapter from Sonlight. Zac has used Sonlight from the beginning and he is now an avid reader. He often gets in trouble for sneaking books into his room to read after bedtime!

— **Leanne K**    Lynn Haven, FL

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Jayna loves reading! Whether we are walking out the door headed to chapel or just any free moment at home, her nose is buried in one of our many Sonlight read-a-louds. While taking family pictures recently I asked her to bring a book for one of the pictures. She chose Horton Hatches the Egg and is seen here reading to her younger brothers Jared and Rowan, just like at home! Thank you Sonlight!

— **Linda K** Miramar , FL

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

— **Linda K** Vancouver, WA

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Using Sonlight took a reluctant reader and turned her into a bookworm. When my daughter 'should have' been reading more fluently, and her younger brother was overtaking her in his reading skills, we worked on the Sonlight Readers and Language Arts program, and she was transformed. Now, if asked, reading is one of her favorite activities in the world! Lisa says her children love reading Sonlight books so much, summer play takes a back seat to reading. Here, 11-year-old Sabrina climbed onto the trampoline with a good book, and Jamie-Lynn (5) and Ezra (1) were soon right beside her. The six children of the K family are using Core B+C and Core F in their fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Lisa K** Canada

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Sonlight has helped our kids learn in an exciting way and connect with subjects they were not as interested in previously. 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.

— **Lisa K** South Lyon, MI

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I love that even though the children are seven years apart, they can come together in so many ways in their learning. I find my 8th grader tuning into the great stories I read aloud to my 1st grader...and vice versa. They join in on each others science labs, school projects and readings. Loved seeing my daughter (8th) connecting with her grandfather's love of history through the books she read with Sonlight. She even loaned him a few of her books that she read this year. We are loving learning together...so much, we have a hard time stopping for the day when the assignments are complete.

— **Lisa K** Elkhorn, NE

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After 8 years of homeschooling, my sanity has returned. When we first started homeschooling, I was writing my own curriculum and finding materials online late at night for the next day. This made for a tired, frantic and scattered mommy. I continued this way for 4 years, adding more lessons for growing kids, and eventually came to the conclusion there had to be an easier way! I tried several other curricula out there with varied success. Finally, when I tried Sonlight, everything just clicked. The ease of the Instructor's Guides for me and the great literature for the kids has been a perfect fit! I love how we can combine the cores so I can read aloud to all 3 girls at once. They love our family time of reading together and almost always beg me not to stop. 13-year-old Leah loves Sonlight's hands-on science (especially the experiments!). She's studying Core 100 this year with Science F. Leah and her sisters are in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Lisabeth K** Janesville, WI

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Sonlight has freed me to do more of things I love to do with family by giving me the precious gift of time. It has also given my family a much calmer and saner mom. By laying out the lessons and providing the tools, Sonlight allows me to guide my girls in their education effortlessly.

— **Lisabeth K** Janesville, WI

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Even on vacation we can't get Sonlight off of our minds. What we learn through your curriculum stays with us simply because you help make it a joy to learn! My son, Dallas, so enjoyed Core 5 Eastern Hemisphere that whichever country we were studying we had to immerse ourselves in. In this picture, Dallas is remembering the book "The Kite Fighters" while trying to get his kite up in the air. And of course in hopes of finding someone that would be willing to join him in a friendly "kite fight." The whole family just becomes so enthralled with your books we talk about them years later and I am just amazed at how much we have learned. Myself included. Thank you Sonlight for making learning so much fun.

— **Mary K** Carthage, NC



Our very first box of goodies arrived ... as we were leaving for a weekend away ... need I say that our departure was put on hold!! Personally I was so happy to see that our boys shared the same excitement for the arrival. It was literally one of those cartoon moments when a present arrives and wrappings go flying and the receiver literally climbs halfway into the box to see what he has been given. Once each book was taken out and looked at individually, the selected few as well as mommy's new manuals, were packed in with our suitcases and we finally, did hit the road for the weekend! We always knew that we wanted to have our children with us ... at home ... for as long as possible. Unfortunately we were forced into a situation where our eldest, Keagan, had to go to playschool for a short period of time. He was unhappy and I was unhappy. But we thought that was how life was suppose to be until we just couldn't anymore. Keagan got sick, just the flu, then it was the end of the term, and we just knew we couldn't send him back. And we didn't! We have not looked back since! For the time before we decided on Sonlight I worked out our own routine for each week. On receiving Sonlight, I was very happy to see that the new routine wasn't far off from what we had being doing already. That is how we knew we made the right decision. Keagan literally asks each morning, "what we going to do today?" And his outlooks of books have changed too. First only books with pictures were allowed, now if he had to choose a book to read, Uncle Wiggly is chosen first ... a book with only a few black and white illustrations. The love of learning and exploring and imagining has begun! Thank you Sonlight!

— **Megan K** South Africa



Sonlight has added a depth to our homeschool that made me regret not starting out with this wonderful curriculum. Before Sonlight it felt as though our homeschool was missing something. We were just going through the motions. Now, Sonlight books are so engaging we have older siblings listen in to younger sibling's books and younger siblings listen in to older sibling's books. Sonlight has been a blessing to us! In this picture, Evie (4, Preschool Full-Grade Package) listens to older brother William (8, Core B) read a Bible book from Core B. This is the K family's third year using Sonlight with their seven children.

— **Melanie K** Summerville, SC

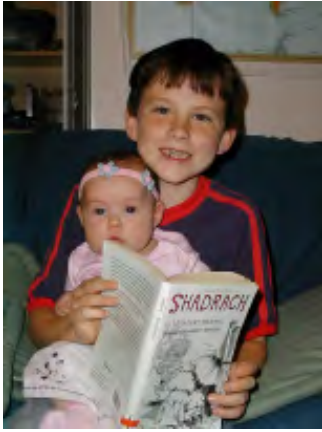


Sonlight has been a tremendous blessing in the life of our family. The books we have read together have introduced us to characters both real and fictitious that all of us now consider friends. Our story time at night reading Sonlight books is one of the highlights of our entire homeschooling experience. I don't know who likes it more... our kids or my husband and me! We are grateful to Sonlight for introducing us to so many titles and authors we never would have known before. We have learned so much, but even more, our world has been enlarged and enriched! Thank you.

— **Michelle K** Arlington, VA







Most people don't realize that Sonlight actually HELPS mom accomplish her housework! With 5 children 8 and under, how else can you keep an 8yo boy STILL long enough to hold the baby so I can cook dinner? Give him a wonderful Sonlight book that he can't put down. He's always more than happy to bounce his baby sister while reading one of Sonlight's fabulous books. (I had to stop making dinner to take their picture...they were too cute!)

— **Misti K**    Burkesville, KY



Bo is currently spending his second summer ministering with Teen Missions International on the Amazon River in Brazil. Our entire family has a heart for missions which I believe has been strongly enhanced by Sonlight curriculum. We have spent time learning about true heroes of the faith who took chances to share God's love with people around the world, and now we want to be like them! Thank you, Sonlight, for shaping our hearts and our worldviews, and giving us courage to follow Jesus anywhere He leads! In the photo, Bo holding a spider monkey on a boat on the Amazon River in Brazil.

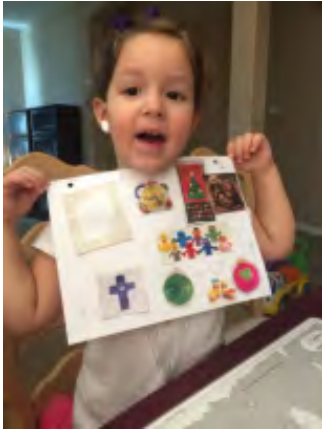
— **Misty K**    Green Cove Springs, FL



The boys were very excited to see a water wheel in the science book we were looking at. They begged to make one, and as a team effort, we did it. They were so excited to see it work! Sonlight has added such value in every learning moment. Ethan loves his schooling work. Here he is sitting doing some written work, making up sentences with new words. Learning is always fun, enjoyable and valuable. Thanks Sonlight! Here we are unpacking our Sonlight boxes. We were so excited! Our Sonlight boxes arrived with great excitement! We slowly unpacked every book, looking at them all, in anticipation. What a great day! Sonlight has proven to be a hugely stimulating and exciting curriculum, which the whole family has enjoyed. Learning is a favorite activity in our household! We visited the British museum to see ancient Egyptian artifacts. Our section on Ancient Egypt was so interesting, we spent ages on it. We included a visit to the British Museum where we saw many Ancient Egyptian artifacts. The boys were quite taken with the mummies, and couldn't believe these items were really from centuries ago. Sonlight has made history come alive, and broadened my children's minds in the most amazing way.

— **Natalie K**    United Kingdom





Alexa is proudly displaying her "Ad Collage" and looks forward to doing school each day with Core P4/5. Mom enjoys it too! Opening the IG each day and getting right to it is such a joy!

— **Nicolette K** Redlands, CA



We hope to use Sonlight all the way through our girls' education! We weren't planning to purchase an actual curriculum until Alexa entered first grade. However, I asked my husband to look at the Sonlight website one evening and that was all it took. A true bibliophile, he decided that night that we should order the Preschool Full-Grade Package, and we became Sonlighters! Both girls love to read (or look at) books. Sonlight is perfect for our family! Here, Alexa (5) is carefully looking through the Box Day smorgasbord of Core A curriculum. Her younger sister Carter (3) will use the Preschool program in their first year of homeschooling.

— **Nicolette K** Redlands, CA



My two younger children were just about to graduate from kindergarten at our church and did NOT want to leave kindergarten. When the Sonlight Curriculum for next year arrived, (I had ordered it early on purpose.) they tore open the box and started pouring through the books. We talked about all we would learn in Core 3 and where we would go on field trips to which my daughter exclaimed, "Can we start tomorrow Mom?" They spent the next hour looking through all the books. (I have a picture of that also.) Thank you Sonlight for making learning so exciting! We love Core 3!

— **Polly K** Manchester, NH



When we started using Sonlight with our daughter 4 years ago her ITBS reading score soared, but more than that our reluctant learner turned into a student with an unquenchable appetite for knowledge!

— **Rachel K** Pocola, OK



I love that the entire family can read together and discuss what we read together, and no one needs to feel left out. Emma has Down Syndrome and is learning at the same level as her sister who is four years younger. Emma and Anneliese are best buddies! They do just about everything together, including their schoolwork. Sonlight permits us to learn together as a family and to play down the developmental differences between Emma and her siblings. In her sixth year of Sonlight, Susan is using Core 100 with her older children (ages 17, 16, 13 and 11) and Core A with Emma (9) and Annaliese (5).

— **Raymond K** West Brookfield, MA



Before Sonlight, I spent many hours preparing lesson plans in the evenings and on weekends. Many times, our small library did not have the books we needed or they did not arrive in time. After much frustration and burn-out, my husband asked me about Sonlight. I had previously shown him the catalog with dreams of someday using the curriculum but it had seemed so expensive. We decided to try Sonlight Core 1 and We are both very happy we did! It is worth every penny! We love the instructor guides, the literature approach, the missionary emphasis and the study of global cultures. The Instructor's Guides have provided me invaluable time to spend with my family. I have also been able to help with a Home Education Conference and volunteer as a Girl Scout Leader as well.

— **Renee K** Battle Mountain, NV



We live in a small town and we are not always able to find books we want or need at the library, it makes me all the more thankful for Sonlight! I chose Sonlight because of the literature base. I read the "Read Aloud Handbook" by Jim Trelease before I began homeschooling. He talks about the importance of Reading Aloud to children and the benefits in their education. I planned on using a curriculum with an emphasis on superb literature, including read alouds. Sonlight fulfills my wants and my children's needs!

— **Renee K** Battle Mountain, NV



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. 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.

— **Robert K** Dublin, CA





I appreciate Sonlight curriculum because it enables my children to excel in Science – a subject I'm not good at. After taking a year off, we're back to using Sonlight. During that time, I continually heard, 'Mom, I miss Sonlight. Can we please do it next year?' They really missed being able to read together, not to mention learning History and Geography together. We're super excited to be back and to use Core F! Here an excited Jack (7), who loves the experiments, observes as sisters Marissa (10) and Olivia (13) demonstrate the scientific method. The K family has studied with Sonlight for three years.

— **Roberta K** Waldorf, MD



This is our first year using Sonlight. We're loving it and can't believe we get to call this special time together 'school. We'd been using an online curriculum and were ready for a change. We all love to read and felt that Sonlight would be a great fit for our family. Charlotte's Web is one of Sarah's childhood favorites, so she was excited to see it's part of Abby's curriculum. Even though we hadn't officially started our school year, we couldn't wait and started reading it together on our Maine vacation. It warms my heart to see my children not just reading, but reading aloud to each other. Here, Sarah (15, Core 100), Abby (8, Core B), Mom and "Bacon" enjoy the teen's favorite.

— **Sennu K** Saint Petersburg , FL



We snuggle up and read every morning and then every night at bedtime. The kids love the books and are developing such great character as a result of the enriching books.

— **Shelly K** Jones, MI

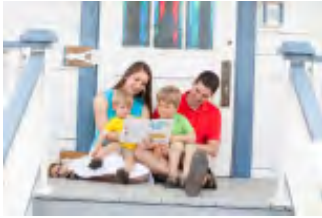


This is why we homeschool, this is why we CHOOSE Sonlight. You can't get this type of love and support in a classroom. Six year old Charles K. listen to his younger sister, Abigail whose four, read an easy ready.

— **Shelly K** Jones, MI







Sonlight has helped us realize that expanding the minds of our children is more than just learning basic academic principles. We are not filling a pail of knowledge, but lighting a fire. The Sonlight books root burning questions in the minds of our children, which spurs us on to do even more research above and beyond. We especially love the Bible readings. I know that Archie is really retaining it because he answers the questions correctly that are located at the back of the book! Sonlight has been life-altering for our family. In their first year with Sonlight, homeschooling has become a family adventure. Here, Mom, Dad, Archie (5, Core A) and Teddy (2) read a Grade 1 Reader together.

— **Steffani K** Snyder, TX

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When Katie (7) started the experiment on pushing and pulling a toy car using magnets (Science Activities, Vol. 1, shown), sister Lucy (5) and brother Sam (3) became interested as well and wanted to do it too! We started our homeschooling adventure one year ago with Core P3/4, and over that time it has continually amazed me how all three of my children (not just Lucy, for whom it was intended) are drawn to the books in this core program, and in the books that we've acquired since then. This is what I love about Sonlight: Sonlight just has a knack for picking books that appeal to kids (and adults!) of all ages, that are wholesome and rich in character and emotion. I will be hanging on to these books so that our grandkids can read them someday! Thank you Sonlight!

— **Steffi K** Fayetteville, AR

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Our first year with Sonlight was the best year of homeschool that our family has ever had. Gabby is an eager learner and Sonlight feeds her with such a great education. We are looking forward to this second year and can hardly wait for it to begin!

— **Stephanie K** Dallas, OR

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I felt like a homeschool failure before a friend introduced me to Sonlight. 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.

— **Stephanie K** Dallas, OR

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Sonlight truly bridges the gap between yesterday and today. Inspired by the many wonderful "real" books Sonlight offers we decided to take a trip back in time for our annual Father's Day photo shoot. Sonlight brought the entire family, (including grandma who sewed the outfits, and mom who took the photos in black and white to capture the "old days") together for a day at a local historical farm. The day included a tour of the farm and time feeding the chickens. Daddy was certainly pleased by the creativity the children displayed with the theme this year. Sonlight stimulates creativity in our children, but doesn't stop there -- Sonlight inspires the whole family!

— **Suzanne K** Medford, OR

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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! 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.

— **Tana K** Colorado Springs, CO

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Our kids have enjoyed Sonlight so much this year, especially the Science! We have all really enjoyed the experiments. Most of all though, we love that we get to read so many great books and that we share it together as a family. Sonlight has helped my husband to be more involved with the children's schooling since we can save our read-alouds for evenings! Thank you Sonlight for all of the great read-alouds, this is by far the best part of our day!

— **Theresa K** Tucson, AZ

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Annie was so happy to have her own set of readers this year. She loved all of the books, but especially the *I Can Read It* books. Sonlight has really changed our family this year. It has opened windows to people and places we would not have ever thought about otherwise. The children cannot wait to see what comes in the box for next school year!

— **Theresa K** Tucson, AZ

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We watched the "Discover and Do" DVD of the experiment which was a tame version of what this could really be if you let loose. We read about what pushes the balloon out of the water in the Usborne "Science Activities- Volume 1." I knew this could be a lot of fun with a few dishtowels, a big pot of water and a large, fully inflated balloon. I got ready for the flood....and let Elijah take it away! He loved it and has loved science ever since! It's amazing how such little things can instill a love of learning!

— **Tina K** Newton, NJ



Madison has found a love of art in all forms. She loves to dance, create music on the piano, and put her ideas on paper. We all love how Sonlight has shown us that the learning that we love can happen anytime and anyplace! My children have no restrictions on the knowledge that is available to them and that has become priceless. This will be our 3rd year homeschooling with Sonlight and every year gets more exciting. Although my two oldest will be attending a traditional school this year, I know they have learned more in the short time with Sonlight, because they were taught to love learning. Now, Noah and Madi have the blessing of being taught from the beginning with this wonderful curriculum and the sky is the limit!!!

— **Tori K** Montpelier, OH



We had just finished the Core 100 with our 16 year old and unexpectedly had the chance to visit the Capitol. What an awesome gift to experience the documents of our history! We were able to transfer so much of what Ryan learned into our visit. What a blessing to look upon our founding documents and the buildings where so much of who we are as Americans came from. Not only was Ryan able to merge this with all he learned that year, but our younger children were able to see and be part it as well. We were surprised at how beautiful it is and how emotional it was seeing it in person. Because of the great literature from that Core, Ryan continues to not only love American History, but avidly reads books; especially the ones from Sonlight. Honestly, when we can't find a Core book we look in Ryan's room. More likely than not it's there, even the books from our youngest children's cores! Thank you so much.

— **Tori K** Montpelier, OH



It's not uncommon to see our family reading together. Here we are in a garden/park reading Dr. Dolittle, one of our kids favorite Sonlight Read Alouds. They love to be able to share with their daddy one of their favorite books. What a treasure to have a picture of their greatest pasttime--reading! This will be a wonderful memory for them to see in years to come! Sonlight has brought great literature to not just our kids, but our whole family. I thank Sonlight, we all do, for helping us grow closer while reading. The best part of my day is the end, when we all come together and read before bedtime.

— **Traci K** Kirkland, WA



We went with the whole family to a scenic garden to learn about flowers. They got to see first hand what the flower parts were and compare it to the pictures in The First Book of Nature. We watched bees pollinating and saw so many different flowers. We had a wonderful afternoon, and they didn't even know they were having school the whole time! That is what I love about Sonlight, learning is disguised with fun activities that you can do as a family. We come away with such great knowledge that sticks with you for life! Thank you Sonlight for teaching our whole family!!

— **Traci K** Kirkland, WA



Our whole family loves reading the Sonlight Read Aloud books. Here, while we were on a field trip to a garden to study flowers, Torrance stops to read part of Dr. Dolittle, one of the kids favorite books. They wanted to read it over and over again. They loved it! Sonlight has given us such rich memories of being together, just laughing and reading!! And our kids are learning such wonderful things--especially how much fun reading can be! I know any book from the Sonlight list will be great. I have recommended them countless times to my friends and they have loved them too! Thank you Sonlight!!

— **Traci K** Kirkland, WA



As an international, urban-dwelling family, sometimes we simply have to take our schoolwork outdoors. My kids love laying in the grass listening to our read-alouds, drawing in their nature journals, or even working on their math. One of the beauties of SL for our family is that we can do school in hotels, in parks, on trains, at conferences, or any number of places. Rarely do we pack a picnic or overnight bag without throwing in a few of our current SL books!

— **Tracy K** Fort Wayne, IN



Looking out at Mount Epomea on the southern Italian island of Ischia, Dad gets to paint a more vivid picture for the kids of the destruction that volcanoes cause. Having read books like Hill of Fire and the The Buried City of Pompeii was great fodder for our discussion. Bottom line, Sonlight history and geography has given our entire family a context for many of the historical sights that we see in Europe.

— **Tracy K** Fort Wayne, IN







When we visited an amazing castle with a long history, including the Greeks and Romans, my kids were completely torn with what to look at. They were captivated by the castle and imagining the knights and stories that may have taken place there. But, they were also fascinated by the crabs and other sealife as well watching old fishermen repairing their nets. It was wonderful to see their minds engaged on so many fronts. Sonlight really is a great partner for us in exposing our kids to great books which in turn give them a well-rounded context for the world.

— **Tracy K** Fort Wayne, IN



Sonlight has helped us create a fantastic historical outline for our kids. 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.

— **Tracy K** Pisa, IN



We enjoyed a May vacation in Florida because we had the flexibility to take off and then return home in June to finish the year. Of course, we took plenty of good Sonlight books with us.

— **Valerie K** Austin, TX





Homeschool - Education where the heart is. The picture depicts the typical morning in our school. Asherel always begins her day with breakfast on the couch and a Bible study, with both dogs lounging near her. She has her Sonlight books scattered nearby. My 12-year-old daughter is animal crazy, and she has said the best part of homeschool is being able to work with her animals surrounding her. We always evaluate each year where we think God is leading us in terms of school and curriculum needs. This year, Asherel begged us not to change from Sonlight. She says she loves the reading and "it is learning without even knowing you are doing it." That encapsulates what I love about Sonlight. The books are excellent and exciting, and the student learns effortlessly and joyfully. Without joy, there is no chance of education becoming a life long passion, and the philosophy that under-girds what I hope to do with my children is instill a lifelong love of education.

— **Vicky K** Charlotte, NC

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Sonlight has helped me promote a love of learning and reading in my boys. They read so much now I need a list of extra books for them. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Yvette K** Saint Augustine, FL

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"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.

— **Alisha L** Liberty, NC

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Learning together naturally strengthens bonds between siblings. Siblings share time together that they would not be able to in a school setting. It is a blessing to me to watch my children grow together in love and friendship. Here Emilia ("Millie") and Gracie are hanging out at the beach, sharing secrets behind an umbrella.

— **Alyssa L** Port Angeles, WA

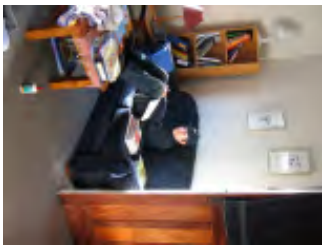
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As it was such a warm, sunny day, Emilia decided to go outside and read in the fort. She says this was her favorite book this year. She is ahead in readers but completed Core C with her younger brother, Josiah, this year. We really enjoyed the missionary books this year. Sonlight has been a great choice for our entire family.

— **Alyssa L** Port Angeles, WA



Sonlight is a consistent, godly influence in my pre-teen's life at a time when life seems to be inconsistent and a challenge. It helps him to think through the "meatier" issues and form his own thoughts about his place in God's world.

— **Amanda L** New Zealand



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— **Amy L** Portland, OR



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Here Cherish & Karissa are completing a mirror science experiment. They were so energized by how the mirror reflected shapes that they created their own drawing to reflect. This past year has been a complex year of homeschooling with the blessed arrival of a new baby. Although we were not able to complete as much curriculum as desired, my children still got an absolutely amazing education. I deeply appreciate how flexible the Sonlight program is, how much confidence the instructor's guides give me, and how minimal daily preparation is required. We are excited to embark on another exciting year with Sonlight.

— **Amy L**    Portland, OR

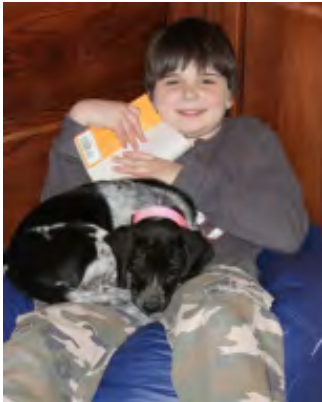
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Our family was first introduced to Sonlight over a decade ago while living in Liberia, West Africa as missionaries. Now the little boys who loved Sonlight's science at five and six are now in high school still enjoying the curriculum Sonlight offers. As our family has grown over the years so has our love for Sonlight. We have traveled all over the world serving the Lord and for the places that we have not gone, Sonlight has brought the world to us.

— **Andrea L**    Plantation, FL

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Even puppies like Sonlight! My son, Mitchell, couldn't help but want to spend every moment with his brand new puppy, Jenga. So he decided to drag his beanbag chair into the kitchen to read his assignment for the day. Jenga, finding his lap warm and comfortable, curled up and fell asleep. Mitchell was never so happy doing his school work than at this moment. Sonlight books are wonderful in depth and entertainment-- they capture the heart of a boy just as much as a new puppy.

— **Andrea L**    Edmond, OK

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The boys are enjoying reading their Core 1&2 books. This is their favorite spot to read and they love to cuddle with their puppies. I researched Sonlight for two years before diving in and I'm so glad I did! We have learned so much in just the two months of doing Sonlight. It doesn't even feel like school! My favorite part is the read alouds. It's quality time for the whole family!

— **Angela L**    Sumter, SC

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Hop, skip and a jump to learn math! In this picture my kids had filled in a giant 100 square on the driveway. My eldest, then 7, started at 100 backwards and my younger daughter began from 1. They were trying to guess where they would meet & it became a little competition. The fun continued with a jumping game to jump to the correct square when I called out a number or a review math problem. We try to have fun and get creative with our learning as much as possible.

— **Anna L** Fayetteville, GA

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So far homeschooling has been very low stress thanks to all of the wisdom from Sonlight! I was excited about the Instructor's Guides because I have never taught or organized a full year of school for anyone before which seemed an overwhelming and daunting task. Now I feel totally equipped, ready, and very excited to start our year

— **Ashlee L** Iola, TX

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Our girls are avid readers and Sonlight curriculum, with its emphasis on literature, has only fueled their appetite. We believe that using Sonlight curriculum helps us provide a broader foundation for the total learning experience we intend to give to our children. Our desire is that they come to understand that learning is a lifelong endeavor, not limited to books in a classroom. Here, our daughters Autumn and Heather stand besides the original location of the Little House on the Prairie, a book series that both of them have voraciously devoured.

— **Augustin L** Anaheim, CA

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Autumn has been studying Core 100, American History. She has been using Sonlight since 2nd grade. We've noticed a healthy curiosity due, in part, to the Sonlight curriculum she studies. In Core 100 we read about the Mission Era. Here Autumn is at a California Mission taking pictures. Using Sonlight curriculum allows us to provide our daughters with a diverse, yet Biblically grounded, education. The flexibility of using Sonlight curriculum enables us to supplement our daughter's studies with roadtrips, such as this excursion to visit several California Missions This brought our history to life. Thanks Sonlight for the rich learning my girls are experiencing!

— **Augustin L** Anaheim, CA

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Flexibly with Sonlight's schedule has allowed us to take personal days--like dad's 50th birthday. Hannah, Joshua, Noah and Mom rented a bike for dad's special day. Dad is always reading aloud and has learned along side his family. Sonlight has spurred interest in things that we never dreamed we'd be interested in. Our journey around the world with Sonlight has brought us closer together.

— **Barbara L** Warminster, PA

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Sonlight was an easy decision. We wanted our children to have a literature-based curriculum that has a worldwide perspective. Our family served overseas in East Asia from 2005 to 2010. One of our best holidays was a trip to the Philippines. Our children will never forget Balangao Territory! The daunting mountains above and the rice terraces, scattered with homes below, were exactly as described in *And the Word Came with Power* [from Core C]. Now we can pray for the Balangao people with a whole new perspective. Because of Sonlight, our children are globally literate and independent thinkers. They, and we, are forever changed. In the L family's sixth Sonlight year, Dawson (10) and Bergen (8), are studying Cores D and F.

— **Beth L** Fargo, ND

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Every day when the baby goes down for her first nap, the boys beg, "Can we do school now? Can we do school now?" On this particular morning, my husband set up our brand new tent to show the boys. Since we're pretty flexible with school, I figured I'd just let them play in the tent for a while, but they asked to do school in the tent! We did our reading and then pulled a big scrap of wood that we use for craft projects into the tent to do our coloring on. The boys thought it was the best! When I first got the Sonlight Curriculum, I intended to use it mostly for my oldest child, but my younger enjoys reading and doing the activities so much that I've been making copies and including him in everything. Now I realize that the kids also enjoy the workbook activities so much more when I do them too, so now I'm making 3 copies of each worksheet. While coloring this page, Aslan's buffalo decided to become friends with my buffalo, and then Shiloh's did. too and we bounced our pages around making them talk to each other! I started setting aside time for school starting shortly after our baby was born, and soon after that I bought Sonlight. It was a great way to make sure to connect with the kids in a fun and wholesome way even though I had so much to do caring for a new baby. I love homeschooling because we are able to make it fun, not stressful. We also know first hand how much our kids are learning. It's one way to say, "I love you!"

— **Brianna L** Sedro Woolley, WA

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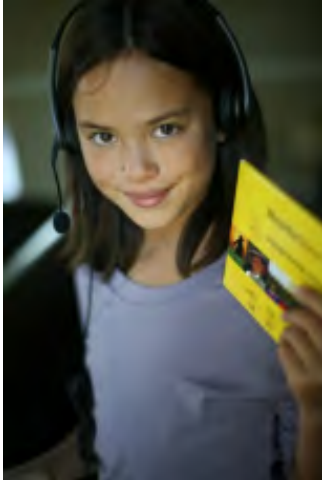




The combination of workbooks and dvds included with Teaching Textbooks works so well for our family. Math is fun!

— **Carol L** Bountiful, UT

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We are so excited we are learning to communicate with our Filipino relatives in Tagalog now! Rosetta Stone has literally opened the door to another world for us. We are looking forward to traveling to the Philippines and using our new language skills there to get to know our relatives better.

— **Carol L** Bountiful, UT

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Aurora gets "double the fun" by reading Shadow Spinner to her little sister Ikey, because it's one of the same beloved Read Alouds that Aurora had 5 years ago when she was a 5th grader! It's such a blessing to see them enjoying their schoolwork! And their dog River Running makes a natural warming blanket for their laps! Sonlight's curriculum is outstanding, and my girls have learned so much, and all with Godly and Bible-based instruction. We are with Sonlight for the long haul, having tried other curricula before finding it. There's no turning back, and if I even thought about changing curricula, my girls would kill me!!!

— **Carolyn M. L** Crooked Creek, AK

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I am so grateful for all the work Sonlight does to find these fantastic resources that are out there, and then offer the best two or three choices to me in their catalog to choose from.

— **Carolyn M. L** Crooked Creek, AK

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Aurora is in Chemistry this year. She was dreading it, thinking it would not appeal to her. Yet something happened during the course of the school year and she is most amazed herself when she spouts out "I LOVE Chemistry!" The Apologia Chemistry course is outstanding and honors God throughout it's pages. This is the 3rd Apologia Science course she will have completed, and all have been fabulous! Thank you Sonlight, for finding such a great Science option for my daughter! Once again, Sonlight shows how it strives for excellence in learning by offering such great choices in the curriculum!

— **Carolyn M. L** Crooked Creek, AK

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Here's Aurora riding an elephant in Thailand. What a fun experience for her! We went as a family on a short term missions assignment for 2 1/2 months this winter. Our suitcases were not filled with clothes when we went, but with our Sonlight curriculum books! We homeschooled while in Thailand and it went just great. It is so easy to take Sonlight "On the road!" Sonlight gives my girls a Christian Worldview through all of it's books and resource materials. We love learning with Sonlight, at home or away from home.

— **Carolyn M. L** Crooked Creek, AK

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Sonlight makes it easy to love learning anytime! Because learning has become part of our family identity, it is natural for my children to cuddle up together with a Sonlight book in their hands. We all have benefited by the rich literature in our home!

— **Carrieanne L** Dallas, TX

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Sonlight has given us the way to provide a quality, personalized education at a fraction of the cost of private school tuition. One Sonlight Core is the equivalent of one month of tuition for three children at an average private school in our city. I love that Sonlight provides everything I need for the year in one box full of wonderful books. I never thought I would have the type of kids who beg to do school. But two weeks into our summer break, they were begging to start up again! Here, Rebekah and Aliyah (both 8), and Becket (6) show off their geography skills. They are sharing P4/5 and Core B in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Catharine L** Austin, TX

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Sitting under the grape arbor, Jeffrey is reading Prince and the Pauper to his younger brother Andrew. These brothers enjoy sitting in the shade and reading during the summertime. This is our first year with Sonlight curriculum. We enjoy the reading list and curriculum outlines it really helps to keep us reading and gives Mom a guideline. The reading list for each year in the history is fantastic, it helps to bring the history alive. Thanks , we look forward to the coming year again with Sonlight!

— **Chanetta L** Lakebay, WA

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With Sonlight my children are able to spend time together throughout the day. Clara loves her school time and is thrilled to have learned to read this year. Here Clara is proudly reading a "real book" to her brother and sister and they are thoroughly enjoying it! Having young children keeps me busy so I love that Sonlight makes it easy to homeschool. The Instructor Guides are so easy to use and the selection of books is fabulous so I know my children will receive a solid education. We are looking forward to teaching all of our children with Sonlight!

— **Christina L** Mount Horeb, WI

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Sonlight has been my curriculum for the past 14 years. I felt like I had finally found everything I was already doing but the work was done for me. I have fostered an atmosphere of a love of reading by providing books,books, and more books. There is never a time we leave our house without my whole family grabbing their current book. We like to read, a lot. Sonlight has provided our family with the highest level of quality books and we have a love of reading that goes beyond school hours.

— **Christine L** Chicago , IL

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One of my favorite things about Sonlight is that all my children enjoy so many of the great stories over and over again. Growing up in Maine, my Grammie T. read Robert McCloskey's books to me. Now, with Sonlight's help, his stories have become some of my children's favorites too! I never tire of reading, "kuplink, kuplank, kuplunk!" Even though our family travels all over the world with the U.S. Air Force, my heart returns to home as I hear my grandmother reading those stories to me. Thanks Sonlight! I praise the LORD for your part in our lives.

— **Christopher L** United States

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Can you spell F-U-N? Go fish is a favorite game, so Go A to Z is a great way to learn letter sounds! Here Dad, Chris and the 4 Lane children play a game in the kitchen.

— **Christopher L** United States

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I love that I can stop school and then pick back up where we left off. The teacher's guides are so user friendly and they keep getting better. Thanks Sonlight for all the hard work that you do! When we got a last minute good deal on some airline tickets to visit our family in Maine I didn't hesitate. Sonlight makes our home school fun and flexible!

— **Christopher L** United States

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Sonlight's books are engaging, educational and simply fun! My children love to spend time browsing through their colorful and informative pages anytime, anywhere. We take them on car trips, holiday's and even on the way to and from field trips! I love how family oriented the cores are. The books are enjoyed by us all and no matter what Core the kids are in, they can easily enjoy a book from another Core. This is our fourth year using Sonlight. We feel so blessed we found you in our first year of homeschooling; so much rich literature in our home library!

— **Cindy L** Canada

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Our son has loved every book of his Sonlight readers so far this year, they are progressing at just the right level for him and the stories are so appealing he can't put them down even though he's not the sort of boy to sit still for long. As you can see here even when he is reading he is doing gymnastics.

— **Claire L** New Zealand

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Sonlight has ignited a passion for reading and writing in my girls. So much so that you can find homemade "books" and "magazines" all over the house which the girls fill in with topics they research on their own or with made up stories about their favorite toys and pets :) Thanks Sonlight, one girl has mentioned wanting to be an editor when she grows up, another a writer, another a Doctor and homeschooling mom (who no doubt will include Sonlight as part of her curriculum!). Looking forward to reusing all of our cores with our two little babies when they get to preschool age as well!

— **Claudia L** Pinetop, AZ

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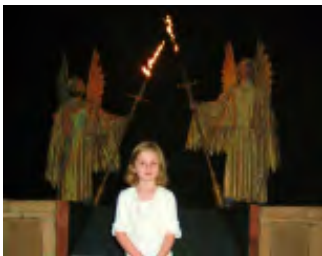
When we decided to home school I was so overwhelmed by all the curriculum options. When I found Sonlight I found peace! When we saw how Christ centered the curriculum was we knew we had made the right choice! We start every morning with Bible and we do it where ever the children want, on this morning it was in the bunk bed fort! The Instructors guide is wonderful, and requires very little preparation and planning. The boys love the Science projects, they spend the whole week looking forward the Science project day! Noah 7 is starting his 3rd year of Sonlight and John 5 will be starting his first "official" year even though he has spent the last 2 years right in the middle of it all!

— **Crissy L** Mccook, NE



From the question about how long we have HS. My husband wanted me to HS our daughter and I was unsure of the idea. I tried it when she was 3, figuring if it did not work out she could be enrolled in school and not be behind. I tried to come up with the lessons myself and it was a very hard year even at the 3 year old PreK level! I thought there was no hope for us and homeschooling; I was worn out. We decided to try again the next year and get a curriculum. I picked the 4 year old PreK Pack from Sonlight and we loved it! We are now finishing her kindergarten year and looking forward to next year.

— **Cynthia L** Biglerville, PA



The photo shows us on a super field trip, one of our favorites. I relish the opportunity to help my daughter make the connections between what she learns and understanding God and His work in our lives and all creation. So many things we read lead us back to talking about our faith, God and our walk as His children. Sonlight provides a launching place for homeschooling in a seamless way between faith and learning. On this trip we took "The Behind the Scenes Tour" in addition to watching the production. The tour was great for elaborating on the ideas of stage productions and for separating play acting from the real creation. I have heard of some young children who have seen this production who believe that they witnessed the real God, Satan, and the Creation of the world. On the tour, Grace loved being in the live Animal Dressing Room behind stage, and pressing the "flight sound" button, for when the birds fly after their creation, in the sound control booth. Meeting an actor and actress from the show and walking on the huge stage. She even got to touch the angel costumes and the brilliant, shining angel hair wigs on the angels that she stood in front of in the picture when on the tour! This magnificent production awakens the awe of mental picturing when reading Bible stories.

— **Cynthia L** Biglerville, PA





Wendy L. of Anoka, MN, answers her Dad's questions as he reads Make Way for Ducklings. She loves that she gets her own core this year. She has been listening, as Glen is now, to theirs for years.

— **DAL** Ramsey, MN



While Nathan was taking pictures and Dad was reading Wendy got up and left her book. Glen stayed listening to Tony. She is the first to use p3/4 in our house, and sometimes she does not want to share. We are excited to be doing 3 cores this year. I have done 2 cores many times, but this will be the first year for 3. I appreciate that everything is set up in the IG and I can pick it up and read. For the next 4 years I will need that ease as I teach 2 of my children to read, and continue to work towards Nathan learning independently. I am grateful that 3-4 is set up such that I can go as quickly, or slowly or as many times as needed. I have a feeling that we will be in core p4/5 before the end of the school year though. W wants to learn like her brothers are. She already wants to do the "work" her brothers do. As I look back and ahead I love the fact that as our oldest travels we can read about the people and places she goes or will go to. I love the fact that when we got to the Dogon people with Talitha we knew some. I look forward to Talitha sharing about a people group we are learning about. God shows up in our school, and I know that it is because Sonlight cares about what they prepare for our teaching our children.

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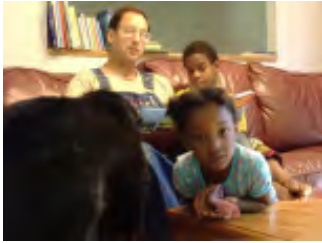


A paige in training. It is really fitting to study about knights this year as Glen was baptized this summer. Making a statement about who he wants to be, a man of God. Sonlight makes our job easier to remember that we are training our children. Not just teaching them so that they have knowledge but teaching them to learn. So that the things that are not taught, and there will always be areas to learn in, they know how to search for the knowledge and wisdom they need. This will be my third time through core 2 and I am looking forward to talking to the boys about the fact that God wants them to be knights. Nathan will be in core 200, but I know that he will want to listen to some of Glen's history. We will have another tournament and make some more memories. We read The Castle Diary before our first tournament and the older boys had a joust on bikes. Glen and I did a running joust. I am glad that Sonlight carries The Castle Diary as Nathan and I really enjoyed it.

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— **D A L** Ramsey, MN



While learning about circuitry, our boys had a blast (so did Mom!) making a miner's light hat. They used it to read in bed at night, too! Sonlight has really helped turn our home into a home of readers! We used Sonlight when we started homeschooling and used it for 5 years straight. After joining a co-op we used other materials. Now, we have gone back to all Sonlight for our other two children and I am excited to read all of the wonderful books. Although we are finished with some of our cores, we plan to keep the wonderful readers and read-alouds on our shelves! Many times in the evenings the kids ask Dad to hurry up and read the read-aloud before bed. This is precious family time that we love!

— **Darlene L** Akron, OH



As a highly mobile family, we love the fact that we can visit places like Fort Qaitbey in Alexandria and continue to homeschool using Sonlight anytime of the year. History comes alive with living books from Sonlight and historic places like these.

— **David Alberto L** Singapore





Flexibility is one of the great things about Sonlight. I can teach the girls together even though they're in 6th and 4th grades.

— **Debbi L** Woodbridge, VA



This picture, to me, captures one of the things I love about Sonlight. Sonlight is not just about the books (which are great) or the schedule (essential) but it's also about community, specifically the forums. Of the many wonderful things about the forums one I greatly have appreciated is the information shared. When Whitney was younger she loved to read but struggled to learn to read and continued to struggle. After reading one of John's Beam notes about vision problems, I noticed a lot of similarities to problems that Whitney was having. I asked a lot of questions on the forums and we found a local eye doctor to have her vision tested. It turned out that she did have vision problems that were causing her reading problems. After 5 months of vision therapy her eyes are now working better than ever, she still loves reading and can be found at all times of the day with a book in her hands. If it were not for the information that I got on the forums, Whitney may well have continued to struggle with her reading for a long while. About the book she's reading. We read "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry" as part of core 4. She loved the book and has read the prequel and the book in her hand is the sequel. The books Sonlight picks have really captured Whitney's imagination, drawn her in and have her seeking more.

— **Debbi L** Woodbridge, VA



In studying American history we read about the establishment of colonies in America and the fighting over who controlled where, especially in the south. We took the opportunity to travel to Florida and stopped at many forts on the way. It was a really good chance for the girls to cement in their minds that this stuff they read about in their Sonlight books really happened, to real people in real places, places they could still visit. We saw forts built by the French, English, and Spanish all in their efforts to control new lands. I love the books that Sonlight picks, they draw the girls in, teach them history when they're \*just\* enjoying a good story, and leave them with meaningful lessons.

— **Debbi L** Woodbridge, VA





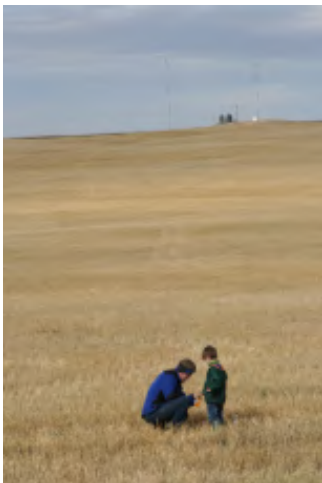
Our "box day" for Core 4 came before we had finished Core 3. I never would have believed that excitement that came when Eric saw his new reading books! You'd think I told him he was having ice cream for dinner. He begged and pleaded with me to let him start reading his new books right away. How could I argue? Here he is, up high in his fort, reading his "all-time favorite book ever." Sonlight has truly changed the mood of our homeschool for the better. "Mom, please can I read today?" has replaced the whining and fussing. For years I tried to put together the ideal homeschool program for my kids. One we tried Sonlight, I realized it had been done already, and was just a phone call away. My kids are learning and loving it. I couldn't be happier!

— **Debbie L** Placentia, CA



After reading every section of "Peoples of the World" from the CORE 1 curriculum, my son always wanted to do the activity, whether it was making a clay coil pot, whipping up an Indian Lassi, or, in this case, painting his face in the African warrior style of a monkey. Of course, each time we did one of these activities Soren's younger brother Laec also wanted to join in the fun. Here he's painted as a bird. I absolutely love the fact that in the Social Studies/history programs Sonlight introduces, as the child's first perspective, a global experience. So many programs simply reinforce our own self-centered North American culture and study mainly or exclusively (in the early years) their own culture and country. This program gave my children such an appreciation at a very young age, those that are different; not just different skin colours, but respecting and wanting to understand their culture, practices, religions, food. My boys will both tell you what countries they want to travel to, what languages they want to learn, and they will tell you that their favorite foods are Thai or Indian food. (-:

— **Delynne L** Canada



Sonlight's Science program was such a hit with my son that he requested a "Science Party" for his birthday, and "only science things" for presents. Here he is in the field behind our house, trying out one of his new presents, a rocket fueled by vinegar and baking soda. What I appreciate about Sonlight's programs (in this case Science, but in all of them) is the excitement for learning that the curriculum instills in my son. There is a wealth of "hands-on" activities that help to create this desire to know more, to experiment, and out of that learning comes effortlessly.

— **Delynne L** Canada





Hello, Sonlight was recommended to us by a friend when we were overseas. Boy was my friend right about you guys! Everything is all done for me so I didn't have as much stress about daily planning and after just arriving back in the states and moving into our house, Sonlight was just what we needed to make a smooth transition into homeschooling. Thank you! We had such a great year -there is no question whether or not to continue with Sonlight for 2nd grade! We just received our box for next year and Athena can't wait to open it up! In the photo, she had such excitement for each book and browsed each one in detail. It was adorable AND such a positive feeling to see her excited about learning. With each book, she would tell me THAT was her favorite one so far. By the time we got to the end of the year, "Detectives in Togas" was the winner! And History was her favorite subject. She loved learning about each time period. Since we have lived in Asia and Europe, Sonlight brought all those places we visited out of the pages and into her memories. I know the second part of World History will do the same. That's so cool. She is such a world's citizen at only 7 years old, and Sonlight has helped bring that out in her! There were a few books (as expected) that we chose not to use, but another reason was simply time. Plus living in the DC area, there were SO many other opportunities to go to museums and such. All in all, we were completely satisfied with Sonlight and plan on sticking with it for her homeschooling experience! Thank you again, Sonlight!

— **Denise L** Reston, VA

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Homeschooling with Sonlight has allowed my husband and I to form a bond with our children that we were missing out on before. We face every day together, using every moment and experience as an opportunity to learn. My sweet daughter has thrived using Sonlight. This past year she has learned the love of Jesus and his relevance in our country and its history. Carsen (9) started off her Sonlight career this year with Core D.

— **Devaney L** Silverhill, AL

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The Sonlight Cores were igniting a love for learning in my girls, so we decided to give Sonlight Science a try. When my older girls were smaller, we often overlooked science. But since [starting Sonlight Science], science is a subject that gets done. As soon as any of the children are reading comfortably, I find them independently poring over their engaging science books. The supply kits and the Discover and Do DVD (a favorite even of our 4-year-old) allow us regular lab work with little effort to get everything together. And my high schoolers have everything they need – from weekly schedules to chemicals to microscopes! Here, Marco (4), Danielle (7), Miguel (9), Camilla (13) and Beatrice (15) study Science in the family's tenth year of Sonlight.

— **Edelwina L** Canada

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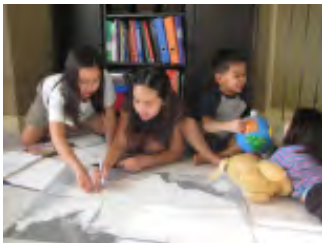






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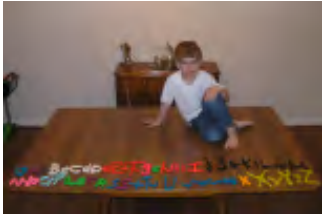
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Providing our children with a good core curriculum while ensuring they master the 3Rs takes enough work as it is. That's why I am so thankful that I can turn to Sonlight for guidance when it comes to adding art, music, or foreign language to our program. There is just so much choices out there. Sonlight is always a good place to start. And so far, I've been very happy with what we have tried, the latest one of which is the Draw Today program. My daughter, Beatrice, has expressed frustration with drawing even when she enjoyed when she was smaller. Draw Today has given her confidence to continue expressing herself using this skill.

— **Edelwina L**    Canada





Samuel creating his playdough alphabet for language arts K was in some ways analogous to our first year doing Sonlight in general. It was a nontraditional method of learning, and it seemed fun at first. As we continued, it seemed like a lot of work and made us wonder if it was worth it, but by the end we were so glad we had done it. Sonlight is time consuming, but we love that time, and I tell people that there are so many hidden benefits. Just reading the list of books in the catalogue, it seemed like a lot of good literature, but I wondered if it would really be a "complete" education or if there would be lots of "gaps." First of all, I think Sonlight helps dispell the myth that all of the gaps can be filled in. God's world is so big. Practically speaking, though, it is clear that Sonlight chooses its materials very thoughtfully to create a thorough curriculum. My kids have learned so much about God and his world and cultures and people, not to mention the 3 Rs, and the way they have learned it makes it so rich. It is deep, because the books are so good and detailed. We retain it, because it is so enjoyable. And it reaches our hearts, because we learn about real people from different cultures, so we see cool people who need God instead of just "heathens."

— **Ellen L** Ruckersville, VA



We are a family of book lovers. Last year I was looking for a curriculum to use for Sarah and a friend introduced us to Sonlight. When I saw the reading lists I was hooked! We used the preschool core last year and we are almost done with core A. Sonlight books are Sarah's favourite part of our homeschool day. She loves to hear them read aloud and then she loves to sneak and read ahead herself! We can't wait to start core B!

— **Esther L** Burbank, CA



Family photo at our Medival Murder Mystery party that our family hosted after studying core 6 for a year. The kids even made a castle out of painted freezer boxes.

— **Gail L** Lake Oswego, OR





My husband is a pilot and is away from home for days at a time. One of the many positive elements to homeschooling our two daughters is that my husband does not feel he is missing out because, when he is home they are home as well, and he is able to be an active part of their education and their day-to-day lives. They love to take their readers to the park or lean up against a warm brick wall and share together in their mutual love of reading. This is our first year using Sonlight and we have so enjoyed the emphasis on reading as well as incorporating the Language Arts with History. Due to the nature of my husband's employment, we are able to allow our daughters to not only travel to the places they read about in their imaginations but also take them there in reality! We travelled to Israel this year and took Sonlight on the journey and are heading to safari in Africa this year as we journey through core 5, the Eastern Hemisphere. Sonlight has helped us to give our daughters the education we dreamed of giving them; grounded in the Word and aware of the world around them. History has been opened up to them and they have been able to see places beyond their small world view. By partnering with Sonlight, we have not only been able to share with our daughters the successes of the past but also the failures, and by learning from the mistakes we are confident that they will not repeat them. And the best part of this, is we are learning and seeing new things together, as a family! I did not realize that homeschooling could be such an amazing experience.

— **Guy L**    Canada



Our youngest daughter has benefited richly from the Sonlight Curriculum. This being our first year using Sonlight, we purchased the 3 + 4 One Year Condensed American History for our eldest daughter, who is 10. Sophia does her own level Math, Grammar and printing but she joins her sister in the Sonlight Science, History and Read-Alouds. We have been amazed as she has been exposed to the reading and history how she has rapidly excelled to such a level that she is on par with the 3/4 level. She can read any of the readers in the 3/4 Core. Sonlight has helped her develop a love for reading and through this curriculum her confidence has soared as she has challenged herself with the harder readers and has succeeded. Her and her sister have loved the Sonlight curriculum and have enjoyed travelling to some of the places they have been studying. They are looking forward to what lies ahead for them in next years curriculum!

— **Guy L**    Canada



Thank you, Sonlight, for enabling our family to combine the rigors of a strong education with the comforts of home.

— **Gwen L**    Montrose, CO





Eating green eggs and ham has become a bit of a tradition as each of our students reads the book. Here Nathan (6) has his turn. Andy (4) looks to his big brothers to see if they are really going to eat up! We love the books we get to read through Sonlight's LA program as well as through the Read Alouds. Sonlight is a nutritious part of our homeschooling program!

— **Gwen L** Olathe, KS

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Whether it's hanging upside down off the couch or upside down in a tree, Josh loves reading the Sonlight books. I love the time I get to spend with my 14 year old. Using Sonlight and home-schooling gives him the chance to be as energetic and creative as he wants. I used to wonder if he could possibly be paying attention to what I was reading with all his climbing around but when I questioned him at the end of reading, to my surprise, he was paying attention. We do school outside whenever possible. Sometimes our studying gets interrupted with chasing a snake or inspecting a bug that just landed on the porch. That's what we love about Sonlight. They know that learning is happening all the time not just when reading one of their great books. We love using Sonlight because it gives us freedom and joy in learning.

— **Heidi L** Cable, OH

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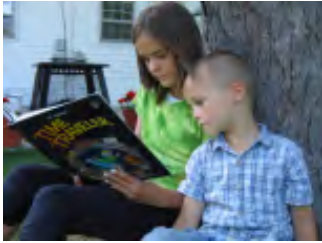
My older children get sentimental seeing the fun projects Kati and Jared are doing now. They were all MKs using Sonlight material back in 2001 when we adopted Jared and Kati from the west African country in which we worked. When I first discovered Sonlight curriculum, it was as if someone had read my mind, and done all the work for me. I spent my first six years of 15 years of homeschooling choosing all my own books, pulling together a literature-rich curriculum for my avid readers. Sonlight picked up where I left off!

— **Immie L** Canada

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Anna (9) and Than (4) share a moment under the locust tree in our backyard, reading "Time Traveller" together. Our kids have always preferred to read their books "outside with bare feet" and Sonlight lets us do that. We started homeschooling with our older boys about 11 years ago, most of those years with Sonlight. We've tried some other curricula along the way, but we always come back to Sonlight and all those great books! Thank you for what you do. I absolutely LOVE all the great books and reading to my kids. I love that my kids are close to each other and we can talk about what they are learning. Having everything organized and ready to go is SO helpful. I do not want to waste my time planning lessons. I love the focus on the world and God's plan for the world. You have put together an incredible curriculum. My only challenges with Sonlight came from trying to do it all, and having a kid who for a number of years was non-auditory and a non-reader. He did not enjoy all the books, but is an avid reader today.

— **Janis L**    Aurora, IL



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The support we had from the sonlight team was excellent to find other Homeschooling families in our city. We live in a country where homeschool is not common. The team was excellent in connecting us to other homeschoolers and this has given us great support.

— **Jasmine Victoria L**    India





One of my main goals as a parent is not simply to fill my children with knowledge but to give them a love of learning. Sonlight teams right up with me to meet that goal. My children LOVE Sonlight's choices for Bible, History, Read-Alouds, Readers and Science. They do not consider them work in any way because of how much they enjoy them. They literally carry the books around with them—on errands and vacation, in bed, curled up on the couch, you name it. Because they enjoy them so much, they want to do more ... and more! Here, Carson (5), Gracie (4) and Caleb (7) read a favorite Sonlight book together before bed. They're studying Core P4/5 and Core B in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Jenny L** Pinehurst, NC

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I used a traditional curriculum with my first born and after daily tears decided I could not homeschool, the flaw must be with me. When it was time to decide what to do about educating the younger ones I thought I may give this homeschooling thing a try again, but I had to find something different. Sonlight has been the perfect fit for us, I don't have to plan daily and I don't have to feel like I must do everything the IG says. Sonlight has provided a way for my family to learn together and grow together. I love that my dc are getting a knowledge about other cultures and the world around them. How cool is it when a three year old knows where Mexico is? Sonlight is AWESOME!

— **Jessie L** Mandeville, LA

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Izaak has been fascinated with the History of US books ever since his older sisters went through the core several years ago. We were always searching for the right one, as they were seldom on the "school shelf" when needed for the reading schedule. Here he is reading in the living room while draped over the floor.

— **Joy L** Franklin, PA

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Daniel was in kindergarten when we took this photo. His Usborne Science Activities book had him fill a small bowl to the brim with dried beans and then pour water into the bowl. We covered the bowl with foil and let it sit overnight. The next morning, the beans had absorbed so much water that the foil was askew and the beans overflowed. Daniel was impressed! I appreciate the "gee whiz" factor in this and other science activities from Sonlight. Cool experiments excite my kids, fueling their desire to learn more. Sonlight saves me the draining work of planning all aspects of my kids' curriculum. I still plan some, but rely on Sonlight for our core history, reading and science. Sonlight gives me a great base from which to start. Sonlight's books and wise counsel have blessed our family. I also appreciate the online advice and wisdom of the forums. I have read many entries and posted some. Sonlight's customer service, friendliness and fast, accurate order fulfillment are fantastic!

— **Julie L** Raleigh, NC



One of my favorite things about Sonlight is the option to combine students into one Core. That made it easy for us to use the same curriculum for two students whose grade levels are close together. This alone has made our homeschooling experience more doable. We love reading together as a family and the books are so diverse and engaging that it makes learning fun and inspiring! Sonlight fosters a cultural awareness and appreciation which you would be hard-pressed to find in other curricula. In this photo, I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade from Core F comes to life when the girls visit a cave like one in which the main character from the book spends the night. Caylee (11) and Brenna (10) are enjoying the adventures in Core F.

— **Julie L**    Madisonville , LA



Christopher is reading God's Will, God's Best by Josh McDowell finding out His Will from our living room couch. We love reading the books and figuring out together what great stories we can find. I am always asked to read more and I love it when my boys immerse themselves in a book. My 11 year old just became an avid reader this year. Can't put them down.

— **Kari L**    Paradise, CA



This summer, our three kids gladly gave up their playroom to become our new schoolroom. Here they are sitting on the bookcases with the stack of read alouds and readers for the Core 1 program we'll be starting in a week. Within moments of climbing up on the shelves, they were each engrossed in a book, periodically swapping books and showing each other the pictures. It's clear to us that we chose the right curriculum to start this new chapter of our lives!! We are all excited to start our very first year of homeschooling. With Sonlight, Mom and Dad are especially excited not to have to spend hours planning well-rounded lessons for our 1st and 2nd graders (and their little sister, who will, no doubt, be joining in as much as she can), leaving more family time to play and learn together. We are also excited to introduce our children to many of the books we grew up with and so much more. We are looking forward to expanding all of our minds with a more complete knowledge of God's universe and global view of His Kingdom, past and present.

— **Kathy L**    Monroe, NC





I was walking by with a load of laundry when I saw the kids sitting on the couch reading together. My camera was close by so I took this photo. Another of the kids was listening too, but this captured the spontaneous sharing and learning that takes place with my kids. They have lots of time together and time to care and share. Our lives have been forever changed by homeschooling. We love Sonlight and the ability to have a curriculum that addresses our needs so well. It is already organized and that means we get to spend time with the kids teaching what has already been prepared for us...such a blessing!!!

— **Kelly L** Nesbit, MS



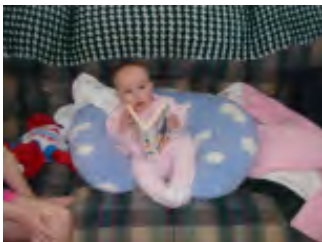
We've been using Sonlight for six years now, and my children actually look forward to doing their school work each day. We're looking forward to using Sonlight for years to come." Here, the L family enjoys reading together outside.

— **Kelly L** Hope, ID



Rounding out our science study of water's properties, uses, and movement with a field trip to the water steps at Ross' Landing in Chattanooga. Sonlight has given our sons the confidence to apply the knowledge they are gaining to explore God's creation while building strong brotherly bonds based on Christ centered learning and living. What Sonlight has helped us give our kids will be passed through generations. That's our Sonlight legacy!

— **Lanika L** Rowlett, TX



Our six-year-old, Abigail loves to interact with her littlest sister, Rebekah. Here we are reading! It's never too early!

— **Lauren L** Taylor, MI







This picture is for all the Homeschool Dads out there, whose teaching moments have not been acknowledged. My husband, Serge, is such a blessing to our family and our homeschool environment. He is the backbone to our school-- the ever-loving driving force that keeps us going. He is far more than just an authority figure. He takes on an active role in education, teaching up to half my load. Serge and I divide up our favorite read-alouds. The books are so good that even when it's not our turn, we don't want to miss a minute of it! Some seasons, such as when I was on bedrest with the twins, or recovering from surgery, he has taken on all the responsibility of teaching without complaint. This is so much easier thanks to Sonlight. Sonlight makes it easy for anyone to pick right up and pitch in. Sonlight makes teaching so fun that even when we don't have to, we want to teach. Here he is reading Tom Sawyer. What could be better than this? A dad who reads with "voices!" Every book is read with different voices, which makes the books really come to life, but even "voices" won't make a bad book good. Sonlight picks only the best, and it shows.

— **Laurie L**    Goose Creek, SC



This picture shows how our Sonlight is arranged. Using Sonlight really helps build the home library! Pictured are two of my girls enjoying Sonlight books. Eleni is snuggled on the couch with *Flames of Rome*, one of Sonlight's many fantastic History books. Kelsie is getting her next book off the shelf of what we call the "Sonlight Wall." Almost every book on those shelves is a Sonlight book. We have arranged the oldest child's core on the top (filling each of three cubbies), and then the next core below that, and so on and so forth. It makes access easy for each of my children, and especially me! I can keep track of everyone's work at a glance, and the books are easily put in the proper place. Sonlight is definitely user friendly, even for large families. With the ability to combine ages in to one core program, space becomes less of an issue. But there are so many good books, it'll be hard to hold someone back from enjoying them all!

— **Laurie L**    Goose Creek, SC



When the Lord led us to Sonlight eleven years ago, He really blessed us! When I began, I knew nothing about homeschooling. But in my search, Sonlight stood out from the rest and we decided to try it. Into our home came boxes filled with fantastic books that each of our five children have loved. We have enjoyed wonderful book after wonderful book together, and I am re-learning history the way I wish it had been the first time. Now, Ariella (15) and Luke (13) are studying Core 300 and still love to have their mom read out loud. Luke is an avid reader and Ariella just composed an entire play for her younger sisters (using Core E and P3/4) to act out. Laurie says, "All five of our children will be 'Sonlight graduates.'"

— **Laurie L**    Monroe, WA





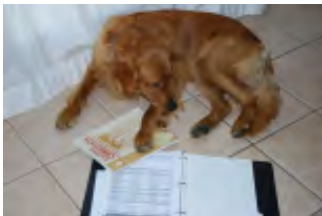
Nine years ago, with much excitement and a little fear, I sat down beside my first born daughter, Ariella, age 4 and opened my new Sonlight curriculum to begin what would become a most extraordinary journey. I knew from the beginning I wanted to be the one to see all the "lights" go on as my precious children grew and learned. My heart would break to even imagine placing them on a bus and sending them away for the day. Sonlight has been with us since the beginning as little hands proudly held their first "I Can Read It." Since then, Sonlight has been with us as we grew to a family of seven, who can hardly wait to open our new box of books each fall. This mother's first twinge of fear that I would be able to handle educating my child was quickly replaced with confidence in knowing that Sonlight would be there for me, making it easy and allowing me to spend countless years of quality time reading and learning with my family. I had no idea back then that this blessed educational journey would one day lead me to a barn filled with human kids, goat kids and Sonlight books for a true "kid-centered education!" In this photo our "kid-centered" homeschool education includes reading time in the barn with our human and goat kids!

— **Laurie L** Monroe, WA



It wasn't long after I opened my first Sonlight Instructor's Guide that I realized everything I needed to succeed was at my fingertips. We chose Sonlight 14 years ago, and in June, we had our first graduate. We've had such an amazing journey, and each of our five children has flourished! The literature has been outstanding, and our times of reading aloud together have created many cherished memories. We've traveled to faraway places, experienced great adventures and wept at moving situations, all while snuggling on the couch or sunning ourselves in the yard. We could never put a price on the bonds that have been formed. Angelina (6, Core B) has been on her Sonlight journey for two years. Here, Mom and daughter share a Sonlight moment.

— **Laurie L** Monroe, WA



Sonlight brings the world to us through its fabulous missions-minded curriculum and we see our children talking and praying for the world. Thank you for partnering with us as we raise our children to love God's world.

— **Lewis L** Temple City, CA





Jordan saw his big brother practicing his math facts and didn't want to be left out of the fun. At the time, we had not started him on math facts yet, so I took this opportunity to teach him addition with 0 and 1. He was so proud to practice on Flash Master.

— **Lisa L** Durham, NC



We appreciate the lesson plans that are included in the Core packages; they free us up to do more as a family.

— **Lucinda L** Carlton, OR



Dear friends at Sonlight, We have homeschooled in Wewak, P.N.G. for seven years. Core 5 was perfect for our last year together, allowing us to celebrate the different history of each of our countries, yet the common history of us all as people God has a plan for. The different interests and abilities of all 7 children were given expression in the Eastern Hemisphere Adventures each week and even the youngest loved the Read Alouds. Studying India inspired us to each create a peg doll wearing a sari, shown in progress in this photo. These were displayed along with our folders at an Indian dinner we put on for our families. Grace, 11, hated science until we switched to Sonlight - somehow that most exciting subject just used to be boring. Not any more! She suggested she might like to be a nurse or midwife recently, thanks to Sci5. I am a first-aider, and I learned an amazing amount, too. Samuel, 9, was delighted to stop learning easy spelling words and get the challenge that Spelling Power offered. He started in on level H, and is now working through level I, as are both his school age siblings. I have been impressed at the progress the children made in LA and relieved not to have to go through four separate grades in each subject each day! Lastly, thank you very much for the lovely silver Sonlight pendant I received with our recent shipment of books. We have used Core5/LA5/Sci3&5 over the last 18 months and are looking forward to starting Core6 in January with just our own children. Since we have a preschooler, we hope to be in the Sonlight community for many years yet! We have commended Sonlight to two prospective new HS families recently. Gratefully yours, Lynda and Andrew

— **Lynda L** Papua New Guinea





We try to make at least one adventure trip a year and we had wanted Mateo to see Machu Picchu for himself for some time. He absolutely loved it. His lessons on Peruvian history and great civilizations became "real." He took a book and crayons and documented his visit. He even got a special stamp on his passport. It was a wonderful experience for the whole family. We want true experiences for our family. True experiences that will create special memories for life... memories that will shape us, help us grow and flourish and make us see the world and its people from a different perspective. I started looking out for a homeschooling program when Mateo was a little baby and Sonlight helps us create those kind of experiences.

— **Maricarmen L** Peru



I love reading books... it was my passion in school. I wanted my son to have that too, but in a safe and loving environment. Sonlight has just that... even one of Mateo's great grandmas gets involved remembering the books she would read to my dad and that now Mateo enjoys. Four generations!!! Here we were reading mother goose, and we usually always return to Three Men in a Tub...hahaha, he thinks it is the silliest thing.

— **Maricarmen L** Peru



We try to live a very natural, simple life, so nature is a big part of what, how and why we do things... Mateo is learning about birds, comparing the drawings to the photographs in his bird watching books and having fun with papi. They had been sitting in the garden for a while, watching... I wish I could have learned this way, with so many books and with my parents around.

— **Maricarmen L** Peru







Mateo has special interests and flags of the world is one of them. It all started with a simple map. After class, he gets a special treat learning about a new country. We find it on the map and read about its flag, what the elements in it represent and what do people do there, their languages, customs, animals, etc. Sonlight helps us remember we are citizens of one big wonderful world and that we should act accordingly.

— **Maricarmen L** Peru

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This photo was taken by a river in a Malaysian rainforest. Nothing beats a great book in the midst of God's wonderful creation! Learning is such a joy with Sonlight. We've thoroughly enjoyed our read-alouds moments. These are precious hours of fun, laughter, tears and bonding. Sonlight-style learning and lively discussions occur anywhere, anytime for us.

— **Mei Leng L** Malaysia

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This photo was taken at a secluded beach in a fishing village in Malaysia. Learning comes alive with Sonlight. Sonlight encourages the inquisitiveness in our children. Both sons, Joshua and Daniel, love Sonlight's reading selection. The Sonlight-style learning and lively discussions occur anywhere, anytime for us. There's no better place to learn about ocean and tides than right here at the beach. And after sunset, exploring God's amazing handiwork -- the constellations!

— **Mei Leng L** Malaysia

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We love that Sonlight makes learning so much fun. Who knew you could roast marshmallows and do homeschool all at once? Wherever we go Sonlight travels with us. Thank you Sonlight for making our homeschool experience so wonderful! We love to spend time reading good books together as a family and Sonlight makes that possible. Nathaniel always loved being read to but now he even loves to read books on his own. Sonlight provides such fun, educational books we just can't put them down! The living books we receive from Sonlight has ignited a passion for reading in our son. He couldn't even sit still to listen to a story before. Now he loves to read on his own and even make his own adventurous stories. Thank you Sonlight for good quality literature! Ethan has developed a true love for reading thanks to the great books from Sonlight. A couple of years ago he didn't even want to listen to a story but now he just can't get enough! He especially loves adventure. Sonlight has instilled in my son a love for learning! Not only has Sonlight developed a love for learning in my children but in me as well. We love to learn together as we read through all the quality materials we receive each year from Sonlight. It is so wonderful to be able to spend quality time together reading quality literature. It is so wonderful as a homeschooling Mom to see my children get so excited over the new materials they will be learning from. What is even better is when they keep bringing out Sonlight books from previous years to be reread. Thanks Sonlight for making our homeschool experience such a great one! Nathaniel has loved using Sonlight every year! He especially loves the Science programs. Even when we aren't doing school he can be found looking through the school books and learning more on his own. Thank you Sonlight for making learning so much fun for my son! Homeschool and a marshmallow roast! We love Sonlight for our homeschool experience. As a family that travels often we love the flexibility Sonlight gives us to take our curriculum with us. The literature is so great that Mom and Dad love reading the books over and over just as much as the children. Sonlight has developed a love for learning in our family!

— **Melanie L**    Canada



Our three youngest children love to start their day off by exploring history and various cultures. One of the highlights of the morning is when we read Window on the World and our children learn how to pray for people around the world.

— **Melissa L**    Orlando, FL



As soon as I looked online at the books included in Sonlight, I ordered! I love the stories in the curriculum because they expose my kids to good morals and real life information. The books have enhanced our reading time so much and my kids have learned a whole new level of pretend play. It makes my job as a mom way easier just being able to focus on my kids and not selecting books. All the guess work is done for me. I can only imagine how much more enriched my life would be if I had been taught this way! In their first year of Sonlight, Macie (4), Jack (3) and Troy (1) soak up the Preschool Multi-Subject Package.

— **Melissa L**    Keller, TX



James enjoys spending time with his little sisters, especially when it involves reading. They love to climb up on his lap to get a good view of the pictures. They have a close bond despite age difference - I believe Sonlight has helped encourage that bond with great books they enjoy reading together. Here, they're reading one of the great stories in "Make Way for McClosky" - one of our favorites from P34. I chose Sonlight because of their great selection of books. James loves to read and it just seemed a good "fit" for him. In the past we'd tried worksheets (which he hated) and Unit Studies (which we both hated). Sonlight was like a breath of fresh air. I love the Instructor's Guides - I don't get bogged down by "the schedule" (like in other curricula) - we move at his pace and he does so much better when we can just pick up where we left off, which is easy to see in Sonlight's guides. Thank you for them.

— **Melonie L** Cold Brook, NY



Sarita picks only the best of the best, and they captivate my children's attention. By the pond, at the playground or before bed - reading is fun, especially with Sonlight books! They're always asking me to read 'just one more.' Every now and then, big brother James will take a turn and read aloud to them. That's what I like about Sonlight: strong relationships are made stronger through reading together. James (13, Core F), Keturah and Elorah (6 and 5, P4/5 Multi-Subject) have been bonding together with Sonlight for four years.

— **Melonie L** Hoffmeister, NY



We love being able to homeschool. We take breaks to enjoy the Florida Sun while reading our books. This day we read Charlotte's Web and took a trip outside to feel the sun like Wilbur.

— **Michelle L** Miramar, FL





We had just finished reading Dolphin Family when we had been on vacation in Kentucky visiting the Aquarium. What a great end to the book. We got to see the sharks close up just like in our story.

— **Michelle L** Miramar, FL



We couldnt wait to sneak in Mr. Poppers Penguins last year. After reading, Gabrielle ran upstairs and came down as Mr. Popper himself. We had such a great time dressing up!

— **Michelle L** Miramar, FL



Words cannot describe how happy I felt to see my child take such and interest in reading books. It is so amazing how the books just create such interest in my children. I never could have chosen the group of books for them to read, but having Sonlight do all the work has made our life so much easier.

— **Michelle L** Miramar, FL







Homeschooling means my children have more free time to pursue their passions.

— **Michelle L** Wauconda, IL



One thing I love about homeschooling are the relationships my children are building with each other. My boys are 5 years apart and would hardly know each other if it weren't for homeschooling. Sonlight is special because they all four love to listen to each other's books. We were reading "All Sail Set" with Nathaniel & Anna, but Lydia and Isaac were listening in. Isaac started to make boats out of paper and blue tape, but wasn't happy with his results. Here, he's grinning at Nathaniel, thrilled with the clipper his big brother helped him "build."

— **Michelle L** Wauconda, IL



"To the duel!" The girls said this over and over as we made our own tools to fight with. They had so much fun with their mock-battle. Later that month, we went to a real Renaissance Faire where they had a joust. It really helped the girls to see how blacksmithing, woodworking and more were done "back then." It is important for me, as their Mom, to teach the girls how easy and good they have it in their lives. I was most impressed with this Core, b/c at the end, I learned how and why WWI happened. I really had no idea! Come to find out, neither do most people. Everyone has some knowledge of WWII but few know about WWI. We LOVED the books from this Core and studying the other cultures (to pray for). It is so wonderful to pray for a country/culture far away and hear in church that something we prayed for has actually happened.

— **Michelle L** Portland, OR





This will be our 7th year of home-schooling. The best part of using Sonlight is the great books. I have learned so much along side my children. I have been so impressed with the choices Sonlight makes to show my children all points of view and to challenge them to think about the impact of history on individuals. That was especially apparent to me in Core 4 with books like *The Perilous Road*, *Turn Homeward Hannalee*, *Shades of Gray*, and *Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman*. They all paint a different picture of a heartbreaking time in US history. But on the other hand I am excited that my children get exposed to so much world history and to other cultures. I have enjoyed sharing the missionary stories with my children and connecting them with friends of ours who are missionaries all around the world. In this photo my daughter Marcella (11) is displaying her mask she made for one of the projects from the Eastern Hemisphere Explorer. My daughter loves to read and I credit Sonlight for the exposure to great books. She was a reluctant reader at first because she feared we would quit reading to her. Once she discovered we would continue to read to her and she could also devour books on her own, she took off. It was also neat to see her the last three years reread the read-alouds I was reading to her brother (I have been teaching two cores rather than trying to combine them.) Last year we had to borrow a core for the first time and she was so sad when we had to return the books. It was like losing her friends.

— **Michelle L** Pierre, SD



Imagine our delight when we realized that our Marguerite Henry's beloved stories were part of Sonlight's curriculum! As a young boy my father was a friend of Mrs. Henry. When Marguerite brought *Misty of Chincoteague* to Mole Meadow her residence in Wayne, Illinois, my dad—who also lived in Wayne, was there to aid young *Misty* come out of her crate in which she was shipped! Mrs. Henry went on to tell many wonderful stories of *Misty* and her adventures in *A Pictorial Life Story of Misty*. My father was fondly known as Arthur or a 'roly poly pup' by Mrs. Henry. Arthur rode *Misty* with Mrs. Henry riding her Morgan horse called 'Friday' several times through the fields of the quaint little town of Wayne where Marguerite's *Misty* stories were inspired. Arthur now known as Grandpa Richardson, took his grand daughters, my 'girls' to Chincoteague (Shin ko teek) Virginia to watch the wild ponies swim the channel from Assateague Island. Mackenzie newly 12 and Virginia 9 boarded Captain Spider's boat at 4 am with grandma and grandpa Richardson to venture out on the channel. This was a birthday present to Mackenzie but was an incredible gift to my dad to celebrate his youthful memories with his grand daughters. 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** Elgin, IL





Sonlight is the best and easiest-to-use curriculum I've tried. I really need no preparation time. We love using the Sonlight books and doing fun little activities to make them memorable. Furthermore, the books are those I would want to buy no matter what curriculum I used. It just makes sense to use Sonlight! In their second Sonlight year, Sophia (6) and Hudson (5) pretend to be archeologists digging for clues.

— **Misty L** Puerto Rico



Our whole family loves learning with Sonlight, even our 2 year old & even mommy! The kids love the books, and I love how easy Sonlight makes teaching. We have lived in different countries without a good library or resources, so I'm thankful we can buy everything we need for the year. We love learning about different countries and cultures, which is something that I really want them to grasp. I can see how God is using these books to give them a heart for the world and a hunger to read and learn more. They especially love the science books. They will often ask me to read to them! What a blessing! I've tried other curriculums for a short time, but nothing seems to work as well with our family. The kids love the sonlight books, and I don't mind spending the money on good real books that motivate my children to learn more! Living in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

— **Misty L** Defuniak Springs, FL



Building castles and forts in the sand is a treasured time of training and discipling our kids for Christ's kingdom. Watching the tide come in and attack our efforts is a true-to-life warning about the things that are not of God and how they try to steal and destroy the learning and nurturing that a family is called of God to provide. Playing on the beach affords us time to experience the come-to-life side of homeschooling. Books we read about the ocean, simple-living, and adventure in the outdoors breathe depth into a week of camping in the sun. We love the variety of great books and classics that we get from Sonlight. I love the scope and the sequence listed in each grade group and subject. So many books and so little time. It passes so quickly and we want to drink in as much as we can with the time we have.

— **Nanci L** Pico Rivera, CA





Dancing in the Golden Hall. The ballroom of the Queen Mary gave us a place to re-live and experience afresh the glory of ballroom dancing. Taking partners and flowing around the room, we pretended we lived back in the day when gala and glory floated on the ocean in affluence. The books we've read about set in the early 20th century and the books on WWII when the Queen Mary was taken in to military service were brought to mind and appreciated for their enlightenment on these times in history. We love how Sonlight books has added a rich store to our growing library and love for stories true and fiction, heroic, historic and empowering.

— **Nanci L** Pico Rivera, CA

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

— **Natascha L** Germany

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After reading about the various ways people around the world dress in the core 1 book "Peoples of the World," the kids decided they wanted to try on turbans. The best part was when big brother came into the school room and saw us having so much fun that he wanted to join in, too; when big brother joins in, it's twice as fun, according to his siblings. The closeness my kids have enjoyed has been one of our favorite parts of homeschooling -- when you're homeschooled, you're never too old to dress up with your siblings or act out a scene from a story. We find big brother getting interested in what the younger kids are doing and expanding on their learning by telling them about things he himself is learning in core 6, and we find that our 3-year-old has been surrounded in such a literature-rich Sonlight environment, tagging along with his older siblings, that he ends up learning just as much as the older kids and has no idea that a 3-year-old doesn't normally learn these things. It's evident in this picture how much the kids enjoy Sonlight. To our family learning with Sonlight is a family experience.

— **Nicole L** Keller, TX

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The kids had a great time conducting their own archaeological dig in the backyard sandbox after reading Archaeologists Dig for Clues from Core 1. Even big brother, who is doing core 6, couldn't resist the fun; he read the book himself and repeated the proper procedures to the kids as they did their own dig.

— **Nicole L**    Keller, TX



The book selections are so entertaining and rich in the Sonlight cores, that we all end up enjoying them together. Even big brother likes to hear his old childhood favorites read again, and dad enjoys the opportunity to participate so effortlessly in the children's schooling. Both dad and mom have found our interest in history and science awakened again, and we pass our enthusiasm on to our kids. Our home has become such a literature rich, fun place to be, and a lot of that is due to Sonlight.

— **Nicole L**    Keller, TX



Every day after seatwork time, my daughter excitedly asks if it's time to read her reader to me yet. She has recently really taken off with her reading and I continually find her with book in hand, curled up in whatever cozy nook she can find. Sonlight has definitely contributed to her love of reading; she still treasures the books from the P4/5 core and reads them over to herself now, along with enjoying all the great Core K books and 2 regular and 2 intermediate readers.

— **Nicole L**    Keller, TX



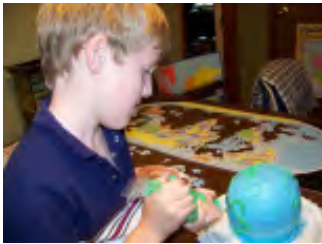
My husband and I chose Sonlight because we hoped that our child will love to read and learn on her own initiative as she grows. We loved the fact that Sonlight exposed Fide both to very meaningful books and the various countries and cultures. In the photo, she is given a princess picture, whenever she is able to read a lesson from "I can Read It" or other books on her own, she gets to put the name of the book on color paper and paste it on the princess's dress. Each time as she comes across books involved different countries, she will refer to the map to find the country. This is truly a good habit trained by Sonlight. We, as parents, appreciate this and have learned a lot through this process too. Thanks.

— **Pak-wah & Rina L**    Singapore



We have used Pre-K and K over the last 2 and a half years to home school Fide. She began to be able to read on her own about half a year ago. Thanks to all the beautiful stories and workbooks included in the K package. With the ability to read simple words, she began to attempt a lot of other stories that she is being introduced to. With Isaiah around nowadays, it makes our teaching a little more challenging. Nevertheless, she is willing and able to pick up her books and started reading them on her own. She has set a very positive example for Isaiah, in the aspect of "Let's Read!!"

— **Pak-wah & Rina L** Singapore



Gavin finished History of the World Part 2 this year and as a final project, we worked on putting together the Global Puzzle. We decided to take a tasty break and made a cake that looked like a globe! We love Sonlight because everything is scheduled for us and we can spend our time learning and having fun!

— **Pamela L** Greene, NY



My children are very close, and that is because we homeschool. They love helping each other study, and Matthew in particular has been a huge help as we began teaching Anna last year in the Core 4/5. As a family, we enjoy reading aloud and Sonlight has been the perfect fit for us. A friend of mine was so adamant about Sonlight for her family that she offered to buy us Core 4/5 when Matt was in preschool. We have been so pleased with it that we haven't really thought about using any other programs. We even went through a financial crisis this year and didn't think we could afford to do Sonlight. My sons began to pray about it and God answered their prayers. They love the program as much as I do! Thank you for a quality curriculum!

— **Penni L** Watertown, WI



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

— **Peter L** United Kingdom





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. When the Lord called our family to homeschool, the mammoth task of choosing a curriculum seemed daunting. However, after searching online and finding Sonlight--a Godsend truly--we felt such peace that this would be the best program for our family because of its combination of literature and learning with family time. 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.

— **Rachelle L** Bradenton, FL

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One thing that I appreciate so much about being able to homeschool with Sonlight is the opportunity to see my children learn together. If they went off to school each day, they would be in different grades, and possibly different buildings entirely, and would not participate much in each others learning experience. I LOVE how our family reading time has brought us all closer together as a family.

— **Randi L** Willmar, MN

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Even when Zarek is sick, he still can't put down his Core 5 books I've left Sonlight a few times to try new curricula that have come out on the market, but I always come back to Sonlight and we're back to stay. Nothing else works so well for us and no other books mean so much to us as Sonlight books.

— **Rebecca L** Yulee, FL

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Through Sonlight's rich literature, our children all love sharing stories together. It's a huge part of our family life. I am confident that the book selection is quality material and that my children will be challenged toward Godly character through all that they experience. It is so rewarding to see how they love learning in this way. And now, to see how the older ones are enjoying teaching the younger ones is a joy! Here, Ryan (16) shows Molly (9) what an amoeba looks like. Ryan is studying Core 200 and Science 250 as his younger siblings use Core F, Core D, and Core A in the family's eleventh year of Sonlight.

— **Renee L** Leander, TX

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I was one of those new moms that told myself I'd never let the TV be a babysitter. But it wasn't long before I let it happen and started seeing the negative effect it was having on my children. Then I learned of Sonlight, and made up my mind! OUT went the TV - and IN went the books. The change in my young children was immediate. Now, instead of running to the TV they run to the bookshelf. There is a curious spark in their eyes when they're listening to the Sonlight stories that I never saw when they were perched in front of the TV. What a tragedy it would have been to have lost these young years to the TV instead of the time we get to spend cuddling together on the couch learning together. I'm so glad to have found Sonlight early in my children's lives. I'll treasure these special moments of reading to them for the rest of my life. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Samantha L** Hampton, TN

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As soon as I saw Sonlight's Instructor's Guides and what awesome books we'd enjoy reading together, I didn't have to look further. My husband and I are teachers by training, so we understand the time necessary for good planning and a successful learning experience. As a mother, I also recognize that I don't have that kind of time anymore. I want to spend my days with my family, not planning for the next school day. Sonlight provides great books, incredibly organized and detailed lesson plans, the freedom to do what works best for our family, and the opportunity to teach our Christian faith. Mom and Dad here share the Good News with Lucas (5, Core A, Science A) and Carlos (2).

— **Sarah L** Grand Rapids, MI

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We learn something every time we pick up a new book in our schooling. Here we learned that Vikings never had horns. I would never know that bit of information. This has been a small bit of information that my oldest insists on correcting everyone he meets if they start talking, drawing or doing anything with vikings. When people who don't know us ask about what my kids are learning in school he tells them that they've learned about the early Egyptians, the Greeks and all their myths, the rise and fall of Rome, Vikings and the raiding they've done, discovery of the Americas, the start of the colonies and the revolution to follow. Then we the mapping of the west with Lewis & Clark, & the pioneering of the west. They always looks shocked and impressed, then and they say, "WOW! I've never learned that when I was your age." Then my kids will respond that's its okay, but its because they are home schooled.

— **Sayuri L** Clarksville, TN

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One of the main reasons why we chose Sonlight was its international "flavor." Adoption has brought our family together across international lines, and so early on, Sonlight seemed like the perfect fit. Over the past five years, however, we have experienced more from homeschooling with Sonlight than we ever anticipated. My children all LOVE to learn and they beg me to "do school" with them each day. Sarah, pictured above, was once a struggling reader, but we stayed the course with Sonlight, and she is now confident with her ability and has an insatiable appetite for books!! This picture is a very typical afternoon scene in our house: Sarah curled up in her favorite chair with her Sonlight reader.

— **Sharee L**    Murphysboro, IL



When we receive a new Core from Sonlight, merriment abounds in our house as we unpack all the new and wonderful books! However, I thought I would share a different kind of "box day" with you. This was the scene in our living room when I pulled Core K out of storage so that I could begin using it with my 6 year old daughter, Masha. Masha and my younger daughter, Delaney, who will be "listening in" with her sister, were VERY excited to see "their" books. However, my two older girls, Sarah and Kayleigh, both of whom have completed Core K, were ALSO dancing around. "Oh, I LOVED that book!"-- "Hey! I remember THIS one!" These and many other happy exclamations were heard around the room that day. As the kids dove into the books, I was again reminded of what a good value Sonlight really is. Unlike other curricula that are largely consumable, Sonlight can be used over and over again. This is my third time teaching Core K, and the books are every bit as much beloved now as they were when I first bought them.

— **Sharee L**    Murphysboro, IL



Kayleigh was more than happy to let me take her picture as she was sprawled out on her favorite bean bag chair, reading one of her favorite books! Kayleigh is very "picky" about the books she reads, but Sonlight has provided her with PLENTY of books to enjoy! One of the things I love about Sonlight is that it's flexible. I have five children, and I combine them as is appropriate, yet I can still individualize the curriculum to suit their individual needs and wants.

— **Sharee L**    Murphysboro, IL



We are very happy with the literature that Sonlight uses. The books are not only interesting, but also teach character.

— **Stacey L**    Unionville, MI





Creating family memories from enjoyable literature is a reason we keep using Sonlight. The kids love the books and always beg to read more than the assigned chapters. In his second year of Sonlight, 8-year-old Ryan reads *More Stories from Grandma's Attic* (from Grade 4-5 Readers) with his grandma.

— **Stacy L** Tempe, AZ

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It is sheer joy to watch your children working together and helping each other learn. 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! 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.

— **Sue L** Canada

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We had a great time this year doing the P3/4 program with our youngest son Jeremiah (5). The stories are so fun, even our older son Noah (10) would make sure he sat in to listen. We all got a kick out of "Caps for Sale," from Harper Collins Treasury of Picture Book Classics. Here we each tried to successfully stack 16 caps on our heads, just like the cap peddler in the story! Thank you Sonlight for such wonderful family books that we all can enjoy together.

— **Tara L** San Pedro, CA

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Homeschooling has been a blessing to our family, but homeschooling with Sonlight has made it pure joy. The other day, some neighbor friends were bemoaning the end of summer and the inevitable start of school. 'I love school,' my 8-year-old piped in. 'I love Read-Alouds and Science and ... well, it's all so fun.' This made me smile because I know my son's disposition and inability to 'sit still and be quiet' would not fare well in traditional school. The well-chosen books from Sonlight have made learning a real adventure for us all. They have captured my children's attention and made them masters of their own education. In their third year of homeschooling, Elijah (10) and Noah (8) visit a museum of Shoshone history and read a history book, *North American Indians*, from Core D.

— **Tawnya L** Grand Prairie, TX

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As we learned about other cultures, read missionary stories, and prayed for people with no Bible in their own language, I saw my children begin to take ownership of the Great Commission. One of our main objectives in homeschooling is to cultivate in our sons a heart for the nations. Sonlight has given us the tools to become a more missions-minded family. Now when we meet a missionary or a person from another country, the boys surprise them by asking, 'Is there a Bible in your language?' Here, 7-year-old Elijah displays the medals he earned for his Bibleless Peoples project in a district-wide arts competition. He and 5-year-old Noah are studying Core B in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Tawnya L**    Grand Prairie, TX

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"Read-Aloud time has become an anchor for family life in our home. Taking time each day to read together has a way of centering our relationships. When we began learning with Sonlight, I was skeptical that my 6-year-old would sit and listen to an entire Bible passage, History lesson or Read-Aloud chapter, as his attention span is short. But Sonlight's books are so well-chosen that he's captivated from start to finish. He surprises me by recounting events from our reading with amazing detail, even recreating scenes for imaginary play. In their second year of Sonlight, Noah (7) and Elijah (9) enjoy The Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great, their favorite Core C adventure.

— **Tawnya L**    Grand Prairie, TX

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Through the wonderful books included in Core D, we've been able to better understand the lives of the Navajo, Hopi and Anasazi people who lived on this land. We choose Sonlight because we want learning to be enjoyable and meaningful for our children. Sonlight has been an integral piece of our transition from the city to rural life on a reservation. Books such as the American Indian Prayer Guide and Walk the Worlds Rim have opened our eyes to the ways in which people survived here and the historical wounds that still affect some of them today. Seen here reading against a rock-and-petroglyphs backdrop, Annika and Isaak (11 and 8, Core D) and Mykah (5, P3/4 Multi-Subject) have been studying with Sonlight three years.

— **Tegan L**    Kayenta, AZ

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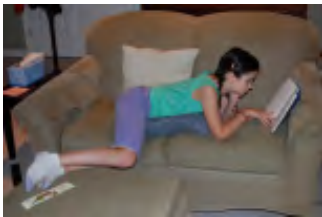
From a Sonlight student: "Thanks for including "difficult" books--books that make us students (both old and young) think. I just finished reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton and I was in tears on the last few pages. It was so powerful that I felt myself crying out numerous times in my heart, "God has so much to tell these people! Will I go?" ...Amazing. I just wanted to let you know that your labor in the Lord is bearing fruit. Thanks, Sonlight!" Sarah L (age 17), Aug. 2010

— **Teresa L** Bourbon, IN



The Lord has put us on an amazing journey and, over the past 11 years, Sonlight has helped us along the way. One year, while living in China, our family studied the Eastern Hemisphere Core [Core F]--exactly what we needed. God laid a burden on our hearts for the Eastern Hemisphere. You placed in our hands tools that helped us pray. But we've treasured late-night readings and couch-cuddles with good books at our home in Indiana, as well. We've discovered other cultures and peoples. We've laughed, we've cried, we've grown. Wherever we go, Sonlight makes learning interesting! Johanna (12), Deborah (10), Sarah (17), Nathan (13), Caleb (16) and Eva (4) show off their collection of ethnic clothing. Most children in the L family have used Sonlight for their entire homeschooling career.

— **Teresa L** Bourbon, IN



Caroline is enjoying another good book and we credit Sonlight for creative a love for learning in our family. Andrew, 11 and Caroline, 9 have always been homeschooled, and we wouldn't have had so much fun and success without Sonlight. I like that the books make us think about the world and not just our corner in it. We tried to put together our own thing last fall but mid year bought Core G to continue with Sonlight because we ALL missed the great books and family time. We hope to continue with Sonlight all our homeschooling years!

— **Teresa L** Suffolk, VA



I highly recommend Sonlight to new homeschooling families as it helps you stay on task, but enjoy the process of learning. Our library is huge, and it's fun to see the kids going back to reread older Core books on the shelves. My son loves history and I credit Sonlight for that interest. He's always up for a visit to some place historical! Eleven-year-old Andrew's love for history shines through as he and Mom take a field trip to see a ship from WWII. Andrew is studying Core G in his sixth year of Sonlight.

— **Teresa L** Suffolk, VA





Sonlight has kept its promise to give my children a love of reading. I'm building my home around your Cores. The six-, four- and two-year-old love to listen and sing along to songs about the United States. History is my daughter's favorite. She's usually reading 3-4 books at the same time, which she keeps in different locations around the house. On this day, a lake trip was cancelled due to rain. Without even taking off their suits, they climbed on the couch and got lost in their books. Grace (9), Bryce (6) and Reece (4) are immersed in Core E, and Readers Grade 4-5 and Grade 2 in the family's fifth year with Sonlight.

— **Zac L** Mattawan, MI



Since we have been using Sonlight we have become confident that our children are getting a good education. 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.

— **Zachary L** Smithville, TN



This shot is of a "break" we were taking after a long productive day of Sonlight/homeschool/naps/reading. I let them sit in the kitchen and "free paint" they really enjoy water painting and I so enjoy watchig them "create." My favorite quote of the year was from our 2 year old Maya, she said, "I drew a onomonopeea" (We had been discussing onomatopoeias all morning)! It was very cute and made me realize she is listening, too!!! This first year was a "trial" year for us. We look forward to the next school year with Sonlight. I am thankful I can witness every precious learning moment and Sonlight makes it so organized and really does all the work ahead of time!

— **Adrienne M** Cropwell, AL





I knew that Sonlight was the perfect curriculum for our feisty four-year old who will be starting Kindergarten this year. Last year was my first year homeschooling our two older children and Sonlight made our transition from public school to homeschool so easy and reassuring. Madeleine had been telling me that she didn't want to do school because "school is boring", although I never forced her to participate in a curriculum because I didn't want to wear her out so soon. I just knew that Sonlight was the answer. The day her box came she was so excited. We ripped through the paper and carefully took the books out one by one. Immediately they were all her favorites. She grabbed the first chapter book she could get her hands on, climbed into the empty box and proceeded to "read" her new favorite book for what seemed like an endless amount of time. Unfortunately, we aren't able to do Sonlight with our older children this year, but we are praying that it will be a possibility next year. Thank you, Sonlight, for helping to instill the love of learning in my daughter's heart. I feel so blessed knowing that Sonlight is a part of my family.

— **Aida M** Houston, TX



Asia's beautiful eyes LIGHT up as we dive into reading together, and she truly hungers for new truth to apply to her changing world. We live in NW China, so having quality books in this area of the world is priceless! She always looks forward to "doing school" everyday, and she takes such good care of her books. Thank you for compiling such a rich collection of endless treasures to light our path.

— **Alison M** United States (b



Sonlight motivated my family to step outside the box and experience learning naturally, as it occurs. For example, after reading How Flowers Grow in Core A, we have since enjoyed taking numerous nature walks. Recently, our three little people wanted to research the life cycle of rabbits. When they're grown, they may or may not remember how to calculate the circumference of a circle, but they will remember exploring nature, raising rabbits, nursing chicks and collecting eggs together. Sara Grace (7), Joseph (6) and Benjamin (5) are exploring Core B together in their second Sonlight year.

— **Allison M** Loganville, GA





My biggest concern when we made the decision to homeschool one year ago was whether or not I could successfully teach my children, Joshua, age 6, and Abby, age 5, to read. I ordered all the materials from Sonlight for Readers K, but I didn't understand how children learn to read or how long it would take. Nine months into our school year, I had to accelerate our experience with Readers K because it just became too easy, and I had to order Readers 1 to provide my children with a challenge. Now, they're both reading the Readers 1 books with ease, including the "I Can Read It!" books, which they love because they're funny, and trying to read just about anything else they can find. I love that all the materials I need to be a successful teacher (and my children need to be successful students!) have been assembled for me, by people I have come to trust. Sonlight removed all my doubts about my abilities as a teacher, and now I have two good readers!

— **Amanda M**    Belleville, IL



We're always eager each week to try to the new science project listed for the weeks study. Teaching tornadoes was especially interesting because our son has no experience seeing them, where as my husband and I grew up in tornado alley. This project made the rounds to every child in the neighborhood and became a great language lesson for our entire family. No one on the block had ever seen a tornado before either. Now all three of us can explain tornadoes in 2 languages!

— **Amanda M**    Lexington, IL



Hannah M. loves all wildlife. We sometimes get to venture outdoors to get hands-on time with nature. I love getting this time with my children that I would miss by sending them to a school. My daughter is a wonderful student who loves to read and flourishes with Sonlight. This summer she has written a play and is working on a book of her own.

— **Amanda M**    Helen, WV



I am thrilled that my children can share a core program and are excited about the same topics and stories that Sonlight provides. We love Sonlight because it promotes an atmosphere of togetherness in our family. Rather than being apart all day and doing life separately, it is a blessing to overhear them in bed at night talking about what they read during the day.

— **Amber M**    Vienna, WV



We are so glad we chose Sonlight from the beginning because this excellent program has nurtured a love for reading in our family! Not only are there great books to enjoy for years to come, but the well thought out Instructor's Guide keeps us focused and effective with our time. That allows us the freedom for our kids to enjoy being kids, without the rigors of all-day school followed by homework in the evenings. And as you can see, there is plenty of time for recess, homeschool style! Amber and her three children, Charis (8), Elias (6), and Calista (3) have used Sonlight from the beginning, enjoying Cores P4/5, A, and B.

— **Amber M**    Vienna, WV



After a summer vacation swim, Natalie, 4, listens as sister Bethany, 6, reads to her. I know my daughters are best friends, and sometimes their own best teachers, because they're able to learn and play together year round. I'm so thankful for a well-thought-out curriculum like Sonlight, which gives me the confidence to teach my children at home!

— **Amy M**    Dacula, GA



Both my husband and I have enjoyed the literature-rich base that Sonlight provides as well as the challenging hands-on science curriculum. And the schedules were so easy to follow that we stayed right on course the whole year through.

— **Amy M**    Farmington Hills, MI



Before I heard of Sonlight I was piecing my own curriculum together of the same literature-based ideals, thinking I was pioneering some kind of educational frontier. I was sure that was the way I wanted my children to learn, but at the same time, I wished for some guidance and help. When a friend suggested I look into your curriculum I discovered that I was not the only one with this type of educational vision. I was so relieved and excited that I bought the preschool curriculum right away. My kids and I devoured it! I am so thankful and blessed to have you as a resource, Sonlight! Here, William (4) and Israel (5) enjoy a Sonlight favorite incognito. They're using Core A in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Amy M**    Olivehurst, CA







As new homeschoolers, we love the fact that Sonlight has planned everything for us. Saxon Math has been such a blessing to our family. It is fun for my son to enjoy math! Logan loves the pattern blocks that are included. They encourage his creativity and spatial recognition. In their first year of homeschooling, Logan (6) uses the Kindergarten Full-Grade program with Saxon Math K.

— **Amy M** Saint Charles , MO

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Big brother Vincent enjoys reading to his younger brother. We share one person's book with the whole family. Sometimes I consider having someone else monitor a reading session, but I don't want to miss any of the stories that Sonlight includes in their curriculum. I enjoy hearing the stories as much as the children do.

— **Amy M** Jefferson Twp, PA

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We love Sonlight. The books are so engrossing and interesting and yet so educational. I love not having to worry about content in the books. I love have all the books chosen for me. Almost all the work is done for me. As a mother of very busy teenagers that is a huge load off of my shoulders. I couldn't homeschool without Sonlight. Thank you Sonlight.

— **Angela M** Sunset, UT

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Before Sonlight I spent hours searching out homeschool resources. When I realized that my favorite books were included in Sonlight, I gave it a try. I was amazed by the simplicity and organization of the Instructor's Guide. It is clear and easy to follow. I can now spend less time fretting over what to read and more time enjoying the kids, trusting Sonlight's well-researched literature based curriculum. In their first year with Sonlight, Mom, Pieter (7), and Sarah (6) read from Intro to World History, Year 1 of 2 (Core B).

— **Anne M** Grand Rapids , MI

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I have taught 2 to read with Sonlight, and am teaching one now. With three more children to teach, I am sure we'll be using Sonlight! I love the wonderful books Sonlight has put together, I never would have found all these great books. We would have missed out on a lot of good stuff! I love the time together, learning together, about so many interesting things, and they remember what we read. I think they remember because it is fun. My children LOVE the Sonlight readers too. We were out snapping pictures of the kids, and Jonathan (in the photo) took the opportunity to get a few pages of reading in. He is always reading. Always. In the van, at the Dr. office, in bed with a flashlight under the covers so mom doesn't know! My daughter Adeline has said of many of the readers, "This is a good book, momma!!" We have used Sonlight for 4 years using cores PK, 1, 2, 3, and 4. We are looking forward with excitement to Core K for my 3, 5 & 8 year olds & core 5 for my 9 & 11 year olds this fall!!

— **Annette M** Marion, WI

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Sonlight has brought the girls closer to each other and to us as parents. Reading for our family means together time, sharing and bonding time. The girls take books everywhere they go and often inspire each other to read more. They love the inspirational Sonlight stories. Sisters Amber-Ann (12), Erin-Ann (10), Alexi-Ann (8), Jade-Ann (12) and Genalee-Ann (13) are studying Core B and Core D+E in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Antoinette M** South Africa

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When we started our homeschool journey, science is the subject I was most afraid I would not give my children enough of. It was a subject I did not feel qualified to teach. This picture was taken during our first year of homeschool with our oldest child. We had so much fun with science my kids, five years into the journey, will all claim science as one of their favorite subjects. They love school so much they beg to go back after every break! And my husband asked if we could wait and do the science with him when he gets home from work! Thank you, for making science fun!

— **April M** Honolulu, HI

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We enjoyed completing part of the China Wall with the Core 5 curriculum. We have been using Sonlight since the children were school age. Studying the Eastern hemisphere was very exciting for them, especially since Grandma is from the Phillippines. Homeschooling would be impossible in my household without Sonlight. We have an active 3 year old and a fifth child who is 1 year old. Finding the time to plan is challenging, to say the least! Each school day I wake up and am very thankful for the planning that went into the day- to-day curriculum. Instead of pulling my hair out with lesson plans, I am able to devote my time to reading, instructing, and completing fun projects like building the China Wall. Thank you Sonlight!!

— **Ashley M** Taylors, SC



My parents were uncertain we had made a good decision when we first began homeschooling our large family 9 years ago. It has been such a joy for me this year to live near my parents and have them come over enthusiastically weekly to assist me as we work through Cores B, D, and F. We are blessed to be homeschooling with Sonlight where parents (and grandparents) can teach and influence and share their faith with the next generation using a curriculum that focuses on discussion and interaction and God's work in people's lives.

— **Barbara M** La Habra, CA



Before using this curriculum, planning and organizing different materials was stressful. 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.

— **Barbara M** Lake Worth, FL



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

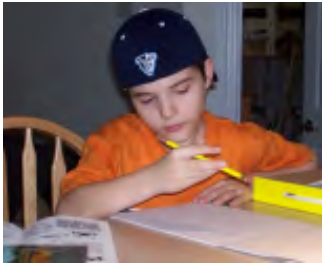
— **Becki M** Queen Creek, AZ



As a first-time homeschooling parent, I really enjoy how the curriculum calls for everyday household objects to be turned into fascinating science lessons. The boys like how hands-on homeschooling is, and I like how Sonlight makes it so easy for me to come up with fun activities to enrich their experience. My husband and I love watching their eyes get bigger with anticipation of what the experiment will show them! Thank you, Sonlight! Who knew that water play could be such a hit to teach basic science? Oliver (4) and Owen (3) loved learning and exploring with this basic activity. They're sharing the Pre-Kindergarten Multi-Subject Package in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Bee M** North Hills, CA





Electives are important too! I love how Sonlight lets each family choose the electives that are right for their children. Every core can be tailored to meet each individual child's needs. This is one reason we have been with Sonlight since Core 1 and can't imagine leaving!!

— **Beth M** South Portland, ME



We just began our homeschool journey this past year. Here, Molly is enjoying the time she has to spend outside! She is fascinated by this tiny creature fashioned by our Creator. We love Sonlight because it allows us to let the whole world be our classroom! It has added a new dimension, not only to our learning, but to our lives.

— **Beth M** Piedmont, OK



Emi is closely observing a baby toad. She spent the afternoon studying these baby toads on Spring day. We enjoy Sonlight both for the rich curriculum and the flexibility of being able to take advantage of a cool afternoon just after a good rain.

— **Beth M** Piedmont, OK



Benjamin and John are acting out a bit of what was read in "The Lewis and Clark Expedition." The boys have loved Lewis and Clark so much, they've made topographical maps of their trails, as well as sewn possible bags for themselves, and made sized to life Lewis and Clark knives and guns. Thanks to a Sonlight friend, we also acquired the coonskin caps. Sonlight books often inspire further research, reading and fun!

— **Beth M** Knoxville, TN







Core 3 really came alive for us this year even though we live in Barbados for my husband's job. We learned that George Washington visited our island. How fortunate for us that the George Washington Museum opened this very year! Talk about making history come alive - this certainly fits the bill! As a matter of fact, Barbados appears a couple of times throughout the core. How cool is that? ! Homeschooling with Sonlight has been a blessing to our family. We truly appreciate the wonderful books we read. Thanks, Sonlight! You're the best!

— **Bethany M** Eden, NC



Sonlight's books really do stand the test of time! When ordering Core 4, I noted one of the books was "Helen Keller." Imagine my surprise in finding an updated edition of one of my childhood favorites included in our box! I cherished this book as a girl and saved it for my own to children to enjoy. This picture shows my son and I holding up our books! Thanks, Sonlight, for books that truly are "great books!"

— **Bethany M** Eden, NC



We love Apologia science! The author is such a good communicator. The information is always enjoyably consumed. We have come to expect this from Sonlight. The curriculum is phenomenal and the reading lists unparalleled.

— **Carla M** Justice, IL



Our favorite time of the day has always been after lunch, when we gather on the couch for Bible, History, Science, & Read Alouds. The curriculum gives us so much information that we have really good discussion -- not only academically, but regarding matters of the heart!! In this photo Mom is reading the Bible lesson to the kids on the living room couch. Kenton is relaxed and enjoying our time together. Our Church History lesson is soon to follow.

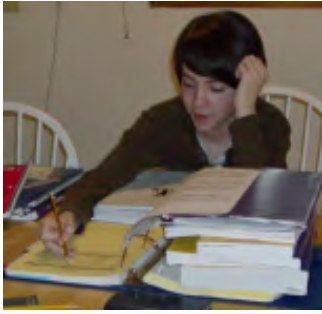
— **Carmen M** Oak Harbor, WA



We love having afternoon school on the couch. Mom does most of the reading, and we have wonderful discussions regarding the material and other matters of the heart. Thank you Sonlight for making homeschooling easy and fun. Here, Mom reads a Sonlight book about the history of Missions from the Church History Core 200 lessons. We are amazed and humbled how the Lord uses sinners to share His gospel of grace!

— **Carmen M** Oak Harbor, WA





As the kids complete their Sonlight assignments, they check off their work, for mom to see how much they have completed. Carolyn has just completed her Exploring Creation with General Science assignment and is ready to move on to the next assignment. Sonlight teaching manuals are the easiest to follow! And they are wonderful records of what the kids have learned.

— **Carmen M**    Oak Harbor, WA



Two years ago I was introduced to Sonlight by a homeschooling friend. It has been the perfect fit for our family. Being a homeschooling mom with 5 children, I need a curriculum that helps keep me organized and easy to teach multiple children. Sonlight does this for me. It makes teaching children of different ages easy and I love that everything is included. But I am not the only one in the family that enjoys Sonlight. The children enjoy it too! All of the books are wonderful and interesting. I do not think we have found a book yet that we did not all enjoy! We plan on homeschooling with Sonlight for many years!

— **Carrieann M**    Des Moines, IA



Sonlight has made it so seamless for a large family to learn together. Sonlight has made it easy for my children of all ages to engage in school together. My older children often take over reading the Read-Alouds that they fondly remember from a few years ago to my younger children. I usually oblige when they ask to read them to their siblings, although I'm a little jealous because I love to reread them as well! In this photo, Nolan (7, Core C) and Emory (5, Core A) listen as Cooper (11, Core F) reads Strawberry Girl, a Read-Aloud from Core C.

— **Casey M**    Mebane, NC



The engaging Sonlight materials keep the attention of all of our children and their varying ages. My husband enjoys continuing our school time after he gets home from work, it's allowed him to have a more active part in our homeschool. We're so thankful to Sonlight for having a part in facilitating the closeness within our family.

— **Casey M**    Mebane, NC





When we chose Sonlight, we didn't anticipate the way it would draw our family closer together. 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.

— **Chantal M**    Cimarron, CO



Here Vivian, Eden, and Zeke laugh as Dad reads their favorite parts in Mr. Poppers Penguins. When we chose Sonlight, we never dreamed of the way it would connect our family. The interesting, informative books create special memories, and lead to great discussions. We are so blessed to have used Sonlight for eight years. Thank you Sonlight for creating a wonderful curriculum that ignites a desire to learn in my kids.

— **Chantal M**    Cimarron , CO



After 10 years of homeschooling, I ordered Sonlight Core F. It was so much easier than my previous years of trying to piece things together on my own! My oldest was at the high end of the age range, and my next daughter a little young ... and we totally enjoyed it! We didn't do every book, but we learned so much. To have everything laid out with the Instructor's Guide was a blessing and breath of fresh air! Curriculum is a tool to help us homeschool effectively and Sonlight works wonderfully! Here, Olivia (14), Grace (10), Amelia (7) and Abbey (5) enjoy the biography of missionary Hudson Taylor.

— **Charity M**    Canada





I took this photo of Andrew the day we learned about magnets in his Science class. We followed the instructions in his Science Activities book on how to build a working railway signal. Our project was a success and the next thing I saw was Andrew dragging out his Thomas the Tank Engine play set and building a railroad in the living room. This simple science experiment turned play time filled his whole afternoon. This was not an isolated event. Almost every book we read in the curriculum became alive to us in one or the other way: the book may have inspired us to play dress-up, produce a puppet show, cook up a meal, make a craft, go to a field trip, etc. Sonlight has filled out shelves with a lot of books that have taken us to places and introduced to us new authors and exciting stories. My five-year-old daughter has been listening to the many missionary stories and has developed a tender heart towards missions and wants to become a missionary herself. The best and most encouraging part for me as a teacher and parent is to see both of my kids reading with pleasure, soaking up knowledge from what they read, and enjoying books to the fullest.

— **Charles M** Bryan, TX



It warms my heart to see my children reading the Bible. It warms my heart even more to see any of the older children teaching and reading to the youngers.

— **Chaundra M** Junction City, WI



Sonlight has contributed so much to our homeschooling experience. My children are such such strong readers, and therefore learners, because of all the time we have spent snuggled up reading great books. My kids are also great spellers and good writers because of this program. I have loved being daily present in my children's lives. There's not one thing I could have bought or owned by working outside the home that would be worth all the days I have spent with my precious children!

— **Christianna M** Colorado Springs, CO



Sydney loved all of the books we read in first grade so much that she wanted to reread them during her summer break. She and her Dad read Follow My Leader, and today I found her in her best princess array reading Missionary Stories with the Millers during quiet time! What a blessing that she can discover the joy of reading and the power of God through quality school books!

— **Christie M** Willow Spring, NC







As someone with little background in educating others, I'm delighted with the clearly outlined instructions, ideas and schedule. Sonlight makes it possible to approach the lessons with anticipation, knowing that most of the work has already been prepared for me. As missionaries, Sonlight has been a wonderful experience for us as a family. Not only is it affordable and recyclable for our other daughter, but its Bible-based teachings have opened up many spiritual conversations. It's delightful to see the transferable concepts our daughters are learning and applying to different situations. They're very curious and enjoy the hands-on activities that offer a tangible experience. Here Lin (6, Core B) and Senoka (2½, P4/5 Multi-Subject) browse the coming term's books.

— **Christina M** Walnut Grove, MO

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After reading Daniel Boone, the four big kids put on their camouflage boots, shirts and water slings to go explore a little piece of their own wilderness! Books are so real to them that they enjoy recreating the stories in their own backyard! We switched to Sonlight curriculum so that our children could spend more time reinventing History and Science in their own special ways!

— **Dabney M** Lyles, TN

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The creativity that Sonlight inspires in my kids (and even our neighbors) is exactly what I was looking for in a curriculum. As a former public high school English teacher with a decade of experience, the freedom of spontaneity and creativity of Sonlight is invaluable. We chose Sonlight because of the heavy emphasis on reading, and we couldn't be happier. My boys are close enough in age that we're able to work through Core A with them both. Neither boy is bored or in over his head. I think it's safe to say that we'll be Sonlighters for a long, long time. In this photo, Joseph (5), Job (6), and a neighborhood friend reenact a jousting scene inspired after learning about medieval history in Core A.

— **Danielle M** Fork Union, VA

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For years David M. imagined trying to search and find exceptional books to educate his children while he and his wife Cathy serve in Central Asia. When he discovered a Sonlight catalog at a friend's house, he was thrilled. "I can't believe that a whole company has been designed specifically to find these materials for us!" he often tells his friends. Now he loves to read the best books in the world not only to their two daughters but also to the children (and dolls) of other expatriate families living nearby. The M family has been delighted with Sonlight Core packages for their first two years of homeschooling.

— **David M** Lexington, SC

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I love that my girls share the same core. It's nice to be able to have family discussions about our reading materials.

— **Dawnell M** Valdez, AK

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Meagan is hunting mushrooms in the woods behind our house looking to see how many varieties we could find. We love Sonlight because it inspires us to explore the world around us all the while pointing us towards God. We will always use Sonlight for our homeschool curriculum.

— **Deb M** Redmond, WA

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We love the flexibility Sonlight affords our family. We moved to the United Arab Emirates in 2006. With no library, our Sonlight books provide us with lots of wonderful reading material. With great books, instructor guides, science supplies, and fast, inexpensive international shipping, Sonlight makes it simple to educate our kids in any country.

— **Debbie M** United Arab Emir

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How many other kids (besides SL kids) do you know that race the Fed Ex man to the door when he brings their school books? David offered to go help the delivery man carry the boxes. Once in the door, my kids can't wait to find out which books are "their" books. As you can see in this picture, David was sitting among packing peanuts (in the bag) and other books from our order when he starting going through the China Treasure Chest.

— **Debbie M** Bailey, CO

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I love that all my kids can learn together. The books are so interesting and everyone asks to read more. My 3yo loves to pray for the Gateway Cities in Core 5 and usually asks for me to read from that book. I love that my kids can't wait to dive into their new books each year.

— **Debbie M** Bailey, CO



Excitement of the First Day This is our first day of Sonlight home school. It is also our first day of home school in India. We moved from the US in September 2004 and started school in October of that year. Sonlight provided a routine for the children that help them to adjust to a new home and a new culture.

— **Debora M** Quakertown, PA



We live and serve in North India so getting school books takes some extra work. The process is: Sonlight ships the books to our parents in North Carolina. Then they repack the books into 40 Lbs boxes. Next we look for church volunteer teams coming through Delhi and ask them if they are willing to bring a box of books with them. If they say yes, our father sends the box to their home address before they go on their trip. When the books arrive in Delhi, we either travel 9 hours by train to pick them up or have them shipped to us another way. So.....getting home school books to the house is very exciting. Actually, my children would read most of the books even if they were not "school" books.

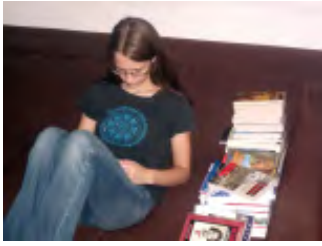
— **Debora M** Quakertown, PA



Every summer when our Sonlight home school books arrive our children get very excited. Usually the box arrives around lunch time and since we take lunch together, books becomes the talk of the table, that day and many days to follow. In this picture Josiah has just found some of his things in a box and is showing them off just as if it was a Christmas present. Thank you Sonlight for providing material that my children enjoy almost as much as Christmas presents.

— **Debora M** Quakertown, PA





Receiving a new Sonlight order is a great thing for my daughter. Most likely she will read the books two or more times.

— **Debora M** Quakertown, PA

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I have become very spoiled from the Sonlight teacher's manuals. The easy-to-read schedules take the guess work out of planning your days. As a military wife and working mom, I needed a teacher's manual that was straight to the point. Having the week dividers makes it easy to get to the current week with all the book summaries and questions for that week. I love the time I get to spend with my kids and not planning out their curriculum. Here, 10-year-old Tyler and 15-year-old Sam enjoy the sunshine as they do their Core C and Core 100 schoolwork. The M family has used Sonlight for six years.

— **Debra M** Havelock, NC

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As we opened our Sonlight box for the new school year, Emily exclaimed 'It's like Christmas!' Our oldest daughters, who are now graduated and attending college, used Sonlight for their high school years. They were well prepared for college testing and placement. They had been in public school and really lost the love of learning. Sonlight brought that spark back to them. I saw the light return to their eyes. When I saw Emily so excited about her curriculum and this school year, I realized God has spared her that dullness about learning. We are so thankful for Sonlight! In this photo, Emily (11) celebrates her Core F Box Day.

— **Diedre M** Owenton , KY

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Beginning our first year of homeschool Sonlight was a bit like embarking on a journey around the world! Other countries and cultures came to life as we read from the Read-Alouds. Sonlight has done a superb job of compiling engaging books. Early in the school year, our children felt like they were transported to Capri, Italy while reading *Red Sails to Capri* [from Core B+C]. We found ourselves looking up photos of the blue waters of Capri online, and our children were even inspired to name our new pet parakeet 'Capri.' We had an amazing first year with Sonlight. Laurel (10), Jacob (10), Jackson (8) and Capri the parakeet are enjoying Core B+C in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Elanna M** Noblesville, IN

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My husband and I are actors and have spent years on the road with "Phantom of the Opera" traveling with the kids (and dog!) Sonlight has enabled our family to learn together. Even while traveling, and being unsure what city the kids would wake up in, we could always come together and connect with the characters in whatever book we were currently involved in. What a joy to laugh, cry, and empathize with our friends that we grew to love every morning (or night) through the rich pages of beautiful literature you have chosen. Sonlight has been "home away home" for us. Thank you!

— **Elizabeth M** West Orange, NJ

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When they were adopted, my oldest girls hated school and were convinced they couldn't learn. Seven years later, they help teach their younger siblings and choose to use their free time to read. We run a small, organic family farm and spend most of our days either in the gardens or at the roadside stand. Whenever we take a break, the first request is always for a Read-Aloud. Even though they have heard them before, my oldest girls choose to sit and listen. This is a miracle. I am thrilled with their progress and how they pick up their work with enthusiasm most days. As Elizabeth reads, Chasitty (15), Nattaly (13), Ashley (12), Aiden (8), Amado (6), Janaya (4), Micah (2) and baby Noa listen in. They're using Core H, Core C and Core P3/4 in their sixth year of Sonlight.

— **Elizabeth M** Derry, NH

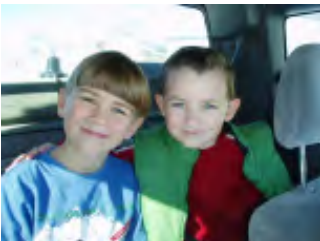
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This is my son relaxing and reading. I love how Sonlight has helped cultivate his love for learning and reading!

— **Enid M** Kansas City, MO

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Sonlight has truly been a blessing these past two years. Our daughter (not pictured) was going through chemotherapy and it meant the world to me to have our family together, not running around during the last 8 & 1/2 months of our precious daughters life. Thanks you for enabling us to share our time together and read such wonderful material. My son would read his Dr. Seuss books to my daughter who was two, and she loved it!!

— **Erin M** Eaton, CO

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I am Erin M. and these two beautiful girls are my good friend, Rebecca M.'s daughters. She gave me permission to submit this photo. I was so impressed with how much these two loved school, they took it everywhere they could! I just had to find out for myself what they liked so much about Sonlight. Now I know for myself and I am very grateful to the Millers for sharing this with us.

— **Erin M**    Eaton, CO

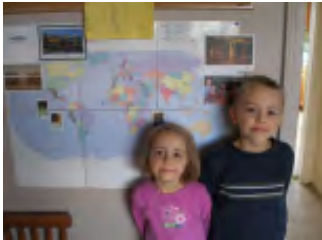
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Sonlight curriculum sparks their curiosity about so many different subjects. One of the things that I love most is sharing this experience with our kids, watching their natural love for learning. The ability to teach the children inside and outside the house in real life environments is wonderful.

— **Erin M**    Tacoma, WA

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This past year was our first with Sonlight. We were impressed with so many things about the books we read and the fascinating things we learned. Most of all, we loved the broader world vision we obtained through reading about different people groups, missionaries and countries. Sam and sister Sadie loved adding details, postcards and pictures to the Sonlight map we used for world history. Tying together the people we know in different places, the people we learned about and the history of different countries made for a wonderful homeschooling experience. We just ordered our Sonlight cores for this fall (Sadie is so excited to join in!) and can't wait for them to arrive. Thank you, Sonlight, for helping our family get acquainted with more of this wonderful world.

— **Gen M**    Harrisonburg, VA

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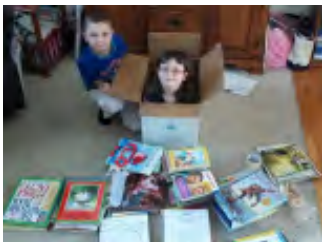
I caught my 7yr old reading to her brother after she was finished with a portion of her day's lessons. I laughed, and smiled thinking to myself "those pictures from the catalogue really do happen spontaneously!" And I went to grab my camera, taking several shots, hoping to catch that moment. Never fear, they just kept on reading, long after my camera stopped clicking --virtually unaware of what ol' mom was up to. This was in April 08, and we were a couple months away from finishing our "first" homeschool year. I think it captured the relaxed and loving attitudes they fostered each new day of homeschool, even toward the end of the year. Thanks for a everything Sonlight~ A literature loving family!

— **George M** Carlsbad, NM



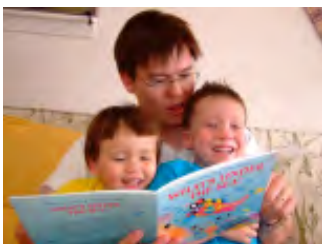
We were introduced to Sonlight by some friends and it was love at first sight. Sonlight is indeed the way we wished we were taught. It has instilled love for reading in our daughter and the history is enjoyed by the entire family. The hands on science activities are also a big hit. Eva (8) is doing one of the many experiments is studying Core B in her second year of Sonlight.

— **Gloria M** Lake Forest, IL



The Instructor's Guides are invaluable and save me an incredibly amount of time. The company as a whole most closely shares my core values more than any other homeschool company I have researched. My children have both developed a love of reading that is incredible for their ages and this highly digital world. I also love using Sonlight's timeline as we go through history together. It has helped me put the pieces of history together much better than my public school education ever did! I feel like I am learning just as much as my children. In this photo, Samuel (8) and Evelyn (6) celebrate their stacks of books from Core B on Box Day.

— **Harmony M** Elizabeth , CO



I used to think that homeschooling must be pretty boring for both kids and parents. Then, almost by accident, I discovered the Sonlight website a year ago. I was struck by how much FUN everything looked! The idea that exploring great books with my children could be "school" was incredibly compelling. I pulled my husband over to look and we decided to try out the Core B (now Core 4/5) package. We were not disappointed, and are delighted at how our son, Josiah (and even his little sister, Anna) have developed in their ability to listen, think, dialogue, and imagine over the past year. And, yes, we've also had fun.

— **Heather M** Polacca, AZ



One fun thing about homeschooling has been discovering how much my son loves math. In fact, we've been able to use a night-time math lesson with Daddy as an effective incentive to get Josiah to nap in the afternoon! We love the flexibility Sonlight affords us, both to tailor learning to our children's interests and aptitudes, and to integrate learning so seamlessly with good, fun family time. Here, Josiah pauses his breakfast to play around with his Cuisenaire rods in a nonstandard (but still useful) way.

— **Heather M** Polacca, AZ



Josiah uses his charcoal pencil to sketch our early Spring garden, completing one of his first Artistic Pursuits lessons. I love the fact that Artistic Pursuits doesn't dictate exactly what to create and how to create it. Instead, it encourages my children to be deeply perceptive about the world around them, think about what they sense, and communicate that using their own personal style. This is a large part of what drew us to Sonlight in the first place. It is a curriculum that does not dictate exactly what our children must think and produce. Instead, it helps us facilitate our children to interact deeply with the world around them and express their conclusions in their own way. We love the dialogue this creates between us.

— **Heather M** Poulsbo, WA



Every parent loves to see their child delighted by good things in life, and Sonlight's science experiments are a great source of delight for our children. They find great joy and fascination in discovering and seeing for themselves how the world works. In this picture, Anna is helpless with giggles and Josiah smiles with glee as raisins rise and fall after being dropped into a bottle of clear soda (an experiment from Science A). I also love the way my husband gets involved in the science experiments. Josiah (6) is in his third year of Sonlight as Anna (4) enjoys her first.

— **Heather M** Poulsbo, WA



If the goal of homeschooling is nurturing a child's God-given curiosity and exciting a love of learning, Sonlight is succeeding in this family! Our four kids recently delighted in introducing their aunt to the life-cycle of a butterfly in real life. She was ecstatic! The joy of learning is contagious. Here, Peter (9) carefully watches the newly hatched Monarch. Heather is using Core F with her four children in their seventh year of Sonlight.

— **Heather M** Lanse, PA







Daddy and sons are discovering 18th century life at Colonial Williamsburg, VA. While watching the blacksmiths at work, they posed for a shot with this large wagon wheel. Sonlight adds continuity to our curriculum by offering a variety of educational materials that we can use to add meaning and depth to our family field trips such as the one pictured here. It is easy to find appropriate material and purchase it online.

— **Heather J M** Clarkston, MI



Mom and son are learning about the earliest American history at James Island, VA. They entered the 17th century church tower still standing on the island, viewed the river the first colonists arrived by, and explored the archaeologists newest discoveries within the fort walls. Sonlight offers many educational resources that are useful in preparing for family field trips like this one. Make the most of every experience!

— **Heather J M** Clarkston, MI



I've talked with other moms who have adopted older, foreign born children who love Sonlight because they can engage their children's higher ability level while helping them learn to read and speak English on a basic level.

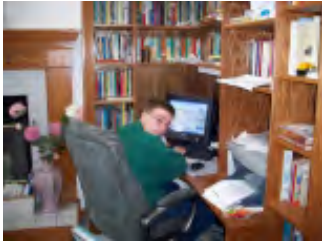
— **Heidi M** West Columbia, SC



Sonlight has complemented Shalee's God-given interests so well and helped her grow and develop in her love for missions. From a very young age she has been interested in other cultures and missions. She went on a mission trip this summer to Papua New Guinea to pursue her interest in becoming a Bible translator. She lived in a village with indigenous peoples who just recently received a copy of the New Testament in their native language. Sonlight curriculum has helped our daughter gain understanding in areas about which she is passionate. Shalee (15) finished Core 200 last year and is now studying Core 100 with her 13-year-old brother, Riley. The M family is in their 10th year of Sonlight.

— **Heidi M** Edmonds, WA





Sonlight has pointed our family to some amazing books that I would never have thought to take off the shelf. Sonlight has also directed us to products we would never have known existed, such as Thinkwell Calculus, which Erik also uses. I surprised Erik at the computer with this picture. He has found the research paper he was working on to be very interesting (his topic - anti-Christian bias in the media). Thanks, Sonlight!

— **Holly M** Holland, NY



When I first opened our package I was speechless. Everything from the high-quality books to the box they were packed in brought joy to my son. As I saw his eyes light up with each book we pulled out of the box, I couldn't have been more thrilled. In this photo he found his favorite book in no time at all. Our family is beyond pleased with the choice we made to start using Sonlight.

— **Ivy M** Albuquerque, NM



Sonlight allows us to begin at the level that she is at not where others think she should be! Sarah has been home for 8 months from China. In the beginning we worked on the alphabet, phonics and math. When she first came home she was afraid of books. All the words were so intimidating to her, now she loves books and loves to be read too. I wish I would have ordered my Sonlight curriculum even earlier! She was so thrilled to get the Sonlight box of books and they were all for her. That is something she never had in the orphanage. Sarah still needs to work on her English and comprehension. That is why we are beginning with P 4/5. It allows her to hear beautiful stories that she can understand! We homeschool year round so we plan to go through it faster and then move on to K when she is ready!

— **Jean M** Minneapolis, MN



Box Day! We are about to begin our second year of homeschooling with Sonlight and my children cannot wait for box day! They keep asking "When will our books arrive? I want to start school again!" Thank you Sonlight for the high quality materials and excellent reading selections. My children have loved their books and since my husband and I started a new business this past school year I have loved the fact that the planning is already done for me. -Jennifer, Big Island, Hawaii

— **Jennifer M** Waikoloa, HI





Mallie M and Bethany S are listening to the guide talk about Goerge Washington and the other signers of the Declaration of Independence in Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

— **Jennifer M** Warriors Mark, PA



Because Mallie had read White Stallions of Lipizza in Core 2, she was thrilled to meet Wild, a Lipizzaner stallion. Wild's owner was able to answer Mallie's questions about his lineage and his training - and she expressed surprise that Mallie even knew about her breed of horse. She was shocked when Mallie knew that his name (Maestoso II Adetta II) reveals his parentage! Sonlight is making my children culturally literate - they can converse with adults about their areas of expertise, and I can see in them the interesting adults they are going to be. Thanks Sonlight! If it wasn't for you, we wouldn't even know how cool Lipizzaners are!

— **Jennifer M** Warriors Mark, PA



One summer day I caught my youngest daughter sitting in a low tree reading a book. Not a surprise, given that her older two siblings are both voracious readers. Then it occurred to me - Annie can't read yet. She just knows that sitting around reading is a "cool" activity to be caught doing, and it's what the big kids do. Thank you Sonlight, for helping us fill our home with great books, and make reading a "cool" thing to aspire to.

— **Jennifer M** Warriors Mark, PA



Kevin's favorite subjects are math and science. He especially likes the hands-on experiments provided in Sonlight's Science Programs. We believe that they've gone a long way to spur his current interest in science and engineering.

— **Jennifer M** United States





My husband has always taught the Sonlight Science portion of the curriculum. He waited to do the TOPS book this summer, so he could devote the time needed to the experiments. Both boys got a lot out of the plant studies, and it was such a joy to see them working together. Each morning, the above photo shows what I usually saw upon my first venture downstairs. Moments like these make me love Sonlight all the more!

— **Jennifer M** Jacksonville, FL

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The journey to deciding to homeschool was a long process for us. When we discovered Sonlight in our curriculum search, we felt like it would be a good fit for our family with the literature-rich focus, and customizable complete curriculum packages that it offers. We began our homeschool journey with Core A for kindergarten with Roddy at age 5. Within weeks, he was reading fluently, and Sonlight's books have continued to expand his natural curiosity and love of learning in every area! Sonlight turned out to be the perfect fit for us, and the proof was in Roddy's excitement to receive Core B on "Box Day"! He couldn't wait to dive into his new books to find out all the wonderful things we would be learning together for his next school year! In this photo, he is engrossed in Usborne's Greek Myths. Thank you, Sonlight, for enabling us to maintain a lifestyle that provides endless curiosity and a lifetime of learning!

— **Jennifer M** Blacklick, OH

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The whole families loves to read the Sonlight books together. It is not a chore. It is part of play. When we put up the play house the first thing the kids do is grab a stack of books. We love the quality time we get to spend with our children while we are learning and playing together. We also get to spend more time with them during each day because Sonlight has compiled such wonderful resources for us so we don't have to spend hours in preparation.

— **Jennifer M** Lehi, UT

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Sonlight has been such a blessing to our family. I love that we can include multiple ages and really learn together as a family. Sometimes we are snuggled up on the couch and sometimes we will spread out on the trampoline. No matter where we are Sonlight is the favorite part of day. Our kids are always begging for just one more story!

— **Jerri M** Gulf Shores, AL

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Matthew was born with Trisomy 18 and was not expected to live long. Our family decided to bring him home for hospice care instead of keeping him in the hospital so we could spend as much time with him as possible. We wanted Matthew to know what it means to be a part of our family and to experience the love that each of us had to give him. Because we homeschool, the children were able to spend their days with Matthew. We read to him, sang to him, held him, and let him be a part of our daily life. Sonlight has allowed us to experience the richness we can enjoy as a family when we learn and explore together. It has given us flexibility as a family to learn when, where, and how we want. After Matthew's death, we visited my parents for 2 months in Costa Rica. We were able to continue our "schooling" there simply by grabbing a few good books and throwing them in our suitcase. We love the selection of literature and the layout of the lesson plans. So easy to use. Thank you for all your hard work in making Sonlight a blessing for us.

— **Jill M** Oak Creek, WI



We tried Sonlight for the first time. My reluctant reader liked it so much that he asked to use Sonlight for all of his classes next year. Thank you Sonlight helping my son to love reading.

— **Joan M** Hernando, MS



This is my first year homeschooling. Thankfully some friends recommended Sonlight. I had read about "Box Day" and how fun it is when all the books come in the mail. But this was more than fun...it was like Christmas morning! Packing paper was thrown on the floor and the presents/books were scattered all over the room. There were screams of delight. I called my husband and asked him to come home from work to experience the excitement. I was so moved by it as it has been a long time since I have seen my oldest son this excited about learning. All three of my kids wanted to start school the very next day, which was a Saturday in the middle of summer! Here Fisher (8) and Micaiah (6) hold up the book they are most looking forward to reading this year. Fisher is studying Core D while Micaiah and his sister Madge (5) share Core A.

— **Jodie M** Omaha, NE



Melanie is holding her first puppy Saphria. Sonlight: I like the rich literature from the serious, technical and light-hearted reading.

— **John M** Wichita, KS





Box day!!!! Our third one. It is so exciting for the kids. Dad came into the kitchen while I was making dinner and announced we have supplies! The kids all started yelling and jumping up and down. I told them we had to wait until after dinner. They spent the time while they were waiting for dinner rearranging the boxes and playing on them. 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. Also, I would never use a curriculum that didn't use real books!

— **Joni M** Laurel, MD



Since Zachariah has really taken off with his reading this year, he is now able to read to his younger siblings. What a joy to see them sharing these stories together. Here they were reading and studying the pictures in *White Stallion of Lipizza*. Zeke is quite the horse lover and these illustrations really appealed to him. Sonlight has been a good choice for us because our schedule changes week to week due to my husbands work rotation. The 36 week lay out gives us a schedule we can easily jump in and out of when we have chunks of time.

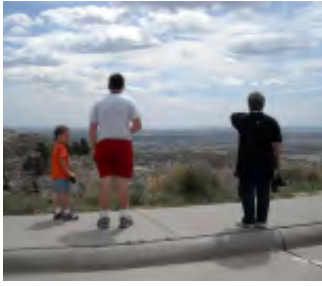
— **Joni M** Laurel, MD



Working as volunteers at Mystic Mountain Training Center's Great Adventure Day Camp is a lot of hard work, and a lot of fun, for Matthew M. and Noah D. For 3 weeks during the summer, these young men, along with other volunteers, assist children from 5-13 years of age as they experience the various aspects of camp. Lots of physical activity, crafts, and biblical teaching, help young campers learn about both the physical and spiritual aspects of life. Working at camp is just one of the things Matthew and Noah have in common. Homeschooling with Sonlight is another. Sonlight has helped them both develop a love of great books, and a desire to learn. Many times they will greet each other with a book in hand, saying, "You have GOT to read this book!" It never ceases to amaze me when I overhear them in one of their deep discussions about life. Raising our sons to Godly manhood is a primary goal for our families. Sonlight is helping us do just that.

— **Julie M** Erie, PA





Taking a trip out west was the highlight of our homeschool year. Homeschooling gives us the flexibility to travel when it's convenient for us, without worrying about the school calendar. Scotts Bluff National Monument was one of the highlights of our trip. How exciting to see the places where pioneers walked, those very real places where real people lived and died in their quest for a better life farther west. Chimney Rock is only viewable in clear weather, since it is 23 miles distant. Jerry and the boys were thrilled to be able to see it the day this picture was taken. Sonlight has helped our children develop a deep love of learning, and a hunger for knowledge. You'll never hear my children say history is boring! Sonlight's "literature rich" approach has taught my children that history isn't about the nameless and faceless, but about real people, just like themselves. We've been homeschooling since 1990, and used just about every curriculum out there before finding Sonlight. We'll never go back to boring textbooks or workbooks. Real books about real people inspire my sons and give them a thirst for more.

— **Julie M** Erie, PA

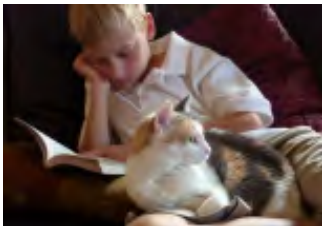
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One of the highlights of our recent trip out west was this stop at Sallows Military Museum in the tiny railroad town of Alliance, NE. Well off the beaten path, but incredibly rich in historical information, the museum offered our sons a chance to see and to handle real military gear, and to hear stories of the real men and women who used it. Gabriel is fascinated with all things military, and was thrilled to be permitted to wear this authentic World War II dress uniform hat. It is such a blessing that he will be able to use Sonlight from the beginning of his educational journey. Real books about real people inspire him, and help him understand that history is not about vague, obscure dates and places, but about real people, who were once children just like himself, and who went on to make their mark on the world. I'm looking forward to many more years of sharing Sonlight with him. I wouldn't have it any other way!

— **Julie M** Erie, PA

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

— **Julie M** Colorado Springs, CO

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Sonlight's history and literature book choices are wonderful! Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes inspired Gabriel to make this origami crane, but more importantly, led us into several deep discussions about war, suffering, faith, and hope. Sonlight's literature-rich approach has helped Gabriel stretch and grow beyond his own personal experience. Standard textbooks are not designed to help create a thinking human being. Sonlight does that, and more!

— **Julie M** Erie, PA

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Using Sonlight has helped us, as a family, better appreciate people from different cultures. We have enjoyed hosting international students who come to our local college to study English as a second language. HuiShan C., pictured here with Sarah M., lived with us for a little over four weeks and we enjoyed every minute of it.

— **Karen M** Maryville, TN

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The kids love to have Daddy read Egermeier's Bible Story Book [from Core A] before bed each night. They ask for it if we forget. It is just short enough for them to all pay attention, yet long enough for it to be an accurate capture of the Bible. Sonlight has helped me be able to choose great books for my kids to read and has really helped Daddy be a part of the homeschooling experience as well. He loves to read them the books as much as they love listening. Kaleb (7), Selah (6), Esperanza (3) and even baby Joel love this special time with Dad each night. They're in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Kari M** Sandy, OR

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We started homeschooling through a charter program that wasn't working out. When we left I did a lot of research to find a curriculum. Throughout the process I felt really drawn to Sonlight's values and vision. And we have loved this homeschool year! The Sonlight curriculum creates a love of learning.

— **Karlet M** San Marcos, CA

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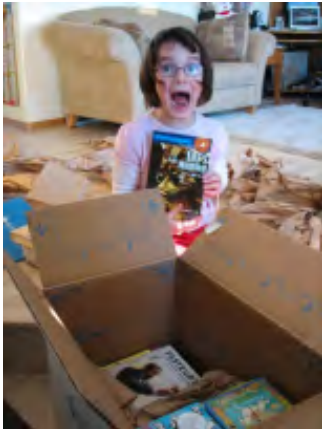
Austin has just pulled out his favorite sleeping bag because mama is about to start reading his favorite read aloud book. The kids love to pile up blankets and pillows and even sofa cushions to make a fort of plushness while mama reads. It is this special time that they get to sit back and relax and let their imaginations run freely!

— **Katherine M** Hillsboro, OR



Giggle'n'girls The girls were in giggles...this was our first night camping off of the John Day River in Oregon. They were so excited to sleep together piled in our mini van with their big brother and their dog, Tucker! Sonlight has a unique way of incorporating every subject that is close to my heart. The English and History subjects are woven together with the Bible lessons and I am finding I am learning right along with my children! Not only am I learning, I am finding a new love for History and all of the great things that God has done for so many people all over this big world of His!

— **Katherine M** Hillsboro, OR



Sonlight made the transition from public school to homeschooling so much easier. 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.

— **Kathie M** Canada



Following a recent church service, a Sunday School teacher approached us remarking what a wonderful vocabulary our boys had. 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).

— **Kathy M** O Fallon, MO





I attribute the deep friendship between our children in great parts to Sonlight. Discovering history and stories together has created a bond between them that I have rarely witnessed in a fraternity. 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.

— **Katrin M** Switzerland



We used Sonlight when they were young, then tried sending them to 'real' school. Ha! They wanted to come back to homeschool and, of course, to Sonlight. Jack attended public school from fifth through eighth grade. He told me in eighth grade he had just started learning concepts he hadn't already been taught when we did homeschool. We are happily back on track learning in ways that allow them to use their imaginations, saturate them in great literature and afford them the opportunity to venture outside the classroom walls. Thank you Sonlight for providing such excellence in education! In this photo, Meredith (9, Core C), Riley (13, Core W) and Jack (15, Core 100) enjoy the freedom to learn anywhere.

— **Kelly M** Valdosta , GA



Sonlight encourages us all in our faith and helps my children grow as Christians. We value reading great literature and learning about the world and our Christianity through the books. The whole curriculum really facilitates great learning as well as family bonding. Kerra loves to snuggle with her children Elizabeth (4), Hannah (2) and Samuel (8 months) and learn together. They're using Cores P3/4 and A in their second year of homeschooling.

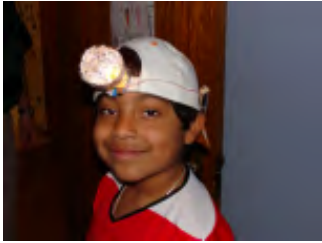
— **Kerra M** New Brighton, MN



What joy it brings to see our children enjoying a great book together. The Sonlight curriculum is filled with so many amazing books that my children love to read and to have read to them. Luke gains so much confidence when he reads to an eager audience and Abby is delighted with her big brother's attention. Being able to learn together doesn't just help with academics, it also builds sibling relationships that will last a lifetime. Luke (9) and Abby (4) are studying Cores E and A in their fifth year of Sonlight.

— **Kerri M** Chicago, IL

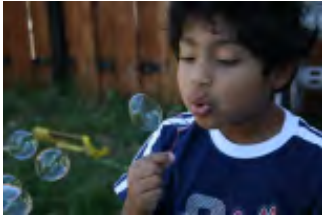




Luke was so proud to wear the light hat he constructed as he learned about electricity in Science this year. Sonlight has always provided activities that brought science to life and enabled Luke to learn in a hands-on way. As he completed the circuit and was able to shine light from his head, he was filled with pride and excitement to go shine his light in dark places. What a great example of what Sonlight does in our home. It shines for us in a dark world, leading us as we educate our son academically and spiritually.

— **Kerri M** Chicago, IL

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Luke always cheers when it is time for Science because he loves doing the engaging experiments and activities. Who says that school can't be fun. It always leaves him wanting more. In this picture Luke is trying out the wire loop he made in Science as he blows bubbles in the back yard. We had a great time together with his little sister Abby who popped all the bubbles he made. Sonlight has been such a blessing because it includes hands-on activities that my son loves. His younger sister can also join in the fun and it becomes a fun family memory. I am so glad that Sonlight makes learning exciting and enjoyable.

— **Kerri M** Chicago, IL

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Abby enjoys explore our world with Sonlight Science. How exciting it is to hear her questions and watch the wonder of observing God's creation. It is such a joy to see her curiosity and eagerness to learn.

— **Kerri M** Chicago, IL

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Shortly after finishing Secret of the Andes, we enthusiastically attended an alpaca festival just a few miles from our house. It was a wonderful day and we were given a lesson in the difference between alpacas and llamas, with both animals present. One of the things I love about Sonlight is how the books take us to another time and place while at the same time expanding our world around us.

— **Kim M** Danville, IN

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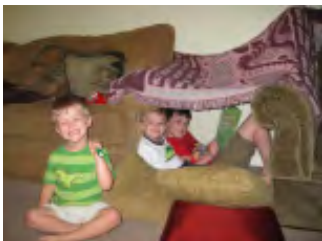
Emily wouldn't leave home without her science book to explain all the "critters" we would see at the beach in Gulf Shores, Alabama. She involved the whole family in learning all about crustaceans when she caught a crab. She says, "Mom, I'm the only girl among my friends who has textbooks so interesting that I read ahead!"

— **Kim M** Frisco, TX



Studying World History this year spurred us to go see where lots of it happened. Here, Walker and Emily Martin survey the Roman-built Hadrian's Wall in England, brought to life for us by the book *Eagle of the Ninth* by Rosemary Sutcliffe. We looked toward Scotland and could easily imagine the Roman army scouring the countryside for any sign of the fierce Scots. What we love so much about Sonlight is that it makes us realize we study real people and we learn to relate to them and care about them. History is far from the boring litany of events that I learned growing up. It's where we meet our heroes.

— **Kim M** Frisco, TX



Ethan and his brothers LOVE to make tents and what better place for him to read his Science book in the tent to his brothers. Sonlight has brought the love of reading into our home.

— **Kim M** Huntsville, AL



We had a great time exploring different countries with Core 5. While we were reading the books about India, we visited this restaurant. Experiencing the food from another country really added to the whole cultural experience for us. One of the things I really appreciate about Sonlight is how it encourages us to read books together that I would not have chosen on my own.

— **Kim M** Brownsburg, IN







And people ask why I home-school... This picture says it all. My kids are enjoying a beautiful Arizona morning. We just finished reading a history lesson and I am asking them questions about what I just read. I love that even my 18 mo old wanted in on the action. My husband was coming out to say good-bye when this is what he saw and had to take a picture. I didn't even know he took the picture till I downloaded the pictures to the computer. I am not sure how long I am going to be able to home-school my children but I will always have this picture in my head and in my heart as to why I chose to home-school for the years that I did. Sonlight curriculum has brought our family closer together by reading. My daughter told me she hated reading before we started Sonlight and now I can't get her nose out of a book. I can have her go to the bookshelf and pull out a book from Sonlight knowing it is a book that will enlighten and spark other interests that will be positive influences in her life.

— **Kristin M** Yuma, AZ



Sonlight has helped encourage me, as a not-so-confident teacher, to lead my children to greater heights in their relationship with God and others. We have been encouraged in our years using Sonlight to think big and to pray big. "All your children will have God for their teacher--what a mentor for your children!" (Is. 54:13, The Message) I believe using Sonlight has helped inspire my children to want to live more meaningful lives. To me, this photo represents my daughter at a crossroads. She's standing at the edge of a huge canyon (the Grand Canyon) and is smiling at what is before her. A couple of years ago she wouldn't have been able to do that. She is now looking forward to living a life that touches others in a powerful way. Thank you, Sonlight, for helping me to lead my children to desire greater maturity and wisdom.

— **Kristine M** El Cajon, CA



No matter where we go, Sonlight can easily go with us. I love the fact that when we pack up to go fishing, I can take Bryce's readers. The boys enjoy the time they get to spend together over a good book and I treasure the sound of their intense little voices asking big brother questions as he reads. I had intended to take a picture of them reading Bryce's favorite book, "The Sword in the Tree" and capturing their expressions as they listened to the battle scene. However, their daddy, who was standing nearby couldn't resist making them giggle while their mother was working so hard to make them cooperate. When I went back to upload our pictures and saw this photo, I realized in their laughter I had truly captured their hearts. I had brought to the surface what Sonlight really does for us; it creates more bonding moments for our family.

— **Krysta M** Andrews, TX





When my husband and I made the decision to homeschool, one of the things I wanted to give my children was a love of reading. After Bryce completed kindergarten, I realized I was not succeeding. That summer I spoke to several friends who used Sonlight and after looking at the readers, realized the problem was the books I had been asking him to read. They were not holding his interest. I knew that I was going to have four boys all reading down the road and needed something I could count on to capture their attention. When we had our "Box Day" and Bryce saw what he was going to be doing throughout the 1st grade year, he was excited about reading for the first time! I will never forget the night I was sitting on the couch and heard Bryce reading his Beginner's Bible to his two younger brothers. The confidence in his voice, the eagerness to get them interested in what he was reading...he had suddenly realized that through reading, he could teach them. That he could take them on all of the adventures and places he went by sharing a love of reading. One of his favorite books is, "Hill of Fire" which he is sharing with his brother's in the above photo. The thing I LOVE about Sonlight readers is that they not only appeal to my boys but they are quality reading books. Even my younger boys who are not yet reading learn so much from them without even realizing it at times. I plan on using Sonlight's readers this year for all of my children and our infant son when he gets older as well. I have spent hours looking through different curriculum and have yet to find anything else that compares. Thank-you, Sonlight, for being able to capture the interest of three (soon to be four) very busy boys!

— **Krysta M** Andrews, TX



This summer our family had the opportunity of a lifetime. We took a road trip from West Texas all the way out to DC! Along the way, we stopped at many historical places and saw things that we had read about in the year come to life. The children had an opportunity to visit an 1850's homestead and see how the people lived and worked back then. They also got to dress up in the clothes for that time period. It made such an impression on them! Over the next two weeks, they visited several civil war battlefields, the Creation Museum, Amish country, DC and the Smoky Mountains. One of the things I never stopped hearing along the way were, "we've read about this before!" This coming school year, I'm sure I'll hear, "We've been there, mom! We saw that!" Your books are amazing year after year. Thanks for making my choice so easy--Sonlight books are unbeatable!

— **Krysta M** Andrews, TX





Our family loves the Sonlight Science Program. The curriculum is easy to understand and follow.

— **Laura M** Marco Island, FL



Sonlighters make the best friends! Anna and my best friend's daughter, Hannah, live hours apart, but when they get together they share their homeschool adventures with great enthusiasm. Their inexhaustive and creative play is sprinkled with historically accurate characters and events. Sonlight brings meaning to our daily lives as it teaches where our traditions, symbols and values emanate from. Holidays and other events have taken on richness and depth because of the people and places we have visited in the kaleidoscope of historically-based stories presented in Sonlight each year. We see and experience life more fully because of Sonlight! And that must please God. In this photo, Anna and Hannah are reenacting events after reading "The Thanksgiving Story" as two Indians invited by the Plymouth pilgrims to join in their feast of thanks to God.

— **Lauren M** Carmel, CA



Our family had an opportunity to live near Philadelphia for a month, from which we traveled to many of the sights we learned about in Sonlight 3, including Colonial Williamsburg, where Anna enjoyed dressing up in period clothes and interacting with the living history characters around town. Our Sonlight studies made this trip richly rewarding, as the books we read came alive! Now this is school!

— **Lauren M** Carmel, CA





Homeschooling an only child means that we have to work hard at making school interactive and fun. And Sonlight makes that possible for us through the vivid, historically accurate stories which Anna can "enter into" and then recreate in play. My daughter and I tagged along when my husband was offered a job near Philly for a month, so with great enthusiasm, we got to see many of the places which we had read about in Sonlight 3 & 4: Colonial Williamsburg, Mt Vernon, Wash DC, Jamestown, Philadelphia, revolutionary war battlefields, etc.

— **Lauren M** Carmel, CA



This was a wonderful time to "live" American history for 11 days in southern California, allowing all the characters we have read about in the Sonlight readers and read alouds to come alive and be a close part of what they experienced. It has been Sonlight that has inspired our love of history and love of learning.

— **Leeann M** Duncanville, TX



We were at an American Mountain Man rendezvous in southern California for 11 days...part of a living history program...the kids were inspired by Sonlight readers and we took a pile of books with us. Sonlight has changed the way the children see history ... it is the foundation of our homeschooling.

— **Leeann M** Duncanville, TX







We are living and reading American history at a rendezvous in southern California. this was part of our Sonlight American history school year, we lived pre 1840 for 11 days...the love of history was inspired by Sonlight and the awesome selections of books.

— **Leeann M** Duncanville, TX



Sonlight has developed a love of learning in all three of my children. As a speech-language pathologist, I was excited by the rich language and vocabulary each Core contains. Each of our kids absolutely relishes the Sonlight books. I'm personally excited to re-use our first Core this year for Faith and am blessed to watch her love of learning grow as richly as her brothers. Here, Jameson (11, Core F) teaches Faith (5, Core A) how to use The Timeline Book (#RR120) to track world history.

— **Lesley M** Argyle, TX



The Christian worldview of Sonlight brought me to this program. The authentic and compelling literature make it a pleasure and joy to use. We homeschool our six children (ages 2-15), and Sonlight has been the answer to prayer. All our children love to read and insist that we continue with Read-Alouds, even throughout summer break. The discussions that result from the materials are phenomenal. Whenever I have 'one of those days' where I wonder if I'm doing things right, I look at this picture and I'm reassured! Though 8-year-old Griffin was supposedly "just listening" to his older brothers' Core E history reading, he was so taken in that he promoted himself right into their Core. The M family has now homeschooled for four years and used Sonlight for three.

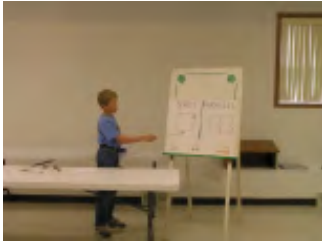
— **Leslie M** Westland, MI



I appreciate the library we have built over the years. There is always something good to read, without heading off to the town library. Sonlight has fueled my children's love of reading with quality literature. There is nothing quite like opening a box of school supplies from Sonlight. Everyone asks 'what books are mine?!' It is so easy to organize everything and takes very little time. Here, Kay (15) poses with her brand new Core 200 materials. She's used Sonlight for eight of her nine years of homeschooling.

— **Linda M** Whitewood, SD





James is presenting his 4-H Electric project demonstration using the information he learned about series and parallel circuits in TOPS 32-Electricity. He received a blue ribbon for his efforts. James and his younger brother John did the Science 4 curriculum last year and especially enjoyed the electricity book. I (mom) learned a lot too! My brother-in-law who is an electrician was quite impressed with the content and presentation of concepts in a very easy to grasp manner. I had as much fun learning about electricity as the boys. Sonlight's science program is so much more interesting and fun than another science curriculum I had tried which was basically just a textbook to read. Sonlight science is fun and hands on.

— **Linda M** Whitewood, SD



Kay, James, and John looking at bees during a field trip to a local beekeeper.

— **Linda M** Whitewood, SD



The ultimate field trip! James and his dad went to San Diego for a full day cruise (out at sea) on the USS Nimitz. They were the guests of a relative assigned to the Nimitz. They also toured the retired USS Midway and learned an amazing amount of information about aircraft carriers and jets. It was an incredible, once in a lifetime, trip for father and son. Seeing all the ships and aircraft sure helped the US history we had been studying in Core 4 come alive! We tried a different curriculum the first year we homeschooled. Once we tried Sonlight, we've never looked back! I'm not sure who is learning more--the parents or the kids! I don't remember ever hearing this much history in public school. The best part about buying all of these great books is that my kids will pick them up any time and read them over and over. I don't think that would happen with a textbook.

— **Linda M** Whitewood, SD



After using Sonlight since 1995, we've seen that the greatest benefit is the relationships we've built around great books. When Gerren decided to join the Air Force after graduation, we knew we'd all miss him. However, the relationship between Gerren and his youngest sister was especially strong. This picture shows that relationship. Thank you Sonlight, for giving us great stories to build a family history around! Here, Gerren (18) and Carys (7) connect at Gerren's graduation from the Air Force's Basic Training. Carys is using Core C this year; Gerren graduated last year after finishing Core 400.

— **Linda M** Ocala, FL





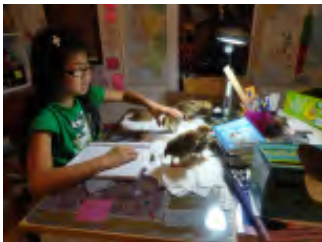
We are a Spanish-speaking family who sought all over for the best English education possible (and within our income) for our kids. When we divided the total spent for a year for two kids with Sonlight we realized it was only a fraction of what parents pay here for private schools! The books and materials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

— **Linda M** Lexington, KY



We love the ministry/spiritual emphasis Sonlight puts in its programs. The whole atmosphere in our home has changed dramatically! More than seven years ago, I felt led to quit a great job to be a stay-at-home mom. This curriculum plays such an important role. I especially love overhearing them during play, using names of the characters and parts of the world we've studied. Family members who were skeptical about homeschooling, which is so unusual in our country, are amazed at their skills and knowledge. I can't say enough about how much we love and believe in Sonlight! After just one year of Sonlight, Aline (6), Aslan (3) and Grace (7), along with Mom, are addicted to literature!

— **Linda M** Sturgis, MI



So far we have used up to Core 100. We have examined many curriculums over the years and have found that we just love using Sonlight! We adopted our 8th child and he is already loving the Core P3/4. He will bring me the books off of the shelf daily. Our youngest 3 children came to us not speaking english. We found right away that Sonlight was exactly what we needed, especially the Language Arts! I myself am in love with the read-alouds, as well as all of our children. (My husband reads them at night so he will not miss anything!) I believe that Sonlight has given our children a tremendous world view and compassion that they would not have experienced otherwise. Thank you and God Bless you.

— **Linda M** Weidman, MI



First year Sonlighters Jonah, Isaiah and Ella M. just can't wait for Mom to get back and continue read alouds. Jonah is studying Core 3, his siblings are in Core K. The M family has tried public, Christian and now, Sonlight. They are here to stay.

— **Lisa M** Germantown, WI



Handwriting Without Tears is a fabulous program. I have been amazed how much more confident my daughter is at writing within two short months. Not only did her handwriting improve but she grasped letters and numbers so much better! It is so well structured that your child learns so much in just a few short lessons. Isabella loves the colorful and fun workbook as well as the hands-on activities that come with it, such as the chalkboard and wood blocks. Four-year-old Isabella proudly displays her handiwork from the Handwriting Without Tears Package K (#HWK).

— **Lisa M** Little Elm, TX



We love Sonlight's Language Arts K program! It is more than just writing letters. It incorporates different hands-on activities as well as critical thinking exercises that have opened a new world for my daughter. She has come to love writing, learning about sentence structure, vowels and consonants, and pushing her writing creativity to new levels when creating her stories. Isabella's reading has also grown throughout the year as she started with book one of Fun Tales and moved through the entire series. In her second year of Sonlight, 5-year-old Isabella has fun with the vowel activity worksheets in Language Arts K. Here, she cuts and pastes the letters to see what words she can create next.

— **Lisa M** Little Elm, TX



The kids can't wait to 'do school!' I don't know why I thought this might end up costing more than I could afford. Everything is put together and organized better than I could have done in a million years and the kids have my time instead of my stress! Derek (17) is studying Core 100 while Jordan (6) and Rachel (4) are exploring Cores P4/5 and A in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Lois M** West Hazleton, PA



Allison is creating her toxic stress part of the experiment. We are doing this in the summer to give us more time to enjoy it. We get up each day and race to the classroom to check our progress and make our drawings. Even though she is the only one doing SL 3 we have many other plants sitting around so the others can participate too. Thanks you SL for allowing science to come alive.

— **Lora M** Holly Springs, NC







Sonlight Science has been so much fun! My children have enjoyed the wide variety of subjects and activities over the years. I have appreciated having the convenient science supply kits, and we all love the helpful, yet entertaining Discover & Do DVD's. In this photo Kristian, who is doing Science 7, wanted to help his sister Hannah with her Science 4 TOPS Electricity experiment. He had such a great time with this experiment when he did Science 4 that he wanted to do it again, except that he knew what was coming! Here they are waiting for the "Big Bang!"

— **Lorraine M**    Canada



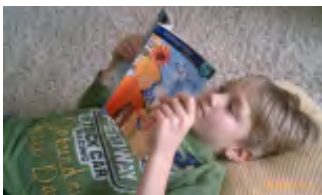
After homeschooling with Sonlight for over nine years, we are building quite an impressive library. 'Box Day' is always a big event at our house! We all wait in eager anticipation for the FedEx driver to arrive, and even have our own Box Day song and dance to do while waiting. Even though my children are getting too big to climb into the boxes they are never too big to climb into all the high quality books that come inside those boxes. Thanks Sonlight for our awesome library! Kristian (13) and Hannah (10) are studying Core F in their ninth year of Sonlight.

— **Lorraine M**    Canada



We love Sonlight because it is encouraging our girls to learn together, and learn from each other. As she masters phonics and early readers, my older daughter started giving her little sister "reading lessons" using her readers. At first I thought it was cute - but I soon found out that my youngest was learning quite a bit. Thanks to her sister, she has mastered all of her letters, and even some sight words, all before age 2 1/2. Sonlight lends itself to family learning, rather than each student doing their own, isolated learning. My girls are already picking up on that!

— **Lucy M**    Summerville, SC



Reading used to be an assignment, but now it is both a delight and a chosen activity thanks to Sonlight's age appropriate and engaging selections. The kitchen timer is no longer necessary as TJ will eagerly read beyond his requirement and for pure enjoyment.

— **Luke M**    Fairfield, IA



We have been missionaries in Africa for five years, and have come to appreciate the way Sonlight comes with everything we'll need for the year.

— **Lynn M**    Pensacola, FL



We truly appreciate Sonlight's focus on World History. 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.

— **Magdaline M** Porter, TX



Sonlight helps our children learn about far away places and the people that live there. It has opened our eyes and hearts to all the peoples of the world.

— **Manda M** Florissant, MO



Even though we will not be starting Core A until the fall, once our box containing our curriculum for next year arrived the map became a clear favorite. Anytime we read a story involving a foreign country we have to look it up on the map. It is amazing to me that my son, who just turned 5, can point out several African nations and find our home state on the map. One of the most important things to me in homeschooling is providing my children with a broader perspective of the world than what they would normally encounter. The excellent selections from Core P 4/5 last year definitely met my expectations and we are looking forward to learning even more on our adventure through Core A.

— **Mandy M** Waldorf, MD



We can always count on Sonlight to provide great literature. Our 6-year old taught himself to read by listening to our 8-year-old read his Language Arts 2 Readers and by listening to my husband and me read the Core B Read Alouds. This is only one reason we love Sonlight. My husband always looks forward to the next book that he gets to read to the boys in the evening. In their second year of homeschooling, Silas (6, Core B) and Josiah (4) gather around as Eli (8, Core B) begins one of his wonderful Readers.

— **Maribeth M** Troy, MT





Green Eggs and Ham... Even the Chickens stopped to listen. Reading Time is easy when your children love the books that Sonlight has chosen for them. Eli stopped in the middle of bike riding to start his new reader. He was supposed to take a whole week to read the book but he was too excited and read it all right then... to his brothers and the chickens! My boys love riding bikes, so I knew it was quite special when they were willing to stop right then and there to come read the new Read Aloud and to hear their brother read. My husband and I purchased Sonlight Core A and LA 1 for our oldest son, however we have been delighted to see our younger two boys listen in on almost every single book and participate in discussions. I am surprised at how much my 5 and 3 year old have learned this year! My boys and I know that every book will be great without a doubt. Thank You Sonlight for helping me to do my best job at teaching my boys!

— **Maribeth M** Troy, MT



After 12 years of homeschooling, and trying other curriculum choices, my family can safely say that Sonlight is our favorite hands down. The quality literature has provided amazing thought-provoking discussions with my children that we would not have had otherwise. Sonlight has taught them to think--really think--about issues, and to know and completely understand their own beliefs as well as the beliefs of others. Here, 14-year-old Hannah prepares to do an Apologia Chemistry experiment. She is using Core 300 in her fifth year of Sonlight.

— **Mark & Holly M** Holland, NY



Connection is the word that comes to mind when I think of Sonlight's literature-based curriculum. I think of family connections such as the one illustrated in this picture of my daughter (Olive), husband (Scott), and our kitty (Stanley Boots) bonding over a read-aloud; of the connections made while learning together and while sharing knowledge and experiences. I think of the constant connections we draw from our studies to our daily lives and of the connection to those who sacrificed to help make the life we lead possible such as our neighbor who fought in WWII. Mostly, I think of our connection to God. For Olive, I think of her growing connection to greatness. From the inspirational role models to the exquisitely written imagery, from the cohesiveness of the disciplines quilted into indelible and great stories to the simple story of one child overcoming, these will always be hers. We see the influences in Olive's choice of books, friends, subjects of her pretend-play and leisure-time interests, in the vocabulary gleaned from our studies that she tries on in her everyday speech, and in her future aspirations. Mostly, I think of her connection to God.

— **Mary M** Carlton, OR





Sonlight science curriculum provides the foundation and freedom for my daughter, Olive, to wander wherever the open, creative mind of a child can take her. The science experiments always lead her down a path of intriguing "what-ifs." In this picture, she's appeasing her curiosity about the properties of her electromagnet (her electromagnet took on pet-like qualities to her). The ultimate conclusion we continually draw from Sonlight science is how blessed we are to be a part of such an astounding universe. Connection is the word that comes to mind when I think of Sonlight's literature based curriculum. I think of family connections--of the connections made while learning together and while sharing knowledge and experiences. I think of the constant connections we draw from our studies to our daily lives and of the connection to those who sacrificed to help make the life we lead possible such as our neighbor who fought in WWII. Mostly, I think of our connection to God. For Olive, I think of her growing connection to greatness. From the inspirational role models to the exquisitely written imagery, from the cohesiveness of the disciplines quilted into indelible and great stories to the simple story of one child overcoming, these will always be hers. We see the influences in Olive's choice of books, friends, subjects of her pretend-play and leisure-time interests, in the vocabulary gleaned from our studies that she tries on in her everyday speech, and in her future aspirations. Mostly, I think of her connection to God.

— **Mary M** Carlton, OR



Maddison and Abby had just completed the India section in Eastern Hemisphere Core 5 and all of the girls had gone on a mission trip to New Delhi, India. Maddison and Abby made an Indian lunch of Indian Chicken, Naan (Indian bread) and other Indian foods. The girls were wearing traditional Indian clothing (saris). The lunch was a celebration of India and its people. It was definitely inspired by Sonlight, which teaches children history in a realistic and memorable way. It was so nice to be able to have my kids learning about the country that they were going to visit. P.S. Danielle Mills is a family friend and sister in Christ

— **Matt M** Cimarron, CO

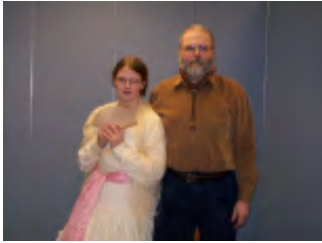


We had been praying for our oldest to be encouraged to enjoy reading. When we got our Sonlight books for this coming school year he started wanting to read on his own. In this photo the boys are reading their own copies of the same book, Caddyn helping his two year old brother.

— **Mckenzie M** Mckenna, WA







Homeschooling with Sonlight has done two great things for our family: it has made History come alive and has strengthened the relationships between family members.

— **Meghan M** Freeville, NY



Brianna, age 11, is posing here with a woman in authentic colonial dress at the 250th anniversary reenactment of the Siege of Fort Niagara (July 4-6, 2009). In the background is the French Castle, the main building of the fort and the oldest building on the Great Lakes. There were about 2300 reenactors at this huge event and it was an incredible way to experience "living history." Our family attended all 3 days of battles and other activities where we learned about the importance of the French and Indian war and about this strategic fort, which is located in NY state at the juncture of the Niagara River and Lake Ontario. Brianna loves history, especially American history; in fact, her favorite history book is The Landmark History of the American People from Cores 3 and 4. Sonlight has helped me love and appreciate American history as well -- a subject I really disliked in school. We especially like Sonlight's focus on the stories of the people who were a part of history. We will be starting our 10th year of homeschooling this fall, and we have only ever used Sonlight because it's such a perfect fit for our family. Brianna won't let me even think about using any other curriculum! -- and that's fine with me.

— **Meghan M** Freeville, NY



Sonlight has been a great way to teach multiple children at the same time. Through the years, because of the way Sonlight organizes subjects, I've been able to teach two children from the same Core or subject, lessening my teaching load. Our family has used Sonlight for almost 13 years and we appreciate the flexibility and the structure it provides. Many books have become family favorites and are often read again for fun. Sonlight shares responsible for our children's love of reading. Here, 14-year-old Hannah studies Core 100, as 17-year-old Madelaine studies Core 530.

— **Melissa M** Port Clinton, OH



After reading Detectives in Togas, my children absolutely insisted on touring this bathhouse when we visited Hot Springs, Arkansas. It turned out to be the perfect field trip to wrap up our Core 1 studies. The museum curator said that the water in this fountain took about 4,000 years to come down the mountain. What a journey from the times of the biblical patriarchs and the ancient Egyptians to our vacation! Thanks to the wonderful books that Sonlight uses, my husband Dave is able to pass on his love of history to Zac and Anna. Growing up I never knew history could be so fun! I'm getting an education right along with our kids.

— **Merry M** Freeport, IL



You can almost hear Mark Twain whispering in our daughter's ear here at the Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque, Iowa! With Sonlight, our children Zac and Anna get to experience all sorts of wonderful authors "coming to life." It's like having them in the room with us as we soak in the adventure of traveling around the world in Twenty-one Balloons or traveling back in time to lands with castles and Vikings. Dad joins in the fun too -- he doesn't want to miss out on the next chapter of our core 2 read-alouds! Thank you Sonlight for the wonderful books that make homeschooling a joy. You have truly blessed our family.

— **Merry M** Freeport, IL



Sonlight was an easy choice for our family. With kids who love art and history, the rich literature Sonlight offers allows the past to come alive for them. When our family learned we had the opportunity to tour Europe this summer, the kids immediately set to work on mapping out their "must see" destinations. Here are 3 of our children, Carrie (17), Caley (10), Chaya (6) and myself by The Louvre in Paris, France. We toured Denmark, Rome, and France over the course of a month. It was so rewarding to hear the kids sharing with one another what they learned through years of World History and Church History with Sonlight Core 1, Core 2, Core 6 and Core 200. The M family has home schooled for 14 years, with their oldest child beginning his second year of college, oldest daughter, Carrie, graduating this year with honors, Caley beginning Core 5 and Chaya's first year of Sonlight with Core 1.

— **Michael T. M** Orlando, FL



All my homeschooling fears were put to rest the day our first Core curriculum arrived.

— **Michelle M** Painted Post, NY



Before Sonlight, our children saw reading as a chore. Now they enjoy it so much they just can't seem to get enough!" After becoming mesmerized by the Mayan people through Sonlight, the M family visited the land of the Mayans in person. Michelle says, "It was such a pleasure to see the kids engaged in and desiring to learn more about the things they studied in their curriculum from Sonlight. The M family has homeschooled for six years, three with Sonlight. Eden (7) is studying Core D, Jacob (11) and Shobi (9) are sharing Core F, and Hannah (15) is studying Core 200.

— **Michelle M** Amherst, OH





"Would you eat them in a box?..." My son read that line from Green Eggs and Ham and then ran to get his box (just happens to be the Sonlight box) and jumped in to finish reading the book. He has never been that enthusiastic about reading before. Thanks Sonlight for the high quality reading material that just grabs my son's attention.

— **Michelle M**    Pembine, WI

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Sonlight has freed up my time and energy for teaching and parenting instead of spending all the time lesson planning and running for needed items. Thank you for helping my child love to learn again and making my life much easier.

— **Michelle M**    Pembine, WI

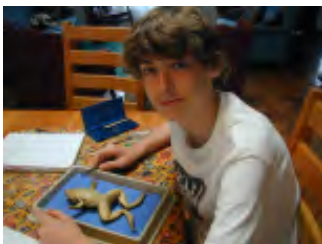
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Sonlight isn't a method or formula; it's a way of life, and a meaningful, colorful, memorable way at that. We always planned to homeschool and we value quality time with our children above all. Little did we know there was a curriculum that combined both! Thanks to Sonlight, reading is the heart of education in our home. The time spent together is icing on the cake. A friend who recently received her first Sonlight catalog in the mail asked, 'Could it be that easy?' Yes. Thanks, for helping me plan my days and for prompting me to do the important things, the things we will always cherish. In the family's third Sonlight year, Dad, Micah (6), Allison (4), and Noah (2) share a Core B Read-Aloud before bedtime.

— **Misty M**    West Monroe, LA

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The Apologia Science books are a great asset to the Sonlight program. Having a BS in Biology, I am critical of science programs but the Apologia Exploring Creation with Biology is fantastic. It is written in a user friendly, down to earth style but doesn't skimp on the level of academics. I wish I had the advantage of using a book like this while I was studying biology!

— **Nancy M**    Costa Rica

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In the photo above we were simply enjoying our reading time with the little ones when Kadin (9) snapped a picture of a typical morning in the Madgwick house. Over the past 7 years we have used Cores P4/5, A, B, F, G and H with our 5 children aged 4 - 15. It has been a fantastic journey and one from which Mom has learned so much too! My children love learning and have such a vast general knowledge and the most amazing writing abilities and for this I can only credit Sonlight. I love the fact that in seasons of stress - such as when I had 3 babies within 17 months - we can simply open the file and follow the guide. We first bought Sonlight for Kadin when he was 3 and have loved it ever since. As a remedial teacher I have been blown away by the LA and especially the creative writing activities. As the readers are living books, learning and reading is just a part of what we do and who we are. As the little ones get older I'm looking forward to the fact that I can school all 3 with one core and yet their maths and language can be staggered. As for the great readers they have resulted in a family of readers and books have simply become an extensions of my children's bodies! People are forever laughing at me when they hear me saying, "put that book down, Now." or "stop reading and get ready." They can't believe how while they are battling to get their children to read, I'm putting time limits on their time spent reading books!

— **Neil M** South Africa



Thank you Sonlight for helping a nervous mom succeed at homeschooling. I honestly wouldn't be able to do it by myself without the amazing laid-out plans and the awesome books choices. My children have developed such close relationships with each other since we started using Sonlight. They have become amazing readers who love to read and listen to stories. I cherish our Sonlight homeschooling time together and couldn't imagine it any other way! When Nichol started to read to Parker (3) by the lily pond, Jack (6), Grace (9) and Braden (2) all joined in to listen. They are using the Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package and Core B+C in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Nichol M** Warrenton, VA



Our 12-year-old has read more books this year than she did in eight years of public education, and she loves it. With one child (15) slowly giving up reading and another (12) never having an interest in reading we were skeptical, but Sonlight had a money back guarantee. Now, our 12-year-old's reading comprehension and love of reading increases by the minute. It keeps her interested in learning, focused on what's really happening around the world, and most important, keeps everything centered on God. The curriculum helps reinforce God's Word and put it into real life situations and circumstances the children can understand. In their first year of homeschooling, Ricky (15) is using Core 300 while Mia (12) studies Core F.

— **Nicholas M** Clermont , FL





When I look back at this picture I see the love and the companionship our children are able to share with each other. That's what I love MOST about Sonlight!! What a privilege to learn and share as a family! We enjoy spending a lot of quality time together, unlike so many families we know who aren't able to experience Sonlight. Here, our family, while studying Sonlight's Core 4 - US History program, took a 17-day, 7000 mile, trip across the United States. We saw parts of the Lewis and Clark Trail, and recognized each president at Mt. Rushmore. (I love that even my 3 year old can recognize a carving of Abraham Lincoln because of the books we've read in our Sonlight curriculum!) Here, the children pose in front of the Grand Teton Mountains in Wyoming while wearing their new Yellowstone National Park hats. Our older children adore their younger siblings and the feeling is mutual. Thank you, Sonlight, for helping our family to be the kind of family I always dreamed about!

— **Olivia M** Woodruff, SC



Thanks Sonlight for helping instill a love of learning in my children! I never cease to be amazed at all they are learning – much of it because they simply love to learn! At age 13, Nathan decided he would use what he had learned from his 8+ years studying Sonlight Science and History to dig his own 32-foot deep well in the back yard. After a few days of water boring with a garden hose hooked to metal and PVC piping, imagine our joy and surprise when he indeed hit water! Here, Nathan had installed his newly purchased hand pump and was overjoyed to show the well to Silas (2), Samuel (4), Isaiah (6), Elijah (7) and Eva (9). They're studying Core B, Core C, Core E and Core 200 in their ninth year of Sonlight.

— **Olivia M** Woodruff, SC



A benefit of Sonlight over my previous curriculum is that all the supplies are available for me. I no longer need to run around the house and look for items prior to beginning the lessons. I wanted to use Sonlight last year but the cost was a deterrent. I went with a lower cost curriculum that I felt would be simple enough for me to teach. Once the burn-out stage hit I found myself being less than motivated to complete the program and if Adam didn't want to 'do school,' I didn't push him to. In the two months that we have used Sonlight I have a new excitement for teaching, and Adam is enjoying the learning process. Here, the United States Puzzle was barely out of the Sonlight box when Adam (5, P4/5 Full-Grade program) started to work on it.

— **Paul M** Buhl, ID





I love Sonlight's style because it teaches our children HOW to think, not WHAT to think. Our children are all learning to read, research and evaluate whether or not information is true according to God's Word. Personally, I'm thankful for the classical type of education that is simple for me to use. It's all ready to go – everything I need for each day. Sonlight came highly recommended, and I've never regretted this decision! In her twelfth year of Sonlight, Rebecca (14) enjoys the A Child's Anthology of Poetry from Core 200.

— **Phil M**    Warsaw, OH

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Sonlight Science has been so fun! I like that the experiments are mostly simple and easy. If you have all the correct kits, then you have most of the materials on hand. In this photo, Dad helps Hannah learn about surface area and air resistance while Benjamin (bottom) tags along. They had a great time dropping things with and without parachutes to see how fast they would fall. Hannah (5) is using Core A as Benjamin (3) explores the Preschool Multi-Subject Package in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Rebecca M**    Gilbert, AZ

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We have only just begun our homeschool journey, but we love adding stickers to our timeline book and I can't wait for my children to start making the historical connections as we add more and more.

— **Rebecca M**    Gilbert, AZ

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"My children can't wait to do Sonlight each morning. 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) delightedly goes through the new box of curriculum for the year.

— **Rebecca M**    Baltimore, MD

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I am so excited to be using Sonlight Core B Curriculum this year with my children. The lesson plans are well planned out, so when our baby arrives in December, I will continue teaching stress free! I love the idea of a literature-based learning curriculum and giving my children a Christ-centered education. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Rebecca M** Thomaston, ME



The superior Sonlight science program has developed a deep interest in science for Josiah. Some of the experiments were so interesting that he would sometimes demonstrate these to the neighborhood kids. In this photo, Josiah is demonstrating the power that Baking Soda can generate to propel a water bottle equipped with wheels. The kids were thrilled with the demonstration and Josiah was happy to share his Sonlight education with his friends.

— **Rebecca M** Fayetteville, PA



Sonlight has brought out the joy we were lacking and a love for learning that even I, as the teacher, didn't know I had. My kids are readers so they love the books, (which is why I chose to try Sonlight in the first place) but their favorite subject is Science. They love that it's hands-on, and would do it all day if they could. In their second year of homeschooling with Sonlight, Sterling (12) and LaRue (10) share the 3rd Grade Full-Grade Package. This photo shows the two working on an experiment from Science D: Biology, Taxonomy, and Human Anatomy.

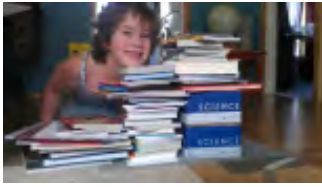
— **Rebekah M** Norton Shores , MI



We are doing what others said would never work: homeschooling high schoolers. 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.

— **Rene M** Montgomery, AL





After a couple of years of using workbooks, we finally made the leap to Sonlight. The day Rebekah's books arrived she carefully unpacked each one and stacked them up on the living room floor to pour over for hours. Now that we've been using the Sonlight curriculum for several months, I can safely say we'll be using it for the rest of her education! She loves it, and there isn't a day that goes by that I don't learn something as well! It's true...I wish I had been taught like this!

— **Ricki M** Ocean Shores, WA

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Our family moved to the Solomon Islands when our oldest son was 10, so as a new "MK" or "missionary kid," he had a lot of adjustments to make. One thing he grew to enjoy was village life--climbing trees, swimming in the ocean, canoeing, catching exotic creatures, and hiking in the jungle. So when I handed him the book, *It's a Jungle Out There* (Core 7), I knew he would love it. After giggling through most of the chapters, Matt, now age 12, turned to me and said, "Mom, I wish we had been missionaries in the Solomons when I was little. It would have been so cool to have grown up in the jungle just like Rani!!" Thanks, Sonlight, for including a missionary kid story in this Core. It really helped our kids feel proud to be MKs.

— **Robin M** Pe Ell, WA

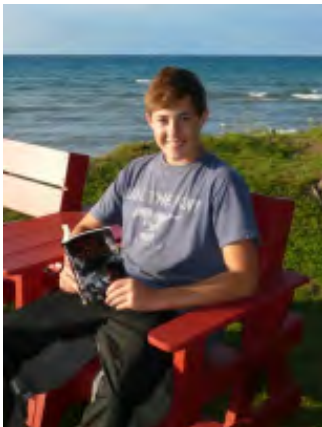
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When we first started Sonlight, we read and prayed through *From Araphesh to Zuni* the book of Bibleless peoples (now *From Akebu to Zapotec*)--little knowing then, that seven years later we would be living in the Solomon Islands serving Bibleless people with Wycliffe Bible Translators! We STILL love reading the missionary stories that Sonlight includes in every Core! When we took a short vacation to a nearby island, we grabbed the missionary biography of Cameron Townsend, Wycliffe's founder. As I was reading it aloud to my daughter, I was reminded again of God's faithfulness and his desire to see His Word in every language. I turned to my daughter and said, "This is how it all began...and why we are here in the Solomon Islands today!" Thanks, Sonlight, for including inspiring stories of men and women who were obedient to God's call.

— **Robin M** Pe Ell, WA

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We are pleased with the independence the Instructor's Guides give Skyler to work on his own. Sonlight books fill Skyler's voracious appetite for reading! There are enough award-winning, fascinating books to keep him happy, and that bring history alive for him, that he reads and re-reads books all year long. He loves to pack 'school' books for our family trips to read in the car or while we are relaxing, like here on the beach at Lake Superior. The only thing we are sorry about is that we didn't find Sonlight sooner! Fifteen-year-old Skyler is studying Core 100 in his eighth year of homeschooling and seventh year of Sonlight.

— **Rose M** Cambridge, WI





With Sonlight, my children are inspired to learn on their own! Aside from Sonlight's mapping exercises, we don't do any geography activities and I worried whether it was enough, seeing that we don't do every mapping exercise in the IG. In this picture, my eight-year old third-grader (James) is "checking the coordinates" (his own words) of a list of places in Writer's Inc., the English writing handbook. Later, he even asked me to dictate the longitude and latitude of arbitrary countries to give him a chance to pinpoint their positions and see if he got their names right. James and big brother Jonathan study Core G in our first year of using a complete Sonlight curriculum.

— **Rowena M** United Arab Emirates



Did we take Rosetta Stone on our holiday? Yes, we did. We decided as a family to learn Spanish and have loved how user-friendly the curriculum has been. Our family has been using Sonlight off and on for the past seven years. This year we have completely switched to Sonlight! We are so thankful to have the Instructor's Guides take us step-by-step each day through each subject. Thank you Sonlight for enabling us to learn together with a Biblical perspective. Chris (13), Jack (11), Samantha (9) and Sara (5) are using Cores H, B+C and A as little sister Katie (2) looks on. Here, they surround Dad at the cabin to learn some Spanish.

— **Sandee M** Canada



Our four children love to explore - anywhere! Here is a shot of our oldest and youngest running to the credit river to look for frogs. We are blessed to be able to read about God's amazing creation in the Sonlight science (that we all love so much!) and put it to practical use when we head on on adventures in our backyard or further. Thank you Sonlight for how you explore God's created world. You have enable us as parents to walk along side of them and learn with them too!

— **Sandee M** Canada



While we were on a short adventure I brought our Bible and journals. We sang memory verses we have learned from the Sing the Word series from Sonlight and we simply opened our Bibles and read a verse and copied it down together. Sonlight has been such a big part of our journey with Bible They have learned to sit quietly and calmly while we read our verse and pray as Sonlight has organized so diligently for us. I take this skill on the road with us - including our vacation. We love Sonlight and how you have given us tools to draw closer as a family.

— **Sandee M** Canada





Not only is this Dad a hockey coach, trampoline master and wrestling champ for his kids, Chris (8), Jack (6) [not shown Samantha (4) and Sara (6 mths) ] after all those crazy activities he takes time to be still and connect with them through reading to them all. Sonlight has done extensive research to find wonderful books that has saved us time and energy that we just have not had. Only in our second of homeschooling, this extra time allows us to get right into teaching and feel confident the right materials have been chosen and we can read/teach with ease. What a gift. The transition to homeschooling is always a journey, Sonlight has given us an edge!!

— **Sandee M**    Canada

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The stories we have read this year have taught our children so much about trusting in the faithfulness of God. While reading the finale of Sarah Whitcher's Story [from Core D] we had a holy moment of tears and thankfulness understanding so deeply how God carefully watches over each one of His children. We cannot say thank you enough for giving us the learning experience of a lifetime. The one thing my husband and I said in the midst of choosing a homeschool curriculum was, 'We just want our girls to love learning.' This is now a reality in their lives thanks to Sonlight! Here, Angel and Starr (both 8) do their Science together. They're using Core D in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Sandra M**    Fenton, MO

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Mom & Cole went on a field trip to the Cave of the Winds in Manitou Springs, Colorado. There we viewed Stalactites and Stalagmites & even got to see real bats! Since we started Sonlight, we rarely ever leave the house without a book. We have Sonlight books in my purse, in the glovebox, in every nightstand in the house. We have transformed the way that we view reading because of Sonlight!

— **Sara M**    Colorado Springs, CO

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When I first read the Sonlight forums and how kids would beg for one more chapter or to do school on the weekends, I didn't believe it. I do now. We have had many days where begging to do school is the norm. I know that with a love of learning she will be able to do anything she sets her mind to. I couldn't ask for more out of a homeschool curriculum. Not only is 5-year-old Valerie getting a great education ... so are her stuffed animals! Valerie is studying Core A in her third year of Sonlight.

— **Sara M**    Ekron, KY

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Sonlight's diverse and exceptional books have brought many far-off places right into our home, causing my daughter's imagination and creativity to come alive. I thought history was boring, until we started Sonlight; now it's our favorite subject. Using Sonlight makes us want to go out and explore the world. The books paint such a clear picture in our minds that everywhere we go becomes an educational experience. Plus, the Instructor's Guides are easy to follow, giving us more time for field trips and to just enjoy learning together. In her fifth Sonlight year, Valerie (7, Core B) likes to dress up when inspired by a favorite book.

— **Sara M**    Louisville, KY



Two-year-old Lilly thinks she is doing school along with the rest of us. One night, before bed, she wanted Abby to read her favorite, "Green Eggs and Ham" to her and the rest of the kids couldn't resist joining in. That is the beauty of homeschooling a big family with Sonlight! EVERYONE can do school! Why do we love Sonlight? Because of the BOOKS! We never need to force our children to read, because there is always interesting reading material available. Mom (Sarah) also loves that everything is all planned out. With seven children, I don't have time to start from scratch. The only downside to Sonlight? Not enough time in the day/week/year to cover everything -- especially when doing three Cores. But even that's OK, because whatever we get done is so thorough that we never feel like we are lacking anything. We will be doing our ninth Sonlight Core this fall and I only regret that there is only a few more Core levels left to buy!

— **Sarah M**    Three Rivers, MI



When three baby chicks arrived at our house, 6-year-old Elisabeth felt bad that they didn't have any toys to play with. So she decided to start a chick school and read to them from "Eggs and Chicks" from Science A. They perched very patiently on their desk to listen. Sonlight's science has inspired us to weigh and measure the chicks so we can chart their growth (we even used a Sonlight bag hanging from a spring scale to measure them). Sonlight has been such a perfect curriculum for our family. We're a family of readers, and the girls love being read to and love the Sonlight books. The readers have been a huge hit as well; my daughter keeps sneaking in at bedtime and taking them off the shelf, so I think she's read all of them without waiting for the schedule. She usually only wants to read mysteries, so I like how the variety of different types of books chosen as readers have broadened her choice of books. I can always tell she's been enjoying them because she wants to tell me the entire plot the next morning. As a military family, we've moved 6 times in the last 4 years. Homeschooling has allowed us to remain consistent in what we're studying despite frequent moves. Sonlight was our choice from the start, because as soon as I read a description of a literature-based curriculum, I knew that Sonlight really was the way I wished I'd been taught!

— **Sarah M**    Centreville, VA



In this photo, I see our children learning to enjoy books together! With Sonlight, we are able to learn alongside our children. Each day brings a new discovery! I especially enjoy watching our children get caught up in the Sonlight books we read. At the end of a lesson, they beg for more! And it's wonderful to know our Sonlight books will be used again and again -- by our two school-aged children as well as our two-year-old! Sonlight provides an excellent education that is easy and enjoyable for me, as a parent, to teach! I feel that God led us to Sonlight, and I am so very thankful! We all had an amazing first year and cannot wait to continue with our journey!

— **Shannon M**    Orlando, FL



I am so glad that we did American History with Sonlight. My daughter came to me and said she was so bummed that she only had one chapter left to read in her Om-Kas-Toe Sonlight book. She loved that book, along with many others. All four of us learned so much this past year. After a few years away from homeschooling, the M family jumped back in with Core D+E. Ellie (9) and her dog, Blitz, snuggle up on the couch to read the last chapter of Om-Kas-Toe.

— **Shannon M**    Brainerd , MN



Sonlight's Core A helped my children see God reflected in the world around us. We loved it all – great science books and experiments, moving missionary stories, entertaining story books that widened perspective, deeper understanding of God's word, and math and writing presented in a way that was fun, not frustrating. As a working mom I appreciate the Sonlight Instructor's Guide that allows me to spend my time enjoying the learning with my kids rather than planning. In her second year of Sonlight, Bailey (6) loved watching caterpillars turn into butterflies. But the most exciting part was setting them free!

— **Shannon M**    Ridgefield, WA







I love to see my kids and husband spending time together! Sonlight has allowed us to spend time as a family while also learning. When my husband travels for his job we are able to visit family and take our school work along with us. My 4 year old son loves looking at the books just as much as my 8 year old. They especially love learning about animals and science. I often catch them reading the "school" books when we are not doing school. Thank you Sonlight for allowing us to spend more time as a family while also learning!

— **Shelby M**     Decatur, GA

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With Sonlight we are truly making memories, not simply completing tasks. 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.

— **Shelby M**     Washington, IN

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I love the fact that I can open my Instructor's Guide after making my morning coffee, read the schedule and start school! Everything is laid out for me and as a busy mom of three, this saves my sanity and makes me excited to homeschool for the long haul. Luke loves Sonlight Science. Every week he asks when 'experiment day' will be. I wish you could have seen their expressions after the volcano erupted and the 'lava' was all over their faces. (I think I may have added too much dish soap!) Luke (6, Core B) and Grace (4) are pictured prior to the big eruption.

— **Shelley M**     Waterloo, IA

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My husband works rotating shifts in law enforcement. It's wonderful that we can adjust our schedule to meet his and enjoy learning and teaching together as a family! With Sonlight, we aren't confined to a classroom; we can venture out and learn firsthand, as we're doing here on the beach, learning about sea stars. Sonlight is an incredibly rich curriculum full of wonderful books that feed the mind as well as the soul. Homeschooled with Sonlight since kindergarten, Aurora (8) is using Core D, while Ama (3) enjoys Read-Aloud time.

— **Sherri M**     Juneau, AK

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Sonlight is an incredibly rich curriculum full of wonderful books that feed the mind as well as the soul. 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.

— **Sherri M** Juneau, AK

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Our family loves Sonlight. We love the wonderful literature that Sonlight has to offer. I have watched my children's vocabulary skills soar since starting Sonlight. They also seem to know so much about so many topics. It's great! We are excited to start our 3rd year using Sonlight. This year we look forward to exploring Cores F and 200! We will also continue exploring Core P3/4.

— **Shonda M** Baton Rouge, LA

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It is a blessing to have someone else select good books and create the questions and the curriculum. I am so glad that I went this route!

— **Susan M** Canada

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We love the quality and quantity time with the children that the curriculum encourages. This allows us to have incredible conversations with our children concerning their subject material and how it applies to them. We constantly have the opportunity to develop a Biblical Worldview and critical thinking skills. On top of this, Sonlight has a great support system. I remember one time in particular that I was feeling overwhelmed with tackling three Cores at the same time and was able to talk with a Sonlight Curriculum Advisor who was such an encouragement and urged me to 'not be weary in well doing.' We thank the Lord for Sonlight! Kyle (15), Leslie (12) and Skyler (9) laugh together with Dad while reading from Core 200. The M family is studying Core 200, Core G and Core D in their tenth year of Sonlight.

— **Susan M** Lawrenceville, GA

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Duncan's understanding of mathematical concepts far outpaces his age. He laughs and learns with MathTacular. Thanks for such a great product; I can't wait until the next volume is added!

— **Susan M** Chesapeake, VA



It has been a great blessing to be able to educate our kids at home. I've been using Sonlight curriculum for ten years. After all these years I still anticipate the delivery of that big box of books. With great excitement I assemble all of the instructors guilds and arrange all the kids books in the order that we'll be using them. It has always been wonderful to have each day and week already laid out, knowing exactly what needs to be accomplished each day. As my kids have gotten older, it has been easy for them to work independently using the Sonlight IG.

— **Susan M** Saint Cloud, MN



After having just finished Core 3/4 and core 100 this past year, we had a wonderful opportunity to spend 3 days sightseeing in Washington DC. 3 days is NOT enough; we could have spent a whole day in every museum that we went too! What was really wonderful was hearing my daughter exclaim, "I read about this in my history book," or "I saw this picture in my history book!" Touring the Holocaust, and Air and Space Museums made the history they had read come alive, and the Natural History museum helped us see up close and personal what a tremendous Creator we have! We also toured many of the monuments, spent time in Arlington National Cemetery and toured the Supreme Court and Library of Congress buildings. Thanks Sonlight, for building into my children a love of learning!

— **Tammy M** Waxhaw, NC



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

— **Tanya M** Singapore





We've been using Sonlight for 7 years and I am so grateful for how easy it's made my job as a homeschool mom. For the first few years of homeschooling, I put together my own curriculum. Once I switched to Sonlight, I couldn't believe how easy & convenient it was. I especially appreciate the science boxes with all the supplies included ... science experiments get accomplished in our homeschool! One of our favorite things about Sonlight is the read alouds, I'm still reading aloud to all my children every day after lunch. When our Sonlight arrives, I empty the boxes all over our dining room table and everyone begins to investigate the contents. We love Sonlight! Even our cat, Wedge, loves Sonlight!

— **Tanya M** Yorktown, VA



I prayed for a curriculum that was God-centered, economical and mom-friendly. Sonlight has given me the ability to teach my five children. Even in our busy and sometimes-chaotic days, we're always able to find a moment to share an inspirational story and bond as a family. My children get up in the morning excited about their schoolwork and have a passion for learning that's contagious. I love that I can just open a binder [Instructor's Guide] and I know what we have to do. God cares about the education of my children and has used Sonlight to achieve this. Now in their third Sonlight year, Faith (4), Tamar (6) and Natalie (6), pictured with visiting cousins, were studying Core B at the time of this outing.

— **Tehila M** Hollister, CA



Success! My second son and I worked on learning to read for quite a while. He knew how to decode the words, but those simple early readers I bought at other bookstores didn't interest him. Once we got the "I Can Read" series, he dove right in! He felt such pride reading his own "Chapter Books" and finishing a chapter each day. And the stories were entertaining! He couldn't wait to read on to see what would happen next. His big brother even enjoyed reading along too. I'd catch him listening and reading over his little brother's stories. And now they read together! I can't thank you enough for the "I Can Read" series. My daughter is looking forward to starting them next!

— **Tera M** Pleasanton, TX







We've tried other curriculum but our children remember so much more with Sonlight. Reading the history books and reinforcing with the literature selections is a winning combination. Thank you, Sonlight, for helping us bring to life for our children the story of this great country." Terri says, "Our trip to Washington DC was so much richer because of what the kids had learned in Core 100. Each monument we saw, our children were lending commentary. Taylor (15) smiles with her friend Cori (14) in front of Mount Vernon. Taylor is now studying Core 300 as her three younger siblings use Core H and Core B in their 6th year of Sonlight.

— **Terri M** Bokchito, OK

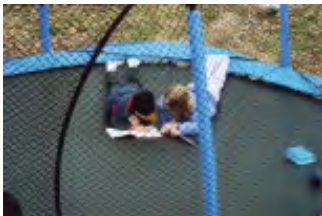
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Taylor and Jonah discovering geography. We had been using our markable map and really enjoying discovering where different places are located around the globe. So we decided we should make globes of our own. Here they are using paper mache' to create globes. Messy but fun. And they will never forget it. Sonlight makes schooling at home so easy and fun because it is so flexible. The instructor's guide is so organized and easy to understand it is simple to rearrange lessons to fit extra projects into our schedule.

— **Terri M** Bokchito, OK

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One of my favorite things about homeschooling: flexibility! I peeked out the window to find Taylor helping her brother with his math--I couldn't resist the picture. I love that the kids can spend time with each other and really form relationships. Since we started Sonlight our homeschooling experience has been so much more pleasant. The kids look forward to school time now and the time they spend together is so much richer!

— **Terri M** Bokchito, OK

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After our twin boys were born we had a struggle deciding whether or not we wanted to homeschool any more. Then we found Sonlight. Sonlight made everything so much easier than all the curricula we had tried before! Here Taylor is doing math in the living room while her brothers are playing around (and with)her. Homeschooling is good--and Sonlight makes it better!

— **Terri M** Bokchito, OK

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Caterina and Hope enjoy spending time together reading in the walnut tree in our front yard. Sonlight broadens our daughter's horizons. They develop through literature, which they love, a heart for others in the world beyond their community.

— **Theresa M** Elgin, SC

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We love the flexibility that homeschooling offers our family. Sonlight made it easy to choose our first year homeschooling curricula and offered wonderful assistance from their advisors [[www.sonlight.com/advisors](http://www.sonlight.com/advisors)]. We've had a wonderful experience! Our Sonlight curricula travels with us on most warm days, enjoying God's natural world while we learn. Here, Alexa (7) experiences a change of scenery as she completes a math lesson. In their first year of homeschooling, Alexa uses Core B with Language Arts 1 and Horizons Math 1.

— **Theresa M** Sheridan, WY

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After researching many, many curriculum packages, I finally decided on Sonlight, and could not be happier. We are studying Core B and Science A with my 6 year old son, but my younger son has learned so much as well. During dinner my four-year-old was mumbling something to himself. We asked him 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** Louisville, KY

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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. 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.

— **Traca M** Dublin, TX

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We are so thankful for Sonlight because it has encouraged and enabled us to build an amazing home library that we LOVE! It gives me great joy to watch the kids browse the shelves every day looking for treasures to read and re-read. Our friends know where to come when they need good books too! We cherish our book collection and look forward to adding to it each year. Here, 11-year-old Madison reads with their dog, Aslan. The four children of the M family have used Sonlight from the start.

— **Tracy M** Mesa, AZ

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In this photo, little brother Jonathan is doing what he does best - getting in on whatever is going on in our homeschool. Whether we are reading aloud, doing science experiments, or individual work, I love the way we can incorporate all ages of our children into our Sonlight studies. All the children feel a part of school even if they are just listening or being a "helper." Thanks to Sonlight I have learned to enjoy my time with our children while also giving them the gift of a great education! Aslan loves to be where ever we are when we read aloud our Sonlight curriculum! He is also a patient listener to whatever child wants to cuddle and read. We are so thankful for Sonlight because it has encouraged and enabled us to build an amazing home library that we LOVE! It gives me great joy to watch the kids browse the shelves everyday looking for treasures to read and re-read. Our friends know where to come when they need good books too! We cherish our book collection and look forward to adding to it each year.

— **Tracy M** Mesa, AZ

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One major reason our family homeschoools is so we might spend more time together as a family and so the children can build and strengthen their relationships with one another. Because Sonlight enables us to combine our children in the Cores and allow younger ones to listen in, we have shared many great moments as a family. There is nothing sweeter than seeing our children laugh together! Thank you Sonlight for creating a program that encourages "togetherness!" (I also have a whole series of pictures of the whispering preceding this photo that are very sweet)

— **Tracy M** Mesa, AZ

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We were reading "Living Long Ago" for the day and my daughter insisted we make beauty patches. We had a great time designing our patches and then making "glue" with simple flour and water - would it stick?? Yes! It DID! Mom had to get a patch and, of course, the two year old could not be left out on the action. Daddy was greeted at the door with gleeful girls wanting to show him what they had learned in school that day. Thank you Sonlight for making learning fun for me and my family! Would I enjoy moments like this with my daughters anywhere else?? I don't think so!

— **Tracy M** Cumming, GA

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We enjoyed a great field trip to Cagle's Dairy Farm in Hickory Flat, Georgia. Here the girls are feeding a baby calf some cabbage. Dad took the day off to enjoy a learning experience with his dear children. Before going, we read The Year on Maple Hill Farm from PreK along with some other library books. The girls were able to tell lots of things about cows and how it goes from dairy to store even before we went to the farm! Thank you Sonlight, for giving me the confidence to teach my children!

— **Tracy M** Cumming, GA

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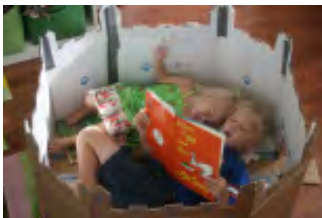
Sonlight books are such a wise investment, not only does Asher re-read his favorites but his younger siblings will read them also. Sonlight gives him freedom while getting an amazing education. I love that he isn't stuck inside at a desk all day. Reading excellent literature to him helps our relationship grow stronger every day. Sonlight gives our son a connection with history and helps him develop empathy for others. As he prepares to start Core F for his fourth year of Sonlight, Asher (9) re-reads an old favorite.

— **Tracy M**    Cameron , NC



My daughter's memory, attention span, and creativity have developed in leaps and bounds with Sonlight. I had homeschooled my older son for years and decided to try Sonlight with Betsy. I am so glad I did; she has blossomed this year! She often tells stories while she plays where she weaves elements of many different stories from her Sonlight books into one epic adventure. I love that my daughter's idea of school is two people cuddled together with a book. My children love learning with Sonlight and I love teaching them! Here, Betsy (5) plays school with Elijah (3). The family is using Core A and Core E in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Tracy M**    Cameron, NC



We are so excited to begin our first year homeschooling (after a year in the school system) so we have more time for moments like these. After helping their Papa build a castle out of our curriculum boxes, our four children have spent almost all their spare time reading and playing inside. What a blessing and privilege to be the one responsible for teaching and leading our children instead of sending them to someone else for the whole day. We can't wait to begin our homeschooling journey!

— **Trisha M**    Lakeland, FL







Our family was heading into the entrance to the Meramec caverns when I snapped this shot. I just caught a funny that our son was decked out in his boots, preparing to spelunk the inner dwellings of the hideout of Jesse and Frank James. How appropriate that he would have his boots! :) Sonlight! Where do we begin? When we switched from our boring, ole generic curriculum to Sonlight, a rainbow of opportunity emerged into our visual and mental horizon! We were hesitant, at first, because I had heard, "Oh, there's so much reading!", and "You won't want to do all of the reading, so some of the books won't even be used!". But, we embraced the challenge and have found it to be a worthy mountain to traverse, because the view up here is GREAT! We LOVE that there's a lot of choices to read, because that just gives the kids so many opportunities to reach into another world, culture, or history that they wouldn't otherwise tap into. The kids are more excited about Sonlight, than I've seen them about any curriculum, and I never have to remind them to start the next week's assignments! Like I said, it's a Keeper!

— **Ty M** Easton, KS



My parents-in-law are Mexican Indians and are accustomed to children going to school to learn to read and write. So they were quite dubious about our boys "not going to school" - until they stayed with us for six weeks. They were amazed when they realized that our boys read for their own enjoyment as well as for schoolwork. They were also very impressed when they saw that part of their grandson's schooling including memorizing Bible verses in both Spanish and English. They said, "Too bad all children can't learn Bible verses as part of their schoolwork!" Thanks, Sonlight, for incorporating memory verses into the curriculum and leaving it up to us to decide which version to use. I was dragged into homeschooling kicking and screaming; it was the best of the poor options we had for schooling our sons. Starting Sonlight in our fourth year of homeschooling, turned everything around for me. I had always read out-loud to the boys, but to have a curriculum-based on that was the end of my "civil war" about homeschooling them. Now I'm wondering how I can let them go off to college! Sonlight's format has made it easy for us to study Mexican history as we study American history. Thanks to Sonlight's thought-provoking comments and questions throughout the Instructor's Guides, we consider both sides when events include both countries. (For example: Who were the main supporters of the War with Mexico? -- the South so that slavery could be extended. How did Mexico see the war? -- as a plan for the U.S. to add more territory) As a result of Sonlight, our boys are much more aware of how nations grow and are shaped by events outside their own borders.

— **Valerie M** Mexico



When the public school teachers here were on strike for several months, my husband's niece and nephew and two neighbor girls joined us for half-days of math, Bible and a little science. Here five of the six kids are doing puzzles during recess.

— **Valerie M** Mexico





Even though our boys are two years apart in age as well as two school years apart, Sonlight allows us to do most of their schooling together. It makes for good discussions as well as good arguments and, most of all, a good, strong friendship. Here Mikey and Rusty are giving the "first handshake in space" in a student edition of NASA's glove box that they built. Their science fair project showed how and why astronauts use glove boxes on the Shuttle and in the Space Station.

— **Valerie M** Mexico



Homeschooling feeds creativity and Mike loves to find creative ways to "sit" while listening to the books we read out loud. Thanks to Sonlight's great books, we always have something to read, whether it's "schooltime" or not.

— **Valerie M** Mexico



My girls love to take books out into their clubhouse and search for things in nature to go with what they read ... if they are reading about plants they immediately stop what they are doing and run out to pick some flowers.. to really experience the book and what it has to offer. Homeschooling allows us to really stop and smell the flowers.

— **William M** Canandaigua, NY



With two older sisters, my 18 month old daughter has an early love for books. Thanks to Sonlight, she knows that books are supposed to be fun and she also knows that reading a book is about family togetherness and laughter. At age one she is already so eager to learn and to discover through books and almost always wants to be on someone's lap giggling and exploring through pictures.

— **William M** Canandaigua, NY



Because my kids love Sonlight books, they are so inspired to go and make things and paint things based on the stories that they learned. The become part of the books so much that they cant help but create other activities based on the exciting stories.

— **William M** Canandaigua, NY



One day it hit me that we weren't just 'doing school.' Sonlight is a part of training up our children in the way they should go. I was undecided about how to incorporate a second child into homeschooling, but Sonlight curriculum has proved to be flexible and has offered so many options and support. My daughters are close enough in age that this is their third Core together. I find it very easy to adjust the schedule and activities to their skill levels. Here, it's Box Day. We dug in to see our treasures and ended up thumbing through each book. In their second Sonlight year of study, Lucia (6) and Celaya (4) are using Core B.

— **Aida N** Hanford, CA



With Sonlight, school time becomes cuddle time, as we curl up with our favorite books. Sonlight makes our school time positive and enjoyable. Here, Alicia snuggles and learns with Emma (5), Claire (4 mos.) and James (3).

— **Alicia N** Fresno, CA



Sonlight makes it easy for the kids father to be involved in their education. School time is so much fun with Sonlight. Whether we are at home or on vacation, the books are great to pull out and read at any time.

— **Alicia N** Fresno , CA





I now have three very enthusiastic story writers, thanks to the creativity of the Language Arts Program. 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.

— **Amanda N** Swaziland

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As an ex-high school science teacher I am thrilled with the content and experiments in Science E. 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.

— **Amy N** Normal, IL

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Daniel and Elise love school, because of all the books they get to read. Sonlight's book selection is excellent. It brings the world to our doorstep one book at a time. Even though they differ in age by 18 months, our children have been able to study together and experience the same books which become part of our daily conversations. Our biggest problem is storage of all the great books we have become attached to and cannot bear to part with.

— **An N** Long Valley, NJ

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Julian would rather do math than play with his trains. As a full-time work at home Mom without a teaching degree, I don't have the time/energy to create lesson plans or the knowledge to know how much lesson is enough for my kid. Sonlight allowed me to just look at the schedule, pick up the book we need and enjoy the stories while cuddling with my son. The tips and the activities helps so much. Otherwise, I'd be like a blind in the dark.

— **Caroline N** Philippines

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Sonlight provides a venue for our family to talk & discuss many different things. One of the funnest & gratifying things is to watch our older children instructing our younger children. In this picture, our daughters wondered what the "pictures"" on the paper were. Charley took the time to explain, at a level our 6yo could understand what the circles w/ lines drawn through them were all about. It is totally amazing to see young girls wonder what geometric figures are, and for our son to be able to explain what he is doing in a way that they can understand. And, Charley was happy to say he found a couple of mistakes he found BEFORE he turned his test in! :) Not only does it instruct the younger kids, but shows how well our son understands his subject matter. What a blessing to be able to see these things daily.

— **Carolyn N** Oxford, NC

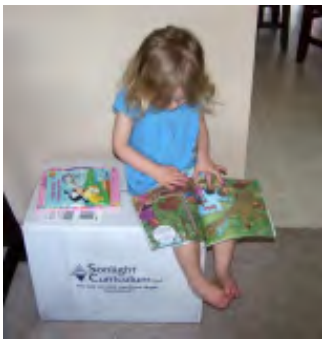
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No one but Sonlight offered a curriculum that gave such a wonderful overview of the Eastern Hemisphere countries and cultures! The books helped our children understand what they would experience before we went to South Africa for two months. Reading 'A Journey to Jo'burg' aloud on the porch of our house outside Jo'burg [Johannesburg] had an incredibly powerful impact and helped all of us (parents included) understand the depth of apartheid and the healing South Africa is going through. And as their father continues to travel the world with his job, our five kids have a window into those faraway places through the wonderful books in Core F. Thirteen-year-old William got a big special kiss during his family's adventure. This was their first year of Sonlight.

— **Catherine N** Aurora, IL

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After a stressful and demanding first year in which I pieced my own curriculum together, I finally have the confidence that we are giving our kids the education they need. We are already into Core B+C and enjoying all the memories Sonlight is bringing us (the kids think my attempt with foreign accents in Red Sails to Capri are hilarious). Thank you for bringing peace into our lives, Sonlight! Two-year-old Ellie explores her new Core P3/4 books as Claire (10) and Matthew (6) dive into Core B+C in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Cheri N** Jenison, MI

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I (Mom) do most of the schooling with Lydia and Silas. But Papa gets home from work sometimes right in the middle of something really good. He loves to jump in and take over, when he likes the story, (or if Mom has a sore throat!). All I have to do is give him the IG and the book and off we go!

— **Chris N** Hesston, KS



I love how easy it's been to teach my two older children with one Core. As part of their continued learning, they now help me teach their little sister. It's a beautiful thing! The kids love to read outdoors, even in trees. We got some small farm animals and pulled out a book from Science A to learn about chicks and eggs. It's fun to watch Corban coming full circle, reading books to Jeuel that I read to him when he started Sonlight at age 4. He's nostalgic about it, and she loves being included. The family has been Sonlighting for 6 years. Corban (10) and Jadon (8) are studying Core E, while Jeuel (3.5) is using Core A.

— **Christi N** Bremen , IN



My favorite part about Sonlight is watching my kids learn as though it's playtime. 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 kind of home schooling I could get excited about. It really is the way I wish I'd been taught! Christi loves that Sonlight allows her family to incorporate school work into family time. She says it's easy to get her husband to help with fun projects because it's fun for him, too. Here, Dad explores Science A with Corban (7) and Jadon (5) as baby Jeuel tags along for the ride. The family is studying Core B in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Christi N** Mishawaka, IN





Every year I get more attached to Sonlight and the freedom it gives me to adapt one Core to multiple children. I've been able to keep both boys in the same Core and adapt the Readers, Math, and Handwriting to their specific levels. Science is their FAVORITE! They really get into it with 'lab coats' and 'safety glasses.' It's a weight off my shoulders to know the lesson plans are already made and all I need is about an hour Sunday night to preview what's ahead. Corban (9), Jadon (7) and Jeuel (2) have been experimenting with Sonlight for three years. Here they're using the Science B kit to learn about magnets.

— **Christi N** Mishawaka, IN



Sonlight is the greatest! I always get curious about other programs, and think maybe I'm missing something, but then realize I'm getting the best of all of the other programs, using Sonlight! I think of it as the "up-to-date classical approach, with a missions-based heart." Sonlight will always be close to my heart.

— **Cindy N** Canon City, CO



It's amazing what Sonlight has done for our family! Though each child is studying his own Core, none ever wants to miss a good story or an exciting lesson, intended for them or not! This is especially true whenever our Sonlight Ultra Microscope is in use! Apologia Biology is definitely more exciting with an up close look at God's creation. Who could resist? Even a five year old "princess" takes time out to have a look! "Love To Learn" ---they really do!

— **Courtney N** Sanford , ME



From a tentative homeschool mom eight years ago, I am now the 'proud mama' of a high school graduate - who received an honors scholarship (two years, full tuition) from the local community college! Sonlight has enabled me to confidently homeschool my son. Through the years, while the literature guides provided me with academic support, the Sonlight forums gave me emotional support and the sense that 'I am not alone.' Most of all, Sonlight encouraged both of us to think - with our foundation firmly rooted in Christ -- and to enjoy our learning and growing together. Dawn stands proudly with her new graduate, Dean (19). They homeschooled from 5th-12th grade, all with Sonlight.

— **Dawn N** Western Springs, IL





This picture illustrates why we homeschool. The closeness my kids share--and their LOVE of books--is our testament to why we adore Sonlight. On one of our lazy mornings, my oldest daughter started to 'read' Green Eggs and Ham to her sister and brothers. Thanks for this sweet moment and MANY more to come! Kylie (5), Elise (4), Caden (2) and Gavin and Rylan (6 months) all squished together for this spontaneous "Sonlight Moment." They're using Core A and P3/4 in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Douglas N** Feeding Hills, MA

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Conor loved "The Great Dinosaur Mystery & The Bible." He dressed in character and presented what he learned at our local Homeschool Education Fair. He was thrilled to win 1st place for his passionate science entry.

— **Ellen N** Dakota Dunes, SD

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

— **Ginger N** Ferrum, VA

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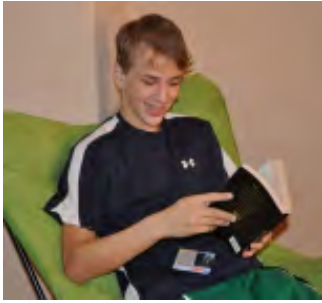


I can't think of a better fit for us than Sonlight. We have four people in our family born on three different continents and we love it that Sonlight has more than just U.S. history. Their multi cultural perspective and their focus on the Great Commission fit our family perfectly.

— **Hannah N** Hesston, KS

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Where do I start, except with a sincere thank you to Sonlight for giving us our son back. 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.

— **Heather N** Lake Worth, FL

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Karla and her brother were on a debate team this year. Doing the core 400, Civics and American History was an excellent background to have. They learned so much! With the large quantity of assignments, they have learned how important it is to plan their time carefully. We are confident with the kind of education they are getting, that they are being well prepared for college. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Helen N** Dallas, PA

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Thank you Sonlight for your Christmas book list of recommendations. Two years ago it was me, the mom, who got something from Sonlight for Christmas! "Nourishing Traditions" provided a whole new way to think about food as well as cook it! Every recipe I tried was absolutely fantastic, as well as healthy. I learned so much from that book! I feel as though I have come to know Sarita and John Holzmman and family through all their guides and notes in the curriculum. I trust their recommendations completely!

— **Helen N** Dallas, PA

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My daughter Joy likes to sing and dance to the educational music music selections that Sonlight incorporates into the History and science courses. The music and dance help her to learn the material so much better. It is wonderful how the Sonlight courses are designed for both right and left brained learning! This year I am using the language arts notes and assignments for year 4! I am so excited to have all these grammar tips and extras from Sonlight, as I use my own grammar book! Sonlight's extra creative writing assignments and dictations which come specifically from the readers my daughter is reading are fantastic! How I wish I had had Sonlight with me in previous years! Thank you! Thank you!

— **Helen N** Dallas, PA

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My children have always loved being read to. The only time I've been able to keep my 3 yr old still is when reading him a book. Here he is listening intently as Sissy is "reading" to him from Mother Goose. My children have been so excited as we received the books and have been begging to read them all! That is why I chose to go with Sonlight, It's Core being based around books that I know my kids will love to read! I knew that being homeschooled myself, I would have loved to have been taught with the books that Sonlight provides rather than some of the boring textbooks my mom used. I feel that my children are going to receive a rich literature filled education, and best of all great experience with their parents and a knowledge and love for their Savior Jesus Christ.

— **Jamie N** Shawnee, OK

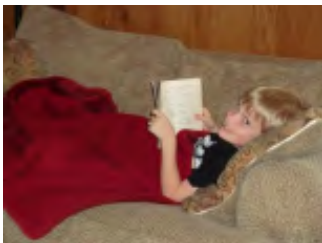
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Sonlight does the heavy lifting for the homeschool family. They select quality books and rigorous studies for children so that the homeschool mom and dad can concentrate on the delivery of the lessons and plan family adventures that serve as a capstone to the curriculum-based learning! In 2010, we took our family on a cross-country tour of twelve national parks and monuments. Sonlight augments this real-world learning with wholesome, quality curriculum grounded in sound educational principles. Here, Mom smiles with Owen, Grace Ann, and Ellen, who were 9, 7 and 4 at the time. They had just completed their Junior Ranger badges at Devil's Tower National Monument. The N family is now studying Core G and Core B.

— **Jason N** Alto, MI

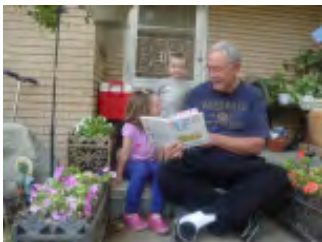
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Nap time for the little brothers means quality reading time for big brother Jake; and really now...who could pass up a big, comfy couch, a soft, snuggly blanket, and an enthralling page turner. Sonlight's readers wrinkle my son's brain the same way pool water prunes his grandfather when he falls asleep in the jacuzzi. From the prehistoric lavaflows of Lewis' Hill of Fire to the knightly chivalry of Bull's The Sword in the Tree, the smile on Jake's face when he's really into a book makes me want to sell the flat screen TV. But let's not get too crazy, it's hard to watch college football in a book.

— **Jennifer N** Tallahassee, FL

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We love Sonlight because Cordelia learns best by reading books that engage her imagination. Sonlight provides those in spades! We tried some other homeschooling methods between the Preschool and Pre-K curriculum, but she just became bored and uncooperative. Now she is loving school again, and learning more than ever!

— **Jennifer N** Ogallala, NE

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We did the lab work for Core 3's TOPS workbook during our summer vacation. The kids were so fascinated with the plants that they never realized they were doing "school" during "summer vacation." I honestly believe that Sonlight has sparked this enthusiasm for learning. How many other kids would wake up during summer vacation and rush to see how a science experiment is progressing?! Rather than using textbooks, Sonlight's science program uses living books and worthwhile experiments. In this photo, Kerry is still in her pajamas while she checks the progress of our plants. This is our fourth year of homeschooling and our fourth year of using Sonlight. Both Kerry and her older brother, Timmy, are learning so much by homeschooling with Sonlight. We appreciate the exposure to many cultures and the rich literary selection that Sonlight has to offer. Our favorite homeschooling moments are when we snuggle on the sofa and dip into one of Sonlight's read alouds.

— **Kelly N** Baltimore, MD



I have tried many curriculums and Sonlight is the only one that my children actually love to do. I have three favorite things about Sonlight: the top quality education, the love for learning and reading my children are gaining, and the beautiful memories we are making. I pieced together curriculum for years in order to achieve the same effect that I get with Sonlight. But by buying Sonlight I save myself time, money, and headaches, and my children still get the highest quality education. Here Dustin (9) re-reads a Core G favorite for the third time. He and Shyenne (11) are sharing the Core in their first year back with Sonlight.

— **Khristin N** Jones Creek, TX



This fall will be our 13th year using Sonlight. That should speak for itself. Kara has grown so much in her reading ability thanks to the many books in Sonlight. She and two other siblings have dyslexia, but with the many books they have listened to and read over the years, they all have a love of reading. They are not afraid to pick up any book and read. I think Sonlight has been instrumental in their development. It has been a great adventure. With three Sonlight graduates in college, Krista is now using Core 300 with Kara (14, pictured) and Siri (15); Core W with Emma (12) and Erika (10) and Core B with Lily (6, pictured).

— **Krista N** Stanfield, NC





We thoroughly enjoy home schooling because of Sonlight. The choices of books included are fantastic and everyone in my family benefits from it. My husband is from Thailand and right from the start there have been books with missionary stories from there. The kids' grandparents enjoy the reading too! Sonlight adds all the joy to home schooling that I have hoped for. I am confident my kids are getting a very full and rich education with Christ at the center. We are getting ready to start Core 1 and look forward to many more years with Sonlight. LeeAnna N. of New Hampshire

— **Leeanna N** New Boston, NH

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Our boys, Cason and Landon loved creating a castle out of their Sonlight box. They used it for all sorts of things but Landon loved it most for relaxing at break time. You might say he was "all in" for education. Sonlight has definitely drawn us closer as a family and caused all of my children to really take a vested interest in their education because they can't wait to read the next chapter and really learn all that they can about the story and it's surroundings.

— **Maryshannon N** Concord, NC

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We love Sonlight because it builds such a solid foundation for the love of learning.

— **Maryshannon N** Concord, NC

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Cason is taking time to add to the Bible story by reading from his real Bible to his little brother Landon. Cason has just taken off in his reading and is not afraid of any new word. Through games like alphabet bingo that Sonlight provides he has a great grasp on phonics. We love Sonlight because of the moments like this it has given us, stumbling on our children reading the Bible. What could be better?

— **Maryshannon N** Concord, NC

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How do I know my son is learning with Sonlight? His face lights up when he "teaches" his younger brother. The Fun Tales designed for Language Arts K certainly put a lot of fun into his learning, and he just couldn't wait to take a turn at teaching someone else how to read with them. Sonlight makes it easy for the children to learn together, and grow together. When choosing a curriculum, I wanted one that would strengthen us as a family. I certainly got that with Sonlight!

— **Melissa N** Chittenango, NY



Dear Sonlight, when you say "The way you wish you'd been taught," you sure are right! It took some time for me to convince Sawyer that he can read. I knew he could, but he tried hard to convince me otherwise. One day, I asked him why he did not want to read any book on his own. He replied, "Because I don't want you to stop reading to me!" Ah, well, thank you Sonlight for providing so many great read-alouds! I've since reassured Sawyer that we will continue to read together, and he now enjoys picking up the read-alouds from our previous Cores to read alone. Here he is reading Gooney Bird Greene, recalling the story that captured the attention of our whole family a year ago when we started Core B. 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** Chittenango, NY



After an exciting Box Day, we were eager to get started. Each Read-Aloud gave us an opportunity to share an adventure. Every science experiment performed in the kitchen or backyard brought life skills that couldn't be learned anywhere else. We added electives like logic, typing, baking, and juggling. What a wonderful year we had – learning and experiencing so much – together! In his first year of homeschool, Jacob (13) was excited to start Core W, Teaching Textbooks Math 7, Apologia's Exploring Creation with General Science, and Typing Instructor Platinum.

— **Michelle N** Northridge, CA



My daughter, Priscilla, was offering Mom a helping hand by holding her 2 month old brother while she read her book for school. He was so comfortable that he went right to sleep. Sonlight adds value to our lives because we LOVE the books and I am able to teach more than one child with one curriculum.

— **Parrish N** Hilton Head Island, SC





Wayne seems a little scared by the sights and foods of the very hungry caterpillar. Our family loves the Sonlight books. We always want to keep reading. We can't get enough.

— **Parrish N** Hilton Head Island, SC



The child with me in the hammock is the youngest of four. We have home schooled all four with Sonlight from kindergarten through 12th grade. The book we are reading does not happen to be a Sonlight curriculum book which is actually surprising since most of the books we read together are Sonlight books. There are a lot of reasons why we love Sonlight but I'll list just a few: as missionaries with little access to English books, Sonlight brought those books to us and enabled us to build our own children's library. Secondly, Sonlight made home schooling easy by making most of the choices for us based on a mutual philosophy of education and provided all the plans. I rarely ever had to plan for school each week. I just opened my notebook and the plans were there and the books on the shelf. Lastly and to us most importantly, Sonlight is a good company. We have only ever had fair dealings with Sonlight. You've given us unexpected gifts. There was a time when you refunded us for a mistake we had made and that forever sold me on Sonlight. I want to be associated with that kind of a company--one that demonstrates Christian values in business dealings.

— **Rhonda N** Forest, VA



Sonlight has been a blessing to us. We love having everything already mapped out for our day. Everything is so well thought out. We love it!

— **Robin N** Green Cove Springs, FL



My children have a love of reading that is incredible. Many books they only read once but Sonlight books are read over and over. Using Sonlight turned the spark they had into a flame. I am so thankful for this and for the time I have not had to spend hunting down books like Sonlight offers!

— **Ruby N** Bowdoin, ME





Moriah was working on her history one morning and Mallory was determined to hear the "Cookie story" (If You Give a Mouse a Cookie from 3/4). I came along after Moriah decided she just needed that snuggle time and was reading to her. Using Sonlight has been well worth the investment. By spending so much time together they have learned to take time out for others. They do not have that "pesky" little sister/brother syndrome but a sense that no matter how old or young a person is they are important.

— **Ruby N** Bowdoin, ME

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Anna enjoyed describing her cousin's dog. Sonlight writing programs help connect reading and history to language expression. They love writing this year! Anna was doing the pre-writing exercise to a description of a favorite pet. This was for Sonlight Language Arts Intermediate.

— **Ruth N** Reedley, CA

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We are blessed in that my husband travels extensively throughout the world for business. The freedom of home schooling allows Hannah, James, and I to accompany him often as we did this past year to San Antonio, Texas. Recalling our core 3/4 and 100 reading from the year before they were able to see the Alamo and finally understand what a price is paid for freedom. I love Sonlight because it prepares my children so well to understand their world. After reading the captivating stories from history and picturing what it must have been like in their minds they have some basis for comparing the real thing when they see it to what they thought it would be based on the Sonlight book they read. They can answer questions such as "Is it the same?", "How is it different?", and they often want to reread the stories after having seen the real place. They are not just sightseers when we travel but "light seers" gaining a deeper, truer and more meaningful experience because of the Sonlight readings.

— **Sandy N** Pittsburgh, PA

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When James was in public school he barely did any reading at all. He only read what he had to for school or when I told him to "go read a book." When I decided to home school him, our older child, Hannah, had already been homeschooled for a year using Sonlight. She was always an avid reader and so Sonlight was a perfect fit. However, I wondered if a non-reader would really like this curriculum. To be honest, I didn't think he would so it was with great reservation that I purchased Sonlight core 3/4 for him. Well, after two years of home schooling with Sonlight not only did it "work" for him but he is now a reader! The moment in this photo would not have been possible without Sonlight. The Sonlight curriculum has nurtured in him such a genuine love for books and learning that is truly exiting to observe. I can honestly tell anyone who asks that Sonlight WILL make a non-reader into a reader and thus will expand their future potential greatly. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Sandy N** Pittsburgh, PA



We LOVE Apologia science. It is rigorous without being boring and the labs make the learning come alive and cements the material in their minds. Here Hannah, 18 leads James, 15 through a dissection which she had completed a few years ago in Science 250 (Biology).

— **Sandy N** Pittsburgh, PA



All creatures, great and small! We are admiring the intricate detail of even such a small creature. My children, in fact our whole family have come to love Science with a new wonder and appreciation! We love to study all of God's amazing creation. Sonlight has given our whole family a wonder and appreciation for science! We love to study all of God's amazing creation.

— **Shari N** Mesquite, TX







Sonlight books have inspired much creative play in our household: the play structure in our backyard has been everything from a medieval castle to a keel boat on the Missouri river. As a mother of seven, I love that I can use one Core with several children. Sonlight enables me to enjoy learning with my children instead of spending lots of time planning. Everything is organized for me, so I can focus my energy on my children. It is economical, as well; since most of the material is not consumable, I can easily use it again with the younger children. Sonlight raises thought-provoking questions and has helped us learn to discuss important issues. I want my children to develop God's heart for the world and the ability to effectively engage the world for Christ. Sonlight's missionary stories and Biblical perspective reinforce this message. Sonlight LA has been great for us. Joanna is the fourth child in the Norwood family and the fourth to learn to read using Sonlight Language Arts. Since my degree is in Computer Science, I was a little nervous about teaching my first child to read. Sonlight LA K was just what I needed, including fun games, kinesthetic ideas, and instructions for Mom. We love the natural language approach, and all the children have devoured the terrific readers. Sonlight has helped us build a wonderful home library. Our oldest, age 9, has read and re-read nearly every book from our previous Sonlight cores. (We have a rule that the kids may not read ahead but may re-read books we have completed.) This is our fifth year home schooling, all of them with Sonlight. I am blessed to have found Sonlight at the beginning of our home schooling journey. I can't imagine home schooling without it. We are all learning and growing together, including Dad. Rob especially enjoys sharing in the homeschool experience through read alouds at bed time and having the kids meet him at the door shouting "Daddy, Daddy, guess what we learned today!"

— **Sherri N** Siloam Springs, AR



Rachel is using A Reason for Handwriting on her first day of school. I appreciate that Sonlight evaluates and recommends several handwriting programs, explaining their strengths and weaknesses, so that we could pick one that fits our students. Esther, 3, is already asking to do "school" where she can write letters and color the animals God created. Handwriting is one of the few consumables we use. I love that most of our Sonlight books are real books. Those on our bookshelves have been read over and over again. (We have a rule: you're not allowed to read a book until it's scheduled in school. But after that, you are welcome to read any previous books.) I frequently find our children reading books from previous years. We all enjoy them!

— **Sherri N** Siloam Springs, AR





Here, Daniel reads to Rachel and Joanna about trees and flowering plants. After enjoying several of Sonlight's science programs, Daniel has developed a love of science. This year, he's introducing Science K to his younger sisters. With the help of the Discover & Do DVD, he is able to walk them through the experiments as well. This will be our seventh year using Sonlight.

— **Sherri N** Siloam Springs, AR



Stephen weighs corn and beans using a balance scale he made while doing TOPS Corn and Beans, included in Science 3. We have really enjoyed the elementary science programs from Sonlight. (We've completed K-4 and are working on 5.) The spiral approach touches on lots of topics, and my kids seem to remember them when we encounter them again. The books are engaging, and the experiments reinforce the concepts. Sonlight makes it easy to keep up with the experiments: almost everything you wouldn't be able to find around the house is included in the supply kits. With the Discover and Do DVDs, the children can practically do the experiments themselves. My kids enjoy watching our "science videos" in the summer. Then, they beg to get out the supplies and do the experiments! The TOPS books do a great job of introducing the scientific method to children, especially making a hypothesis and recording observations. This will be our seventh year using Sonlight.

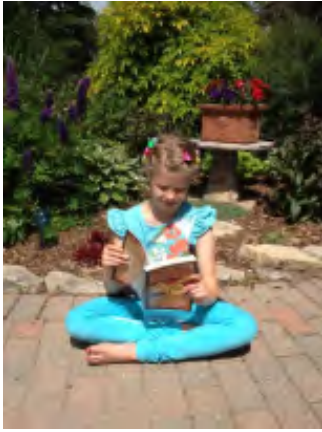
— **Sherri N** Siloam Springs, AR



Sonlight put the fun back in this homeschooling family. I was spending too much time putting together my own curriculum. I wanted a godly, literature-rich program for my daughter to enjoy. After receiving Core P4/5, I will never look elsewhere. I'm so excited to try Sonlight that I already color-coded the books and placed them on Sarah's shelf. After trying to homeschool all on my own, I'm thrilled to trust Sonlight to help us reach our homeschooling goals. Sarah (4) knew right where her family lives when she found a map in her new Sonlight book on her first Box Day!

— **Sonja N** Williamson, NY





We absolutely love using Sonlight. It provides us with everything we need to teach all of our subjects. Alyssa's favourite subject is reading and she re-reads all of the stories from the school year by herself--including the longer books that Mommy reads to her! Thank you, Sonlight, for choosing wonderful, interesting books that my daughter just can't put down!

— **Stacey N**    Canada



Sonlight has been a blessing to us. Gabrielle was excited to get all the books, and has to restrain herself from reading them all the first week. Science she was not as excited about until she got to do some of the experiments with bubbles and water. Here she was trying different things to see what would break the bubble, and was surprised to see that it didn't break. We have enjoyed using Sonlight and reading together, sometimes I can't read fast enough for Gabrielle and she asked to read it on her own. We are so thankful for the time to be together. Can't wait to order our next Core. Stacey N. of Colorado.

— **Stacey N**    Loveland, CO



(This is part 2 of our gravity experiment :)) Take a deep breath and dive in! That's how I felt about starting into Sonlight Science this year. I've always been confused about science, and have contented myself throughout life with glazing over the topic without really understanding. Thanks to Sonlight, I can't get away with passing on this bad habit to my children! The books are full of ideas that inspire them to try things out for themselves. The Discover and Do DVD is a wonderful guide for a science-reluctant mom like me, and the kids love to watch it just for fun. Even my four year-old will beg to watch it more than any other video. Here we have created a gravity-powered amusement park swing ( - those are raisin passengers on the paper-clip seats!) It entertained countless raisins as well as human onlookers, and I was overjoyed to hear her children explain the process clearly and confidently. Thanks, Sonlight, for enabling me to teach well, even outside of my areas of expertise!

— **Stephanie N**    China





I am so thankful that I never had to "force" my children to appreciate the gift of reading! Sonlight's great books make reading a pleasure, and learning an adventure. I share my daughter's enthusiasm every single time we start a new book, and we both enjoy reading to her little brother, who has become adept at sweetly begging, "please just one more?"

— **Stephanie N** China

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— **Stephanie N** China

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Tommy is so open to different cultures and learning experiences! Here he is making friends with an underground tomb statue at an ancient Chinese burial site. Living outside of our home country, our children see many of the different people and cultures we read about in Sonlight books. Sonlight "normalizes" our children's lives in a way that an America-based curriculum could not. I love that Sonlight reinforces what we strive to teach our children - that people all around the world are equally valuable in God's sight.

— **Stephanie N** Akron, OH

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We're new to homeschooling, and have loved having time together to dig into the exciting books in the Sonlight curriculum. We found out in a funny way how irresistible the stories are. While reading Johnny Tremain to our younger daughters, we sometimes heard creaking or rustling noises. One day we realized it was our teenage daughter who was sneaking into our read-aloud sessions by hanging out on the stairs nearby! Thanks, Sonlight, for connecting our family through engaging stories and learning materials. We love Sonlight! Here's what our middle daughter has to say: "Sonlight reading is fantastic! All the books are thrilling and exciting! I have had lots of fun reading them. I can't put them down. Or else I beg Mommy to read more. They are so good. The Sonlight Curriculum chose the books well. I love them!"

— **Suey N** Woodbridge, VA

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Sonlight has deepened our family's love of learning. As a result, we often use our weekend and holiday time to explore areas of interest in hands-on settings. Sonlight's American History courses truly awakened our girls' sense of adventure, discovery and patriotism.

— **Suey N** Woodbridge, VA

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We love Sonlight because it is opening up a world to our children that is as diverse as our family. 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.

— **Suzanna N** Ooltewah, TN

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We are currently living overseas where there is no international school for our children. We are so grateful for Sonlight as it offers us a chance to give our children a quality education. I am a mother and a missionary, so I am so thankful to have lessons planned ahead for me. Sonlight has given me confidence and JOY to teach my children. I love that I get to learn with them and that they are all developing the JOY of learning! We have been using Sonlight for 5 years and home-schooling for 7. This year we really enjoyed Core Eastern Hemisphere as we are currently missionaries living in Cambodia. Seen here is Abigail (11), Kayla (9), and Maria (7). Also seen here is our Cambodian friend who is learning English and also enjoys our reading times together.

— **Tabitha N** East Petersburg, PA



Our Bible lessons have educated both of us, and this past May, Landon and I were baptized. Reflecting on this year, I am in awe and couldn't be more thankful. Sonlight has been an integral part in God's plan for us, a painting more perfect than we could have ever pictured. Six-year-old Landon truly loved his first year of Sonlight with Core A. Tanya says he couldn't wait to start each day.

— **Tanya N** Glen Ellyn, IL



Sonlight's emphasis on studying the world – its cultures, people, history – instantly appealed to me. 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.

— **Tonya N** United Kingdom



Literature has always been very important to me, along with quality family time. Sonlight has mastered weaving these values together into a very cohesive and successful schooling method.

— **Amanda O** Sioux City, IA





Does Sonlight really develop a love for learning? You bet 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.

— **Angela O**    Canonsburg, PA

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We have spent the last year living and studying in China. Of course, we took Sonlight with us! How amazing to read about Father Matteo Ricci, Hudson Taylor, Eric Liddell, and Jean Fritz while living in the country they called home. Our expat experience brought life to Sonlight's books even as the books deepened our understanding of our adopted land. We love Sonlight's philosophy of learning through literature, and we plan to copy that philosophy as we take a deeper look at China's history, geography, and culture this next year. Thank you for teaching us how to learn!

— **Anne O**    Meadville, PA

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When we started using Sonlight 9 years ago, I had a feeling it would take us beyond our borders ~ and not just through the books. Sonlight's world-oriented curriculum helped prepare us for our current expatriate existence. We are Americans doing language study in China, and will soon be relocating to Canada to work among the immigrants there. Thank you for giving us the tools we need to help our children become knowledgeable and compassionate citizens of our world. And thank you for making it easy to do school anywhere!

— **Anne O**    Meadville, PA

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What could be better than spending a year in China and having your own cousin for a teacher while your parents attend language school? Thanks to Sonlight, I was able to hand my 20-year-old niece a list of good books to work through as she taught our 4 kids last year. She brought her own strengths to the table, and received from Sonlight a positive introduction to homeschooling. Our kids gained the incomparable experience of bonding with their cousin through great books. Thanks for giving us the best of ALL worlds!

— **Anne O**    Meadville, PA

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

— **Ariele O** Tucson, AZ



The Draw Today program from Sonlight really works. Nathan had no artistic abilities before using this program. He spends hours drawing with it because he enjoys it so much. Electives like Draw Today just add more fun and variety to the basic subjects. Here, 14-year-old Nathan is displaying his drawing in an art contest. He's studying Core W in his third year of Sonlight and tenth year of homeschooling.

— **Audrey O** Ocala, FL



Sonlight has brought us wonderful books that our family loves to read. Here, Daddy reads to Paul Lawrence (6), Harrison (4), Benjamin (2), Lauren (11 months), Samuel (9) and Tempe (7) from *The Wheel on the School*, one of our favorite books. When something is lost at our home (an everyday occurrence), we quote from this book as we search for it: "look where [a wheel] could be and where one couldn't possibly be."

Sonlight, thank you for providing our family with so many fascinating books to nourish our minds and inspire our hearts.

— **Cortney O** Guymon, OK



I have structure and direction with Sonlight, so we capitalize on every learning moment. I often get pressured about my choice to homeschool. Thanks to Sonlight, I'm confident that I'm doing the right thing for my girls. I'm learning how to teach as well, which helps melt away the frustration and allows me to be a great teacher and mom. Through Sonlight, I've learned a better approach to phonics, and it has made a world of difference. What I love most is that I don't have to force my kids to learn. Hannah (5, Kindergarten Multi-Subject) and Gracie (2, Preschool Multi-Subject) love learning their letters and words outdoors.

— **Erin O** Amelia Court House, VA



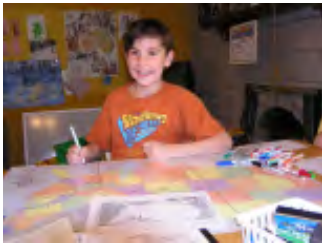




Emily just can't get enough of her Sonlight books!! She asks several times a day for me or her sisters to "PLEASE READ!" them to her! She always goes to her "Sonlight shelf" first to choose a book. We are so excited to be in our first year of Sonlight - one high schooler, one elementary, and one preschooler! Thank you Sonlight for making our job so much easier, and for helping us enjoy these precious years together!

— **Heather O** Abingdon, MD

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'Sorry Mom, I read two chapters more than you assigned me.' I often hear from her 10-year-old son, Paul. Sonlight Readers and Read-Alouds have opened up a whole new world of fiction and history for my very analytical son. I like the strong historical fiction as a window into how people thought, felt, lived and loved in the past. History is so much more than dates and battles! Paul, who claims his Sonlight books are just too good to put down, enjoys marking the places on the map where those books take him. He's studying Core E in his fifth year of homeschooling and first year of Sonlight.

— **Jackie O** Tucson, AZ

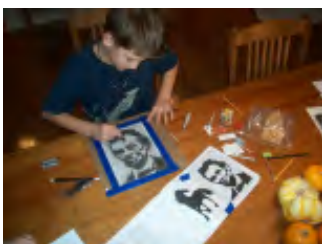
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We're really IN to Sonlight. I love the reliability of Sonlight. I know that I can trust that the books they feature and the way the books are grouped will not only educate my children, but will delight us all.

— **Jalynn O** San Marcos, TX

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As a busy parent, the thing I enjoy most about Sonlight is the research work they have already put forth to select the best books and the best elective programs available. A couple of years ago, I set out on my own to search for an elective program and found that I wasted a lot of time when I should have trusted the suggestions that are already made within the Sonlight catalogue. This catalogue is like gold and is usually very tattered by the time the new one comes out.

— **Jalynn O** San Marcos, TX

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After I look through the Core packages that I need for my kids, I enjoy finding out what other good resources Sonlight has to offer to enrich their studies. Here Ty enjoys practicing multiplication facts with Flashmaster. It's been a hit with all my kids and so easy to use.

— **Jalynn O** San Marcos, TX

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I am so thankful that Sonlight is encouraging a culture of reading and enjoying literature in our family! It's the best way to learn. My children are becoming avid readers with good taste in literature. And I enjoy teaching them more every year. We have homeschooled for 6 years, all of them with Sonlight, and we wouldn't trade it for anything. Here, Cara (12), Vicki (10), Jonathan (8) and Julia (6) eagerly dive into their new Sonlight books. They're studying Core C and Core G this year.

— **Jennifer O** Silver Springs, FL

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As soon as our Core 2 Sonlight box shipped, we followed the tracking information and watched it day-by-day on our map of the United States. The kids were SO excited the entire day on the day it was to arrive at our door. When the shipment came they were literally squealing with excitement. After the joyful unpacking of the box, they were given 30 minutes to peruse it's contents.

— **Jennifer O** Dallas, OR

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I am thrilled that Sonlight has so many Biblical teaching tools available. Incorporating the Bible into our everyday routine was a must. I feel so blessed to have quality time with my children. Even our 20-month-old, Sophia, loves to listen to the Read-Alouds. Homeschooling with Sonlight has been a wonderful experience! In their first year of Sonlight, Chance (8) and Hunter (6) share Core C and Science C. Here, they soak up real-world learning as they examine caterpillars making cocoons.

— **Jennifer O** El Paso, TX

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

— **Jessica O** Moorpark, CA

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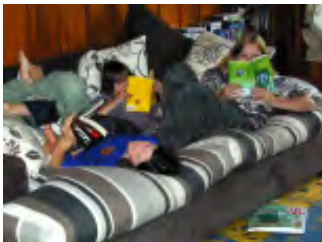
The material that Sonlight brings together is rich and diverse enough to appeal to many personalities and preferences. My husband and I joke that either of our kids would make the perfect 'only' child, as they have strong personalities and the sibling bickering can be maddening! But oddly enough, there are never issues at school. When we read together, ask questions together and experiment together, the atmosphere is enthusiastic and harmonious. When one child is bored or struggling, the other instantly becomes an enthusiastic cheerleader or patient helper. Our bonds strengthen with each lesson. In the family's fifth Sonlight year, Caleb (7) and Charlotte (5) are using Cores C and A. Chayim (9 mos.) is eating a Nerf dart.

— **Josephine O**    Scottsbluff, NE



With Sonlight, our home schooling has been a journey of learning and love--love for our Creator, one another, and His creation Sonlight has allowed our family to home school with confidence. Sonlight has given us a high quality and easy to use curriculum that has allowed our children all the advantages of home schooling with all the preparation needed to successfully follow their dreams as young adults.

— **Kammy O**    Manchester , MI



This is me, my brother and sister, all reading on the homeschool sofa. I'm the upside down one reading "The Wolves of Willoughby Chase." Its a brilliant book! Emily is 17 and she's reading the "Just So Stories" again. Jonty is 10 and he's got "Viking Adventure." Sonlight stuff is amazing! When Jonty came out of school a year ago he couldn't even read properly and we all thought read-alouds were babyish. Now Dad reads to Jonty, Mum reads to me and Emily reads to all of us! She's the best at it. She does voices for all the people and makes us laugh so hard we die! She never used to do that. Mum says since we started Sonlight we don't read books, we gobble them! By Rowan, aged 15. Just to make things clear ... this is mum, Katie, talking, not Rowan, Emily attends a Waldorf school, however, she afterschools using Rowan's materials and is using Apologia Biology at home to supplement her school course. She also reads to her siblings as Rowan made clear! I showed the kids the picture, and asked Rowan and Jonty to tell us what sort of a difference Sonlight had made in their lives, the bit at the top was Rowans reply.

— **Katie O**    New Zealand





It's not just for "school time." Sonlight books are enjoyed, anytime, around here! We love reading in the evening, outside. Sonlight books bring the family closer together...literally!

— **Keri O**    Satellite Beach, FL



Aunt Kalli reads the Real Mother Goose to her new homeschooled nephew Austin. My children were thrilled to find out that their little nephew (my oldest daughter's son) would be homeschooled too! When my oldest daughter expressed interest in homeschooling my grandson! I was delighted! I knew just what to get them started with... Sonlight! Sonlight makes it easy for a first-timer! I know my daughter won't be overwhelmed with planning and choosing. I ordered Sonlight P4/5 for her, pronto! Sonlight has added value to my life, because nothing pleases me more than seeing my grown daughter homeschooling her own child. And Sonlight makes it all seem doable, when you are new to homeschooling.

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— **Keri O**    Satellite Beach, FL



Forget dry history textbooks. History comes alive for my three children with Sonlight's selection of wonderful books.

— **Khara O**    Moore, OK







Teaching my children about the Lord is the most important responsibility I have. Sonlight curriculum promotes itself as mission based, and I can confirm that in fact it is. The daily Bible readings, devotions, Scripture memory, and learning about unreached people groups all work to reinforce the theology we invest in our children at other times. I am amazed at the consistency of spiritual concepts taught and how they weave throughout other subjects. This picture has brought tears to my eyes several times today. It is a privilege to hear my children pray for the Hindu's.

— **Kitty O** Centerton, AR



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

— **Laura O** Pearl City, HI



"Read one more chapter! Pleeeeease?" "Please... One more chapter!!" My girls may occasionally complain about handwriting or math, but NEVER about their reading or read alouds! They frequently beg me to read more than the allotted section for the day, and sometimes I just can't help but comply. I want to read on too, which is how we ended up reading well over half the book *Detectives in Togas* in one sitting! One of the things that first drew me to Sonlight was the wonderful literature-rich curriculum. The books found in Sonlight's curriculum engage the students and help the subjects come alive! Many of them have become family favorites. My three daughters are using three different cores. We start our school day, however, by sitting down and reading everyone's read-alouds for the day all at once. I learned that if I didn't do this, whichever other two girls doing independent work couldn't concentrate on their studies, because they wanted to listen to their sister's book! The older children get excited when we get to books they recognize. "I remember this one!" or "I loved that book" are frequent exclamations around here. I love that Sonlight's curriculum is so flexible. Once I choose what core I want my daughter to study, I can then choose all the other subjects to go with it according to her individual strengths and weaknesses. Grade levels become less important and I can tailor a program specific to each child's needs. It's one of the excellent benefits to homeschooling in general and to the Sonlight program!

— **Laura O** Pearland, TX





Sonlight is not just our curriculum, it's our connection as a family. This was our first year with Sonlight, and let me just say, we LOVE it! Since our children are close in age, it has been such a blessing to combine them into the same Core. It has been so much fun to watch the close bond develop between them over the past year. With quality pieces of literature, the stories come to life! These shared experiences have developed a love of learning that will last a lifetime. And for that, my heart is thankful. Here, they share a favorite book (The Lion Storyteller Bedtime Book, from P4/5) at a favorite park. What better way to spend a summer evening?

— **Leslie O** Noblesville, IN



It's July and school is at least 6 weeks away in my mind but today Emily decided she wanted to start school. Since our Cores are kept right on our bookshelves it was easy to say "yes" and get right to it. Emily worked on her EHE while Micah browsed his much loved Science books. The two little ones love to color and just plain hang out with us. Sonlight makes it easy for us to just pick up the books and start learning.

— **Matthew O** Pine City, MN



We love the freedom that home schooling gives us. We were able to take a short term mission trip to the Philippines and take our son, Josiah, with us. Sonlight provides so many amazing books- we read on the plane, in the airports, under coconut trees (well, not quite UNDER them!), on jeepneys, in huts. This summer Josiah keeps telling me he misses me, and that even though we are right there together, he feels lonely for me. I realized what he is missing is our time, snuggled together by the hour, READING! Thanks, Sonlight, for giving our family amazing QUALITY time together.

— **Melody O** Shelton, WA



We love Sonlight's emphasis on world missions and raising up disciples to all nations. When asked what their favorite part of homeschooling is, the kids both agreed it's being able to start their school day with Bible reading and prayer. How awesome is that? In their second year of Sonlight, Jeremiah (10) and Anna (8) are sharing Core D and Science D. Here, they enjoy some hands-on science as they take apart the blender to determine what kind of motor it uses and how it works.

— **Merilea O** Mahtowa, MN





Whenever any child in our family has a fun, out of the ordinary, project assigned to them, all the children put down their school work and join in on the action. Even though the frog dissection was part of my 10th graders Apologia Biology assignment, they all were able to participate and learn about one of God's creations. That is what I love about Sonlight, many ages can learn together. Even Dad can get involved!

— **Michelle O** New Harmony, UT



Kaity has developed a love for reading using the Sonlight readers..... in our Family, when someone says they cannot put a book down, it must be a Sonlight book.... and that is absolutely true.... thank you for taking the time to choose quality books that anyone of any age could enjoy..... a love for reading has made our home school journey a joy, thank you Sonlight for placing that in our kids lives early on..... we love Sonlight read alouds, and readers..... always have, always will.... thank you!

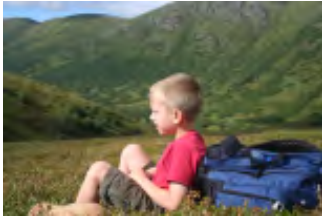
— **Sandra O** Honolulu, HI



"Sarahi has a little dog, a little dog, a little dog. He follows her to school each day, school each day....." Each morning when we go into the homeschooling room, our dog, Jack, follows us. He stays there until we finish school. He usually sleeps under the desk or art easel. This day, he wanted to get in Sarahi's lap, and while she read, he laid his head on her shoulder. We think he likes homeschooling as much as we do! We are missionaries serving in Mexico, and our daughter, Sarahi, is Mexican. We adopted her when she was 4 years old. She attended a Mexican Montessori school from Kindergarten through 3rd grade. English was part of the curriculum, but was very basic. Even though she speaks English very well, she was weak in reading and writing. So, I decided to start with the Core 1+2 with 2A readers. She had struggled with Math, so I chose Singapore Math-Level 2. In addition, with the help of an Exceptional Children's teacher in the U.S., I found out that Sarahi is a VSL (Visual Spatial Learner). Homeschooling and Sonlight proved to be just what she needed! The flexibility of Sonlight curriculum choices enabled me to put together the package she needed. She literally thrived when given the opportunity to use her creative abilities, and being able to spend more time on certain subjects she was interested in. When we studied Egypt, the pyramids and King Tut, she almost became obsessed with it. She went on the internet to research more, and even made the King Tut mask out of modeling clay, using the image in The Usborne Book of World History as a model.

— **Shelia O** Greenville, SC





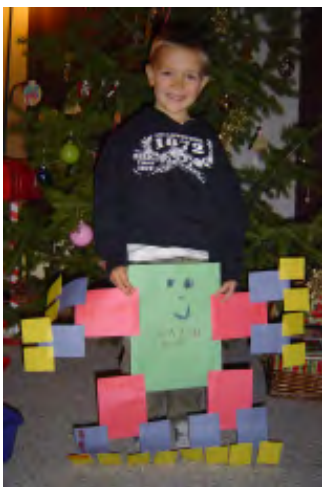
Michael, my 7-year old son caught in a blissful, relaxed moment high above tree-line in the Chugach Mountains of Alaska. It's an unusual school room, but one that he's taken to readily enough. Bliss for Michael doesn't come easily. He has speech and language delays. He had been in a conventional classroom for several years when it became apparent his learning style (and speed) were vastly different than his classmates. Since we started home schooling with Sonlight, our son has blossomed. Michael loves the Sonlight curriculum, he enjoys learning at a pace suited to him. He is a new boy, calm and more self-assured. As his teacher and Mom, I appreciate Sonlight, too. My time spent schooling Michael and his younger brother, Ian, is a joy. Our decision to home school our struggling learner was absolutely the best thing we could have done. I encourage anyone with a child who struggles in a conventional classroom to consider home schooling with Sonlight. The curriculum is engaging, thoughtful and easy-to-use. Thank you, Sonlight, for blissful moments!

— **Susan O** Eagle River, AK



Our first year of homeschooling my son didn't enjoy the readers we were using, therefore I wasn't enjoying them either. We switched to the Sonlight readers and he fell in love with reading and the other boys have followed suit. We grow in our comprehension from the questions in the instructor guide and the maps that are included have enhanced their learning and the love for Geography. They love to find the places they are reading about in their books.

— **Tracie O** Romeoville, IL



We love the hands-on activities in the curriculum! Aaron is always eager and excited to work on projects like this 'gallon guy.' What a great way to learn his measurements. These suggested assignments are fun and memorable for him and I love them because they are educational too. For a kid who is naturally discouraged and says 'I can't do it,' Sonlight has grown Aaron's confidence in himself to a point where he says 'I did it!' Sonlight takes Aaron on the steps that he needs in order to become successful. I already know what a success he is, but now he does too! Five-year-old Aaron poses here with "gallon guy," one of the suggested hands-on activities in Science A. Aaron is in his first year of Sonlight.

— **Trish O** Missoula, MT







Wanting to homeschool our son but not having any idea where to start, we jumped into the Sonlight Newcomer K. With one easy order we had everything we needed for a wonderful year of learning and fun!

— **Trish O** Missoula, MT



My children are close friends. I credit part of their relationship to the lifestyle we are able to have with Sonlight. They live and they learn together. Lanee' is just getting started but she is able to be with her big brothers during the school day. That's invaluable to us.

— **Vickie O** Newburgh, IN



Remember when we read about....?! Is a common statement in our home. Sonlight has gifted our entire family with a wonderful foundation of learning that we will be able to build on in the years to come! I am so grateful to Sonlight for providing a program where we can all learn actively together and our family can build priceless memories! Our newest addition, Natalie, was born during the past school year. Although it was challenging, using Sonlight's lesson plans I was still able to fully enjoy learning along with the children. What a true blessing and I can't thank Sonlight enough for our wonderful year!

— **60 Canting Dr P** Canada



Sonlight gives us many opportunities in which even the little ones, who aren't officially 'doing school,' can participate. I love nothing more than seeing all my children huddled together learning! Sonlight has especially given my kids a love of literature. My husband and I are both huge readers and that is something we always wanted to pass on. Sonlight's selection of great literature has done that. Our daughter has read so many books that I never would have thought to give her, and then she has been spurred on to read even more. In their third Sonlight year, Madison (9), Alex (6) and Andrew (3) are studying Core C. Here, they complete a successful Science C experiment.

— **Alaine P** Georgetown, ME



Life in the Fast Lane Sky, who loves being with her pony when school work is done, also manages to combine the two on occasion. Here Sky is caught with one of her Readers reclining on her pony, Lassie, as she grazes at our home in Pleasant Valley, Geraldine, New Zealand. We have just this year started our journey with Sonlight and the children are loving the fabulous reading material. I am loving not having to spend hours searching for good books to read to the children. Our homeschool has become more relaxed and literature full. Sonlight learning fits into our lifestyle and gets learning out into the fresh air.

— **Alison Kay P**    New Zealand



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— **Alison Kay P**    New Zealand



I am so pleased that we chose Sonlight for preschool. Kids are small for such a short time. We make wonderful memories as we learn and explore. Living in Alaska, the cold winter days can get long. It was so nice to have creative ideas that correlated with the books we were reading. I love the relaxed check box approach of the teacher's guide in Core P34. After reading "The Gingerbread Man" in Core P34, Adeline (3) and her mom decided to act out the story and create their own gingerbread house and men. After their first year of Sonlight, they are eager to start Core P45

— **Alyssa P**    Bethel, AK





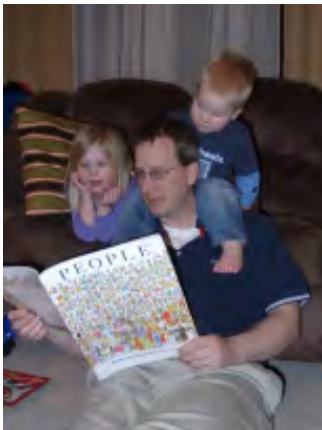
Grandpa Denny had planned a halibut fishing trip for the 4 cousins (ages 3 to 13), before we drove to the docks, Adeline asked if she could take her Horizon's math book with her and reading book, THE BOXCAR KIDS. I consented, thinking that the books would remain in the backpack. While waiting for their turn to pull in a fish the girls got out the math workbook. Soon the 3 oldest cousins were all talking about math and numbers- lures and weights were being used as manipulatives. Before I knew it, 5 lessons had been done and Grandpa was calling for someone to reel in a fish. What could be better a sunny day, family, fishing and math. I love it that we can turn any situation into a learning experience. I love that Adeline is discovering how to love learning where ever she is. As mom, I love that the instructor guides are so comprehensive. It makes my job alittle less daunting. Thank you Sonlight for helping me teach my kids to love learning.

— **Alyssa P** Bethel, AK



Core A was truly a survey of world cultures and history. My kids often talked about different times and had pretend play that mimicked what they were learning about. I am very glad that we chose Sonlight since it is very complete and well organized. We are in the first few weeks of Core B now and Core P4/5 for the second time. Thank you Sonlight for making my job a little easier. While studying the medieval time period last year in Core A, Alyssa thought it'd be fun to make a castle cake. Adeline (5) and Andrew (3) were adamant that it needed a moat, flags and a draw bridge. Here, they happily apply (and eat) the frosting.

— **Alyssa P** Bethel, AK



Thanks Sonlight for a great first year of homeschooling! The schedule is very convenient and 'open and go.'

— **Amy P** Graham, NC





Drake, a new homeschooler who loved his first year of homeschooling, knew what it was like to receive boxes full of books just waiting to be read. This time around, Ava got to join in the fun too! The kids had been waiting as patiently as they could for the few days it takes to receive Sonlight packages. Once they arrived we (including mom and dad) could hardly contain ourselves! With scissors and keys in hand, we were able to pause briefly to capture the excitement.

— **Andi P** Freeport, IL

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One of the things our family loves about Sonlight is that when an 'aha moment' of excitement strikes, we don't have to rush on to the next thing. We take our time and enjoy the learning experience for as long as they're excited about the subject. We then move on, knowing the next 'aha' is just around the corner, waiting in the next book! After reading Michelangelo during our study of Core C, Intro to World History, the girls decided they'd like to experience first-hand what it was like to paint on the ceiling of the Sistine chapel. They painted diligently for four days straight! Sarah (11), Maya (9) and brother Benjamin (8) have been studying with Sonlight since kindergarten and have now moved on to American History with Core D.

— **Annette P** Del Rio, TX

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As a busy mom of three, I adore the Full-Grade Packages and the Instructor Guides/lesson plans. I appreciate all the work Sonlight has put into these because it makes it so easy to teach for a full year and have everything I need in one place. Sonlight has truly helped us build a strong family bond. I have seen my two boys learning and growing together. We love Sonlight and recommend it to anyone looking for homeschooling materials! Jarrett (7, 1st Grade Full-Grade Package) and Micah (4, Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package) are caring siblings. In their third year of homeschooling, the boys love to do their lessons at the beach.

— **Becky P** Lusby, MD

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We really treasure these times together! We are privileged to talk to our kids about what we believe, to help them to get to know our Father better and in doing so we can all grow together!

— **Belinda P** Mozambique





Our dad is an important part in our homeschool! We love using Sonlight and as in this photo, if mom has to do some language learning dad fills in without any problems! Thank you Sonlight for all the hard work!

— **Belinda P**    Mozambique



We are missionaries working in Mozambique. While praying through the A-Z people groups I could see my boys realize just how big the need in the world is. Today the eldest prayed that God will use us here to reach people who do not have the Bible in their own language! Thank you Sonlight!

— **Belinda P**    Mozambique



I had felt the stress the previous school year trying to do it ourselves. It was a constant struggle with worrying whether or not I was covering everything, were they learning, and are they even enjoying this? This year we chose Sonlight and when it arrived we knew it was a blessing. Everything we needed was there and we knew this year would be different. No worries, just be together and let the learning happen.

— **Billy Jean P**    Mannsville, NY



My daughter assigned her little brother some "homework" to read. Johnathan loves this book and had no complaints. He is our helper at 3 years old, but very much enjoys his time with the Sonlight curriculum. His love for learning has started all ready, thanks to Sonlight.

— **Billy Jean P**    Mannsville, NY



This is what it is all about. Being together, learning, making memories, watching them grow. Sonlight is a blessing. If I could have one wish, it would be for all children to be able to experience being homeschooled with Sonlight. These moments last beyond the lesson, they are for life. Thank you so much Sonlight.

— **Billy Jean P**    Mannsville, NY





My husband and I want our children to grow up knowing that learning is a lifelong adventure that takes place wherever you happen to be. Learning is a privilege of life. Sonlight and it's interesting and relevant literature is a wonderful tool to that end. Our daughter loves learning from the books so much she takes them to the park to enjoy on the swings. What a blessing!

— **Bobbi P** Abilene, TX

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The look in our daughters' eyes is pure wonder and excitement – and that look is the very thing that has caused us to fall in love with homeschooling. This is our first year using Sonlight. Going into this year, I wanted to try homeschooling, but I wasn't confident and I wasn't sure that we would continue. The memories and the love of learning that we are developing through using Sonlight are wonderful. I owe a big thanks to Sonlight for giving me the confidence to try homeschooling! Here, Naomi (2), Aryonna (4), and Sylvia (4) show their exuberance for science as they complete an experiment. In their first year of homeschooling, the P family is using the Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package with Grade K Readers and Language Arts K.

— **Brian P** Overland Park , KS

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Sometimes my oldest daughter is so enthused when she learns something new, she can't wait to share it with her sisters. Sonlights unique blend of both literature and hands- on learning for the science has made school such a pleasure for my children.

— **Brinlee P** Tremont, IL

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Throughout the years we've enjoyed the different science labs that Sonlight has offered, from the hands-on and well-explained TOPS books to Apologia. Rachel's favorite part of science is the labs. She wants to be a marine biologist when she grows up, and I'm sure the interesting way in which science is presented helped to nurture her enthusiasm for science. We started using Sonlight back when my oldest daughter (now a college graduate) was in second grade. I'm glad I found Sonlight all those years ago. Here, Rachel (13) enjoys the "plastic rock" lab in Science 150.

— **Carol P** Cave Creek , AZ

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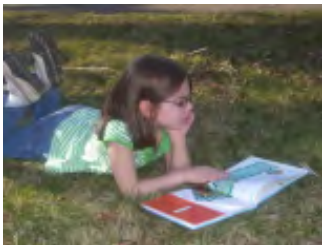
We deeply value that Sonlight allows both parents to be involved in teaching. It's just as easy for Dad to come home and read as it is for Mom to incorporate a book into the 'school day. The world is our classroom, and Sonlight is our ship! We're not bound by schedules or testing requirements or any of the trappings of traditional schooling. We can easily explore concepts we've read about in our Sonlight books. Having such freedom to educate our children when, where and how we want is a treasure! Reading about frogs is nice; exploring a real frog habitat is exciting and enduring. In their first Sonlight year, Ellison (2) is using P3/4 while Kelton (5) studies Core A.

— **Cassey P** New Albany, IN



Every day when I pull out Language Arts K to do with my 5-year-old, my 4- and 3-year-olds come running, begging to do the lessons as well. This program is truly among the best out there.

— **Cat P** Newark, OH



Melissa is a reluctant learner, and struggles in everything academic. She never has enjoyed books and reading or being read to, and resists learning to read. As a desperate attempt to rekindle that spark that I knew was always there, we bought core P3/4 for her. On the day it arrived, her face lit up when we got home from school and she saw all the books. She immediately dug into the pile, looking at the pictures in each book, until I told her to put the books down and go ride her bike in the driveway. A bit later, I went out to check on her and I saw that she had snuck out *The Flip Flap Body Book* and was flopped out on the grass under a tree, looking at it. Thanks to Sonlight, that spark is a raging flame in her eyes, and she has spent every free moment since looking at our new books and even trying to read some of it.

— **Cat P** Newark, OH



When we bought core P3/4, we were trying to spark the interest of our 5 year old. We succeeded in that, but also got our youngest interested at just 18 months old. She spends a large portion of the day looking through the P3/4 books we got, and has already chosen the Bible storybook and Richard Scarry book as her favorites. We chose Sonlight initially because of the great books 2 years ago with our oldest in preschool, and we will never go away from Sonlight after the recent responses to the newest core P3/4 being added to our home library.

— **Cat P** Newark, OH





Sonlight has made homeschooling doable for me! It is put together so well and my kids love it! I was not sure I wanted to pay so much but we have found that it was well worth the investment and it has paid for itself in my children's love to learn! I am so glad that we chose Sonlight...it has made my life so easy with homeschooling 3 kiddos and a 4 week old!

— **Catherine P** Parker, CO

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Before the older kids had to grab moments with their baby sister. But now, because of the well structured lesson plans and instruction guides, time with the family has become more prominent. The older children are bonding with this little one and we are capturing more moments of pure joy than ever before.

— **Chantal P** South Africa

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I used to spend many nights fearing the future. Sonlight has removed that fear and replaced it with joy and excitement for the future. In a short time [after starting Sonlight], we learned how user-friendly it really was. For a large busy family, this was perfect. But then after two years, I decided to put my own curriculum together. After a season of 'doing it myself' I begged Sonlight to take me back! Being out there on my own made no sense when Sonlight had already done all the research I needed and had the best books and the best system around. My kids all cheered when the boxes of Sonlight books started showing up again! In their eighth year homeschooling, the P family (of 14!) enjoys the close bonds that have formed through learning and growing together with Sonlight.

— **Cheryl P** Jupiter , FL

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We have been using and loving Sonlight for our older child for 3 years, so when our sweet 3 year old started begging for more 'school' we ordered her P3/4. Box Day is a very exciting tradition in our home now for both children. I love the ease of use, the gentle structure, and the meaningful, rich selection of books. And the excitement of it all seems to help us break all the rules and jump right up on the table! We can't wait to start our new year with P4/5 and Core F! Thank you, Sonlight!

— **Christina P** Troutville , VA

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Homeschooling with Sonlight this year has given our family the academic foundation and flexibility to make history come alive for our children. After studying the Ancients with our children last year through Sonlight, we took an extended trip to Greece and experienced many of the birthplaces of Ancient Greece, from the Minoans and Mycenaeans through the Golden Age of Greece. Instead of seeing history as a dry series of names and dates, Sonlight taught our children the story of history and kindled within them a fire for learning and experiencing history. In this photo, the P family, including Lauren (9, Core D+E), Joshua (7, Core D+E) and Naomi (3, Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package), admire the Parthenon in Athens, Greece.

— **Christine P** Chicago, IL

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My husband and I appreciate Sonlight's commitment to providing a curriculum with a biblical world view. In this photo we took our kids to this 99-acre field. We loaded the kids and the couch into the Suburban and headed towards the 99-acres of land God has recently allowed our church to purchase. (Side note: They call it the "airplane couch." It got its name years ago because of the funny way the arm rests flopped over like airplane wings.) Away from the city life, we plopped Airplane Couch down in the middle of the field and immediately "took off" on an adventure around the world visiting many precious people groups who are desperate to receive God's Word in their own language. Immediately following each "brief visit" with these people groups Jonah, 7 and Ella Grace, 4 1/2 would pray for God to make a way for the people to have the Bible in their own language.

— **Christy P** Chesapeake, VA

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When we first started Sonlight, my son said, 'Those Sonlight people pick out the best books!' I have to agree.

— **Cindi P** Alvaton, KY

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I value the homeschool helps and podcasts available on the Sonlight website, with tips about teaching babies and toddlers. They're such an encouragement and blessing! As a mother of four, I love that Sonlight encourages us to learn together as a family, including even the very youngest members. Sonlight makes learning so easy that we can take our learning anywhere – even the front porch! The easy-to-follow Instructor's Guide and ready-to-use Science Supply Kit can quickly turn an ordinary morning into an exciting and memorable learning experience the whole family can enjoy. Here, Quinlan (6) and Emerlyn (3) observe the results of an experiment. Along with Jaden (10) and Maelynne (2), the family is in their third Sonlight year.

— **Cindy P** Canada

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I appreciate Sonlight's emphasis on spending time in daily Bible reading and scripture memory with my children. Cindy loves the natural opportunities to build family memories such as this one, where 7-year-old Quinlan shares a Bible story with his baby sister.

— **Cindy P** Canada

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We have homeschooled with Sonlight for 4 years now! What an exciting journey it has been so far. I can honestly say that we have no regrets about that decision, and we feel that our money has been well spent. The investment we have made has helped to instill a love of learning in our whole family. It is a gift that will pay dividends throughout our children's lifetime. Sonlight makes it so easy to make the most of those 'teachable moments' with our children. It brings a world of learning right to our home with the flexibility to take it wherever we go. We have come to trust that Sonlight offers us only 'the best of the best' materials and we have not been disappointed! Our home library makes even my public school teacher friends envious. Real books have given our children with so many wonderful opportunities and experiences for Christ-centred learning that they would not otherwise have had. Sonlight has been a blessing to our family in so many ways. Many people have asked me how we are able to cover all that we do for school (including the extras), and I simply answer 'Sonlight!' I love the peace of mind that the schedule and lessons have been so thoughtfully prepared, and that I can teach with confidence from very thorough Instructor's Guides while relaxing and enjoying the precious time I have been given with my children. I appreciate very much the support and encouragement I receive from The Beam newsletter, and the Sonlight Forums. It is like having a mentor alongside me each step of the way. I am so glad that we decided to use Sonlight early on, rather than so many others that I have heard that would choose Sonlight 'if they could do it all over again'. I would not hesitate to recommend Sonlight to my friends - when you have joy like this in homeschooling, you just can't help but want to share it with others!

— **Cindy P** Canada

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We were fortunate to be able to visit England this summer and tour Castle Bodiam. We were all excited to find a castle that still had its moat. Our children are growing up overseas, which gives us the opportunity to visit and see so many exciting places that we wouldn't be able to visit otherwise. We were able to talk about all the things we had learned about castles and knights in Core C as we walked around. I know my children are getting a rich education, learning about so many different cultures, some of which we actually get a chance to see firsthand. Thank you Sonlight for focusing on the places that aren't across the world for our family but right next door.

— **Darla P** Las Vegas, NV

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In addition to the wonderful stories, Sonlight provides excellent guidance through the Instructor's Guides. Especially in the high school levels, the Instructor's Guides never indoctrinate, but provide solid biblical guidelines for interpreting history and literature.

— **Dawne P** Marietta, GA

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We wish we knew about Sonlight's literature-based approach, and the convenience and flexibility of your IGs [Instructor's Guides] earlier. We live in Vietnam, where it's difficult to get good books for children in English. The fact that Sonlight provides all the book we need for a year is such a privilege. I had struggled with finding resources for my eldest with auditory processing disorders. With the amount of reading, he has shown remarkable progresses in attention and reading comprehension. Your well-selected books offer renewed inspiration and creative ideas each day, which is especially important when you homeschool a special-needs child. Ted (4, P4/5 Multi-Subject), Tom and Amy (9 and 7, Cores A and B) are reading about fishermen at a beach near their home.

— **Diep Ngoc P** Vietnam

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After hsing with SL for over 8 yrs, we own a wonderful home library. I love that our kids are not only surrounded by great books but they also love to read and even re-read them. Here Becca (4) is "reading" one of her school books to her brother Jacob (2).

— **Donna M. P** Somersworth, NH

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The ring of the doorbell when the new Sonlight box arrives is always music to our ears. All seven children dive in right away, and the house is silent for the next couple hours. This picture is an example of a delightful book that everyone became immediately engaged in. Sonlight is the glue that helps brothers and sisters become best friends.

— **Doreen P** Athens, AL

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— **Elise P** Saint Louis, MO

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This is our second year homeschooling, and our first with Sonlight. I was so excited when the big box containing Core B showed up on our doorstep!! My 6 year old son, Joshua, wasn't very interested. Then I opened the box... I couldn't keep him out of it! He was pulling books out faster than I could inventory them :) He is so excited about our school year this year! The first question he asked after thoroughly looking through 4 or 5 of the books was "WHEN can we start?! Do we HAVE to wait for August?!" I love the layout of the IG. I don't have to do much planning at all which is wonderful considering we have two younger children that take up a lot of time. Now that we have started our school year, I am amazed at how much information he is retaining from our reading! Initially, I was hesitant to choose Sonlight because of a tight budget, but I now believe it is worth every penny!! Thank you Sonlight for fostering a love of learning!

— **Elizabeth P**    Memphis, TN

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We love the Kindergarten curriculum. It is rich in history, literature and Bible. My twin boys love Sonlight curriculum. Here, they are using the Letters and Numbers for Me workbook from the Handwriting Without Tears program. My boys are happy and eager to work on their books as you can see in their smiles in this photo. Sonlight has provided a schedule and a guide for our homeschool. It has helped us as parents to develop our children's love for God and his Word and provided great resources for guiding our children toward learning. I wish I was taught with these wonderful books! Tomás and Teo (both 5 years old, Kindergarten Full-Grade Package) enjoy working in their handwriting books.

— **Fanny P**    Spain

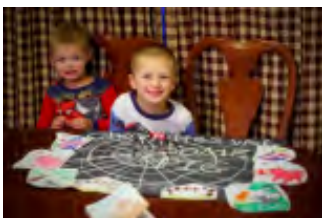
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My son begs for 'One more chapter, please! As a second-generation homeschooling mom, I remember saying those same words the first time I heard Winnie the Pooh or The Boxcar Children. My mother's love for reading was passed on to me, and now with Sonlight, I can share my love for these timeless classics with my children as well. In this photo, Mom shares her love of reading with Nathaniel (3). In their second year with Sonlight, they are using the Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package.

— **Gayle P**    Brownsville , TX

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We enjoy the time together as a family and the flexibility of learning for different learning styles. Each evening we cuddle on the couch and read a chapter. Sometimes we read more than one chapter because the boys ask to read more. It's wonderful because you can be as creative as you want. Here, Hezekiah (6) and Elijah (4) show off the spider web poster, life-size Charlotte and colored pictures they made after enjoying the Read-Aloud Charlotte's Web [from Core B]. The boys are studying Core B in their first year of homeschooling.

— **Gretchen P**    Melbourne, FL





We love Sonlight's curriculum and the added hands on activities that are included in the texts. When studying Peoples of the World the kids were able to study what other people believe and also prayed for them to have a relationship with Jesus.

— **Gretchen P** Melbourne, FL



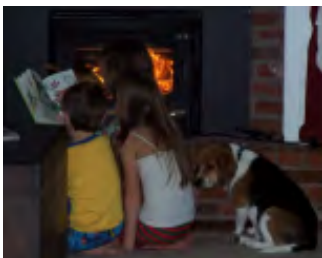
I enjoy Sonlight because we can combine ages in our curriculum. For example, we can all study marine science together instead of having to choose different science curricula. It saves us time and everyone gets to learn together, which makes it fun. In this photo Eli (8), Maggie (6), and Hezekiah (10) study ocean creatures at the ocean. Though the children use separate Core programs (Cores E, C and F), they enjoy sharing Science D together.

— **Gretchen P** Melbourne, FL



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

— **Ina P** Clifton, VA



I love the ease of Sonlight; the fantastic, thoughtful book selection. My kids eat up Sonlight's books and ask over and over again to read and reread the stories. I can't imagine homeschooling without Sonlight!

— **Jamie P** Medford Lakes, NJ





I was homeschooled from 3rd-12th grade and I wish my parents had used this curriculum with me!

— **Janelle P** Medina, OH



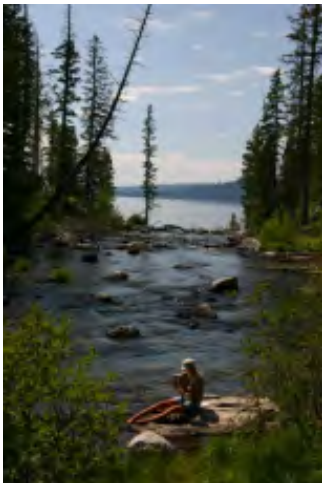
The fact that Sonlight's lessons have been mapped out for me already was a life saver this year. We began school at the beginning of August and had a baby at the end of August. We only took two weeks off after the baby was born. Thankfully with Sonlight, the planning was already done. We were able to complete our studies with a newborn. Thank you Sonlight! Here, 10-yearold Harrison was so intrigued with his Science reading that he barely noticed when little brother Jonathan popped up to read with him. Harrison is using Core E in his third year of Sonlight.

— **Jennifer P** Cumming, GA



The kids love SL's book selections! Here, we have just received P3/4 and couldn't wait to get started. Anna has chosen the Harper Collins Treasury to start off her core. This time with my children is so precious and will go by so quickly. Sonlight really helps solidify our memories by creating strong visuals that will be with us all for years to come.

— **Jennifer P** Mcdonough, GA



All my girls love to read, love to learn and have a desire to follow Jesus Christ's plan for their lives. We began homeschooling with Sonlight when my two youngest were in Kindergarten. We have been using it ever since with the exception of the year we focused on California state history. That year I missed Sonlight so much I decided I would never move to anything else. If something is working, why fix it? I believe that Sonlight and the books have played a big part in fashioning them into the beautiful young ladies they are today. On a recent vacation, Emma (14) chose to soak up a Sonlight book instead of fishing. She and her two sisters are using Core 200 in their ninth year of Sonlight.

— **Jennifer P** Bakersfield, CA





Sonlight has ignited my children's passion for learning. In this photo, Ciera was very excited to get her middle school Summer Readers. In their first year with Sonlight, Ciera (12) and siblings Christian (11) Jayson (7) and Anya (5) are studying Cores A and G.

— **Jennifer P** Hill Afb, UT



Science is the highlight of our week. We love the experiments and the children have so much hands-on fun along with a great lesson. As a former chemist, I get a thrill from having them so excited about science. In this picture, we were getting ready to clean up the lesson and Mackenzie decided to get creative. She also loves art! She made some drawings on paper and used the magnet to put "hair" on her creatures with the iron fillings. Thanks Sonlight for making science so approachable and fun to teach!

— **Jill P** Pasadena, CA



We love the fact that the Sonlight Science Curriculum has complete kits available with each Science level. At times we don't always have everything in the house, and this makes it so easy and cost effective. The Discover and Do DVD's [included in Science A through E] are great tools that make the experiments easy to follow. Our girls love Sonlight Science. Here, Adaiah (12) creates an electrical circuit using the contents of her Science Kit and other items from around the home. The P family is in their fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Joanne P** Canada



Science can be a real bore but with Sonlight's book and video guided experiments we get to do our own hands on experiments every week. We really enjoyed learning about how light travels in a straight line and how that makes for some great shadow puppet theater. Science is fun! Thank you Sonlight.

— **John P** Meridian, ID





I love the emphasis Sonlight places on exposing our children to the world. Yes, we use some workbooks, but homeschooling to us is not just about filling out worksheets and learning the basics. With Sonlight my children are learning to pay attention, think critically, and find out about how this great world of ours works.

— **Julia P**    Summerville, SC

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Andrew is thriving with Miquon Math. Sometimes we just have fun with the rods. I was very encouraged this day to see them working together, figuring out how to solve problems in their design, and sharing. Alison is getting a feel for how the rods work now so that when she is old enough to start Miquon she will have a solid foundation.

— **Julia P**    Summerville, SC

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Sonlight expands our horizons.

— **Julia P**    Summerville, SC

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The delight on my son's face as he opens his new curriculum on "Box Day" says it all. This is our second year homeschooling with Sonlight, so the anticipation of THE BOX was even greater after completing our fantastic first year! It was like Christmas in July for us. Sonlight has made learning fun again!

— **Julie P**    Lees Summit, MO

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Sonlight's language arts enables our boys to move ahead at a pace best suited to their strengths and weaknesses. Josiah is younger, but a natural reader and teacher, so he often helps his easily-distracted brother Codey with reading which frees mom to work with one of the other children.

— **Julie P**    Mount Joy, PA





We all enjoy reading real literature, that is what drew me into Sonlight. Over the years we have had to buy and build more and more book shelves to hold our wealth of books. My fourteen-year-old daughter has already placed 'dibs' on certain books that she plans to take when she leaves home for college! We also love the Apologia Science curriculum. Science has become Carol's favorite subject due to the readability of the textbook and the fact that there is no confusion about evolution and God's creation that was encountered on a daily basis in PS.

— **Juliette P**    Cleveland, GA



Sonlight has made homeschooling less intimidating for me. I was nervous at first. Now, I love it. It has order, yet we can make our own routine with it and take our time. When my 2 year old and 1 year old are napping we like to go outside and continue with school. This is a special time where we can read the stories and be creative without distractions. Stryker enjoys laying outside on the blanket while we read, write, and talk. He has already shown improvement and he has already mesmerized 3 bible verses, he is always excited to show off at church. I am happy with our decision on choosing Sonlight. I plan on using this curriculum for a long time. Thank you!

— **Kara P**    Wye Mills, MD



Finally our homeschool feels more like home rather than just school. For the past two years, our family had been using a popular Christian DVD homeschool program. While it was a solid program, I felt very detached from their learning. Then one day my youngest came to me and asked if we could please do something different because she felt lonely. That's all it took for me to begin my search. Words cannot express the change in how my children viewed their schoolwork once we made the switch to Sonlight. I ordered Core D+E for my 10 and 12-year-old and it instantly changed our homeschooling experience. The older two quickly realized how much their younger sisters were enjoying school and begged for me to order Sonlight for them too! Karen answered her older children's pleas and started Core 100 with Emelia (14) and Nate (16). Karen rejoices that "Sonlight has brought joy back into our learning."

— **Karen P**    Rochester, NH





We chose Sonlight because of the rich literature and Christian background each of the stories chosen give our children. Our son, who is very much into gadgets and how things work, has even begun this year to sit through whole books read by our daughter. We have seen how this helps not only to build her confidence and skills but to build his comprehension and desire to learn to read. You can see how he "hangs out" to learn what he calls "the big kid stuff". We are beyond excited at what the Lord will do in our homeschool in the coming year with a Kindergartener learning to read and a 3rd grader learning American History with Sonlight!

— **Karen P** Winnsboro, SC



Taylor (age 7) has thoroughly enjoyed each of her Sonlight readers this year. Towards the end of the year we opted to spend a schooling day outside on our deck. This picture shows Taylor reading *The Last Cat* on our deck box (her stuffed pig as her pillow). Her siblings returned to the kitchen table, but Taylor stayed outside for her reading time. Thanks Sonlight -- you've made our reading very enjoyable this year!!

— **Kari P** Herndon, VA



I pray for guidance in regards to our homeschool curriculum each year and every year I feel blessed when our Sonlight boxes arrive at our front door. Every moment becomes a teachable moment like when we found Stripe, a caterpillar we took home from the garden center. We decided to start science a little early that year by bringing out our Core A Caterpillars and Butterflies book and reading about each phase of metamorphosis Stripe was in. At our release party, I had to grab the camera and catch the joy and awe on the children's faces as they watched his wings dry and uncrumple. Afterwards, they thanked me for homeschooling them. Their thanks and the joy of bringing lessons to life every day in our home is confirmation that Sonlight is an answer to our prayers.

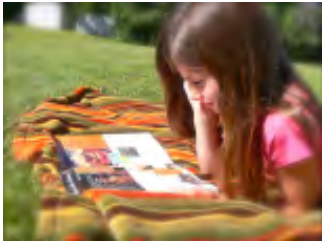
— **Kari P** Woodstock, GA



We can't imagine another curriculum that provides so many of our ideals in one: a global perspective, academic and spiritual disciplines, and the means for our family to learn and grow together. We love that Sonlight gives us opportunities to learn while reading and playing together. I find the IGs invaluable for keeping me organized and on track through the school year. While we don't have a perfect home, we're privileged to invest time and energy into our kids while educating them with Sonlight. This photo captures the beauty of bonding between siblings that takes place with homeschooling. In the family's second Sonlight year, Anna (7) and Micah (5) are studying Core C, with Charlotte (2) soon to follow.

— **Kendra P** Wellington, OH





During our first years of homeschooling our oldest daughter dreaded reading as much as I dreaded homeschooling. Teaching was extremely overwhelming for me and reading was more of a duty than a delight for Hannah. With school each day came many tears--for both of us! After struggling through two curriculums in two years, we heard about Sonlight. Figuring we had nothing to lose, we dove into it and have not looked back. The lesson plans are easy to follow for 'non-teacher types' like me and Hannah spends many of her summer afternoons reading and re-reading books....for fun! We are so thankful for Sonlight!

— **Keri P** Barron, WI

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Lighting up learning with Sonlight! Sparking their imagination really brings out the joy in learning and the fun in our school day. I loved how the science lesson on switches and lightbulbs and batteries went along with exploring caves and rocks and tied in with the diamond mines of 21 balloons. They were all smiles and were so excited about what they were learning today! I love the joy and enthusiasm I see as they worked to make their flashlights work and used them as they continued their lessons. Shine some light on learning with Sonlight! I love how excited my kids felt about learning today. It's really fun and interesting when several subjects tie into the same topic. They intensely figured out how to make their lights work and after building them they happily finished their reading assignments.....we turned on the room lights for the photo....then back to the darkness of the "cave" for reading with these head lights! ( used strips of recycled cardboard boxes to makes headbands for the lights)

— **Kerry P** Woodstock, GA

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When I asked my oldest daughter what she loved about learning with Sonlight, she said, "I get to READ!" I agree with her because I love to read, too. I also love reading to the children and learning alongside them every day. I am so glad that I committed to Sonlight's program because I really do feel like it is the way I WISH I had been taught. I am so thankful that I can give my children this life-long gift!

— **Kim P** Canada

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Everyone gathers around when a story is being read. Sonlight has allowed us to grow and learn together as a family. It has also allowed me more time to enjoy learning along with my kids instead of teaching to them. Thank you Sonlight, we're looking forward to many great years ahead!

— **Kim P** Canada

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My daughter can experience wonder for the world around her surrounded by the very things that drive her love of life, learning, and curiosity. I love that she is learning about the things that inspire wonder and creativity in her world.

— **Kristin P** Buda, TX



We are missionaries in Fiji and love Sonlight! Here are Eden and Elani reading in their "reading nook." We enjoy sharing books with other missionaries in the country and we love the freedom that home-schooling gives us in being able to be involved in ministry as a family, whenever and whatever that is.

— **Laura P** Coarsegold, CA



Now that she can read on her own, Eden loves to spend hours reading her Core K books. We are missionaries in Fiji and we love the flexibility and quality family time that Sonlight provides us. Other missionaries love to borrow our books, too! We're looking forward to using Sonlight with our younger children as they grow.

— **Laura P** Coarsegold, CA



Elani (4) can't wait to start school this year and read some of big sister Eden's Sonlight books! We are missionaries in Fiji and we love the flexibility and great family time that Sonlight provides for us. We're looking forward to using it with all our children!

— **Laura P** Coarsegold, CA







I love that homeschooling helps to build the relationships in my family through learning and just being together.

— **Lindsay P** Newalla, OK



We love Sonlight because it helps history come alive. The subject I was dreading to teach in the beginning [History] is now one we can't wait to get to each day! Homeschooling with Sonlight also gives us the freedom to explore the subjects we study and take great field trips. Sonlight has made my job so easy and has made her educational experience so rich! In their fourth year homeschooling, Riley (7, Core E) reads about President Lincoln's part in the American Civil War while visiting Wilson's Creek Battlefield.

— **Lindsay P** Newalla , OK



Two children [who used Sonlight K-12] are graduating from college with honors – and one to go! As international missionaries, we appreciate Sonlight's global perspective and adaptability to unconventional lifestyles. Here, 10-year-old Andy and his father enjoy learning by discovery and experience. Andy is using Core F in his fifth year of Sonlight.

— **Lisa P** Thailand



It is not uncommon to see Savannah (8) and Noah (6) grabbing their Sonlight readers on the way out the door and reading even on short car trips. Our friends are always asking how we get our children to love reading, as they are constantly seen reading the Sonlight readers. I have to honestly say that Sonlight has played a huge part in their love for reading. The books that are chosen are so perfect for each level as they truly grab their imaginations. Thank you Sonlight!!!

— **Lori P** Port Orange, FL



This is our first year using Sonlight. Our daughter, Savannah (8) and our son Noah (6) absolutely LOVED this curriculum. We all especially enjoyed what we call the "Akebu Book." We often pray for these people without the Bible. Towards the end of the year we were schooling some friends and we shared this book with them and by their expressions, need I say anymore? They loved this book as well!!!

— **Lori P** Port Orange, FL



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— **Lori P** Port Orange, FL



Nora Kate loves Science A, and greatly looks forward to her weekly experiments! 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.

— **Lori P** Wake Forest, NC





Sonlight offers great books, thorough Instructor guides, challenging material, engaging elective and optional suggestions, while preparing our children to face the world from a Godly perspective. We appreciate that our children are learning to think for themselves and be confident in what they think. Sonlight's ease allows us to give the best education we could ask for to our children and have a lot of fun doing it. Thank you Sonlight for another great year.

— **Marci P** Eagle River, AK



I attribute my children's love for culture, history and literature to Sonlight. Thanks you Sonlight.

— **Marci P** Sumter, SC



We were at a conference in Palm Springs. Both girls begged me to bring every book from our Sonlight box. So I did. We read during every break from the sun and pool! I love the literature, and lessons that you can draw from it. It is so simple to make a part of your everyday life and time together. Here, Mami, Papi, and both of our daughters were piled on the bed reading for over an hour, at the girls' request!

— **Marla P** Canyon Country, CA



While away for a conference in Palm Springs, we spent every minute that we were OUT of the pool, reading in a pile on the bed. My daughters begged to bring every book from our Sonlight box. I love the way Sonlight is so easy to incorporate into our life at all times. It is FUN, and the literature is great for learning life lessons of all sorts and varieties! Sonlight makes it possible to be learning all day, everyday, because you can even talk about what you read previously, and make it a lesson- in the car, while emptying the dishwasher, and with the whole family. Even visiting friends enjoy reading our books with us!

— **Marla P** Canyon Country, CA



We appreciate all the hard work Sonlight does to pick out such great books. Over the last 7 years we have had books shipped to China, sometimes while we were living in very remote areas. Each and every year our Sonlight orders have arrived quickly and intact thanks to your hard work. We appreciate the extra efforts by your staff. Thanks for being a blessing to our family and helping us as we teach our girls.

— **Maureen P** China





What a blessing Apologia science classes have been! When I recall the humanistic, evolution-laden textbooks I had in school, I am so thankful that my children can have good quality science classes that are founded in biblical truth. Here, Coleman uses the scientific expertise he's gained through Apologia to demonstrate and explain the younger children's Sonlight science concept. It looks like I may be out of a job soon!

— **Melanie P** Wilkesboro, NC

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Box day is always fun, but it's really special when you're 4 years old and your very first Sonlight school materials arrive in a box all by themselves! Carson is very excited about having his own "school" and is eager to get started. The older children are just as anxious about seeing the goodies in his box and once it was opened, everyone was oohing and aahing. We all plan to share "teaching time" with Carson and the older children are looking forward to reading some books with him that they missed when they were his age.

— **Melanie P** Wilkesboro, NC

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What a gift Sonlight has given our family! Togetherness and shared experiences have been welcome by-products of using such a great curriculum. So many memories have been created reading wonderful Sonlight books. We have experienced every emotion imaginable through the enriching stories. I love it when I close a book and hear moan's of, "Oh no, you can't stop there! Come on, one more chapter! Please!" It's a really special treat if Daddy can join us for a read-aloud. What wisdom and insight he can share! Having him there adds an extra element of excitement and anticipation to the whole experience.

— **Melanie P** Wilkesboro, NC

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I found that while homeschooling multiple children my younger one would often get neglected. This year, we purchased Core P4/5 for Carson and it really helps me make sure he gets some much needed attention and stimulation each day. I prefer to read with him myself, but if I can't fit it in, my older children can easily follow the instructor's guide and do his Sonlight with him. Here, they enjoy an early fall day on the backyard hammock while Lakyn reads People to Carson and Keaton listens in. I love how Sonlight is designed to encourage older siblings to help the younger. I never thought I would need a "preschool" program, but I am really glad to have something packaged together that helps me meet the needs of my youngest.

— **Melanie P** Wilkesboro, NC

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Big brother is adored by his sisters. I love how tender he is towards their needs and am thankful we homeschool so we are able to watch these precious sibling relationships blossom. Sonlight is a such a gift to us! We are in constant awe of the great book choices for all ages. As a mother of five this makes my job so much easier and allows me to enjoy my children and not worry about having to schedule and choose everything myself. Sonlight has changed our homeschooling lives for the better and we will never go back.

— **Michelle P** Tulsa, OK



This has been our first year of homeschooling. I decided to take some photos of our daughters, Lauren (5) and Amelia (3), enjoying their Sonlight book (First Thousand Words) and Pattern Blocks and Pattern Block Cards. I had planned to stage some shots, but when I returned to the back yard from retrieving my camera, they had found the materials and were laughing and enjoying them without any prompting from me. So it goes with Sonlight books and materials! And so I snapped away! What I love and value about Sonlight is that the learning happens naturally, consistently and often spontaneously. It truly feels effortless much of the time. It's not necessary for me to prompt my girls to "do school" or learn. I simply create the environment for the learning to occur by setting out the books and materials, and they are quickly drawn to them and engaged and eager to explore them. Thus the learning process begins naturally and enjoyably. Sonlight provides such excellent tools to set the stage for relaxed, natural learning that it in turn allows me to relax and enjoy the experience along with my girls. I love reading to them and guiding them along as they begin their journey of education. And I am finding that I am learning right along with them. I'm learning not only about the information we are covering, but also about myself. Teaching my children has humbled me, shown me areas of my heart that need work, and taught me the value of slowing down and enjoying the journey instead of keeping my eyes only on the end result. I am thankful to Sonlight for providing the resources for me to have meaningful time with my girls as I travel with them on their journey of education. I am confident that I will never regret putting aside other demands on my time so that I may instead share this time of discovery and wonder with them. Thank you, Sonlight!

— **Natalie P** Keizer, OR





After reading "Ships, Sailors and the Sea" in Core 5, the kids were inspired to become pirates. They built a ship from old tires, wood, and cinder blocks and played pirates every afternoon for a week. They even included their younger sister as a fair-haired maiden and made their younger brother walk the plank! I love the way Sonlight inspires my children to take what they learn and use their imaginations to make it come alive for them. No dull, dry, book learning here!

— **Noel P**    Zambia, Africa



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

— **Olga P**    Vancouver, WA



With Ethan turning five this year, I knew I needed to figure out what to do about schooling him. God placed it in my heart to home school my kids, but I had no idea where to begin. After spending months on the internet searching for homeschooling curriculum and material, it was clear to me that Sonlight was the best. The faith-based curriculum, the organized and easy to follow instructor guides, the way everything was laid out- amazed me. No one in my family and no one I knew had ever home-schooled their children, but I was so excited and eager to begin. My kids love learning, and are as pleased with Sonlight as my husband and I are. We are studying the kindergarten multisubject package with our five and a half year old son, Ethan, and doing preschool with our three and half year old daughter, Naomi. They love everything- the books, math materials, history, and reading the Bible. Ethan was especially drawn to the maps, asking us to point out where everyone he knew could be located. We were also able to show him Ukraine, the country his father and I were born in, and were presented with great opportunity to explain to him more about our heritage. He was thrilled when we got him a globe, wanting to encourage his interest. My husband and I love how all the material helps our family bond and grow together. We are so thankful for Sonlight and for the opportunity to educate our kids with confidence.

— **Olga P**    Vancouver, WA





Thanks to Sonlight, he's learning to love learning- he even enjoys identifying the gems he's found! WE LOVE SONLIGHT! It is what homeschooling is all about- families learning together! It's more than just academics, it is a way of life. Sonlight is about seizing every opportunity to encourage our children in the love of learning and showing them how to find their way in this BIG world.

— **Pam P** Tucker, G



Building the Global Puzzle was a family affair... our whole family enjoyed working to put it together, even the grandparents helped out! One of the things we love about Sonlight is it's global vision. Studying American History has been wonderful, but so has studying about the countries and people across the ocean from us. Thanks to Sonlight we've have been exposed to many cultures and it has inspired a missionary spirit in my boys. They have expressed a desire to one day be like Gladys Alward or George Muller. For that I am truly grateful! And the Global Puzzle just reinforced all of the things wonderful we have learned and prompted us to want to learn even more about the places we've yet to explore on the map.

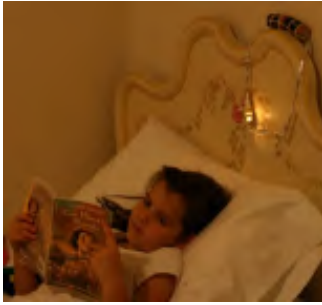
— **Pamela P** Tucker , GA



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! 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.

— **Rachel P** Canada





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. 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.

— **Rebekah P** Fort Myers, FL



Not long after our first daughter was born, we started to give serious thought to her education, and quickly found a plethora of options but felt that homeschooling was what we wanted for our kids. Thus began the exhaustive search for a curriculum that would fit our family's lifestyle of loving to learn, adventure, travel and service. Our children grew into avid readers of great fictional stories and historical accounts alike. We have been blessed with opportunities to travel throughout the U.S. and internationally, and Sonlight books have traveled with us to each destination! Our kids learned about castles, knights and Medieval living through Cores B and C, and then by traipsing about the real deal at Carcassone. Art history at the Louvre, Roman studies at the Colloseum, rainforest ecology in Costa Rica, Revolutionary history in Boston and Williamsburg, Civil War studies at Gettysburg, Atlanta and Shiloh - all of these adventures started with Sonlight books! In the above photo, we reviewed local geology, flora and fauna and the histories of several Native American peoples during an exploration of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. Sonlight curriculum has fostered a love of learning in our children, and THAT is priceless.

— **Robin P** Kingman, AZ



Sonlight is the best decision and most worthwhile investment we've made for our daughters' education. We have enjoyed building our home library each year and now as we begin our seventh year of home schooling with Sonlight we have a wonderful selection of great books. It's very helpful to know that the books have been previewed and while not over protective or 'squeaky clean' they are going to be enjoyable, quality and appropriate. Thank you Sonlight for providing a top rate homeschool program! This year Autum (11) and Bailey (9) share Core G, with special tweaks to make it work for Bailey's level. The girls are often found curled up on the couch re-reading books from past Cores.

— **Robin P** Kerrville, TX







Born at 23-weeks, it was 7 long months in the NICU two hours away before Emma came home to her family. We were able to resume a life that included our love for SL literature. Emma was the only baby in the NICU that had any books by her side - definitely the only one with an entire SL Core. The nurses were amazed at the way she would listen to me read to her, cradled in my arms, looking intently at the beautiful illustrations in the Fairy Tales book, among others. I credit our ability to continue with our homeschooling journey during the most difficult phase of life our family has yet faced to Sonlight, the Instructor's Guide and literature choices that have made my children into voracious readers who delight in the written word. My children had to face a great deal of time without me, but had a plethora of amazing stories to keep them company. Today, we have our miracle home with us, and she continues to enjoy schooling with SL as much as the rest of us. Watching a baby who was baptized on her death-bed slowly turn the pages of a book that has captured her attention is an amazing, awe-inspiring, God-affirming experience I wish to share with the world - my world of Sonlighters.

— **Sabrina P** Palmerton, PA



We want our children to see people all over the globe the way God sees them, and be able to appreciate the richness of different cultures. One of the reasons we chose to use Sonlight is because you pick books that celebrate the diversity of people and cultures in our world. Since our youngest daughter is adopted from China, we wanted a curriculum that was sensitive to her need to learn about her birth country and culture as well as opening her and her older brother's eyes to the rest of the world. Six-year-old Rachel's face lit up when she discovered a book about her birth country among her brother's Core B books. She will study Cores P34 and P45 this year in her family's second year of Sonlight.

— **Sandra P** Clear Spring, MD



Gorilla's Love Sonlight Too! or Going Ape Over Sonlight! We were in the gorilla house at Columbus Zoo. A gorilla sat down by me twice and acted interested in my bag. I pulled out my son's science book "First Book of Nature" by Usborne that I had brought with me. My son and I showed him the book and he seemed very interested! I love the quality time that my son and I have together reading great books and learning!

— **Sandra P** Dayton, OH





This is a picture of my three children dressing up as princesses and a prince after having studied about castles in Core K - Intro to the world:Cultures. It is such a joy to teach my three children using Sonlight! I was homeschooled myself and used Sonlight for two years and now I have the blessing of teaching my own children this wonderful curriculum. It is so fun to be able to teach them and then later hear them act out the things they have learned. Sonlight curriculum is perfect for our family, as we are missionaries in Japan and are unable to get English books at our library. Having all of these wonderful books sent to us is truly wonderful! Sonlight's easy to use teacher guide has really eased me into homeschooling and has saved me countless hours! Thank you Sonlight!

— **Sarah P** Hilton Head, SC

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Annabella loves listening to the book, "Charlotte's Web." She also loves looking at the pictures on her own. We are missionaries in Japan and I love this spot in our house in front of our shoji paper doors ... a wonderful place to get engrossed in a book. Thank you Sonlight for making homeschooling easy for missionaries!

— **Sarah P** Hilton Head, SC

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Sonlight's "Fun Tale" readers helped Rachel get excited about learning to read. She was so proud of being able to read a book all by herself.

— **Shannon P** Churubusco, IN

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The Sonlight forums give lots of recommendations for various field trips to add to each level. The Sonlight forums are excellent for getting opinions and encouragement on a ton of topics.

— **Stacey P** Rienzi, MS

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This photo was taken on a nice relaxing afternoon and shows just one of the ways our family benefits from using Sonlight as part of a lifestyle of learning. As on this day and many more days and nights like it, we have lots of wonderful books on hand that we can just pick up, take along, put back down, or keep on reading as our time allows. We were waiting for the grill to heat up and it was too hot to play in the sun so we just got comfy under an oak tree. We could have just as well gone inside and sat on the couch. It's not hard to find a place where all the kids can sit around with either Mom or Dad (or both) for a nice read-a-loud! This is a nice example of how Sonlight is so realistic to use in everyday life. Sonlight gives us variety in so many different ways in our homeschool. Each book is so captivating to both me and the kids. I haven't read a book from Sonlight that didn't keep all the kids within hearing distance! Two of our other boys had wondered off out of range of the camera to study some of nature, but their ears were still paying attention. I love the many positive "values" that have bloomed as a direct result of using Sonlight. I feel we get such a good value money-wise since I am schooling 4 children with essentially one core. We are confident our family is being blessed with much time spent with each other instead of spent on all the planning and preparation it would otherwise take of me if I used another curriculum. My children have learned many valuable lessons from all the literature and biographies we have read over the past year. But mostly we honestly believe the Sonlight company values a family's "togetherness" as a top priority -- just like our family believes! Homeschooling in the way Sonlight is designed equips families to share and learn with one another in a very practical way that just can't be beat! We thank God we choose to give Sonlight a try.

— **Stacey P** Rienzi, MS





When I look at which Sonlight curriculum our family will be using for the upcoming fall, I immediately start thinking about all of the exciting field trip possibilities that are in store for us. This fall will start our fourth year of home schooling, all with Sonlight, and my favorite "field trip" so far has been our trip to Germany and Austria, which we took while we were studying world history with Sonlight Core 1+2. My husband, Matt, lived in Oestrich-Winkel for 3 years while his dad was stationed in Germany. His family lived off base and was befriended by their German neighbors, the Bickelmaiers. My husband's family and the Bickelmaiers have remained good friends all these years and my husband always talked about taking us there to visit. It was during our first year of home schooling that we were finally able to go. It was such a wonderful opportunity as we were studying world history with Sonlight's One-Year condensed Intro to World History (Core 1+2). In the picture above our German friends, Simone and Peter Bickelmaier, are reading to my 2 sons, Benjamin and Jeremy. "White Stallion of Lipizza" is one of the books we were reading for Sonlights Core 1+2 World History. Being in Germany and Austria as we read "White Stallion of Lipizza" was so impactful to me and the children because it just means so much more when you've actually been there. In the same way that being in Austria brought the book to life, reading the book brought a much deeper meaning to our trip. It means so much more to see something that you know a little something about. For example, to see Cologne Cathedral and my children's excitement because they know those "things" are called flying buttresses. Or to personally see the evidence of the wide spread Roman Empire in Cologne and realize how impressively huge it actually was. These amazing places and images are now forever imprinted in my children's minds. I simply can't tell you all the ways our Sonlight books brought rich and deep meaning to our travels as we toured these beautiful countries.

— **Stacy P** Midlothian, VA



Meredith made a an extreme commitment to gymnastics this year. She had been in public school from kindergarten through third grade. She now spends 27 hours a week at the gym and wanted to spend more time with the family. Sonlight has allowed her to do this. Working with the Sonlight curriculum, she is able to complete her school work in less than 1/2 the time she would at public school; plus she is way ahead of her peers in public school. Sonlight made the transition to homeschooling painless. In fact, her teammates at the gym are asking to be homeschooled.

— **Suzanne P** Ankeny, IA







I've already seen the results [of Sonlight] in the high scores achieved on SATs and ACTs. By time they get to college, I'm confident that my children will be capable of picking up almost any book on any subject and teaching themselves the material. Weighing in on her Teaching Textbooks experience, Joy (10) says, "I like the little characters that give me hints; they're cute!"

— **Suzanne P**    Baton Rouge, LA

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Sonlight helped foster a love of reading in my former reluctant reader. I can't begin to describe the joy I felt when I peeped into Mason's room after hearing him talking and found him reading to his 'children.' We absolutely love snuggling on the couch, reading a quality Sonlight book together. The boys don't want me to stop reading and neither do I. Read-Aloud time is a time we all look forward to and don't want to miss for any reason. Our family loves Sonlight with a passion! Mason (8) is sharing Core D with his brother Hunter (11) in their fourth year of homeschooling and third year of Sonlight.

— **Tanya P**    Scottsburg, VA

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You can't put a price tag on peace of mind. Sonlight is worth every penny and then some! 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.

— **Tanya P**    Scottsburg, VA

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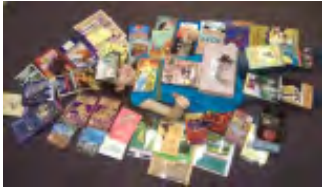


It was a warm, sunny morning, and when we stepped outside, we could smell the air sweet with honeysuckle. The kids didn't want to go inside, so we brought our books outside, and sat on the porch swing. Each child took turns reading out loud. They originally tried reading each book to themselves, but they were so great, we kept asking each other what theirs was about, so it very quickly evolved into sitting and listening to each others' books. I decided on Sonlight because my children all enjoy reading, and I heard the books were fabulous! And they are! History is by far, our favorite! It's awesome to hear my 7 year olds discussing with their grandmother about Ancient Egypt and Greece and the wars and so on. This was my first year homeschooling, and I think I made a fabulous choice! I look forward to the next year's curriculum and the next and the next! Thank you Sonlight!

— **Tiffany P**    Lexington, NC

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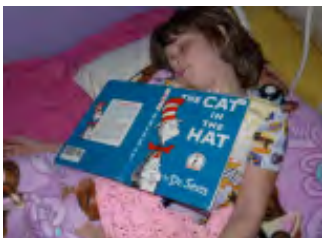
As I was preparing to order books for the new homeschool year, my daughter begged for more Sonlight. When we received the box full of books, she picked out each one and read the description on back. Then she lay down and 'decorated' herself with her new books! Homeschooling has made her much more confident. She's able to go at her own speed and research things in depth that interest her. I enjoy Sonlight teacher's guide. It's very easy to follow, plus it already has wonderful questions for me to ask my daughter as she reads, so I know she truly understands the meaning behind the words. I also appreciate Sonlight's customer service. They are always very polite and are willing to go the extra mile to meet our needs. In her second year of "more Sonlight," Renee (11) is surrounded by the Core F books she loves.

— **Tonya P** Mangum, OK



The children love watching the Science Discover & Do Dvd's. Each child participates in the hands on learning of the wonderful experiments because they are user friendly even for a 1 year old. Sonlight has a program that fits our family even though our children are different ages and at different learning levels. Mom and Dad (we) love reading the great books Sonlight has to offer and watching the wheels turn with our children. Thank you for a great program that lasts and lasts and never gets old.

— **Traci P** Gulf Breeze, FL



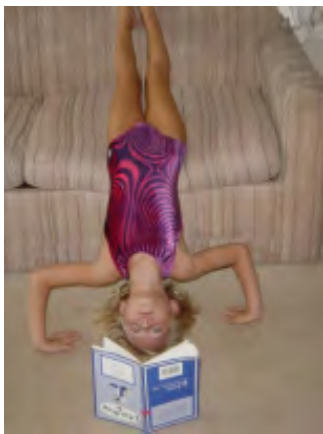
Emma is enjoying one of the wonderful Dr. Seuss books included in the advanced readers. Our whole family loves the exciting stories found in the Sonlight curriculum. It is often hard for us to stop and not read on at the assigned places in the books. Always leaves them wanting more.

— **Trisha P** Huntingtown, MD



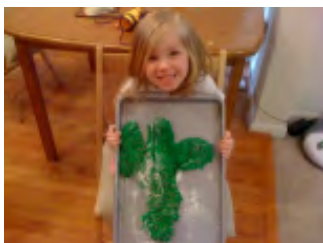
This is absolutely the best of options: living books, deep conversations, exciting project ideas, all organized for the year. With Sonlight, the legwork of finding and gathering high-quality materials is already done. We can prepare for teaching much more efficiently with the Instructor's Guide than we ever could on our own while also teaching other children and running busy households. It's so much a part of our lifestyle that our daughter sees herself as a Sonlight mom someday, too! Valerie has taught her four children with Sonlight for years. Here, 17-year-old Katie studies with a long-time Sonlight co-op friend, Carrie (16). The two are studying Core 300 in their ninth year of Sonlight.

— **Valerie P** Weatherford, TX



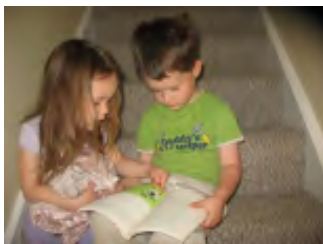
Our family loves Sonlight's books - all of them! Our children, ages 5, 8, and 10, have had hours upon hours of enjoyment from Sonlight's books. I read the readers aloud to our younger children to modify an advanced core. My oldest child who is an advanced reader often takes the read alouds and uses them as readers. With Sonlight, we never have a shortage of quality literature on hand. Sonlight's selection of quality books has given each of our children a thirst for reading - both being read to and reading independently on their individual levels. All of our children are comfortable curled up with a book somewhere, and our Sonlight read aloud time is by far our favorite and most effective part of the school day! Our middle daughter who is quite a character, has truly benefited from the "flexibility" of Sonlight. Her reading level has not caught up with her comprehension level, but that is not a problem with Sonlight. She can learn about life from Core 3 read alouds for the whole family, especially combined with core 3 readers being used as read alouds for her and her younger brother. She can learn the mechanics of reading with grade 1 and grade 2 readers. This is our family's sixth year using Sonlight, and each year we use Sonlight, we discover even more the inherent flexibility in the way Sonlight curriculum is designed and the quality results of reading to our children. Because the reader packages correspond with the historical content of the core beginning in level 3, I have been able to successfully teach my three children together and haven't felt the need to do more than one core at a time. I can't say enough about the wonderful books from Sonlight that have my children happily rereading books multiple times and standing on their heads to read. . .

— **Wendy P** Orange Park, FL



The books Sonlight selects for its program really capture my daughter's interest and imagination. I recently cleaned out the drawers in the girls' bathroom recently, and had to carry a stack of 20 books back to the family library!

— **Wendy P** Fort Belvoir, VA



We had finished up with pre 4/5 with Seth in April. Judi had tagged right along. When we brought his K program home he wanted to start right in. So we did! We have now have read The wonderful Wizard of OZ twice. When they found out we had the movie they wanted to watch it. I was a bit worried as the monkeys can be scary. When the movie was over both children looked at me and said, "That was not like the book at all. We like the book better! Can we read it again?" They are 3 and 5!!! They went right over to the bookshelf and took it out to look at the pictures and wait for me. Thank you for helping me give my children a love for books and a love for each other. They LOVE to "do school." And so do I.

— **Elisha Q** Middleton, NH





"This is one of the best parts of the Sonlight curriculum. It has so many great ideas for bringing the subjects we study to life!" writes Jill Q. "After studying planes, we followed the suggestion in my Instructor's Guide of finding a place where our kids could actually see how the planes work and fly. We had read about the planes, made the 'model' planes to see how the different parts work, and it was fantastic to wrap it all up with a guided tour of seeing the planes in action." In her first year of Sonlight, Isabelle (6) is obviously thrilled to sit in a real plane at a local flight school. — Jill Q • Princeton, ID — May 2012

— **Jill Q** Princeton, ID



Sonlight has opened up a whole new world for us. This year, we invested in the Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package and are having so much fun! My children prefer reading a book over watching a television program any day and I know it is because of the new worlds they have discovered through Sonlight! In their second year of homeschooling, Daniel (2), Josiah (4), Grace (9 months) and Mom enjoy The Berenstain Bears' Big Book of Science and Nature while visiting Grandma and Grandpa.

— **Julie Q** Pickerington , OH



They're on a field trip to relate what they read in the book with what they see on the street, near Tiananmen Square. What Sonlight means to us as a Chinese minister working in China, I, Peter Qiu, always face the problem on how to raise my children in accordance with my Christian values. I've been considering homeschooling for many years. But most of the schools I found on the Internet were offering curriculums that are just to Americanized. One day, one of my American missionary friends from Africa came and told me about Sonlight. And I was attracted to it immediately, because it offers a wide range of international cultures and people and the price is also quite acceptable for us. We have 3 sons in our family, Aaron, Moses, and Michael. They are 6, 4 and 1, respectively. My wife, Joy, was a piano teacher, but now she is a full-time housewife. I'm the only one who can speak fluent English. I purchased a Core Level A and a Core Level B in March, 2008. Since English is not the mother tongue for us, we were having a hard time in the beginning, because they really couldn't understand anything. But thanks Sonlight for all the colorful and interesting books you provided, my 1st and 2nd sons just so eager to learn what is in the beautiful books. So what I did was to read one sentence and then translate it into Chinese. Very soon, my boys could already understand different names of the books, and many of the repeated words found in different stories. I really appreciate the course planner very much. It's so convenient and scientific. My boys are having so much fun with their homeschooling. Many times, we would take them on field trips as advised by the course planner. We went to science park, museum, post office, the Olympic Stadium (Bird Nest), and nature walks. These activities not only enriched their mind, but also enhanced our family ties. In the photo, my eldest son, Aaron, and my newly adopted daughter, Moses Qiu, are reading the book "People near the Tiananmen Square," where there are a lot of foreigners.

— **Peter Q** Yuma, AZ





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— **Peter Q** Yuma, AZ



The whole family visit the BC Canada Pavilion on the field trip to see the opening ceremony of Beijing Olympics.

— **Peter Q** Yuma, AZ



Sonlight has been the backbone of our homeschooling experience for the past 7 years. As my homeschooling time winds down, I look back and I am grateful for the Christian world view, the commitment to exposing the truth in History, and the value placed on literature. Homeschooling with Sonlight has always been a family affair with my wonderful husband Ralph overseeing math, science and Bible, leaving me the privilege of focusing on literature and English. Sonlight has forever solidified the bond between my girls, and us as a family. I am sad to have it come to an end after this year, who knows what life holds, I may yet get to use it again. Thank you Sonlight for everything.

— **Amber R** Phoenix, AZ





We love the books, we love to read, we love to learn about other cultures and we love to learn about God's work in the world. Put a different way, "we love Sonlight," writes Amy R of State College, PA. "This is a picture with our Sonlight library, from Core K - 7. In other words, this will be our 8th year of using Sonlight! Keep up the good work and thank you for providing what no one else does." When Amy asked Margaret (11), John (3), Lindsey (13) and Christian (9) for an "all-time favorite Sonlight book," they threw out too many titles to count. They're studying Cores 3, 5 and 7 this year.

— **Amy R** State College, PA

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I hated reading growing up. Because of Sonlight, my children LOVE to read and now so do I. 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.

— **Angie R** Florence, KY

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I love the multi-cultural aspect of Sonlight. 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.

— **Beth R** South Africa

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This was our first year using Sonlight and I really appreciated how clearly each day was laid out for us. We added a sweet new baby to our family this year and it was so helpful to open the Instructor's Guide and know that I would have a quality lesson prepared. Even though Benjamin (7) was the only one officially doing Science, the other two boys enjoyed sitting in on a lot of activities, as well as the Mathtacular and Discover and Do DVDs. In this particular photo, we were just finishing up Science B and the lessons on Space, when we visited Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, OH during their annual Math and Science days. The boys were able to participate in several experiments and displays from NASA's Glenn Research and Plum Brook Stations, and we were given this model to assemble. A great finish to a great year.

— **Bethany R** Muncie, IN

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When Bo heard we were getting a piano in the mail she was giddy. She has been very busy exploring the Piano Wizard game. We live in a remote location, and being able to have regular music lessons has not been an option for us until now. I have a feeling you might catch me attempting some song challenges as well! We're so excited for this opportunity. Bo (5) is also using Core A, as big brother Finn (8) uses Core D in their family's fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Bonnah R** Canada



Looking at this photo of our youngest daughter brings a flood of emotions and memories. The morning I learned I was to have an emergency c-section at only 27 weeks after having been hospitalized on full bed rest for a week, the first thing I did after calling my husband was to go to the Sonlight forums using the laptop I had with me, in order to post a request for prayer. What a great comfort it was to know, as I was wheeled into the OR, that literally hundreds of people \*worldwide\* were lifting me and my wee daughter up in prayer. Today, thanks in great part to those prayers, Leandra is healthy, growing, and thriving. I look forward to when she is old enough for me to show her the myriad of places on the map that represent those from the Sonlight family who prayed for her. The community of friends I have made through the Sonlight forums is something I treasure greatly and which became all the more real to me when I gave birth to a 1lb, 12oz daughter that day. This photo embodies how Sonlight is so much more than a curriculum company: it is a \*community of friends\* that has blessed our family in ways one can find difficult to explain to others. The love, support, and encouragement I've received both for homeschooling and for family issues through Sonlight and its forums is something I value tremendously. When I chose Sonlight as my curriculum so many years ago, little did I realize what would come of that decision. Sonlight has made an effort to support its customers beyond just the education of their children, but in building lives, and a worldwide family of friends.

— **Brenda R** Dubois, PA



Look at that huge bud hanging from our banana tree! It's just like what we read in Seabird!

— **Brian R** China





Sonlight opens up conversations that I may not have realized I needed to discuss with my kids. I'm thankful that as parents, we are the ones who get to guide our children through sensitive topics. They are going to face these topics when they get out into the world. Not all families with teenagers can say that they love to do things as a family. Sonlight brought our family together and created a bond that goes well beyond homeschool and reading together. Nothing can replace the read-aloud times we've spent as a family curled up on the couch. Brian and his wife have homeschooled for nine years, seven of those with Sonlight. Here, Brian works on Biology with his teens Caleb (16) and Rachel (14). They're studying Core 200 this year.

— **Brian R** Thornton, CO



We love that our children have a love for books. Learning has become something that they love to do because they love to read. Each year that we use Sonlight, homeschool gets easier, too, as we learn how to manipulate the curriculum to our family's specific needs. What I love best about Sonlight is that the instruction guide is completely prepared for you. There are no lessons to prepare or lesson plans to make, so the teacher's job is a breeze.

— **Brian And Victoria R** China



I love how Sonlight makes the world come alive. We're stateside only every 3-4 years, and then just for the summer so we always have a lot of traveling to do in order to visit all of our relatives. We start out from Denver and head for Gothenburg, Nebraska, an original Pony Express Station, where we stop for a picnic. This landmark always interests the kids since they studied about the Pony Express their first year with Sonlight, and then also when we studied American History in Core 3 & 4. We're amused as we drive as if we're "racing" (within speed limits) to the next Station.

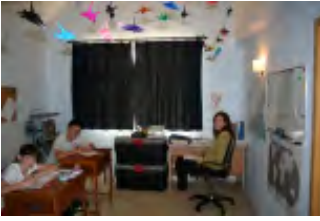
— **Brian And Victoria R** China



Having just spent the past two years studying American History with Sonlight's Core 3 and Core 4, we made Washington, D.C. a priority field trip along our 6000 mile summer road trip. How awesome for the kids to be able to see the very monuments that we've been reading about, and to remember those who gave their lives in the battles for our nation's freedom.

— **Brian And Victoria R** China





Caleb and Rachel studied Japan, read Sadako and the 1000 paper cranes, and then chose to make 1000 paper cranes for their "Choose your Adventure" project in Eastern Hemisphere Explorer. It helped that the book had "How to Fold a Paper Crane" instructions in the back, and that Sonlight included origami paper. Now, the classroom is slowly filling with colorful hanging paper cranes. Caleb and Rachel both love that they can choose from several different projects, and that they're not being told what to do. It gives them the freedom to use their own creativity in the ways that they learn best. We all love Sonlight!

— **Brian And Victoria R** China



We love using Sonlight curriculum! I know I'm giving my kids a great education! I was homeschooled after attending a small Christian school, and I was very determined that my children would not get an underaverage education like some homeschoolers I saw, but one that would give them a boost to run forward in whatever God is calling each of them to. Sonlight's choice of books gives the children a great open door to explore lots of different subjects, countries, cultures, and fields of knowledge.

— **Brianna R** Frisco, CO



One favorite Sonlight book, George Mueller had a life-changing impact on our family. Josiah (far right) made the decision to follow the Lord after hearing this amazing story. We have had so many funny and touching moments this year as the entire family has benefited from the wonderful Readers and Read-Alouds. The decision to switch to Sonlight was the best homeschooling decision we have made thus far. Brothers Josiah and Isaac and cousin Micah--all Sonlighters--are studying Cores P4/5 and B in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Calley R** Vidalia, LA



We are long-time Sonlight users and have loved every Core but we especially enjoy those covering American History! Sonlight chooses the very best reading selections.

— **Camille R** Hollywood , MD



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

— **Cassy R** Kenai, AK



We love Sonlight for the rich literature; however, the forums have also become an important part of our family's life. Because of the Sonlight Forums, our family became aware that there are 5 million orphans in Ethiopia. Now, there is one less! Magdalyn joined our family on July 2, 2010! We are now a family of six, with a truly international flair. We are so thankful for the forums, and how our lives have been changed and blessed by adoption. Thank you Sonlight for being a part of bringing Magdalyn home. Here, Magdalyn cuddles up with Brennan (14), anticipating her years of Sonlight ahead. Brennan is studying Core 200 as Noah (9) studies Core D and Joshua (6) explores Core B.

— **Cheri R** Bingen, WA



Reading the Sonlight books have helped our children develop a love of nature and gardening. Annabelle and Lily both like to water the garden. When it rains, we talk about how the water helps our plants grow. The Family Time Bible creation story has helped Annabelle recognize God's handiwork in nature. Annabelle now proudly proclaims, "God made everything, it's amazing!"

— **Chris R** Oak Forest, IL



We did Sonlight with Daniel for K and Core 1, and then got away from it for awhile. After we adopted Maiya this year, we felt the Lord was leading us back to Sonlight. Since we've been using Sonlight again, our school day has been so much more peaceful and enjoyable. Adam, 6, loves being read to, and continually asks for more, and Daniel can't get enough of the readers. Thank you Sonlight for helping to bring order in the midst of chaos, we can't wait to start Core 3!

— **Colleen R** Lakeville, MN

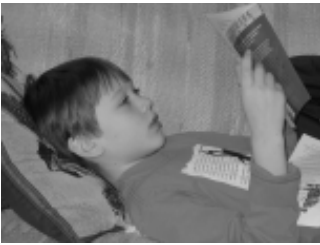




Each year, I take my girls (12 & 10) on a photo shoot. Our oldest is quite the bookworm, so it was only natural to take photos of her with a collection of rich literature. During the shoot, she informed me that she was really trying to read. She said, "Oh, how I could stay here and read all day!" I'm thankful for such a rich list of literature to choose from, and for sparking an interest in reading in my 10 year old! We are all looking forward to the infamous box day!! Sonlight looks like the culmination of everything I've been trying to organize on my own these past two years. I'm looking forward to being much more organized!

— **Crisie R** Pasadena, TX

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Christopher, age 8, is deep in thought reading a book and studying. Christopher looks very relaxed, although he is studying. The black and white makes the photo seem more mellow and relaxed. You can tell by the photo that he's reading a Landmark history book. Then question comes up "Who is he reading about?" This question adds a sense of curiosity and leaves the viewer wondering because there are so many interesting historical figures to read about when you use Sonlight curriculum. Sonlight is interesting because you can read, and learn by doing. By reading books, you can find out how other characters dealt with different situations. You can even apply them to your own life. That is what I like most about Sonlight.

— **Crystal R** Chagrin Falls, OH

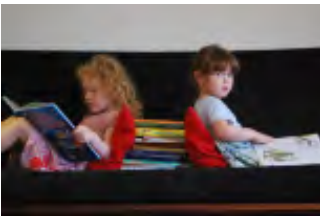
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Now that oldest sister has left for college, the remaining children fit on the couch - sometimes referred to as a boat surrounded by sharks, and used as motivation to hurry and get on for reading time! With our Sonlight readers collection from 13 past years of schooling, there is always a great book to relish.

— **Darcy R** Catawba, SC

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Rebekah and Elizabeth are Sonlight books to prop themselves up while they have a read. Rebekah says that her Usborne Internet-Linked Children's Encyclopedia is her favourite book. Sonlight is great because we are a family of book lovers. We love the range of interesting materials to read and, as we work in Nigeria in Bible Translation, it's great that Sonlight can get the books to us out here.

— **David R** United Kingdom

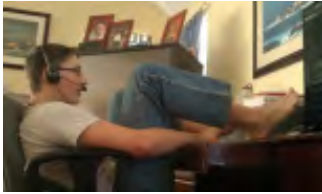
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My husband is a language arts teacher and he picked Sonlight for us when we began to homeschool. Sonlight has helped us see history the way it really happened instead of watered down by textbooks. It has helped us question why we believe what we believe, has made us think deeper about our convictions, and has made all three of us into history and literature nuts! Here, 17-year-old Andrew eagerly looks through his new Core 400 materials. He's in his eleventh year of Sonlight.

— **Deana R** Eagle Point, OR

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We started homeschooling in the 5th grade and have always used Sonlight. Tyler went from moaning about reading to actually reading books just for pleasure. His twin sisters, Sara and Kayla, were luckier; they only went to public school for kindergarten. They got to start on the earlier Cores. Sometimes Tyler couldn't help sitting in on some of their Sonlight books, as well. He would complain about how he hadn't been able to read those books. Here, Tyler gets comfortable for Rosetta Stone® Spanish. I'm not sure he could do this at a public school." Tyler has been studying with Sonlight for six years.

— **Elizabeth R** Soddy Daisy, TN

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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. 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.

— **Elizabeth R** Providence Village, TX

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I love that Sonlight offers different options for math that can cater to your child's personality and learning style. Isaac loves Singapore Math and I love that it caters to his individual learning style. Being able to color, trace, match, and a variety of other learning methods helps him stay focused. Isaac (4) is using Core A for kindergarten alongside Gideon (6), who is using it for first grade. Both boys also beg to join little sister Lucy for the Preschool Multi-Subject Package because they love the books!

— **Emily R** Magnolia, AR

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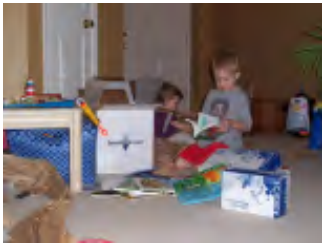




Sonlight makes it so easy for me to begin each day. If I haven't had time to review the plans, I can quickly glance at the tasks in the user-friendly IG and jump right in. With Sonlight, Audrey is exposed to wonderful stories that whisk her off on adventure after adventure. She loves the Read-Alouds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

— **Erika A R** Surprise, AZ

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I let my son, Alec, open his curriculum when it arrived because I wanted to see his expression and it was overwhelming! He was so excited and pulled every book out and looked through each one. Of course, little sister wanted to help also. Alec ended up carrying his encyclopedia around all day long. Sonlight has given us control over our children's education, and confidence that we have help along the way. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Erin R** Justin, TX

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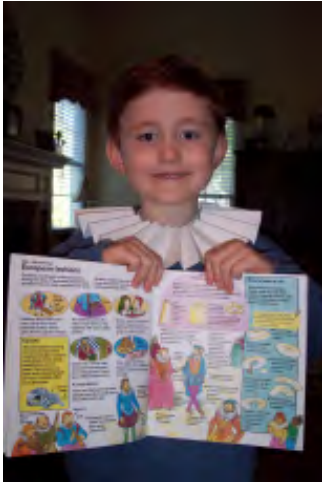


With Sonlight, history comes alive! It is not just memorizing and spitting out facts and dates. When our children were enrolled in a private school before we brought them home, they were doing lots of worksheets and 'busy work.' History was chapter after chapter of facts and dates to recite. With Sonlight, history comes alive with stories about real places and people and their adventures. Thank you. In their fourth year of Sonlight, Andrew (15, Core 100), Elizabeth (13, Core 100) and Paul (9, Core D) use their Sonlight Science to research how to make a suitable habitat for the box turtles they found in their yard.

— **Faith R** Little Rock, AR

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Tucker enjoys reading about history in Sonlight's K5 program. While reading Living Long Ago, he is always eager to do the crafts. Here he is proudly showing off the European ruff that men and women wore 500 years ago. What a great way to learn--hands on history! I have really enjoyed reading the read aloud books this year and my husband and I are so glad to have our son exposed to learning with the rich stories Sonlight has chosen. I am amazed at all the things Tucker remembers from what he's learned this year--things about the Amazon, people and events in the Bible, and geography...the list goes on. My son really enjoys learning this year thanks to the fun program Sonlight has put together using many living books! And most importantly, it allows me to spend time actively engaged in reading with him and talking about what we are learning--then telling Daddy about when he gets home from work!

— **Faithanne R** Fountain Inn, SC



My family loves the homeschooling with Sonlight way of life, surrounded by nature and great books. On beautiful days, our classroom is our backyard! During his spare time, Jared can often be found rereading old Sonlight favorites, which is just what he was doing on this day. Hope loves to snuggle with her little sisters and share her love of reading with them. We are certain that they will "catch the reading bug" that Sonlight has (thankfully) given to her and to her brother!

— **Farrel R** Argyle, TX



Thank you Sonlight for creating a curriculum that promotes family fellowship. 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.

— **Farrel R** Copper Canyon, TX



We love to gather around the excellent books as a family and enjoy the poems and stories together, building memories we know we will always treasure. In this photo, Samuel (6), Joel (4), Callum (1) and Mom delight in the fun poetry scheduled in Core A.

— **Georgie R** South Africa





Our caption for this photo.... When your child uses Sonlight Curriculum, the Light of the World is within their grasp. or... When your child holds Sonlight in their hands, the light of the Word radiates through them. Carolyn and Rebekah have been homeschooling for many years, and this is the first year using Sonlight. What an incredible change in all our lives. They LOVED it!! They loved the books, they loved the memory verses, they loved the maps and timeline. And when asked which book was their favorite it was impossible for them to pick one, two or even five. They loved every book they read. I (mom) was extremely pleased and found the curriculum guide incredibly easy to use. Sonlight has given us a greater appreciation for literature AND history and has added wonderful family time to our homeschool days. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Gina R** Centereach, NY

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Here we are on the eastern edge of the United States at West Meadow Beach, Long Island, New York. Carolyn and Hannah are best friends enjoying their Sonlight books together. As a matter of fact whenever they get together they like to read! Hannah just finished Eastern Hemisphere and Carolyn is beginning this year. Carolyn and Hannah are enjoying a last day together on the beach before Hannah heads back to Nigeria where her family is serving as missionaries. Sonlight is truly around the globe!

— **Gina R** Centereach, NY

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As a mom, I was so impressed with the character qualities displayed in all the main characters of every book we read. It has been such a pleasure we are looking forward to beginning Eastern Hemisphere this year. Thank you Sonlight for helping us in our ninth year of homeschooling to ENJOY it so much!! God bless you!

— **Gina R** Centereach, NY

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One of the first things that drew me to Sonlight was the ability to use one Core for our three older boys and then when our two little boys are older we can use it all again. It's a very affordable way for us to homeschool. After reading about ancient Egyptians in Core A, Nathanael (7), Ezekiel (6), Levi (5) and Joash (2) couldn't wait to have a go at making their own mud bricks. They're in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Jacquelyn R** Australia

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Almost every time our boys auntie Callie comes to our house they end up cuddled together on the couch with Callie reading to them... good thing she loves to read, too. They all especially love the Tiger and Rabbit stories in the Lion Storyteller Bedtime Book, but any of our Sonlight books will do! We love how much time we can spend doing just that, cuddling up on the couch, reading, when using Sonlight. I love how easily the books capture our boys attention, kids who are very busy (all the time) will sit for an hour or more when I, (or someone else) read to them! We especially love the science books. Jacqui Rickard, Australia

— **Jacquelyn R**    Australia



The wonderful lesson plans (with activities that are actually FUN and effective) and excellent materials have made homeschooling a wonderful experience for our family. 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.

— **Janelle R**    Fairbanks, AK



It can be challenging to homeschool with a toddler in tow, but Sonlight's new Instructor Guides are already making life so much easier! That makes it possible to do the things we really love... like cuddling up together to read a classic!

— **Janelle R**    Fairbanks, AK



Monty loves it when Zachary and Savannah read to him. They along with Sonlight have opened the doors for him to love learning. Sonlight allows Monty to explore the world beyond the doctors offices, hospitals and therapy sessions that he spends the majority of his time in. Zachary and Savannah love Sonlight and have grown so much over the past couple of years. They are always eager to start the next day, week and year of work, excited to find out what's next! Thank you Sonlight for allowing our family to spend more time together no matter where we are!

— **Janette R**    Lebanon, OH







Zachary and Savannah love helping Monty learn. Through Sonlight, Monty has gained wings. Being able to explore through books has given Monty a window to a world that is beyond his grasp. Monty has a very complicated medical disease and is also on the autism spectrum. Seeing all 3 of my children being able to dive into other worlds together is such an amazing blessing. Thank you.

— **Janette R** Lebanon, OH



We love Sonlight. Here Zachary(11) and Savannah (10) open up a whole new world to their little brother Monty. Monty is limited in what he can physically do, but through Sonlight Monty is able to explore a whole new world.

— **Janette R** Lebanon, OH



We have read so many great books this year. I love the way the readers and read alouds correspond with what the kids are learning in history. My kids read the readers over and over again just because they enjoy them so much.

— **Janice R** Canada



Who can resist a good story? The readers are so rich and so exciting that there is no problem getting even reluctant readers to read them. Heidi has improved her reading skills so much this past year and I know a lot of the reason is because of the great books she has been reading from Sonlight. Even the dog seems to enjoy the opportunity to listen to a great story.

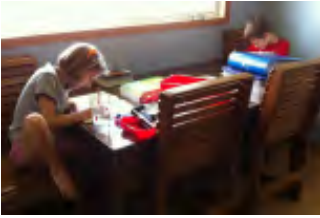
— **Janice R** Canada





Sonlight has allowed our three children to all participate and learn in an interactive, cooperative and fun-filled environment. A Child's History of the World and The Usborne Book of World History [from Core B] were fantastic launching pads into exploring Ancient Rome. My kids were enthralled with this truly remarkable time period, and it was a joy to watch them make connections between the biblical history and Roman times and its people. Caelan (6) was so inspired this year with Core B that he wanted to recreate some Roman armor. This is his second year using Sonlight.

— **Jeni R**    Canada



"My children have become friends, and I am very thankful for that. When in public school up to this year, they were NOT friends. They had friends at school, and did not have much use for each other at home. When we started homeschooling, I was so thankful that we chose Sonlight, because I am able to combine their Core studies and their Science. Every morning we start with them on either side of me, reading History, Bible and Science. They connect over their shared learning, and the tone is set for the rest of the day, even as they go to their separate studies. Zoe (10) and Noah (8) share Core B and Science B in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Jennie R**    Pekin, IL



I knew I wanted to homeschool my son, but did not know where to start. I started researching, and tried to come up with a curriculum on my own. I found myself just guessing on what my son should be learning, instead of feeling confident that what he was learning was age appropriate material. I wanted to be sure that I was doing the best for my son. That is when I decided to purchase Sonlight. Sonlight comes in a box, and tells you what to do! Sonlight has been amazing for us this year! Rylee LOVES the stories, and he LOVES to do the worksheets! I love it because it simplifies the planning for me! All I have to do is follow the teacher's manual, and invest a few hours of my day! It is also great for my 1 year old, because she sits on my lap and listens to all of the stories too. The results are amazing! I love the quality family time that we are getting to spend each day. My family was very displeased about my decision to homeschool my son. Especially my mother, because she is a math teacher @ a public school. When they saw how much he was learning, and how quickly, they soon changed their opinion about homeschooling. Now my mom is excited, and she is helping gather supplies, and information for next year! Thank you for taking the guesswork out of homeschool Sonlight!

— **Jennifer R**    Prairie Grove, AR

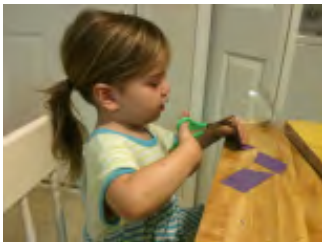




Despite the fact that we've only been using Sonlight for three months, the numerous benefits are already evident. Here, Julie (age 4) enjoys a few stories from her Core P3/4 with her brother Aaron (age 15). Since we started the program, the frequent exposure to captivating, quality children's literature has furthered Julie's language skills and improved her attention span. These improvements, however, weren't to much of a surprise. What amazed me was the unexpected benefit of improved relationships between my four children. When the books come out, the fighting stops and everyone crowds around to hear the stories. It turns out you're never to old for a good children's tale.

— **Jennifer R** St. Augustine, FL

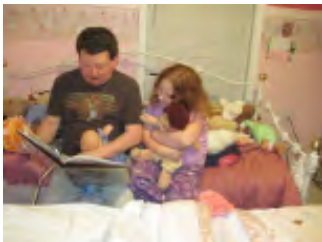
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Julie's attention span and language skills have improved dramatically with her frequent exposure to quality children's literature. Repeatedly throughout the day, she'll request that we 'Read some school!' Using Sonlight's gentle preschool programs helps us ensure that Julie will love learning right from the start. Here, 4-year-old Julie uses scissors for the first time as part of her Core P3/4 program.

— **Jennifer R** St. Augustine, FL

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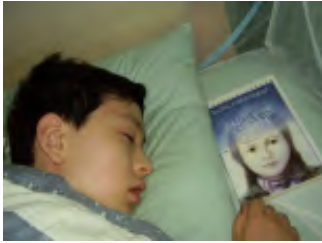


Our family is known as the bedtime story family and Art is the master story teller. Every time a child comes to spend the night they want to know what book we are reading. Kids have told our daughter she is so lucky to have such cool books for school! So yes, we LOVE Sonlight. But not because it is has great books for homeschooling. It does - but that's not why we love it. We love it because of what the company stands for: Bringing families closer together and bringing them closer to God. My husband, Art, was disabled this year. We have gone through this together, encouraged by God and the stories we have read in our curriculum. Art has relearned to walk, talk and feed himself. He's also been able to continue forming special memories with 9-year-old Allison, particularly through Read-Alouds. Jennifer says Sonlight has helped bring their family together through his illness.

— **Jennifer R** Portsmouth, VA

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Robbie LOVES to read, thanks to Sonlight's educational philosophy and our way of teaching! He has to read each night before falling asleep. Too often, the books were too interesting to put down, so we have had many "Oh, I'm too tired!" in the mornings! :-)  
When I took this picture, he was still sound asleep but it's almost 9 a.m. He has a mosquito netting around the bed. He's going to be an 8th grader in a few days, but he still reads the 5th, 6th, and 7th materials like they were still new. We live in a very small city in Asia and there're no other foreign kids to play with. These books have served us well by providing such an outlet, comfort, and encouragement for an only child. We have been very blessed!

— **Jenny R** Mooresville, NC

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Sonlight has been our faithful friend for the past 13 years or so. The library we've built is just precious. Robbie would read his books over and over and it's so fun hearing him chuckling about some things in the book. We love Sonlight! It fits our worldview perfectly. In this photo, Robbie (17) reads a Sonlight book while recovering from an emergency appendix surgery. He is studying 230 Classic Literature in his thirteenth year with Sonlight.

— **Jenny R** Mooresville, NC

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Sonlight curriculum affords the flexibility that we need, since we work in East Asia and travel often. Because of Sonlight's worldview focus, we're able to apply what we learn in real settings. We often talk about how we can understand this culture and serve its people better. Sonlight's literature-based curriculum gives us many thought provoking sessions! Here, 16-year-old Robbie helps young students in a summer English camp. Now studying Core 400, Robbie has used Sonlight for over eleven years.

— **Jenny R** Mooresville, NC

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We love Sonlight's rich selection of books! Sonlight has the best books that really help one to grow in faith. As a homeschool mom and teacher, I appreciate the Instructor Guide! Without it, I'd be spending hours on my own working out the plans. We are entering our 10th year using Sonlight! Since we live in China, Sonlight has been super "portable" for us! :-)

— **Jenny R** Mooresville, NC

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The Egermeier's Bible Story Book that Sonlight uses was really great because it included more than just a few popular children's Bible stories. It had numerous Bible stories- some I didn't even remember. We used it for our family worship time and I know that God worked in all of our hearts as we read His Word together! I also loved the Sing God's 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!!! Thank you for such great material.

— **Jeremy R** Allentown, PA

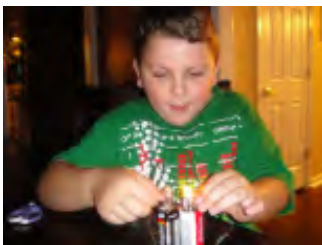
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Big Box Day! We had such a great time pulling out and looking through each book! Everything was shiny and new! We couldn't wait to get started! Sonlight just flows with our life and learning style. Juliana loves to read and this encouraged her even more. I remember snuggling up, reading and acting out story after story!

— **Jessica R** Ashburn, VA

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Each year we evaluate curricula, but have never felt we could get the same level of cohesion between subjects, depth of content in literature, or the degree of critical-thinking skills to which we've grown accustomed with Sonlight. We began using Sonlight in 2006 with our oldest child. We've really been drawn to stand in awe of God's power as we read books about missionaries such as George Mueller and Gladys Aylward. Each new year and box day delivers a whole new gift of academic learning and drawing closer to God as a family. Here, Carson (9, Core E, Science E) experiences a light bulb moment in his fifth Sonlight year.

— **Justin R** Bowdon, GA

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I didn't know anything about homeschooling, but Sonlight took care of everything. My oldest son attended public kindergarten, and when I got him back at 4:30, he was exhausted. The only time I spent with him was during a quick dinner and bedtime routine. I called it 'the leftovers,' and I wasn't talking about the food. There was no time to teach Christian values, and I felt I was losing my son. [Now with Sonlight,] we are learning together and enjoying the best of ourselves--finally. No more leftovers! Here, Christopher (7) and Wade (5) read enthusiastically in the "Bat Cave" (aka the dining room table). What other classroom in the country has a bat cave? I love it! The R family is in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Karen R** Copperas Cove, TX

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I love that with Sonlight, I don't have to create all kinds of activities for my children. I read the books, and they live out what they've read. They've 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.

— **Katherine R** West Chicago, IL



Thanks to Sonlight's training, my daughter Rachel is in the habit of integrating everything she learns into the 'big picture' of time and place. Before she can read anything, she looks at her timeline to understand where the story takes place in the context of history. She'll also find the story's location on the map. She loves to peruse The Timeline Book [RR120] from beginning to end. I feel she has a great grasp on the big picture. In her fourth year of Sonlight, Rachel (7) uses Google to locate where Little Pear (from Core B) took place.

— **Katherine R** Rochester, MN



Our Reading Tree began as a bare sapling four years ago, when we started our Sonlight journey. Since then, we've painted longer branches to support all the great books we have enjoyed. Now Matthew (12) and Nathan (13) add their latest readers from Core 7. We each have our own color leaf to record every book we read. Sonlight not only provides excellent books in their Cores, but they inspire a love of reading that encourages the boys to read "for fun."

— **Kathy R** Buena Vista, CO





Sonlight puts the bounce into our day of homeschooling! The Sonlight curriculum has provided a wonderful learning experience for our entire family through memorable and educational literature. We enjoy all reading together and discussing our favorite books while learning as a family. Some of our most cherished family memories are those in which we spend an evening listening to dad read some of our favorite read-alouds, such as *The Hobbit* or *Great Expectations*. The decision to choose Sonlight has led to a homeschool experience in which we learn as a family and spend time together.

— **Kathy R** Farmington, MI

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We live in China. I'm thankful Sonlight provides the full package and I don't have to worry about finding items locally. It enables me to do the many other things I need to do.

— **Katie R** Chattanooga , TN

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I am amazed at how much my children are learning at such a young age. One thing I love about our homeschool is that my 4- and 6-year-old can explain basic facts about the major world religions and compare them to Christianity. I think this is excellent for their age and will help prepare their hearts and minds! We live in East Asia and Sonlight has helped immensely with understanding the different world views, religions and cultures they encounter daily. As a bonus they are discovering a love for learning through stories and a love for reading. What a JOY! Here, Evie Joy (4, Core A) uses the manipulatives in the Saxon K Math program.

— **Katie R** Chattanooga , TN

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To be honest, the price of Sonlight made us nervous, but the stuff we have learned and remembered from the historical fiction readers have made it worth it. We aren't just remembering stuff for tests now - but internalizing it and pulling it out of our hats when we need it. We (both mom and kids) have been so happy with the way things are laid out, the discussion the reading has opened up and the retention of information! Both my son and I enjoy the fiction reading that ties into the history books. We all seem to remember the information better for the long term. Here, 12-year-old Doug enjoys one of the great benefits of homeschooling - holding his baby sister and doing Science at the same time! Doug has been homeschooled since Kindergarten and is now studying Core F in his second year of Sonlight.

— **Kayla R** Mcdonough, GA

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Rachael is trying out her canoe for the first time. She and her dad built the cedar-strip canoe from planks of wood after she was interested in geometry in Singapore math. Sonlight has been such a blessing to our family because our girls enjoy learning so much that they are willing to try new things. Working together on schoolwork has developed wonderful relationships within our family.

— **Keith R** Monticello, MS

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Rachael and her parents are sanding her cedar-strip canoe. She and her dad decided to build a canoe after she was interested in geometry in Singapore math. They started with planks of cedar which they measured and cut. They built a form to which they attached the strips. After building the canoe, they fiberglassed and varnished it. Because Sonlight makes learning fun, our girls are excited about trying new things. Sonlight also keeps us working together as a family which develops wonderful relationships.

— **Keith R** Monticello, MS

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Ruth Ann has been playing the violin for two years. She and her sisters love the story from Hero Tales where the violin music of Wallace Goforth caused Mr. Su to come into the tent and hear the gospel. Mr. Su became an excellent Chinese evangelist. Just as God used the talent he gave to Wallace Goforth to lead others to Himself, he can also use the girls' talent with the violin to draw people to Himself. They play weekly at the nursing home and usually monthly at our church. One reason that I love Sonlight so much is that it gives my girls heroes like Amy Carmichael, George Mueller, and Hudson Taylor. I am thankful that they have godly heroes they can look up to, rather than the heroes of Hollywood. Thank you, Sonlight.

— **Keith R** Monticello, MS

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After much begging, I just didn't have time to read more of Little Britches (from Sonlight's American History Part 2) to my 2 youngest children. I later found my second oldest child, Eden, reading Little Britches to her younger brother and sister. Sonlight has given my children (and their mother) a great love for reading and history! Thank you Sonlight for all the wonderful books that bring our family together.

— **Kim R** Leonard, MI

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A Robin built her nest in my children's favorite climbing tree. Grayson climbed up to help his little sister, Emma to observe her nest. Sonlight has encouraged in my children a love and curiosity of nature, a sense of wonder of the myriad of life in world around them, and a firm desire to know.

— **Kim R** Trenton, NJ



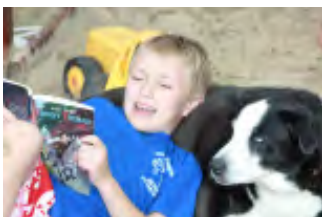
Sonlight has given us the freedom, time and confidence to go beyond the classroom and explore the world together. The planning is done so I have so much more time to enjoy my children and we have fun learning together. As a homeschooling mom of seven, soon to be nine through international adoption, I love how Sonlight has simplified my job. I have used many different things in our homeschooling journey over the years and I found found that Sonlight has saved me not only time, but money. I have a home full of books and children who love to read them, love each other and God and love to learn.

— **Kim R** Trenton, NJ



Oh, the books, books books! The Wonderful book selections from Sonlight have given my children a love of reading. They often get book recommendations from each other and share or revisit favorites with their brothers and sisters. Reading aloud together has become a favorite part of our every day. I love that the shared experiences strengthen and nourish the sibling bond.

— **Kim R** Trenton, NJ



I love the fact that Sonlight has allowed our boys to be boys. They enjoy the adventure of learning. Here Luke is reading with his pal.

— **Kim R** Trenton, NJ





Sonlight gives us more time as a family to discover the wonders of the world together. Being able to share them with each other helps to build strong sibling relationships. Time and shared learning experiences is weaving the fabric of our family close together. My teens aren't segregated away from the family for hours and hours each day, but are able to be an important part of the learning and family dynamic. It is beautiful to have my 16 year old be there to be a knight for his little princess.

— **Kim R** Trenton, NJ

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The gift of learning together is priceless. Sonlight has given us a feast of great books to share and laugh and cry over together. Sonlight expands our world, stretches our minds, connects us with far away places and each other. The great books let us walk in someone else's shoes for awhile. I love learning right alongside with my children. As a homeschooling mom of seven with soon to be nine through international adoption, I am so happy that Sonlight has simplified my life. I can focus on enjoying my children not on making lessons plans. It is such a joy to see my children learning with and from each other.

— **Kim R** Trenton, NJ

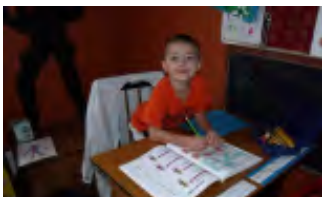
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Sonlight Curriculum is an integral part of our homeschool for the past 11 years. Because of homeschooling, three of our older children were able to travel together with us, as a family, to adopt their youngest brother and sister from Hefei, China, in 2007. From the Great Wall, to the Forbidden City, my children were actually visiting the places that they had read about in their Sonlight books. The world truly is our classroom, and the use of Sonlight's Core curriculum made the places that we visited in China come alive in a way that we could not have experienced had we not learned about the country and culture beforehand. Now our four children from China are experiencing the joy of learning about their birth land through Sonlight's programs. Thank you, Sonlight, for being a part of our amazing homeschool journey.

— **Kim R** Teague, TX

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This is our son Joshua working on a 1st grade math lesson. Sonlights math resources make learning fun and easy. Math is one of his favorite subjects.

— **Kristina R** Hastings, MI

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Both the boys love science experiment day! They both watch the science activities DVD intently and then jump to it. Robbie seems to take so much more in having used his own hands to put ideas into practice and it's amazing the number of times he is able to relate something 'in real life' to a principle he's learnt through working on the experiments. Billy takes it all in too on his own level and I love watching Robbie take the time out to help his little brother once he's mastered the experiment himself. It teaches him so much patience and I can see the wonderful bond it is creating between the pair of them. I never would have thought a 5 and a 2 year old would get so much out of little science experiments and, if it wasn't for Sonlight, both my boys would have missed out on a lot of learning, fun and enjoyment.

— **Laura R** Australia

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Sonlight allows us to homeschool. 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.

— **Lauri R** Cedar Rapids, IA

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We really enjoy the books Sonlight selects. They have such a broad focus there is always something to please everyone. We've been able to "homeschool" on hikes, playgrounds, the couch, the table. Sonlight has designed a curriculum that makes it easy for the world God created to become our classroom!

— **Laurie & Jonat R** Front Royal, VA

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Thanks, Sonlight, for helping us have a home school where learning is a lifestyle! 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.

— **Leslie R** Duncanville, TX

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While studying American History in Core 3, our family had the opportunity to visit Mt. Vernon. With "Meet George Washington" in hand, we walked all over the estate of our first president adding details to our knowledge of him. History truly comes to life in the minds of our children with Sonlight as the core of our family school. I treasure each year of educating them and look forward to new curriculum as I review my schooling and learn new things as well. Sonlight will remain at the heart of our children's education as we learn more about the Lord and the world He created.

— **Leticia R** Severna Park, MD

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Sonlight has been a lifesaver for my son who has severe ADHD and aspergers syndrome. After a disastrous start at public school, who were not able to support him, most parents wouldn't have any other options, however having used Sonlight before I had past experience to fall back on and although we were met by a lot of opposition (homeschooling not common in the UK) people are now astonished by how much his behavior has improved (including his doctors). I couldn't have done it without Sonlight, thank you

— **Linda R** United Kindom

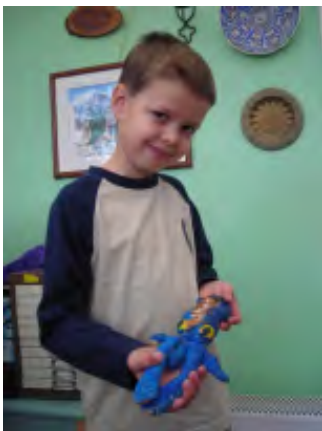
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This is my son Michael who has Aspergers and ADHD, after a disasterous time at public school he is loving home schooling, this is his favourite book and he insists that our dog lucy reads it with us

— **Linda R** United Kingdom

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My son Michael has severe ADHD and Asperger's Syndrome. After a disastrous start at public school due to lack of support for him I decided (with the advice of several Sonlight forumers) to pull him out of school and start home schooling. Friends and family who were skeptical are now amazed at Michael's transformation (including his doctors). Thank you Sonlight.

— **Linda R** United Kingdom

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Dawson and Katie are so excited to see the states that they received postcards from that day. We got together with other SL families doing Core C, via the SL forums, and swapped postcards with each other from all over the world. I love that my kids are learning together with SL. we have so much fun together and the learning just seems to happen naturally.

— **Lisa R** Culver City, CA

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Katie combines her excitement for the outdoors with her excitement for school by doing her Language arts in the treehouse! it was a particularly beautiful day, and well, why not? SL gives us great flexibility in choosing what is best for each child in our family. I love that I can combine subjects with them, as well as cater to each of their learning levels, all at the same time. they are receiving a great education with SL.

— **Lisa R** Culver City, CA

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Olivia can't wait to dig into her books from Sonlight! The packing material is not even cleaned up. I love seeing the joy she gets from receiving the curriculum books from Sonlight! This curriculum is not only fun to teach, but has just enhanced the love of books, reading, and learning from all of our children!

— **Lisa R** Spokane, WA

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Olivia and Ian can't wait to dig into their Sonlight books for the school year! The packing material is not even cleaned up. I love seeing the joy they get from receiving the curriculum books from Sonlight! This curriculum is not only fun to teach, but has just enhanced the love of books, reading, and learning for everyone in our family!

— **Lisa R** Spokane, WA

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Sonlight joyfully allows us to extend the freedom and ease of summer all through the year. Thank you Sonlight for helping us to create pleasant memories of learning, family and home. Thanks for putting the enthusiasm back into education and making it a family affair! Here, Devany (9) and Preston (8) read from Cores C and D in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Marny R** Rancho Mirage, CA

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Using Sonlight for the past 10 years taught Anna to love to learn. She especially loved history and read every book she could get her hands on well before it came up in the schedule. She's now a history major who made the Dean's List her first two semesters of college. Sonlight helped her become a well-prepared, focused, successful and confident student. Thank you Sonlight! We're so glad that you continue to play a role in Anna's life. The skills she learned studying your curriculum will take her to many new, exciting places. After her final Sonlight year with Core 530, Anna (18) used a Sonlight box to move into her college dorm. Siblings Niklas (16) and Peder (14) are currently using Core 100.

— **Mary R** Mukwonago, WI



Amelie and Ricky are enjoying Sonlight in the sunlight. Amelie and Ricky took out the Sonlight Science magnifying glass, book and decided to inspect a flower. While they were engrossed in what made up a flower and who lives in flowers (bugs) I decided to take out the camera and take a picture. Sonlight signifies everything that is important to us... family, love, togetherness, faith and the love to learn. Thank you Sonlight for sharing in our journey in becoming all that we were meant to be!

— **Mary Ann R** Canada



Sonlight has given us more family time and a chance to experience God's wonderful world together. This is so important to me especially, as I have MS. At times I am unable to be as active as I would like to be. But we can have those moments of snuggling up together and enjoying the rich literature. Sonlight has opened a whole new world to us. With every trip, or vacation or outing we are constantly discussing culture and geography. The kids are constantly learning. After studying the ancient Greeks and Romans, Matiana (7) and Jonas (5) made sure the entire family dressed up in proper attire (complete with a wig for dad!) for a Roman/Greek family feast. They've used Sonlight from the beginning.

— **Michell R** Bigfork, MT



Samantha was eager to share her reading ability with her Papa during his visit and he enjoyed helping her and her siblings do school. Sonlight has opened up the world of learning to us in an exciting way. We've been doing Sonlight for 7 years now and collecting quite a few cores. I love that the children are interested in their books. So interested in fact that they frequently unboxed the cores we weren't currently using so they could read something they enjoyed the year before. I finally bought another bookcase and unboxed them all. Now, they can re-read all of the books during their free time!

— **Michelle R** Mesa, AZ





The boys spent hours in wonderment over one of God's creatures. I love their expressions as they watch to see how fast the snail can go down their slide. In just a week of starting Sonlight, we love the quality time spent with one another, building closer relationships while learning about and enjoying God's beautiful creations all around us.

— **Michelle R** La Habra, CA

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No boring textbooks here! We LIVE it with Sonlight. Sonlight's outstanding literature selections continually propel my three daughters and me into deep life application discussions. Frequent conversations relating to morality, strong character, good judgment, and faith seem to naturally evolve from our time spent reading together. This is one of my biggest treasures of homeschooling with Sonlight! Here, 10-year-old Callie soaks up *The Perilous Road* from Core E on top a cannon at the Chickamauga Battlefield, right where some Civil War action happened. Callie will study Core F next year in her seventh year of Sonlight.

— **Michelle R** Ringgold, GA

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Sonlight is so fun! We ended up moving our science experiment to the kitchen so everyone can participate. Here Kris is counting his caterpillars snug in their new homes and taking notes in his science lab book.

— **Misty R** Gilbert, AZ

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Sonlight encompasses all the ideals I ever hoped to achieve spiritually and scholastically for my children and provides the tools for me to accomplish those goals. After homeschooling without joy for a decade, I was at a dead end. I approached a Sonlight mom for advice and made the switch. Last year we enjoyed our best school year ever and now own six full Cores! Not only was our school journey transformed, but our lives also, as we began to function better as a family. Here, Gantry (8, Core D+E) shares his Science experiment with Hayden (3, P3/4 Multi-Subject) and Gatlin (6, Core B).

— **Nancy R** Paducah, KY

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One day we took the family to the park to find some of the items in "My First Picture Dictionary." Sonlight gives us the flexibility to do some hands-on training when we think it would be helpful. My experience with Sonlight as a newcomer and first-time homeschooler has been delightful. In Sonlight I found a comprehensive curriculum which includes everything my children and I need and want, such as exciting, real books and complete lesson plans. It has given me the confidence I needed and removed the intimidating and overwhelming feeling of putting a plan together on my own. How exciting to find a curriculum in which everyone in our family, even my 3-year-old and 7-month-old, can participate, as we read our 5-year-old "Read Alouds" together. And Daddy can get involved with such ease, as well. For us, Sonlight has made it easier for us to teach our children "when we sit in our home, when we walk by the way, and when we lie down and rise up."

— **Nicole R** Simpsonville, SC

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The pull of the books ppts my children on the couch during "breaks" reading ahead to see what happens. No need to encourage reading here. It's something that is as natural as breathing. Each child of ours values certain books for certain reasons. I (mom) value the love of learning through great books!

— **Rachel R** Saint Francis, MN

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Reading outloud time has become such a treat in our house. Taking turns reading and then discussing what we're reading has really come to being the favorite part of our school day. We take turns and each child has "character" voices and turned our chapter assignments into STORYTIME with the family.

— **Rachel R** Saint Francis, MN

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Living in South East Asia has its challenges and privileges when it comes to home schooling. We are so thankful to have Sonlight to give us structure and flexibility to our school day. When the opportunity arises to observe a local event, we can take time from "studying the books" to "studying life as it happens in the local culture". On this day we went to the paddy fields to watch our friends use water buffalo to churn up paddy in preparation for plowing. In this picture we are taking time to observe and discuss a clump of snail eggs we found on a stalk of grass.

— **Richard R** Liberty, PA

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Our girls love Science K! I love how much the girls enjoy working together on their science experiments. Here, the girls are using the weather vane that they made to test and record the direction of the wind. Sonlight's creation-based science program has been great for our family.

— **Sarah R**    Adel, IA

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Katie has just taken off with reading. She watched her sister read through the Fun Tales last year and was chomping at the bit for "her" turn with the books. This picture was taken on a Saturday morning; my poor children don't know that children aren't supposed to want to do school EVERY day! I caught Katie reading "Pop!" to Daddy. They were both so absorbed that I was able to snap the picture without disturbing them. I credit all my children's love of learning and especially reading to Sonlight's read-aloud program; although we do the four-day program, I make sure to get all the books from the five-day program. As it is, we read through them so quickly that we have time for sequels not in the core. Thank you, Sonlight, for providing quality literature to feed my children's mental hunger.

— **Sarah R**    Bradley, WV

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I love being able to order a complete Core curriculum and know that all the materials I need will be delivered right to my door. The Instructors Guide takes the work out of planning. Here, Jeremiah (8) and Nathaniel (5) enjoy a day of school outdoors.

— **Sarah R**    La Fayette, GA

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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. I've been surprised by how easy it is 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.

— **Sarah R**    La Fayette, GA

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The moments that our family spends learning together are priceless. On this beautiful summer day, Samantha and Karli took some of their favorite books outside to enjoy with each other and their dolls. Samantha is reading "Time Traveler," and Karli is looking at "Things People Do." There are many reasons that we choose Sonlight each year. We love the books, we love the Christ-centered curriculum, and, well, we really do love to learn!

— **Sarah R**    Adel, IA

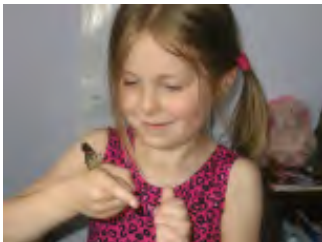
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There are many reasons we choose Sonlight each year: We love the books, the Christ-centered curriculum and we really do love to learn! One of my prayers for homeschooling was that our children would have fun while learning together. Sonlight helped answer that prayer by providing great Readers, Read-Alouds, History lessons, Science experiments and Bible memory verses set to music that we can enjoy together. On this beautiful summer day, they took some of their favorite books outside to enjoy with each other. In their fifth Sonlight year, Karli (5) is using Core A with Language Arts 1 and Samantha (8) is using Core D. They're studying Science A and E together.

— **Sarah R**    Adel, IA

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"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 homeschooling 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.

— **Sarah R**    Adel, IA

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By using Sonlight's 'real life' books, I am better able to equip my children to face the world with a strong, vibrant faith. I love the fact that we can learn from a biblical worldview while using well-written, engaging, and real-to-life books. Sonlight's incorporation of quality literature has made avid readers out of all my children. Here, the R family 'does school' on a hike. In their seventh year of Sonlight, Jonathan (10) and Benjamin (8) share Core B while Claire (12) and Katie (11) share Core E.

— **Sarah R** Mount Hope , WV



After repeatedly reading The Flip Flap Body Book from Core P3/4 Cece brought me her drawing of "the food tube." It's quite possible that no mom has ever been prouder of a drawing of the large intestine. It's so amazing to see her grow and learn every day. I'm so glad I am keeping her home with me, I love that I never miss an "aha" moment with her. I love the Sonlight books because they are fun to read for both me and the kids. I mean, really, what 4 year old draws the large intestine just for fun?

— **Sarrah R** Richland, MI



School happens all over our house and our yard and in our car. My favorite place, by far, is the red "schoolroom/library/dining room" that holds all of our wonderful Sonlight books. What book is next? I am often asked questions by new homeschoolers. Sonlight. The answer to all homeschooling questions, in my opinion, is Sonlight. I was a searcher, before I found Sonlight five years ago. Sonlight provides exactly what is needed. Whether it is the years we have followed the IG to the letter or this year when we have incorporated foster care into our lives, our home, and our school. Repeatedly, the instructor's guides (and the catalog) give a "blessing" to be flexible and go at a slower pace if needed. The schedule provides a framework and answers the important question, "What comes next?" Sonlight.

— **Shannon R** Alabaster, AL

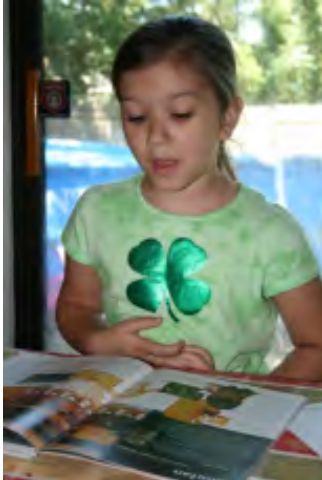




We love how our whole family gets involved in learning. Sonlight encourages our children to teach and nurture one another. Here Grace (4) is trying to teach Jane (1), just like her older sister Brenna helps her. Every minute I invest in them with Sonlight multiplies as they share information with each other. This is what they do for fun!

— **Sharon R** Jacksonville, FL

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As a Sonlight Mom, I enjoy listening to my daughter Brenna (8) read from her Window of the World book. We not only learn something new each day about different cultures, but our compassion grows as we pray for people from such diverse walks of life. I can't think of a better way to experience a multicultural education from our dining room table.

— **Sharon R** Jacksonville, FL

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Our girls were so proud when we completed the puzzle of the world together. Everybody (especially mom & dad) learned something new. What a perfect geography lesson spent doing something fun together as a family. Sonlight fosters such a sense of family, time spent together involved in enriching activities.

— **Sharon R** Jacksonville, FL

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We always take a picture of the children with a couple of books they are excited about on the first day of school. They are so excited about this new year that we decided to start a month early and take a picture with ALL their books! Sonlight is organized; I'm not! When we started homeschooling, I knew I needed a program that was more organized than I am or I would quickly be buried under the weight of organizing and planning. After seeing all the awards Sonlight has won and how organized the program is, we started with Core A and haven't looked back since. I feel empowered and equipped with all of the ground work that has already been done for me. I have so much more free time with my family as the burden of hours of planning each week is already done.

— **Sheri R** Canada



I learned about letterboxing on the Sonlight Forums and my daughter Victoria and I thought it sounded like fun! So we bought the materials and started seeking clues. We have really enjoyed the "treasure hunt" and in this picture we are opening a box we found on a trail in McConnell's Mill State Park in PA. We both love the forums and have learned so much there. We've made friends from all over the country, and we've even had forum friends visit us from 3000 miles away! On this day, we were actually with other Sonlighters we met on the forums.

— **Sherry R** Mercer, PA



I love that Sonlight uses a lot of different ways to teach our children. Language Arts has games, journals, poems, story creators and more. It isn't just copywork and reading, though those are fun as well. These games bring out the competition in the kids, and make them want to do their best. Here, 7-year-old Zachariah concentrates for an intense game of Sight-Word Bingo. He and 7-year-old Jakob are using Core B with Grade 1 Readers in their second year of Sonlight.

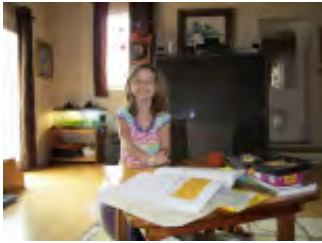
— **Susan R** Chesterfield, NJ





This photo op occurred as we were visiting Hillside Farms, a local educational attraction. As my husband is on the board, we often take family and friends there for a fun afternoon. This year all 8 of our children and all 9 of our grandchildren were able to be with us. While getting everyone in a photo was just about impossible, this picture shows some enjoying feeding and playing with the ducks. There was much else to do there, including seeing alpaca, peacocks, cows, horses, etc. and always ending with Hillside's famous ice cream! The most exciting part of using Sonlight this year has been the realization that our oldest son, not home educated himself, has chosen for several years now to homeschool his 4 children with Sonlight. The nine year old twins in the photo are his. In addition, our daughter, home educated, but before we started using Sonlight, has chosen to use Sonlight with her children this fall. Adrian, in the photo is her son. What better testimonial could there be. We all love Sonlight!

— **Susan R** Dallas, PA



Love how Sonlight readers work into the LA program. Makes life easier when reading and all work is incorporated together.

— **Susan R** North Charleston, SC



Sonlight did the hard work of planning a curriculum for a new-to-homeschooling mom and made it fun. We noticed almost immediately that our daughter just grabbed ahold of history. When we began studying early American history, she begged me to make this dress because she wanted to experience what we were studying. She would often wear it to class (and to our church Thanksgiving dinner), and we saw her imagination come alive as she acted out what she had studied. In her first year of Sonlight, Sydney (9) is experiencing Core D.

— **Terena R** Newton, KS





I started homeschooling Myca at the beginning of her 4th grade year. Because of the pressure to earn testing points from reading in the accelerated reading program found in public school, she learned to read to a test and not for enjoyment. In fact, reading was the last thing she wanted to do for "FUN." I was afraid she would be intimidated by all the books in the Core 3/4 program if she saw them together, so I only fed her a few books at a time so as to not cause a panic at the sight of the entire collection. It did not take but two books, Om-Kas-toe and Walk the World's Rim to get that girl hooked. At the end of her 4th grade year and our first year of homeschooling, we were both amazed at how much WE learned together and how much enjoyment and retention comes from good literature. When ordering my curriculum for 5th grade, Myca told me that I HAD to order her Sonlight. I am pleased to say that I now hear these words at bedtime, "Mom, can I read for just a little bit longer, pleeeeeeaaase?!" I am afraid I would have never experienced this without Sonlight!

— **Trish R** Corpus Chrisit, TX



Ethan had disappeared and was not answering when I called. I didn't have to look far, he was curled up on the recliner reading Firecat, one of the few books we didn't get to before we started our summer break. He "found" the book on the shelf and read it from cover to cover in one sitting. He was so intent on this book that he didn't even notice when I left to get the camera and I came back and snapped THREE shots with flashes! He was very surprised when I showed him the pictures later. I feel sure this doesn't have the pizzazz to win the photo contest, but I wanted to share this because I think it's the ultimate - how "I wish I had been schooled" moment. It is my firm belief that Ethan would not do well in the standard classroom because he loves to wiggle and assume unusual positions as he reads or listens to read alouds during "school." I love Sonlight because you've done the work for me in picking books that we all enjoy and that expose my children to broad ideas and to the world at large.

— **Vonna R** Cantonment, FL



Sonlight teaches us to view the world through the lens of the Bible, to know God's heart for other nations, to love His people and learn to communicate Christ in meaningful ways to others around us. We have found that to be immensely valuable. We have been blessed with the privilege of being able to travel often and we love the freedom that homeschooling gives us to experience life and learn at the same time. Our lives are so much richer because of Sonlight. In her fourth year of Sonlight, 15-year-old Kayleigh studies Core 100 on the beach.

— **Abigail S** South Africa





Being able to do your math outside and enjoy a warm day is one of the great things about homeschooling. We don't force them to sit at the table and be quiet, we study upside down, outside, or under the table. And guess what, Aiden is learning faster then his friends in "real" school!

— **Adriane S** Saint Louis, MO



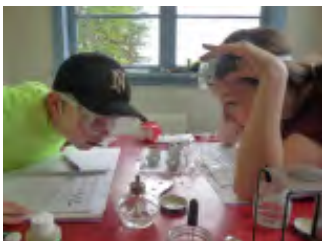
Here our seven year old son is enjoying Akebu to Zapotec in the backyard. He is very active so playing in the backyard with a Sonlight book is a natural fit! Homeschooling has been an exciting adventure for our family and the years we have used Sonlight have been the best. The books are wonderful and I(the mom) have learned so much that I missed as a kid. I like the world culture feel of Sonlight's books and they help our children to enjoy the unique differences of other peoples and places while giving them a love for the lost. I know that Sonlight has helped give them a mission-minded spirit.

— **Aia S** East Patchogue, NY



Dad loves to get in on the homeschooling action with the Read-Alouds. Here I am pretending a (very bad) Italian accent in Red Sails to Capri [from Core C]. The Read-Alouds have become a treasured part of our evenings after dinner with the kids begging for just one more chapter. Sonlight has reinforced our children's love of reading. Even after school is over, the kids beg to read more. In their second year of homeschooling with Sonlight, Abigail (8) and Philip (6) are studying Core C while Joshua (3) explores Core P4/5.

— **Alan S** Cary, NC



Elise and Erik are very intent on their work as they perform a variety of tests on "mystery powders" trying to determine which of several known powders previously tested are constituents of this unknown. I love the way they are working together to complete the experiment. After setting them up with the "mystery powders" and some basic testing supplies (aluminum foil strips) they were all set to perform these tests on their own. All I had to do was sit back and take pictures.

— **Alexandra S** Bremerton , WA







The children can all read the book at the same time. This way there is no fighting about who gets to read a popular book first. But it can really be a time of enjoyment of just being together. Sonlight is the main curriculum that our children have used. We're all avid readers in our family. It continually enriches our lives with quality literature and quality educational choices.

— **Alison S** Lancaster, CA

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By purchasing the entire year curriculum I rest in the completed hard work that Sonlight has done. When a friend introduced me to Sonlight, the first words my eyes landed on were 'The way you wish you had been taught.' I had a very difficult time in school, so these words were music to my soul. Four years later, my husband proudly declares I am the best teacher that my children could ever have. Sonlight has consistently offered sturdy, time trusted, valuable treasures to build our minds on. It is as if I have gotten a second chance at schooling and I am loving every minute of it! In their fourth year with Sonlight, Isabella (9) lays out her books from the 3rd Grade Full-Grade program.

— **Allison S** Wichita, KS

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This is the first year our family has homeschooled, and I'm so glad that we chose to begin our journey with Sonlight! We have enjoyed the book selections so much, from the history text to the read alouds. After learning about ancient Greece, my kids had a blast playing Olympics and posing as statues to bring their lesson to life. Sonlight has taken the drudgery out of learning and replaced it with fun family time - and that makes for a very happy family!

— **Amanda S** Gordo, AL

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Our family enjoys learning about the many cultures and different ways of life around the world that Sonlight provides. The literature that accompanies each Core is wonderful and the selections are made with extreme care. The questions open up another world for the children to ponder and discuss as they work their way through the books. Our family enjoys the time we spend together making learning enjoyable and exciting. After reading Walk the Worlds Rim, we headed to Mesa Verde to explore the cliff dwellings and do some investigating of our own. In the family's fourth Sonlight year, Ronnie (9), Reegan (7) and Abigail (11) are studying Cores D and E.

— **Amanda S** Wray, CO

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With Daddy at work during the day, he often feels left out when it comes to all of the fun activities Sonlight provides in the Core, in an effort to keep him involved in their education as well, we save the science experiments for days he is off. With Sonlight the kids are both begging to do school every day!

— **Amber S** N Little Rock, AR

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Sonlight has taken the "busywork" out of school, leaving us time to pursue other interests such as music. Our daughters enjoy praising the Lord together with their voices and piano, bass guitar and acoustic guitar. What does my husband like about the Sonlight program? "The books, the books, the books, the books." What an excellent investment of our money. With six children, it's such a blessing to be able to re-use so much of Sonlight's curriculum and to be able to have multiple ages work together on the same core program. Your focus on world cultures is so important to us and helps our children to think beyond their own little sphere. With great curriculum to look forward to every day, we are excited to start our school day. With six children, I appreciate that the scheduling is all done for me so that I can get to what I like--the learning and discussing, helping to shape their worldview to conform them into our Savior's image. What a blessing to be able to have Dad involved as an integral part of raising up leaders for God.

— **Amy S** Washington Township, MI

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Daniela had not had the opportunity to even learn her letters before we brought her home from Colombia. Now, in two and a half short years she has learned to speak English and she's reading at a second grade level with the help of Sonlight's reading series (Fun Tales, I Can Read It, and readers). We have been homeschooling for eight years, seven of them with Sonlight. What does my husband like about the Sonlight program? "The books, the books, the books, the books." What an excellent investment of our money. With six children, it's such a blessing to be able to re-use so much of Sonlight's curriculum. Your focus on world cultures is so important to us and helps our children to think beyond their own little sphere. With great curriculum to look forward to every day, we are excited to start our school day. With six children, I appreciate that the scheduling is all done for me so that I can get to what I like--the learning and discussing, helping to shape their worldview to conform them into our Savior's image.

— **Amy S** Washington Township, MI

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Sonlight has eliminated the "busywork" so common in other programs, which allows us the free time to explore other interests like raising a Leader Dog for the Blind puppy. What does my husband like about the Sonlight program? "The books, the books, the books, the books." What an excellent investment of our money. With six children, it's such a blessing to be able to re-use so much of Sonlight's curriculum and to be able to have multiple ages work together on the same core program. Your focus on world cultures is so important to us and helps our children to think beyond their own little sphere. With great curriculum to look forward to every day, we are excited to start our school day. With six children, I appreciate that the scheduling is all done for me so that I can get to what I like--the learning and discussing, helping to shape their worldview to conform them into our Savior's image. What a blessing to be able to have Dad involved as an integral part of raising up leaders for God.

— **Amy S** Washington Township, MI



This is Sonlight to us--building family relationships; discussing our world and God's creative, gracious and intervening hand; a focus on other cultures to appreciate their differences and pray for their salvation and turning to God; Dad guiding and leading the children to a world view that mirrors God's heart and design for the world; reading wonderfully rich and thought-provoking literature; having Sonlight do the planning and scheduling so we can get on to teaching, learning and discussing; having multiple children able to use the same materials and core program saves us money and time

— **Amy S** Washington Township, MI



I call these times 'Sonlight Moments' because without Sonlight I don't believe that my children would learn together like this. Maeann recruited her siblings to help with one of her chemistry labs. Here they are smiling their cheesy smiles because of the flood they are making in the kitchen. We are starting our 10th year of homeschooling, our 6th year with Sonlight. Thanks for all the wonderful books you provide for our family to learn and live with! Sonlight is such a beautiful, big part of our life. This year, Maeann (16) is studying Core 300 and Ian (13) is using Core 200, while Clara (11) and Peter (9) share Core F.

— **Andrea S** Canada





I love the Read-Aloud books Sonlight selects. I trust that they are age-appropriate and wholesome. Reading *The Year of Miss Agnes* last winter was a treat. When summer came, I got together with my friend, Athena M, who also uses Sonlight, and we read it again." Adds Athena, "Sonlight books really come to life. It's so easy to take the classroom outside and explore what the kids are learning. No stress, just fun! There's nothing else like it. With its easy-to-use, all-planned-out Instructor's Guide and engaging lessons, I wouldn't trade this curriculum for anything. Pictured are Lucas S and Zea M (5, Core B), Athena, and Noelle S and Zoe M (7, Core C).

— **Andriana S** Fairbanks, AK

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We sometimes have a hard time locating our Sonlight books when we need them, since the boys like to read them, or just browse through the pictures whenever they feel like it. Usually we can find them in the bathroom!

— **Angela S** Ames, IA

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Rebekah 12, Daniel 15, and Abigail 11, enjoy their books out of doors. After only a few weeks of Sonlight my kids now claim history as their favorite subject. History used to be on the bottom of their list of favorite school subjects. Sonlight has helped our special needs children to be included more effectively.

— **Angela S** Mountville, SC

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Thanks to Sonlight, history comes alive through the enjoyment of classic literature, enriching our family vacations and field trips. We simply cannot express our appreciation enough for the selection of wonderful stories recommended for our children. We love you Sonlight!

— **Angela S** Gainesville, FL

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Shiloh loved science this year. The experiments are great for beginning scientists. She looked forward to them each week. This is my 8th year of using Sonlight. My daughters are 7 years apart, this year they are 6 and 13. This was my second time through the kindergarten. Thank you so much for your wonderful curriculum. When I started homeschooling 8 years ago I wasn't very sure of myself. Sonlight has been a constant in our lives. I have learned so much while teaching my children.

— **Angela S** Minot, ND

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We are so thrilled that, with the help of Sonlight, we can integrate the Bible in our children's education. We are being challenged together in God's Word!

— **Ann S** Canada

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We were "forced" into homeschooling by a job change. Didn't really enjoy the first year, but made the switch to Sonlight, and have really enjoyed this year!!

— **Anna S** Humble, TX

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Exploring nature and found my brother! We enjoy the time spent together reading. I love knowing what my children are learning and teaching them through the lens of a Christian worldview.

— **Anne S** Lisbon, NY

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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. 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.

— **Antoinette S** Freeport, ME

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We decided to take school outside to experience the feel of tree bark first-hand as we decorated it with wet chalk. Both girls had a blast (and so did I)...I love the way Sonlight has encouraged me to consider all of life a learning opportunity, and it's fun to be able to include my younger daughter in many of our projects and experiments.

— **April S** Cypress, TX

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Along with prayer, Sonlight changed our family. Sonlight helped us to see that we can achieve a quality education, inspire love for learning and promote family closeness that we hadn't imagined. We love the Sonlight products and especially love that our children love them and never tire of learning. Ashley says she often finds 5-year-old Colton and 3-year-old Brayden exploring with Sonlight. She hadn't always anticipated homeschooling, but after a great experience with Sonlight for preschool, Colton was begging to start Kindergarten at age 4. So they bought the next Core and took off! They're now in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Ashley S** Louisville, KY

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Aleksandr Skankey practicing on the pommel. He is the Nevada men's State and Regional Champion for his division. Homeschooling has made it possible to put in all the hours and work he loves to do at the gym. Using SL makes traveling to competitions so much easier. It also helps when all the kids are studying the same time periods. He loved learning about Greek Myths this year.

— **Aubin S** Las Vegas, NV

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Benjamin is autistic, and riding helps him develop motor control and concentration. SL has worked so well for him as it is so adaptable. His reading skills have taken off in just this last year, and his attention span has markedly improved. I am able to adjust schedules and work as needed. Having a base schedule to work with is a tremendous help.

— **Aubin S** Las Vegas, NV



Homeschooling has helped draw our children closer together, especially since they are using the same core.

— **Aubin S** Las Vegas, NV



A brother shares a book with his sibling while waiting for their morning pancakes. Every morning Aidan picks a book off the shelf, and "reads" to his brother while they wait for their breakfast. Sometimes he tells his brother the story from looking at the pictures, sometimes Andy will point to something in the picture and Aidan will tell him what it is. It's a moment they both enjoy and is totally self-motivated. We love classic children's stories that are included in the Sonlight Cores. I love that I can share with my children the same classics that were my favorites when I was a girl growing up. The little moments we share snuggled up on the couch, or in the bed on a cold day, or on a blanket outside, or squeezed into my son's Thomas the Tank Engine tent are absolutely priceless and I wouldn't give them up for anything. Thank you, Sonlight, for bringing our family closer together through reading.

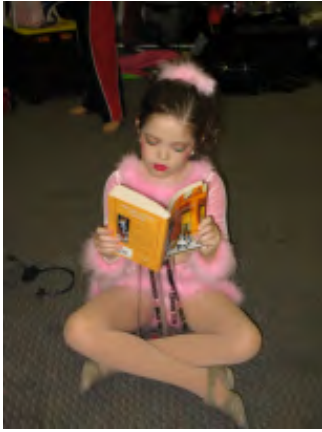
— **Aubrey S** Suffolk, VA



Sonlight nurtures a spirit of togetherness and family involvement. We love being together and sharing the stories of such a variety of people from such a variety of places and circumstances. And these books are enjoyable for the moms and dads too. My husband would listen in whenever he could. These stories touch your hearts and bless your life. Here, Bonnie reads to Juliet (5), Maxwell (10) and Asher (8 months). The six children of the S family are studying Cores B+C, E and 300 in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Bonnie S** Temple, PA





Sarah loves to read and never leaves the house without several books. Since we were going to be at this competition for at least 10 hours that day we brought several school books and she grabbed All of Kind Family first because any book without an annoying brother was "My kind of book"!

— **Carla S** Austin, TX



There isn't another curriculum on the market that compares to Sonlight. After years of using so many different types of curriculum and being frustrated and confused, a friend finally turned us on to Sonlight. What a difference it has made for us! Our children, who didn't like to read, suddenly couldn't wait to read. Sonlight brings together just the right amount of history, literature and writing exercises and bundles it with an incredible schedule packed with everything you need to teach your children. I've always worried about my ability to teach my children without a teaching degree. Thank you Sonlight for lightening that burden. Everything I need is right at my fingertips. In their third year of Sonlight, Jennifer (17) reads to Jacob (13) and Jillian (12) from Core W.

— **Carol S** Acworth, GA



One of the blessings of Sonlight for the S. family, of Wiggins, MS, is being able to combine different grade levels of students and to reuse materials. We also have many great family memories built around reading Sonlight books. Even when we don't agree with (or approve of) what we are reading, as Sonlight promises, "teaching moments" are created. Often, studying history becomes entertainment as it did on this beautiful spring day when we celebrated a birthday by visiting Fort Gaines on Dauphin Island, AL, where this picture was taken, as well as the nearby Dauphin Island Sea Lab Estuarium. Anna says, "Reading all the historical fiction books in Sonlight has really increased our love for history. We kept wondering what Fort Gaines would have been like during the Civil War. "

— **Carol S** Wiggins, MS



The science Curriculum has so many great hands on activities! It gives my husband the opportunity to involve himself in Alyssa's education. We are on our second year of Sonlight. We looked at a few different curriculum, but none were as well structured as Sonlight so we started using Sonlight at the beginning of our homeschooling experience and just love how it offers a God centered, literature based approach to schooling our youngster.

— **Carol S** Live Oak, TX





We never imagined that our boys, both dealing with dyslexia, would take such immense joy in books! After a long struggle in a traditional school setting, we feared that our bright boys would not only lose the love of learning, but also the love of self. Sonlight offered the answer to our prayers. Before Sonlight, books were something to be feared and dreaded. Now, reading time has become our children's favorite part of the day. The stories are so vivid, delightful, and full of rich vocabulary that my boys would otherwise be missing out on. The boys become so engrossed in our conversations about the characters that I often have to cut them off in order to move on to another subject. We have all learned so much about our country's history on such a personal level through Sonlight's choice of literature, and we are all so grateful! Carrie and her husband were wonderfully surprised when Darrell (12) and Hayden (10) dove into this bridge-building experiment without their parents' prompting or knowledge. They're studying Core D+E in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Carrie S** Tuscaloosa, AL



Sonlight does the research to find the best educational resources for me!" Not having to do that research myself means I can spend a lot more time simply enjoying homeschooling my boys! Our son started learning how to type this year using Typing Instructor Deluxe. This has been a wonderful program, with detailed plans that include not only learning the different letters, etc. on a keyboard, but also fun games and activities built right in. Derek (9) has been studying with Sonlight for four years.

— **Carrie S** Wooster, OH



Although it was our first year homeschooling, I truly felt complete confidence and competence throughout the entire year. Sonlight covered everything! -NM

— **Catherine S** Aurora , CO





Our children love to act out what they are learning. After reading many wonderful books about early American History through the Sonlight curriculum, we decided to visit one of Laura Ingalls' Wilder's homes. This homestead in South Dakota was a perfect opportunity to experience first hand some of what they had learned about life shortly after the Civil War. They had so much fun trying on old time hats, doing the wash by hand, learning simple games (such as a button game), braiding a rug, making rope, making a corncob doll and playing at farming.

— **Catherine S** Sturgeon Lake, MN



I love that my kids of different ages can study the same Core together--it really makes for fun field trips! Once the kids saw their books for this year, they begged me to start school early. How could I say no to that? I love that Sonlight makes my kids WANT to do school. To answer their pleas, Celee kicked off the school year with a trip to a local museum. Naturally, Kurtis (11), Gracie (9), Mia (7) and Wyatt (4) brought their Sonlight books along. The four of them are studying Core D+E together in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Celee S** Amarillo, TX



We have not regretted investing financially in Sonlight curriculum. We have a growing library of superb books, four avid readers and two little ones already developing a love of learning through reading with Sonlight. We especially value the Biblical worldview and mission focus woven throughout the curriculum. It is assisting us in teaching our children to appreciate, understand and love people of every creed and culture. While getting ready for church one Sunday morning, Mom and Dad captured this special moment – their six children crowded together enjoying a Sonlight book. In their sixth year homeschooling, Caleb (11) and Benjamin (9) share Core F, Mikaela (7) and Elisha (6) share Core B, while Joash (2) and Shekinah (6 months) love to listen in.

— **Cherisse S** Australia





I love that Sonlight allows us to stay together and connect deeper as a family unit. I love the opportunity to learn together, no matter where we are. Family members who were against us home-schooling our children are now starting to show support - and that's after just one year. Thank you, Sonlight, for making it easy with the Instructor's Guide and all the great materials and resources. Thank you for not shying away from the tough topics either, as we have had many great and deep discussions. My daughter enjoyed using Sonlight so much, she talked about Sonlight throughout the summer break and we even started Core B a month earlier than originally planned. The sweet girl thinks that all homeschooling families use Sonlight! My son has started using P3/4 this year, too.

— **Christa S** Hutto, TX

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We're sold on Sonlight: It's backed by a tremendous amount of research and experience, it's academically rigorous, it's flexible to allow time for family and serving others, it has a scholarship program and our purchases support Christian missions. I also love that God's Word is being hidden in their young hearts. One of my favorite things about Sonlight is that we have a positive influence on our children's future, giving them a godly perspective of the world and the people in it. The P4/5 program helped our daughter memorize about 34 verses, and our son is starting to repeat verses back to us now, too! In their first year with Sonlight, Courtney (4) and Colby (2) watch mesmerized as a swallowtail butterfly emerges from its chrysalis.

— **Christa S** Hutto, TX

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Sonlight makes it easy. I had my fourth child at the start of the school year. I felt overwhelmed at the prospect of caring for an infant and three other children ages 5, 3 and 22 months. I had already homeschooled one year using a curriculum that I often found to be rigid and unyielding. I decided to give Sonlight a try. By God's grace, we did it! Sonlight's flexible, low-stress curriculum helped us get there. We all enjoyed the miracle of a new baby together without sacrificing our learning or our delightful homeschooling lifestyle.

— **Christin S** Lake Saint Louis, MO

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Sonlight's literature rich curriculum provides incredible fuel for their imaginations. I love listening to my children play out the stories that we share together. Here Rose and Claire act out parts of the Milly-Molly-Mandy storybook from the Preschool 4/5 curriculum.

— **Christin S** Lake Saint Louis, MO

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Part of what drew us to Sonlight was the missions mindset that permeates every Core. We've loved the way that fun, historical fiction and fabulous stories from around the world are woven in with true tales of God's people reaching the unreached. Having this as a background makes involving our children in our family missions second-nature. Here, our oldest child, Mary Hannah (age 11) works on stringing wire on a frame for a simple house in Tijuana, Mexico. Seeing the poverty being penetrated by hope gave Mary Hannah a whole new take on the transforming power of Christ, as well as how her "school" applies to real-life, daily situations. Learning about Mexico in Core 4 (as well as studying Spanish with Rosetta Stone) really set the stage for her understanding of the area and the people, and has opened her eyes to a new kind of servanthood. Thanks, Sonlight, for the tools to shape our children into the next generation of workers for Christ!

— **Christopher S** Sultan, WA

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The Sonlight books are so enjoyable that my children think nothing of stealing them from the shelves and finding a quiet spot to devour them ... even if they have the option of playing outside! Mary Hannah was doing just that here, as her brothers were working on a fantastic archaeological dig kit. She opted to re-read "Shadow Spinner," a Core 5 read-aloud her dad had just finished with her. Can you imagine kids finishing a "school assignment" and then choosing to go back and do it all over again the minute they're finished? It happens all the time in our house with Sonlight books. My kids rarely even realize that they're doing "work" -- they enjoy reading the books so much that they just ask that we keep the fantastic stories coming!

— **Christopher S** Sultan, WA

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Thanks to our Sonlighting lifestyle, my children have developed rich imaginations and a boundless hunger for books. A excursion to the beach might just be an enjoyable day digging in the sand for most kids, but in our family, it's a chance to recall--and recreate--the many stories that have enriched our homeschool and our lives over the years. This trip found us reminiscing about "Red Sails to Capri," -- "Island of the Blue Dolphins," and "Carry on Mr. Bowditch" as we watched ships pass through part of Puget Sound. While I personally can't recall any of the textbook summaries I learned in school regarding the history of the shipping industry or even boats in general, the knowledge my children display on these topics is amazing ... and it's all because of the connections they've made with the wonderful literature in their Sonlight Cores over the years!

— **Christopher S** Sultan, WA

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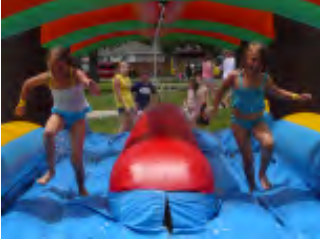




You really can't place a value on the wisdom and support of the Sonlight forums. Even after years of fellowship on the forums to help me through miscarriage and infertility, I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love that Sonlighters showed when I announced our miracle pregnancy. Amazing women prayed for me, checked in on me, and celebrated with us as we welcomed our baby girl in September of 2010. The Sonlight community is incredible. I had no idea when I clicked "submit" on our first Sonlight purchase that we were joining a family ... but that's what happened!

— **Christopher S** Sultan, WA

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This slip and slide is messy with a muddy water end. My youngest liked to linger and swim after she slid. My son witnessed the landing of a helicopter for the event too. Local EMS and Police workers attended for safety talks and such. Sonlight has really helped me start homeschool right. They led me to choose a good magazine for current events. The newsletters are very helpful and led me to items to check out of the library for my younger girls. They really gave me a positive experience of the general concept of the Charlotte Mason method with some structure to guide so I didn't feel so lost.

— **Cindy S** Leander, TX

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I have loved Sonlight from the moment I started to investigate home school in 1996 - before we had children. We knew God called us to teach our children. We plan to continue through high school as well. Our Iowa Basic Skills scores have proven to us Sonlight is a GREAT program and worth every dollar we invest into it.

— **Cindy S** Rockton, IL

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Sonlight has been our choice for home schooling since our oldest was 3 years old. The IG's are just what I want in a school program already laid out and ready for me to start the school day without a lot of preparation. My time is more valuable teaching than being spent setting up my scheduled day. We LOVE Sonlight books - we laugh, we cry, we discuss morals. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Cindy S** Rockton, IL

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My kids love the Lord and they love to learn and read. That's what our family has loved about Sonlight.

— **Cindy S** Fuquay Varina, NC

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What does Sonlight mean to our family? Quality time spent together reading, a mom who is not overwhelmed at the thought of homeschooling, and the girls enjoying studying together.

— **Connie S** Vienna, WV

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One of the biggest benefits of Sonlight's preschool curriculum is the freedom from a heavy-handed prescriptive program. Instead, our children can enjoy well thought through curriculum which eases them into a more intensive educational setting in the future.

— **Cooper S** Belton, TX

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My older two kids were helping their little brother as they walked down an old dirt road. This photo means so much to me, because it was taken at a time when they would have been in school and even if we were homeschooling and using a rigid curriculum, I would have missed this opportunity & they would have, too. The best part of Sonlight is being able to incorporate school wherever we go & enjoy the flexibility of the well planned out schedule. I love it & can't see our family doing anything but Sonlight from here on out-Thank You

— **Courtney S** Marion, AR

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A typical play date in the neighborhood as the children run, play & ride bikes, but with Sonlight the difference is our play dates usually always results in a reading break as one of the kids get a book from my Sonlight basket & bring it to one of the moms or dads to read. Before we know it, all the kids have gathered round the one being read to, so they can also hear the good story being read. There is something about the book choices that literally draw the children away from play to hear a good story! This is what I love best about Sonlight for our family, that the choices of books that are chosen draw my children to want to learn & I actually learn along with them.

— **Courtney S** Marion, AR

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For the past five years, I've gotten to enjoy learning with my children. This year turned out quite a bit differently than we had planned. For the past seven months, I've been living at a hospital away from home with our three-year-old daughter who has been waiting for a heart transplant. While my husband remained at home working, Addison and Brennan have been homeschooling with their grandparents -- sometimes at our house and sometimes away from home. What a blessing it was that we could pack the Sonlight schedules, fill a box with excellent books, and send them on their way for a few weeks at a time. While I was away, the grandparents got to see first hand what homeschooling with Sonlight was all about. When Brennan read *The Chalkbox Kid* as a reader, my dad remembered that a nearby town had a large collection of wall murals. This picture was taken on their corresponding field trip to explore that town in south Georgia. I'm not sure who had more fun with the Sonlight materials some days -- my children or their grandparents

— **Cristi S**    Vienna, VA



One of the best parts of our family's day is reading time with Dad in the evenings. We read together every night: a missionary story or Bible passage and another read-aloud. Family trips are no exception. So, we took our books with us on the family's annual camping trip. When we decided to hike up to the falls, we thought that area would be a peaceful place to read together. Sure enough, it was. In this picture, we're sitting right at the base of the falls, where it empties into a little pool, enjoying God's wonderful creation. We have enjoyed the Sonlight books immensely, and they are quite clearly changing our lives. I wasn't raised with a big appreciation for mission work. Sonlight changed that in me, and it's spilling over into my oldest, Addison, too. Your missionary stories and "Window on the World" opened up our eyes to the many cultures around the world, the work that's been done by ordinary people, the power of prayer, and the work still left to be done. My son, Brennan, is also getting a solid Biblical foundation and an appreciation for the power of prayer. He makes comments as we read these stories about how God is with the characters or how God has answered their prayers. It tells me he "gets it." Sonlight has not only fueled our passion for reading, but fueled our passion for doing God's work around the world.

— **Cristi S**    Vienna, VA



Sonlight makes it easy to enjoy life and homeschool at the same time. Should we enjoy a beautiful spring afternoon outside or continue with schoolwork? How about both! I often find Addison balanced up in a tree with a SL reader in her hands.

— **Cristi S**    Vienna, VA



Sonlight gave Addison a strong science foundation -- one that allowed her to tackle advanced biology (Science as a sophomore in high school. She loved doing the dissections. Box Day is still exciting for high school students. Addison couldn't wait to dig into the box to see the new World History and Worldview Studies program. She's also finally getting to read all the British Literature books that she hasn't had time to read yet. We credit Sonlight with giving Addison a firm foundation in Biblical truth and a true love of reading! Here, Addison (16, Core 500) peruses the books for World History and Worldview Studies 520.

— **Cristi S** Tucson, AZ



Thank you Sonlight for teaching my children to love learning! After reading The Master Puppeteer [from Core F] out loud as a family, the children made us a Japanese supper, followed by a puppet play. We couldn't have been more proud! Such amazingly creative kids. Here, the S family's music instructor teaches them the basics of Chinese writing using the ink and brushes from Core F. Joshua (10) and Nesha (9) are sharing Core F this year as Sumithra (17) studies Core 300. They've used Sonlight from the beginning.

— **Dan S** Holland, MI



Once we found Sonlight, I realized I could teach my children at home with the Instructor's Guide that helps you through each day. Sonlight makes teaching doable for parents who aren't sure they can do it on their own. The package comes with everything you need for the year! The curriculum is ready to jump right in, learning, growing and loving together. We read Caleb's [3, P3/4 Full-Grade] books during the day and he asks Daddy to read them again after dinner.

— **Daniel S** Dearing, GA



Andrew Smith (5) is getting his Singapore Math lesson done while his favorite kitty hangs out in a box nearby! Sonlight provides excellent structure and materials which gives parents more time to spend teaching their children in a relaxed and enriched environment. How many school kids get to work on math with their kitty nearby?

— **David S** Las Cruces, NM







Julie and her homeschooled friend, Susana, enjoy acting out stories such as Cinderella going to the royal ball! We love Sonlight's emphasis on inter-racial friendships! Our lives are enriched by getting to know people from different cultures. The books that we read through Sonlight also expose us to new and interesting cultures.

— **David S** Las Cruces, NM



Sonlight has been a life-changing curriculum for our family. Five of our children have graduated and our younger children are fortunate to have older siblings who can relate and fellowship over the books they're using. They have a bond through Sonlight books that will last when their families someday visit each other. My 22-year-old daughter recently said, 'Mom, make sure the kids take care of those [books], I want them for my kids one day.' What powerful words; I've never heard any of my children say that about the dry, daunting texts we previously used! Isaiah's (9, Core D+E) interest in and knowledge of railroads broadened immensely through The Landmark History of the American People.

— **Dawn S** Seaside, CA



I remember being bored out of my mind by history when I was a kid. My kids love history because of Sonlight. Using Sonlight allows them to enter into history in their imaginations. They have walked the rim trail around our property dressed like Estabon from Walk the World's Rim, prepared a turkey dinner after reading Caddie Woodlawn and even tried their hands at making airplanes by using a pattern like The Wright Brothers. Here, Josiah (9), Adoree (7) and Kiana (5) see what it's like to squat in a tree like the Falopa natives from In Search of the Source. They're studying Core D+E in their sixth year of Sonlight.

— **Debbie S** White Salmon, WA





Thanks Sonlight for helping Tyler love school again! When we started homeschooling him two years ago he was behind in vocabulary, spelling and reading. He didn't care for school and especially not reading. Now, he is above grade level and loves to read! Most importantly, he remembers what he reads because he is more interested in the books than the environment around him. He goes on and on about the stories or information he learns in his books. Tyler (10) is studying World History with Core C in his second year of Sonlight.

— **Debbie S** Havelock, NC



We love using the Sonlight homeschooling curriculum because of the ease and flexibility it allows us to utilize in providing a truly 'living' education within every moment we find ourselves. We love the Instructors Guide that gives our children a comprehensive, well rounded learning experience without the stress of trying to formulate one for ourselves. It also gives us peace of mind that our children will not be missing out on what their counterparts at school are receiving but are rather receiving a superior, literature rich education. With Sonlight, our children are not limited to the artificial environment of the four walls of a school room to gain their education, but can rather use God's 'classroom' of nature to help show them His awesome creation. We love using Sonlight as it involves every member of the family and so makes learning a truly 'family event'. Sonlight allows us to embrace every opportunity, rather than be restricted by school terms! Recently we 'took' Sonlight with us as we scaled Conical Hill in Hanmer Springs, New Zealand whilst on holiday with family from South Africa. Sonlight stimulates and utilizes every one of our senses to heighten the learning experience and therefore allows each one of us, parents included, to literally soak up the enormity of the world God created us to inhabit. Thank you Sonlight for creating this amazing opportunity to stimulate a 'love for learning' in our children! Jessica is coming to the end of Core D+E and Mikayla and Gabriella have been using Core A. We are so looking forward to starting our new Cores in a few weeks time.

— **Debbie Swan S** New Zealand



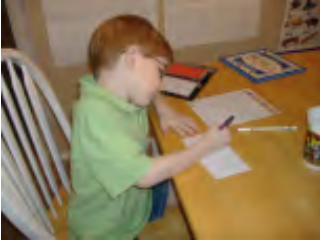
Sonlight's teacher's guides made it easy for me to plan ahead of time and be prepared. I was a bit concerned about how we would learn and experiment about the weather throughout the winter months, especially with the birth of our newborn son coming in February. My daughter and son had a blast discovering different types of weather, and even how to make some general predictions. The hands-on experiments [in Sonlight Science] gave them a genuine learning experience as they tested and recorded all kinds of weather with their homemade instruments. Here, Nicole (9) and Andrew (7) put their simple weather instruments to good use. They just finished Core C in their fourth year of homeschooling and third year of Sonlight.

— **Deborah S** Damascus, MD



I love that Sonlight has provided a great variety of poetry books for my children to learn and appreciate the value of beautiful words and inspiring writers. We enjoy getting outside with our books on nice days. What better way to appreciate poetry about the wonder of God's creation than in the great outdoors! That will always beat sitting in a stuffy classroom.

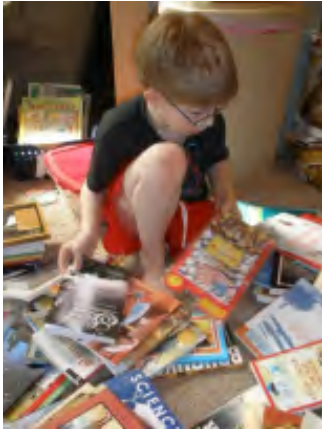
— **Deborah S** Marion, MT



The new Language Arts program is phenomenal! I love that Braden is writing in different genres every week and that he is starting to really get excited about writing. One of the optional lessons in LA 2 was to write a letter. The previous day, Braden had created an address book of his own and was eager to put it to use. He decided to write a letter to his Mimi (his grandma) who lives in Tennessee. He took his time to make sure the letter was perfect and I gave him a piece of fancy stationary to write on. The resulting outcome has been great! Braden and Mimi now correspond by letter on a regular basis and watching for those letters in the mail is one of Braden's favorite things!

— **Debra S** Ladson, SC





After 5 years of using Sonlight, Braden can't wait for box day and all the new books that means. Every year, he helps me open the box, unpack it and check off everything on the packing list. Books are everywhere, and Braden, inevitably, is right in the middle of it all. He has to touch every book, read the back cover and flip through each one before we can move on to the next book. I am so thankful for Sonlight and the fact that it facilitates Braden's desire to learn more. He can't read enough and Sonlight keeps us reading and learning all year! Box day is one of the highlights of my boys' homeschool year. They can't wait to get their hands on all of the new books! This was Benjamin's first box day with Sonlight books just for him. He sat down and immediately began reading one of his new science books. It carefully went through each one and told me how excited he was for school. It warms my heart to know that my boys enjoy their school materials. Not only are they learning, but they are loving learning! When we read "People" (from Core P4/5) this year, Benjamin just fell in love with the book. I would find him walking around with the book, studying all the people, for weeks after we finished it. He, also, enjoyed dressing up as different people in the book. It was the first really warm, sunny day in spring and we grabbed the books and headed outside! Benjamin sat on my lap as we read from our science book. Sonlight makes schooling on the go or outside so simple. We just grab our schedule, grab our book and school is always on hand! It's perfect for our busy family! My boys love breaking routine with school. It's a liberty we enjoy that they couldn't have in a traditional school setting. We head outside, do school in our pajamas or a number of other things. Here Braden works on his math seatwork (from Saxon 5/4) outside. Just changing the scenery breathes a whole new life into our homeschool. I love the new Sonlight science programs, especially the optional "do together" projects. These gives us so many more opportunities for hands on learning. After reading a science lesson on friction, Braden and I headed to the local park to put our reading to the test. We took several household objects and timed them going down the slide to see which created more friction. Here, Braden is getting ready to test a ball on the slide. One of the things I love best about homeschooling is knowing that I know my children and their learning styles and learning needs better than anyone. I realized that Braden was getting distracted by his brothers, me and other everyday noises when he was trying to work independently. My husband suggested letting him listen to music while he worked. The above picture is the result. And I'm happy to report that the distractions went away and he started getting his work done on time again! With Sonlight's schedule, we have the flexibility to schedule numerous field trips throughout the year. This particular field trip was to Bee City, a local bee farm and petting zoo. Braden has always had a love for animals, that has been fostered greatly by our Sonlight science programs. He was thrilled to be able to hold this snake that was hatched and raised right on the farm! Benjamin, using Sonlight's language arts K program, learned to read at only 4 years old! I've been amazed at how readily both my older children picked up reading using this program.

— **Debra S**    Ladson, SC







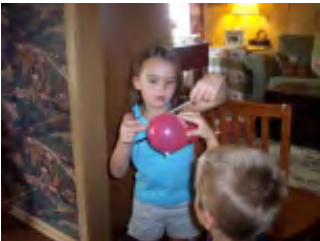
Sonlight Science Core 1 sure didn't burst our high expectations "bubble"! The kids were all 'bubbly' about this Science Experiment about Surface Tension.

— **Delaine S** Fort Wayne, IN



Sonlight gives us everything we need to learn not only our ABC's and 123's, but God's Word, as well. We have everything we need to be smart and grow in the Lord, all in one big box delivered right to our door – no need to waste time looking for other learning tools! This gives our family lots of time to spend together on our farm here in the beautiful Ozarks. We look forward to years of learning with Sonlight. Thank you for making our lives the best they can be! Lincoln (6, Core A with Grade 1 Readers) and Granden (4) have been waiting for the mail for days and are looking forward to opening this year's box of Sonlight goodies!

— **Dennis S** Ellington, MO



This picture shows our first year with Sonlight using Core K and Science K. We had a blast setting up this balloon-powered rocket. Sonlight's science kit enabled us to do this experiment with absolutely NO pre-planning. I just opened up the kit and found everything we needed.

— **Desiree S** Corpus Christi, TX



I was unsure Jordan would be able to handle Core F this year, even though we'd done Cores A-E. I considered switching him to a worktext program, since I needed him to be independent this year. We decided to try Core F anyway, and I'm so glad he had the opportunity to explore Eastern cultures. He's learned so much, and I am amazed at what he noticed. He was always quoting facts from 100 Gateway cities, and I think his eyes were opened to the fact that most of the world lives very differently than we do here in America. I was especially thrilled that he chose cooking for two of his CYOA projects! With three sisters, he's always shied away from cooking as too feminine. It was good to see him feel his way around the kitchen! I'm very happy we stuck with Sonlight.

— **Desiree S** Round Rock, TX





Sonlight is the way you wish you'd been taught. I would have loved school in a tree fort or perched on a mountainside with a fantastic book! Since I discovered Sonlight, my 7-year-old has gone from dreading reading to loving it. The books capture his heart and make for great discussions and character development. The other day he said, 'I think the best job you could ever have is to be a missionary.' Raising our children to love God and to love learning about his world is our goal. Sonlight helps us accomplish this in spades. Cole (7, Core A) and Locke (3, P3/4 Multi-Subject) love to learn in the hammock.

— **Devon S** Longmont, CO

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My daughter, Millen (age 15) has Down syndrome. She knows all of her letters, well, mostly, she gets her Xs and Ys confused sometimes. She can give you the letter sounds for most of them, too. She can tell you Amelia starts A and Mommy starts M. Actual reading, though, has eluded her, but not for want of trying. Millen has desperately wanted to read, so it's no surprise that she approached the task like she approaches almost everything else ... with a cheerful attitude, great diligence and perseverance. All [seemingly] to no avail. Her articulation is so poor that phonics only serve to confuse her. Sometimes she just can't pull the right word out of her memory banks, even when you know she grasps the concept perfectly. It was heartbreaking to watch. I had pretty much given up on her ever reading and had moved to a more functional approach to her learning. But Millen wasn't quite ready to give up, not yet. And this year was her year! This picture was taken on the very day Millen read her very own book for the very first time. She had read to all of her family members repeatedly, and then settled in on the couch to read to her beloved doll, who never tired of the story. Since then, she has learned more words and becomes a bit more proficient every day. There's no denying it's slow going, but with her determination and work ethic I know her skills will continue to improve. Most of the credit for this accomplishment goes to Millen herself, but a goodly share of it is due to Sonlight Curriculum as well. Seeing her brothers and sisters devouring their school books with such joy has helped her to see reading as something truly wonderful - something worth working hard for.

— **Diane S** Lyndonville, NY

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Sonlight offers the structure and schedule I need as a first time homeschooler, but it allows me the freedom to supplement in areas my child needs additional work. Sonlight's online forums provide me the support I need to get my questions answered and to just have the support I need to know that I am not alone in this great adventure.

— **Diane S** McMurray, PA

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— **Diane S** McMurray, PA

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Our evening of reading turned into a real life science experiment. After Dad and Zack read *How Do You Lift a Lion?* from Core P4/5, Dad decided to show Zack how a lever works. A few pieces of old wood brought all of the other kids to see what was going on. Soon we had learned how to adjust the fulcrum so even Zack could lift Dad. In the picture, Emma, with Matt's help, is lifting big brother Doug. Doug weighs almost twice what they weigh together. I really think we could lift a lion! This picture really demonstrates our favorite thing about Sonlight: the way it brings our family together! We love the books and the discussions they lead to. I am asked almost every day - Is there a school book I can read? They read them over and over and over.

— **Donald S** Tyler, TX

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When I first starting using Sonlight 5 years ago, I really had no idea what a blessing it was to have everyrthing all planned out and to have a curriculum that you can use to teach a wide range of ages. Now that I see what other moms go through to get ready to teach, I want to thank you Sonlight for making homeschooling easy. You've done all the hard work for me. Another aspect that I appreciate about Sonlight is the rich literature you present. Even when I'm reading to my 11 year old son Connor my twins Dusty and Tyler age 6 are still reached on a different level. I thought this picture portrayed exactly how we all learn in different ways and at different levels. Dusty and Tyler were learning about nautical miles and time and I thought it was so interesting that one was so focused on the sands falling from the top and the other observing the sands piling up on the bottom. These differences have made very interesting discussions in our readings and have taught us to accept each other with all of our differences. Thanks, Sonlight for contributing to our family's closeness.

— **Donna S** Sumter, SC

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Miss B, a budding scientist, shows her dad a dead fish that she found while playing during a SL meet-up. The fun part of SL is that it encourages the kids to follow their hearts and passions while instilling a love of a variety of disciplines. And of course, the fun part for the parents is the community that SL'ers have, both online in the forums and in person during meet-ups.

— **Edward E S** Erie, PA

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In Science 2 both children enjoyed learning about batteries and electricity and had fun making the light bulb light up. The only hard part for them was taking turns! We ended up completing the same experiment multiple times. I love the way Sonlight allows our children to learn side by side even though they are nearly three years apart in age. Using this curriculum as a family has truly enriched our lives and sparked incredible family discussions that we would not have had otherwise.

— **Elaine S**    Beechgrove, TN

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I captured this picture of Grandpa Ron reading to all the "Sonlight-using" cousins in the bunk bed at a recent family reunion. They absolutely LOVE "The Missionary Stories with the Millers" and ask to have them read over and over again. Grandpa was also quickly drawn into the wonderful stories about lovers of Jesus throughout the ages. The girls never cease to be captivated by them, as well as all of their Sonlight books. My sister and I homeschool together and have used Sonlight since Kindergarten. The cousins love to share their enthusiasm of the most recent books they have read with each other and it has created a wonderful bond between all of us! There is never enough time to read in their opinion!

— **Elizabeth S**    Spokane, WA

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My girls absolutely love Sonlight's wonderful selection of books and want to take them wherever we go, which is the beauty of Sonlight- it is very "portable." This week-end for our family reunion, they wanted to read "Missionary Stories with the Millers." What better place than on the beach, sharing the wonderful stories with extended family.

— **Elizabeth S**    Spokane, WA

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We love the way Sonlight has everything all planned out. It's perfect for our busy family. We have really enjoyed learning about other cultures in Core B.

— **Emily S**    Santa Rosa, CA

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As a family, we have reading time every day. Reading is an integral part of our days since we began using Sonlight to homeschool our daughter. She has not only learned to read but she has learned to love to read. She has learned that her gift of reading can be used to bless others around her, including her siblings and parents. We spend so much more time together reading than we ever had before and have so much fun doing it!

— **Eric S**    Alexander, AR





Each day, our children have a scheduled time where they read and look at books. The kindergarten books Sonlight offers are not only fun and interesting but they are also capturing. We have read and re-read many of the read-alouds together. This has also enabled us to spend more time with our children as they discover the joy and excitement of learning.

— **Eric S** Alexander, AR



Each and every day we look forward to our "family reading time." Each of the readers in our family takes a turn reading while the others listen and look at pictures. It wasn't until we discovered Sonlight that this became part of our daily routine. The quality and quantity time we spend together is an investment into each other. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Eric S** Alexander, AR



When I first began to homeschool Olivia and teach her to read I was discouraged that she may not enjoy reading. However, once we switched to Sonlight, her reading ability took off and her love for reading began to develop. She loves the read alouds from the Kindergarten curriculum including Grandma's Attic (which is one of her favorites). Most of all, her love for reading has been expressed by how much time she spends reading God's Word each day.

— **Eric S** Alexander, AR



The Sonlight box had been delivered. Emma wanted to open the box immediately. It is such a delight to have a child that looks forward to discovering her books for the upcoming year. Thank you Sonlight for the quality literature that keeps her engaged. We look forward to many more years of Sonlight with our younger children, as well.

— **Erica S** Dallas, GA





Homeschooling has allowed us to continue to educate our children as we travel all over the world in the military. With Sonlight's Instructure Guides, it is easy to pick up right where we left off without missing anything, and I get to spend the summer with my family, and not trying to schedule out the next school year, as it is already done for me. Thank you Sonlight for making homeschooling easy to integrate for this military family!

— **Erin S**    United States

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Homeschooling with Sonlight has shown us that there is a wonderful blur in the line between school and play. 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.

— **Erin S**    Goldsboro, NC

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God made our home our mission field. He sent my 7-year-old nephew, Imagine, to stay with us while my brother battled cancer. I thank God the entire Core B curriculum seemed tailored to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with my little nephew. He was enthralled by one of the true missionary stories. He learned there is a Creator God. He learned there is a Son of God, named Jesus. Only God knows how Imagine was able to minister to his Dad when he returned home. His Dad accepted Christ just before he died. What a blessing to have been so used by God! Sonlight is a tool from God to enable me to teach His Word to my boys on a daily basis. Here, Samuel (7), David (5) and Imagine listen to a true missionary story. David and Samuel are now studying Core C in their fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Floriane S**    Jacksonville, FL

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We are missionaries to a remote village in Papua, New Guinea. Sonlight has helped bring the gospel to these people in the own language. Because Sonlight is so well structured and provides everything we need. My wife, Esther, is well equipped to do the job of schooling our children while we are in this village. We only presented the gospel this month (May) after 4 years of living with the people learning their language and culture. And now with Sonlight's help someday we will all be united together praising the Lamb together in Heaven!

— **Gary S** Atlanta, GA

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You've heard of car-schooling...behold, BOX-schooling! Sonlight has always been the mainstay of our homeschooling experience, no matter WHERE it gets done! I feel so blessed that I found Sonlight at the beginning of our homeschool adventure, and was spared all that angst of jumping from curriculum to curriculum! Sonlight has opened up the world to us, as we have moved through 4 cores so far. This photo may be the ONLY instance where Sonlight has my son thinking INSIDE the box!

— **Georgia S** Orwigsburg, PA

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My son, Cody, just devours books, so much so that I have to "ration" out the Sonlight readers or he'd be through them all within the first month of receiving our box!

— **Georgia S** Orwigsburg, PA

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Luckily I found Sonlight early on when I was about to start homeschooling my oldest. I feel like it eliminated 90% of those haunting self doubts that plague every newbie. Now 3+ years later, I feel like a veteran homeschooler (although I KNOW I'm FAR from it!) in terms of the confidence in which I approach each year and each subject. Sonlight has been very instrumental in creating that confidence. P.S. See what hubby is holding? Thanks for the backpack!!

— **Georgia S** Orwigsburg, PA

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Sonlight does such a great job picking books that the kids love. My son is now reading to himself books that were read-alouds in earlier cores! Now that's getting my money's worth... even before they are re-used with my younger child! It is such a delight to discover these books together with my children - it adds an extra layer of shared memories to these school years. In this photo they are both "camped out" next to their fort, reading!

— **Georgia S** Orwigsburg, PA



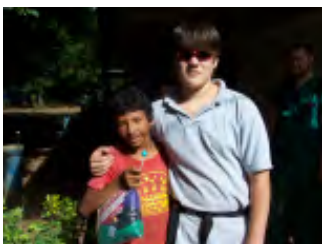
Sonlight's curriculum choices positively feature a variety of people from many countries, showing God's love for people from all over the globe, instilling a global awareness and appreciation from a young age. Sonlight's incorporation of wonderful missionary stories such as "New Toes for Tia," and "Stories from Africa" along with the "Mission to India" video trip, profoundly impacted our year, and our children continue to talk about the kids in India, Africa & Thailand when we pray because of the personal connection that was made through your excellent curriculum choices. I love the quality literature that is incorporated each day, using books that feature beautiful artistry and depth.

— **Gina S** Sweet Home, OR



I love the way the Instructor's Guide binders are set up. They are so easy to use. The book selection is amazing and the science worksheets are excellent. Sonlight ties everything together so well. I love how the Bible reading is incorporated into the schedule, as well as Bible memorization. It's always so neat when the Bible reading will tie perfectly with another book we are reading at the same time, or a passage from the History texts. Thank you for providing a curriculum that is so rich! In their fourth year homeschooling, James (8) and Grace (7) are excited for Dad to come home and read Eric the Red and Leif the Lucky. This year, James and Grace shared Core C, Science C and Grade 3 Readers with Language Arts.

— **Gina S** Sweet Home , OR



This young man stayed in the village around our camp and Matthew. Matthew was kind and fun-hearted with this boy. If you notice he is carrying a bag with all his special items. Matthew has learned from stories of the underprivileged and hard times in other countries, but now he has experienced a 3rd world country and the difficulties that go with it, and when I asked if he wanted to go back he replied, "Definitely!" Sonlight has immeasurably added to our world vision and desire to serve God everywhere. I appreciate Sonlight's desire to put together some incredible packages for me and the schedules help so much.

— **Gina Jo S** Elizabethtown, KY





A few months ago, Regan asked me if I had to do Keys to Good Language when I was a kid. I assured him I had to learn the same things when I was his age--and sure enough, I did! My mom asked me to go through my old books last week and I found the 2nd and 3rd grade Keys to Good Language books I had used as a child. I am going into my 20th year of home schooling. 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 ESL. Our boys love the books and I still look forward to learning something new every day!

— **Gwen S**    Carrollton, TX



We switched to Sonlight Core A last year, and that changed everything. Mom and children love doing school. Mom loves the binder [Instructor's Guide] with the planned school year, and everyone loves the living books! Angela (7, Core B) has been loving Sonlight for two years and especially enjoys the fully illustrated History books.

— **Hannah S**    Vista, CA



It was a happy mail day for Rachel. She had received a package from her dad, who was deployed to Afghanistan. She wasted no time in setting up the rug and cobra so she could charm it with her great readers! Rachel struggled to read in public school, but now at home with the stress free learning environment Sonlight helped us create, has just blossomed in her love for reading and learning! Her reading sure charmed that snake!

— **Heather S**    United States



"Sissie, please read us a story!" Sonlight has added depth to our lives and a greater understanding of life. Our girls will sit and listen to stories with hardly any pictures and beg for me reading time when we are through. We are blessed as a family to have started our homeschooling adventure with Sonlight.

— **Heidi S**    Alexandria, VA





This summer we visited the Jamestown Settlement in Virginia. Josh and Seth couldn't get enough all of the amazing sights there from the Powhatan village, to the fort, to the ships. So much was familiar to them as Sonlight Curriculum played a huge part in bringing history to life for them with its amazing readers from Core D like Pocahontas and the Strangers, and Om-Kas-Toe. Thank you Sonlight for making history so much fun!

— **Holly S** Cocoa, FL

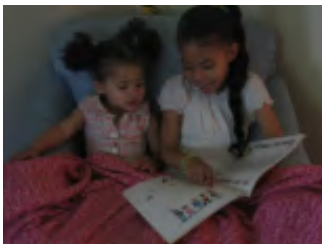
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Our evenings are filled with excitement and anticipation while we all eagerly wait to find out what's going to happen next! No longer is the TV or video games the central focus for entertainment. We can discuss characters and relate them to events 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** Hammond, LA

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My older daughter Naylani is reading to her baby sister Lynnea. She is describing the characters being upside down. Ever since getting Sonlight they have grown closer and enjoy learning. Sonlight has created a domino affect of learning and loving God that is irreplaceable. Sonlight will be our choice till all of our children graduate. My older daughter is reading to her younger sister. My older daughter has grown to understand the love of God through Sonlight. She has also grown a love for learning and it has rubbed off on her baby sister. They have actually grown closer through education. My older daughter Naylani is reading to her baby sister Lynnea. Ever since getting Sonlight they have grown closer and enjoy learning. Sonlight has created a domino affect of learning and loving God that is irreplaceable. Sonlight will be our choice till all of our children graduate.

— **Jacqueline S** Lancaster, PA

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Here Gabby is reading a story to her younger sister and her brother is also listening in. Our family has grown together using such great books and stories that Sonlight has chosen.

— **Jamie S** Barrington, NH

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After 12 years of homeschooling, Sonlight has helped our children enjoy learning in a fun and creative way. Our eight children thoroughly enjoy reading thanks to sonlights readers. Our oldest daughter, who is now graduated enjoys reading to her 7 younger siblings. Thanks for all the great things sonlight does to help make homeschooling fun and enjoyable for all. God Bless!

— **Jamie S**     Hixson, TN



Your curriculum has opened our eyes to the world and broadened our compassion for those in other cultures. 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.

— **Janice S**     Manheim, PA



In this photograph Micah and Taylor are enjoying a bright summer day by keeping cool in our three seasons room. They snuggled up to enjoy Eric Carle's Animals Animals. I was able to capture their natural smiles as they giggled about one of the poems and the animals pictured in this book. In the background you will also see other titles we have enjoyed recently: Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik and A Fly Went By by Mike McClintock. Sonlight truly is the way I wish I had been taught as a child! Everyday we open one of Sonlight's wonderful book selections I continue to learn right along with my children. Giving them the gift of "loving to learn" is easy with Sonlight by my side! Thank you also for your helpful, time saving, and priceless Instructor's Guides. They are an essential tool.

— **Jayme S**     Mason City, IA



We love using Sonlight because it allows us to be flexible with our schedule and to take time to learn fun, practical applications of the material we read.

— **Jeannette S**     Flagstaff, AZ





An added bonus of Sonlight is teaching your children not only to be good readers and awesome authorities on history, but also to be good listeners. The reading aloud part of the curriculum is huge. I did not understand how much so until I watched my boys listen quietly and attentively in group settings while their peers seemed unable to even sit still. I quickly understood this had been a bonus of all the times they had sat listening to me read to them as part of Sonlight. My oldest is now a senior and I know Sonlight has helped transform him into the awesome young man he has become. In their eleventh year of Sonlight, Cameron (18) and Cody (15) share Core 300 while Hunter (11) enjoys Core E.

— **Jeff S**    Haughton, LA

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As we visited the Women in Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC our girls got up close. They wanted to touch the women and gaze into their faces. They felt connected to the event it depicted because they had studied our nation's wars in the Sonlight Intro. to American History. We love the literary approach to studying history because it helps us connect with the people and events in a deeper way. The literature enhances the historical facts by adding an emotional connection for the students. Our kids are eager to tell others about the great books they are reading.

— **Jeffrey S**    Raleigh, NC

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Reilly gazed on the bronze statue which is part of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington DC. She was transfixed by the faces of the men. Both our girls experienced a connection with our nation's history which was born in their study of Sonlight's Intro. to American History core curriculum. We love the literary approach to studying history because it helps us connect with the people and events in a deeper way. The literature enhances the historical facts by adding an emotional connection for the students. Our kids are eager to tell others about the great books they are reading

— **Jeffrey S**    Raleigh, NC

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This is what happened immediately after we received our FIRST box ever from Sonlight! The boys stopped swimming, plopped on the chair and devoured The Usborne Book of World History [from Cores B and C]. If I had any apprehensions about homeschooling before, this excitement made those disappear. Silas (9), Micah (7) and Tyler (6) squished in to see the pictures on their very first Box Day. They're studying Core B this year.

— **Jenni S**    Green Bay, WI

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Our family visited Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings home in Cross Creek, FL while reading "Strawberry Girl" to get an idea of the difference between the Slater and Boyer houses. Ms. Rawling's home was very much like we imagined the Boyer's, with its fancier embellishments. This photo was taken on the front porch of the caretaker's home, quite basic and much like the Slater's. We love that using Sonlight gives our children such a wonderful understanding of history, not just memorization of dates and events. The great literature makes learning easy and fun as it places the kids in the middle of events they remember for a long time. The kids love that our field trips match up to the books we are reading and that they don't have to read "regular school books." Thank you Sonlight for helping to create a family of readers!

— **Jennie S** Ocala, FL



My daughters love learning and enjoy the time we spend together reading. Thank you, Sonlight, for exceeding my expectations! As a former elementary school teacher for 10 years, one might think it would have been easy for me to gather and choose the best books for my twin daughters' reschool years. I never would have come close to Sonlight's Core P4/5: a balanced, well-rounded selection of literature that sparked my daughters' love of learning and emphasized a Biblical worldview. Meg and Katie (both 5) snuggle with their dad for The Year at Maple Hill Farm, a favorite from Core P4/5.

— **Jennifer S** Flagstaff, AZ



My children had so much fun making valentines to send to our on-line friends! We participated in a valentine swap co-ordinated by the SL'ers on the "Sonlighter's club forums" We made valentines and sent them all over the world-and got valentines in return. I love the community on the forums!

— **Jennifer S** Mesa, AZ



I love how Sonlight's wonderful selections of literature nurture and feed imaginations young and old! Our son has always had a very active imagination and I am so delighted to see how Sonlight has brought history alive for him! I see the richness and depth of what he's learning coming forth as he plays. We've always provided a literature-rich environment for our son and Sonlight has proven to be a very natural extension of that. I can't thank you enough for the gift your curriculum has given our family!

— **Jennifer S** Kenmore, NY





Here are our children, learning to make rope by braiding together fibers from willow trees. At the Jamestown Virginia museum, we got to experience this piece of Powhatan Native American culture live and in person. Our 10 year old daughter loved learning about Pocahontas and her Powhatan tribe in Sonlight's History Core 3/4 book Pocahontas and the Strangers. Each of our children then went on to learn about rope making. Thank you Sonlight, for a literature rich education which we bring with us on our family vacations!

— **Jennifer S** Lakewood, OH

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Ashley was adopted out of foster care at age 10. She had been placed in a functional academics class in her public school and could not read. When she joined our family she detested everything about school. She would rather go to bed than have to read. That all changed when she was introduced to Sonlight. Suddenly books and reading came alive to her. She found the "read alouds" exciting and engaging. I started her in Core 1 and she began to read. Not only that, but she began to understand what she was reading and actually enjoyed it! In two years she went from being a non-reader to reading at a fourth grade level! She told me the other morning at breakfast, "I'm reading this great book. It's a mystery. I think mysteries are my favorite!" Who would have thought she could come so far in such a short amount of time and be looking forward to her next book! Thanks Sonlight!

— **Jennifer S** Magnolia, TX

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Sonlight fits our needs well as a special needs family. Our little one, adopted from China, has significant special needs and often needs to be in my lap. Our entire family can usually be found cuddled together to do our reading. I would not have the time or energy to put together curriculum, a schedule, choose books, or generate discussions and comprehension questions. Now [with Sonlight] I get to spend my time and energy on loving my family, meeting their needs and teaching my children. In her third year of Sonlight, Jennifer finishes up Core D+E with Joshua (9) as Rinnah (4) listens in.

— **Jennifer S** Citronelle, AL

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Sonlight played a crucial role in preparing our son for college. I decided to use Sonlight for our high school son because I needed him to work independently for the most part while I worked with our younger children. The Sonlight Student Guides [included in the high school levels] held my son accountable for his daily work. I knew the books he was reading were all top notch choices and he was getting a solid Biblical education in American Government and Economics. He was recently accepted to his first choice college with a \$20,000 scholarship! Sonlight is worth every penny and we will definitely use them again. Here, Brandon (18) reads *Black Like Me* from Core 400. He has his Student Guide nearby to guide his day.

— **Jennifer S**    South Casco, ME



When we began homeschooling 8 years ago with our son Christian, we never imagined how the "home" in homeschooling would change so dramatically! God called our family to become missionaries to the local church which means our family travels throughout North America during the school year. So now we homeschool in a different location almost every week. Already having a strong foundation of homeschooling with Sonlight was one of the ways the Lord easily transitioned us to our new adventure as missionaries. Our years learning with Sonlight have knit our hearts together, deepened our passion for serving the Lord, and allowed us to incorporate what we're learning with the many places we have visited, all while living "on the road." While ministering in South Carolina, our daughter Elizabeth created her perfect reading nook in the crook of a tree at the church where we were serving. No matter where the Lord leads us, Sonlight comes along for the journey.

— **Jennifer S**    Buchanan, MI



The lesson plans are so well-organized and easy to follow that the challenge of homeschooling with young children in the home has been made easier for me. There are always plenty of books to interest all three of the children, and they love to read them together. The reading materials offered are so captivating and enriching, I can hardly tear Alexis away from her books. I never have to make her read--she reads her school books over and over again. Here, 5-year-old Alexis reads to 3-year-old Timmy in their family's third year of Sonlight.

— **Jessica S**    Manheim, PA





"After using Sonlight for just one year, I'm completely astonished how well my daughter reads," writes Jessie S of Deridder, LA. "Before we started using Sonlight, she absolutely loathed it. After using Core B with Grade 1 Readers, her reading skills took off and she now reads with amazing fluency. Reading has become enjoyable, and she actually offers to read to her younger siblings, much to their delight." Here, Journie (6) shares a good read with sister Piper (3) and brother Seeley (2).

— **Jessie S** Deridder, LA

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I have loved using Sonlight with all of the curriculum already put together for me with a schedule. It has really helped with my confidence to be able to give my children a well rounded education with some great books and interesting people. I have been learning a lot also, especially about all of the different missionaries.

— **Jneena S** Plano, TX

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Jessica watched her older brother do school last year and she was really excited to get started this year with her own school. We had to wait to open the box of new school books until we finished with her brothers from the last year. We had a family illness that had us a little behind finishing up, so to help with incentive we couldn't see the new books until we were done. I love being able to homeschool with such great books that the children can't wait for the new curriculum.

— **Jneena S** Plano, TX

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Our children's enthusiasm for Ancient Egypt began with our studies in Sonlight 1 -- more than THREE YEARS AGO. The whole family enjoyed seeing the intricate coffin of scribe Ankh-ef-en-Khonsu, at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Our Time Traveler book, which we used to study Ancient Egypt, is well-used -- the kids pull it down from the shelf a couple of times a year, following their own interests, not as a school assignment!

— **Joann S** Los Alamos, NM

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At the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Rosemary got a good look at Ancient Egyptian tomb treasures. She was completely absorbed in the ushabtis, figures that represent servants in the afterlife. In the years since we studied Ancient Egypt, Rosemary has often pulled the Time Traveler down from the bookshelf, to re-visit the interesting pages. Rose added her comment about Sonlight: "It's a great thing!"

— **Joann S** Los Alamos, NM

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When our latest little blessing came along, I wondered how our homeschooling would be affected. I had nothing to fear. Sonlight keeps us on track and moving forward with their wonderful schedules. Reading the great books that Sonlight offers provides plenty of opportunities to snuggle with Baby Vivian. Homeschooling with Sonlight is a family affair for young and old alike!

— **John S** Cary, NC

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Sonlight is the perfect 'great books' education for our children. Thank you for giving us such a fun, relaxed way to homeschool. We treasure the time we spend together learning with Sonlight. At ages 12 and 14, our daughters still love read-aloud time. Who wouldn't be grateful for that? Here, Lily (12) and Emma (14) enjoy their Sonlight books and each other's company on a sunny summer day. They're studying Core D and Core 100 in their sixth year of homeschooling and third year of Sonlight.

— **John S** Mentor, OH

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We love how Sonlight allows us to learn about the core subjects together ... instead of separating the four children. As we've added children to our family through adoption, it has made the adjustment easier for everyone, because we're just all together, all the time. The books that Sonlight recommends bring the characters and events to life in a very memorable way. I always did very well in school growing up ... but didn't retain 1/4 of what I learned through textbooks. This really is the way I wish I'd been taught! Daniel (5), Elisabeth (7), Noah (6) and Lily Kay (4) snuggle up with Daddy during their nightly reading time. They're studying Core C in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Joli S** Blackshear, GA

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The Sonlight books and Instructor's Guides add a lot of variety to the homeschool experience, even from an early age. Maija has been steadily gaining in her confidence and ability to read with the Fun Tales series provided in Language Arts K. That week we had also been reading through the broad range of poems included in one of the sections of Language and Thinking for Young Children. I am thrilled to see Maija thriving on this feast of learning! In her second year of Sonlight, Maija (5) is using the Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package with Grade K Readers and Language Arts K. The activities and materials in her Language Arts program inspired her to create her own picture dictionary, shown here.

— **Jonathan S** United Kingdom

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On Box Day, Cullen dove into his books (and his new box) with such enthusiasm! I cannot begin to express how rewarding it is to me to see his excitement and eagerness to learn. A book-lover myself, I have been incredibly impressed with the titles Sonlight has chosen for the cores.

— **Jonnia S**    Kennesaw, GA



It can be scary to be responsible for your child's education, but Sonlight makes it so much easier. The Instructor's Guide is a great tool and the book selection is amazing. The fact that Sonlight has done everything for you takes away a lot of fear of missing important elements. We love spending time together as a family, and we really enjoy the freedom homeschooling brings. This year my daughter is excited to learn Spanish and how to play the recorder. I am excited about all the stuff I will learn too! In their second year homeschooling, Eowyn (9) uses Core E.

— **Joshua S**    Hot Sulphur Springs , CO



This is our motivation for getting baths done quickly. Our kids love the Sonlight books so much we can use the books for motivation for almost anything. We love the quality of literature our children are exposed to through Sonlight and look forward to enjoying them as a family. What could be better than snuggling up with Dad for a bedtime Read Aloud? The S family is in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Julia S**    North Canton, OH





Tonight, Emily discovered one of the Sonlight books I ordered from the P4/5 - we're not doing the preschool core, but I knew the kids would love some of the missionary stories and science books ... Emily has been asking me about earthquakes, so we've talked about the tectonic plates under the earth, the core of the earth, magma and other interesting stuff but of course she wants more! We had recently ordered a few books just for fun from P4/5 science, which were newly on our shelves. She found How to Dig a Hole to the Other Side of the World, asked me to read it to her, and I did. Immediately, she went to her Daddy, offering to read it to him. He was tired after mowing, so he said maybe just a few pages. She read a few pages to him, and then when she was too tired to finish she offered to read the rest tomorrow. Suddenly Daddy said, "wait, we need to finish the story!" and energetically read the rest to her! I loved seeing the two of them enjoying it together! Mommy LOVES reading and Daddy has enjoyed almost every Usborne book he's ever seen, so when we began to consider homeschooling our children, we immediately thought of the dozens of friends we know who enjoy Sonlight. We're looking forward to doing Core K this year as our introduction to home education and the world of great Sonlight books!

— **Julian S** Covington, GA



Even when we're on summer vacation, it's not unusual to find my kids curled up with their favorite Sonlight books. Sometimes they even try to get the baby interested! I love the way Sonlight provides us with great reading material that engages a wide range of ages. Even before the younger ones started reading, they loved looking at the books, especially the colorful ones by Usborne. Another great thing about Sonlight is how it leaves everyone hungry for more. My kids are becoming eager learners and avid readers, largely because Sonlight chooses such wonderful books! Nearly every story we read, I have at least one child begging for "just one more chapter, please!" And after we finish a book, it often disappears into one of the kids' bedrooms so they can re-read it immediately. I love the way my kids are learning to think for themselves, to interact with the books, to see what the world looks like through someone else's eyes. Sonlight not only stretches their minds but also their hearts. Their parents' minds and hearts, too, for that matter! I've been amazed at how much I have learned, right along with my children. It's such fun to be on this educational adventure with them. We're so grateful for Sonlight!

— **Julie S** Minneapolis, MN



My children absolutely love watching MathTacular, especially 'The Water Fight' clip. It cracks them up every time. I love to see the joy that a simple school video provides. Sonlight has a way of making education fun, entertaining and effective.

— **Julie S** Elliston, VA





After spending nearly 4 years in Hawaii with the Navy, we were thrilled to finally have a Christmas on the mainland in Virginia. We found a nearby tree farm and spent quite a while hunting for the perfect tree. Ever since using Core K my oldest daughter has been fascinated with the ages of trees, so after Dad cut down the tree we were able to count the tree rings. We were all a bit surprised that our tree was over 15 years old! This past year has been extra special for us, as my husband has been attending graduate school at Virginia Tech. Jake is currently an officer in the US Navy, and they sent him back to college to complete a Master's degree in only 12 months. Homeschooling has allowed our family to work our school schedule around Jake's university schedule, and has provided us with numerous occasions to really connect as a complete family unit. We've been building memories and a foundation that we are praying will carry us through his upcoming 9 month deployment.

— **Julie S** Elliston, VA

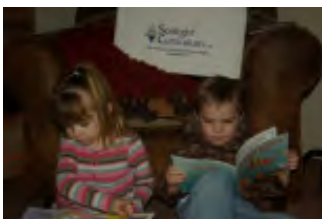
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This past Spring we were able to take a family camping trip to Fort Mountain State Park in northern Georgia. In this picture, Bella is our fearless adventurer as she runs down the mountainside. As a family, we love to hike and spend as much time outdoors in God's creation as we can, and it is a perfect environment to study nature firsthand. Homeschooling has allowed us to get outdoors and explore as a family by providing us with such a flexible schedule. My husband spent the last year in graduate school and we were able to align our school year up with the university school year - something that would not have been possible on the public school calendar. Homeschooling has allowed our family to work our school schedule around Jake's university schedule, and has provided us with numerous occasions to really connect as a complete family unit. We've been building memories and a foundation that we are praying will carry us through his upcoming 9 month deployment. These are opportunities that we would not have had if our children were limited by the public school calendar. Homeschooling has been such a blessing in its flexibility - life and unique experiences don't have to stop for school, but instead they become a part of our daily education journey. . Homeschooling provides many opportunities to really get out and see what the world has to offer - education goes beyond bookwork and the four walls of a traditional school setting.

— **Julie S** Elliston, VA

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Our children were so excited to get there very first Sonlight box. We are beginning our homeschool journey and we knew that Sonlight was the perfect fit for us. Each of my children immediately picked out their favorite book and asked to read them immediately. I, of course, being the good mom that I am pried them away from the books so that I could look at them! We love the awesome diversity that Sonlight offers to our family!

— **Julie S** Casper, WY

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When we started our homeschooling journey, our son struggled and easily got frustrated. Once we switched to Sonlight, Sterling quickly caught on to reading and discovered he LOVED it. Last year, Marilla caught on as well. Now it is very common to find them reading all sorts of books! Few things excite them more than coming home from the library with a pile of books and relaxing on the couch to read. What I love most about Sonlight is that my children are reading far more than I ever did at their ages. This is something that will benefit them well into adulthood. Thanks Sonlight!!!!

— **Karen S** Goodlettsville, TN

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Our youngest daughter (in the middle) has many special needs due to a rare bone marrow disorder. While she can't do anything for herself, she loves to be surrounded by her sisters in whatever they do. This usually means "helping" them do their school work, or "reading along." Wherever one is working, you can usually find the rest. We love Sonlight because both girls can use the same materials, just slightly tailored for each of them.

— **Kate S** Cincinnati, OH

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I never dreamed homeschooling high school could be a pleasurable experience...for all of us. I had been using Sonlight for two years with my youngest five children and an online high school curriculum for my oldest daughter. While reviewing her end-of-the-year reading list I was shocked to realize she had read through most of Cores F, G and H. 'Mom,' she explained, 'these are the best books I've ever read!' I promptly ordered Sonlight for her senior year. Thank you for all the hard work put into the Instructor's Guides and for branching out into new areas like Economics and Psychology. I am now planning to homeschool all my children through high school graduation with Sonlight. Here, Jasmine (18), Lauren (13), Matt (11), Eric (10), Monique (9), and Mark (8) pose with their new Sonlight boxes. They're studying Core 300, Core H and Core C in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Kathleen S** Lynchburg, VA

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Sharing the teaching is an ideal way to make homeschooling more effective and balance the work load. Here, Doug, is spending quality time with Ethan (5) and Justin (3) as they look through a book about the human body. The teaching guides that Sonlight provides give many opportunities for Doug to be involved in the learning process, whether he's home during 'school time' or not. Having the boys eager to do school any time of the day makes learning more fun!

— **Kathleen S** Somers, NY

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A curriculum with a basis in Biblical truth is invaluable for my family. There is nothing more empowering as a parent than when your child is excited to learn. Reading stories about what they are learning makes connections for them on a personal level, which they are able to recall later and discuss. From everyday outdoor adventures, to bedtime storytelling, Sonlight gives our family a chance to connect and grow together, learning through interaction and experience. Here, Anakin (6) and Rivalee (3) examine a worm they found while on a scavenger hunt for school in the backyard. They're studying Core P4/5 and Core B in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Katie S** Medford, WI



Ella, Kayla, Olivia and Susanna are playing seek and find in a local park and reviewing some of the content we have learned about in Science B. I love that most of my time is spent learning with them. Sonlight did the curriculum planning so I didn't need to!

— **Katrina S** Simpsonville, KY



After studying world history 1&2 this year with Sonlight, my girls' passion and love for history surfaced. We took our family to Prague to see for ourselves architecture and history of the Middle Ages come alive! We are visiting the Prague Castle. The girls are in the vineyard overlooking the whole city of Prague! Sonlight has made school subjects come alive! The girls are now learning because it is fun, engaging and interesting! Not because it is in a text book. It is wonderful to see my kids want to learn and share it with everyone they meet! And, boy, did they surprise a lot of people with their understanding of when, how and what happened in each place we visited! Thank you Sonlight for opening up a world of learning that comes alive!

— **Keena S** Littleton, CO



After studying Ancient Civilizations this year in History 1&2, we took our children to see Israel and the cities built by the Romans during the formations of Christianity. Jenna(7) and Maya (5) (pictured) and Ellie (9) amazed us with their understanding of how Roman cities were built. They knew all about the aqueducts, baths and whether a column was corinthian, ionic or doric in architectural style! It impressed all the tourists who were learning this for the very first time! Thanks to Sonlight, History has come alive for my girls! They look forward to the reading and most of all that they can all learn it together!

— **Keena S** Littleton, CO



My husband and I are loving the opportunity to impart quality education and Christ-centered faith together, anywhere, anytime. My parents homeschooled my sister, brother and me using the Sonlight curriculum, and now we are blessed to do the same with our children.

— **Kelly S** Tavernier, FL



We've used Sonlight for five years, and it's still a celebration every time the Sonlight box comes in the mail. It doesn't take them long to pull everything out and, inevitably, start begging, 'Can we start school today Mom?? Pretty please????!' In this photo, Halle (8) smiles surrounded by all of her Core C, Science C, and Grade 3 Readers/LA books. Halle finished a third of her Readers before the official school year even started.

— **Kelly S** Mount Vernon , OH



Our two sons, Oliver (17) and Samuel (15), have been homeschooled their entire lives using Sonlight. Because of the excellent literature that Sonlight has provided to us, reading is the activity that they love best. We are so grateful for the richness and depth of their education. But more importantly, we are thankful that our sons are best friends and that they share memories of learning together that will last the rest of their lives. Thank you, Sonlight.

— **Kenneth S** Zachary, LA



We have been a Sonlight family for a dozen years. We love the rich, engaging literature that Sonlight has provided for us, and the many hours of sitting together to read aloud. Even now, at 15 and 17 years old, my sons still discuss books that were read years ago, even the ones from kindergarten. Here we are reading poetry...always best read aloud! Oliver and Samuel are best friends and will always have the wonderful memories of having been taught together. Thank you, Sonlight, for the richness and depth of their education.

— **Kenneth S** Zachary, LA





My two sons are best friends. They have been learning together their entire lives. We are beginning our 13th Sonlight year, and having been through 12 of the cores, our mark-it map has been well used! I am so proud that my boys can very quickly fill in all the countries and give insightful accounts of many things that have happened in each one. I am so grateful for Sonlight and the engaging books that have gifted my sons with a deep desire to read and to learn.

— **Kenneth S** Zachary, LA

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The Sonlight Instructor's Guides have relieved much of the stress of teaching. My husband can jump right in and help because the information is well-organized and easy to follow. Not coming from an evangelical Christian background, we worried that the missionary component might be too much for our liking. On the contrary, we love how it breaks us out of our 'American bubble.' The stories have been so strengthening to our faith! It just reaffirms that God is not white or any other race, but an eternal God who loves variety in His family. In their second year of Sonlight, Caleb (4) is using Core A, while Sarah (7), Chloe (9) and Abigail (9) share Core D. Here, they work together on a buzzer circuit experiment from Science C.

— **Keri S** Newark, OH

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Enjoying The Box and Each Other. Homeschooling allows us to teach our sons to love the Lord, great books and each other!

— **Kerry S** Gulf Breeze, FL

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We had just finished reading about dinosaurs in the Children's Encyclopedia when Kayleigh bolted from the room. She returned with her box of toy dinosaurs and began to line them up. Then she wanted to read the section again and the second time through she would "match" her dinosaurs to the ones we were reading about. I love how just reading a great book encourages Kayleigh to extend her learning on her own. Thank you Sonlight for making it easy for me to surround my girls with wonderful books!

— **Kevin S** Chesapeake, VA

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When we updated this core for Kayleigh, she was immediately drawn to the Stories from Around the World book. It became even more loved when we started finding the countries from this book, and from Lion Storyteller, on the globe. She think this is the coolest thing and carries around the book wherever she goes. She'd probably carry the globe too if she could. It's really wonderful to be able to sneak in a little geography with little to no effort and have my daughter enjoy it.

— **Kevin S** Virginia Beach, VA

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The day AFTER I ordered Core E, our daughter surprised us by saying that she thought she may like to try attending school in the fall. Her father and I said that she could give it a try if she really wanted to. Less than a week later, our box arrived. Alison was excited, as she always is when the Sonlight box comes, but I could see something was bothering her. She pawed through all the books and said, 'Mom, they won't read books like this at school will they?' I told her no, they probably won't. She looked back up at me, and smiled. 'I can't miss all these great books! I want to keep homeschooling in the fall.' Isaac (10) and Alison (8) now love Core E in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Kim S** Hillsdale, MI

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Our family had a great time studying American History with Core 3 last year. I eagerly made our order for Core 4 without the children knowing. The day AFTER I ordered Core 4, our daughter surprised us by saying that she thought she may like to try attending school in the fall. Her father and I said that she could give it a try if she felt she really wanted to. Less than a week later, our box arrived. Alison was excited, as she always is when the Sonlight box comes, but I could see something was bothering her. She pawed through all the books and said, "Mom, they won't read books like this at school will they?" I told her no, they probably won't. She looked at the book in her hand, looked back up at me, and smiled, "I can't miss all these great books! I want to keep homeschooling in the fall." Thank you, Sonlight, for making books such an important part of my daughter's life!

— **Kim S** Hillsdale, MI

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We have enjoyed the flexibility of learning outside and have found his concentration level goes up if he can pet the goat while he listens. Simon is our middle son using Sonlight and has really enjoyed all the stories about animals that our older son didn't like as much. The great thing about Sonlight is that the curriculum is so diverse that there is really something that everyone will like. It really works over and over again as I am doing core 4 with my oldest, core 1 with my middle, and the Preschool 4-5 with my youngest. Thank you Sonlight for such a great investment that can be reused and enjoyed time and again.

— **Kim S** Oregon City, OR



Since starting Sonlight with my kids [three years ago], we have read from the Bible, memorized verses, sang songs, and prayed together every morning after breakfast. All my life I have struggled with trying to adopt a consistent personal daily devotional time. I am loving the regular connection time with the Lord as much for me as for the children's sake. We really miss it on the rare occasion that we skip a day. Thank you, Sonlight! Each morning, Kimarie simply checks her Core Instructor's Guide and reads the scheduled Bible reading for that day. Naomi (6), Gideon (5), Elijah (2), and Zadek (8 months) enjoy this special time with mom.

— **Kimarie S** Mount Vernon, WA



I will confess the first 7 years of homeschooling, I tried many homeschool curriculums, while using Sonlight's literature. In time I realized Sonlight was the best curriculum. The Instructor's Guide was easy to use and the boys loved the Literature. Best of all I loved the balanced perspective on Christian life; our relationship as individuals with God and our service to others. Last year, the S family studied Core 200 and Core H. Kaleb (14) learned about money-management with the Money Matters for Teens Workbook and Daring to Live on the Edge. He decided to start a business selling eggs. Today he has a flock of 30 chickens!

— **Kimberly S** New Port Richey, FL



Sonlight just doesn't teach a specific age, Sonlight gives you the flexibility of teaching all ages together.

— **Kimberly S** Albuquerque, NM



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

— **Kirsty S** Longmont, CO





There are so many options for homeschooling available now, but no other preschool program compared to Sonlight. My son has a natural love for reading, and by the time we had finished this program he was reading on his own without ever being drilled! He is so excited to start Kindergarten this fall, and I'm excited to continue teaching him! Reilly's baby sister, Ramona enjoys story time, too!

— **Kristen S** Port Angeles, WA

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The TOPS Radish Experiment in Core 3 Science was such fun. Our daughter loved the in-depth experiments and the whole family enjoyed the daily observations and data recording. What a wonderful way to engage young minds about the scientific method in a fun manner!

— **Kristi S** Ephrata, PA

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Erin reads her Sonlight Core 3 Science to her little sister. The Sonlight books are just amazing and engaging, so much so our 6 month old will look at the pictures while our 3rd grader reads to her and our son (age 4 not pictured). It is wonderful to watch my children bond while they learn together. That is what homeschooling is all about for our family! Thank you, Sonlight for bringing us all together!

— **Kristi S** Ephrata, PA

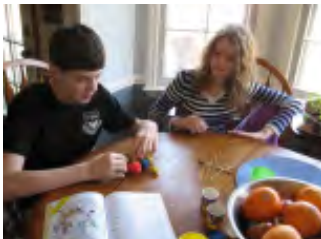
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One of the greatest benefits of homeschooling our five children, is the friendships they have with one another. As they travel their learning journeys together, they experience and discover so many new truths that help them define their world view Biblically. The Sonlight Literature helps them grasp these truths in tangible ways, felt through the eyes of their literary "friends."

— **Kristie S** Springfield, MO

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I was having a hard time explaining chemical reactions. I used to do most of the hands on experiments when the kids were little but in the past year I have skipped some to save on time. I finally decided to try the experiment in the book and what do you know? They understood what I was trying to explain. Thank you for all of the experiments! That was the main reason I switched to Sonlight in the first place! When you can actually DO what you are teaching it makes a world of difference.

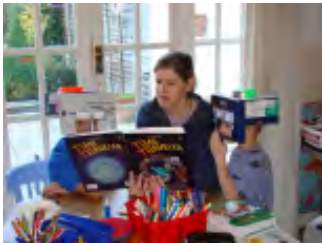
— **Kristin S** Olathe, KS

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Simon knew he was getting some Sonlight books to learn to read with this year, and he was so excited when the FedEx man drove up! We opened the first box and he grabbed the books on top that were his and headed to our yellow couch in the sunroom (where we do all of our read-alouds) to read as much of them as he could. He begged me to take a picture of him with all three new "I Can Read It" books. He is so enthusiastic about learning to read, and the excitement is written all over his face. I am looking forward to using Sonlight and fueling that fire within him for many years to come! Sonlight puts together the literature based program that I would make myself if I only had more time! I liked putting together my own books and curriculum when I was only homeschooling my oldest three kids together as a group. Now that Simon is learning to read and needing his own books, not to mention an active toddler thrown into the mix, I simply do not have the time, energy or desire to do it myself anymore. Besides - Sonlight has done a better job than I ever did, anyway. It is a perfect fit for us.

— **Kristin S** Fulda, MN



Greetings from the UK, I thank God for leading me to Sonlight! We have not looked back and for us, this is as good as it gets. It takes the stress of planning and decision making away and I feel secure in the knowledge that the boys are introduced to a variety of topics in a gentle way. We have enjoyed all the books and I am reluctant to ask others to read to them since I do not want to miss out! Liam (8) is now a confident reader and Emiel (5) is following closely in his footsteps. Mia (3) likes to join in as well and will have her own set of books in the next academic year. Baby Mateo (3 months) regularly spends his awake time with us. When for some reason we did not do maths, phonics or writing and only reading, Emiel claims that we have not done "school!" With the help of their cousin the boys designed and made these helmets to put on when we read from Usborne's Time Traveller. We are South Africans, the boys were born in Holland and we now live in Virginia Water, United Kingdom. I would also like to mention how impressed we were to receive our first shipment within a week of ordering it on-line . May God bless your hard work!

— **Lara S** United Kingdom



When I wake up in the morning, I know exactly what each student needs to do that day. Thank you, Sonlight, for allowing me a good night's sleep! The well-organized Instructor's Guide is one of the big factors that convinced us and keeps us with Sonlight all these years. (The other factor is all those great books. Was there any doubt?) Doing multi-level teaching in many different subjects would take much time to develop a plan, but Sonlight has done all the work. In the winter months, Dad leads the daily Bible class at breakfast for Chad (15, Core 100), Jodi (13, Core H), Danae (10, Core C), Amber (8, Core C) and Gwen (5, Pre-Kindergarten Multi-Subject Package). The S family has used Sonlight for the past nine of their eleven years homeschooling.

— **Laronda S** Denver, PA







We LOVE Sonlight! In February 2009 our family took a vacation to Tokyo, Japan and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Over and over, history came alive for our girls as they saw places and people groups they had read about over the years. Before we left, many people asked if we (or our girls) were afraid to travel to such remote places. No, we had no fear. Years and years of reading about other peoples & places gave us a hunger to experience the world ourselves. In Tokyo, we often had to ask the girls to wait for us as they led the way into the subway.

— **Laura S**    Grayslake, IL

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This is our third year with Sonlight. We all love the history books. The girls can't wait for the next chapter or book to begin. Emma says, "Every new book we read is now my favorite. I just love these stories." We spent time building a castle based on what we were learning in Castle Diary, Time Traveler and Robin Hood. These books made history come alive.

— **Laura S**    Grand Rapids, MI

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As Leah has been learning to read, it is great to see her share her knowledge with her little sister. What a benefit to homeschooling, as the family lives and learns together. I am amazed that I was able to teach my girls to read. With Sonlight's help of excellent resources and a complete instructors guide, we did it one day at a time.

— **Laura S**    Grand Rapids, MI

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

— **Laura S** Pass Christian, MS



Aimee (6), Aaron (8), and Anna (4) have a tremendous love for books and we attribute much of that to the outstanding books that Sonlight selects for us each year. They read and reread the 'school books' when they are fresh out of the box from Sonlight, when they are scheduled in our core program, and then again many times after that, simply because they have enjoyed them so much. I don't think I have ever read as many great books as I have read with the kids in the last 3 years of homeschooling with Sonlight. We love the flexibility of Sonlight and how the book selections can be enjoyed by a wide age range. It makes doing school together as a family so much easier and more enjoyable. I dare say there are not many curriculum choices out there that would cause your kids to pull out the 'school books' even when school is not in session, just because they enjoy them so much!

— **Leslie S** Raleigh, NC



As Christian parents we wanted our daughter to have the best education possible without the added pressures of public school. At first I was scared to think I could undertake such a task and not mess up our child. Little did I know how easy Sonlight would make it to succeed! We know just where our daughter is education-wise at all times and don't need a report card to fill us in. We have so much support through Sonlight and through other local families who are like-minded. Sonlight affords me the opportunity to spend time with our daughter while she grows and learns. In this photo, Dad and Savanna (10) work on science in the 5th Grade Full-Grade Package.

— **Leslie S** Saint Louis, MO





We have always enjoyed the variety and hands-on opportunities with Sonlight science. Not one book or one topic all year long, but a few areas of focus and several books to keep us from getting bogged down or bored. My kids only know learning this way, and so they don't understand the drudgery of textbook/workbook schooling. They are always eager to do any experiments they see outlined in their books. TOPS Experiments are well laid out and pretty easy to follow. We had some good discussions and fun experiments in this unit. Here, Aaron (12, Core G) successfully grows crystals, just one of the many experiments in Science G.

— **Leslie S** Raleigh, NC



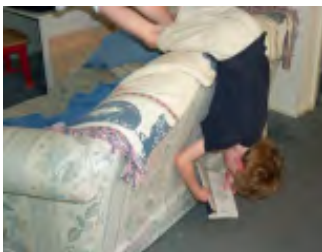
Though this might not be the best reading position for most people, Gray really enjoyed his 2 Intermediate Readers from this unusual perch. With the wonderful books SL offers, it is easy for my children to get lost in the world of the book no matter where they are. Thanks to the great literature selections, Gray always begs to read or be read to -- "just a little bit more." I am so thankful for finding SL 8 years ago. It has been such a blessing to my entire family and enriched our lives in many ways.

— **Linda S** Charleston, SC



This picture was taken on a camping trip to Pipestem, WV. Sarah, her brother, and her cousins were exploring the nearby Bluestone River when she discovered this snakeskin.

— **Linda S** Blacksburg, VA



We've used Sonlight from the beginning and at age 6, reading and history are Kevin's favorite subjects. He reads just about anywhere! Sonlight's great book selections have rich, captivating stories that hold his interest. He's always telling me, "Mom, this one's a real page turner!" His 4-year-old brother, Brian, is enjoying Sonlight PreK and K read-alouds and can't wait to get in on the fun as he's learning to read with the \_I Can Read It!\_ books.

— **Lisa S** Cape Coral, FL



I met Emma's mom at a homeschool info meeting. We went to the same church but didn't know it, are both nurses who work and homeschool and our children are the only child in our homes. The kids really hit it off and we would eat lunch together during co-op. We encourage each other and support each other and the kids love to play together. My oldest and dearest friend has been homeschooling for almost 9 years and has used Sonlight and she is the one who introduced me to Sonlight and we'll be using it this coming year for the first time. I have read and read the catalog. I was so excited about the Newcomer's package which made everything so easy. I love to read and Sam has really started to blossom in his reading and I am so excited to learn with him as we begin first grade in a few months which is what I like the most. I never thought I'd be able to continue past kindergarten b/c of having to work, but the Lord has allowed some things to happen in our life in order to continue and Sam wants to continue with it too. My husband is supportive and picks up the slack when I'm working.

— **Lisa S**    Hamilton, OH



SL Science is very inspiring to my children! We have been studying Science K and enjoyed getting insects from Earth's Birthday Project that is mentioned in the Instructor's Guide. We love the hands-on experiments that SL provides!

— **Lori S**    Grayson, KY



The children enjoy going outside in our front yard to do Bible each morning. We find the time more productive if each one has something fun to do while they listen. Our older two then do Sonlight Bible on their own. It was fascinating this past year doing the Core 400, comparing Biblical civil law with American civil law, in the context of the current events in the monarchy of Thailand. The depth of the Sonlight curriculum, the broad world views, as well as the stimulating challenges, have kept us coming back for more, 9 Core units in our 12 years of homeschooling! Our oldest daughter is now a confident scholar and will be well prepared for college next year thanks to completing Sonlight high school. We are very grateful for the part Sonlight has played in shaping our children to be people of Godly character, able to be leaders in a needy world.

— **Lowell S**    Kutztown, PA



I so appreciate Sonlight's approach to developing research skills in Core H. Now that we have the 'World Book Encyclopedia,' Ethan and Caroline can zip over to the computer to get the answers to the many questions they ask which Mom cannot answer.

— **Lynn S**    Irmo, SC







I'm grateful for a type of school that isn't 'used up' in a year, but will be passed on and enjoyed by my own and other children again and again. We all enjoy school now and I cheer along with my girls each morning when it's 'school' time because it's so easy to open the parent's guide and use or slightly alter the ideas available. Here, Lynne's little brother (who lives next door) listens in as Lynne reads with her daughters Renna (2) and Lily (4). They're exploring the books and handson activities in Core P3/4.

— **Lynne' S**    Newport, WA



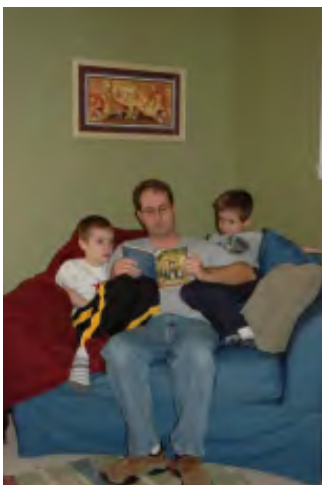
We are enjoying our Sonlight adventure tremendously! In May 2006, we were blessed as a family to be able to go RV'ing through the Canadian Rockies and West Coast. We brought along our favourite pre-K science book and the kids were able to relate what they were reading to all the nature we were able to soak in during our trip. It was an incredible experience! Thanks to Sonlight, homeschooling has taken a new dimension in our family!

— **Lynnette S**    Canada



Believe it or not, this was not staged! The kids have always enjoyed books and Sonlight encourages this love. Our oldest has had trouble reading but over time her confidence has increased and she is now eager to keep at it and read to her younger siblings. Our 2 yr old is often seen carrying a book around, trying to get someone to read to him!

— **Lynnette S**    Canada



The great thing about Sonlight is that everyone in the family is excited about it. My husband does science K with the kids (6,4) on Saturdays and most often than not, the 2yo is right there with them. Here he is proudly showing his germinated bean ready to be potted.

— **Lynnette S**    Canada





My husband and I appreciate how Sonlight helps us develop a lifetime love of learning in our children. All while spending time together reading and strengthening our family closeness. We are grateful for compelling History and Science curriculum and look forward to many years of learning! Our children ask to read Sonlight books over and over again. On the first day of Science B, the four children of the S family were thrilled to gather together to learn, especially when the 'Guest Professor of Science' (their father) arrived! They're studying Core C in their second year of Sonlight.

— **M. S** Colorado Springs, CO

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I love that Sonlight provides books that bring subjects like archeology to life and inspire my children to learn more! 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.

— **Mandy S** Dallas, GA

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Jon (7) loves to read. After his little brother asked for his favorite "bwook," Morgan snuggled up with him on the couch. Their sister Anabeth (6) soon joined in. These are active vivacious kids. However, when an interesting book is presented to them, they soon settle down. Lucky for us, Sonlight offers so many interesting books we are able to keep the noise level in our home down to a dull roar! Because of Sonlight our children read alone, read aloud and read to one another. We are blessed by our children and we are blessed to have Sonlight in our home.

— **Marianne S** Fresno, CA

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As a newcomer, I read, researched on Sonlight's site and talked to anyone I knew that used Sonlight .... and was a bit skeptical about the rave reviews (it could not possibly be THAT good). Now it is a toss-up as to who loves it most: me or the kids (they sometimes cry when I stopped reading). I never thought history could be fun! It is more than just reading - crafts are woven into the pages and makes the facts more real than anything else could have at this age! Here Adelia (4) and Vincent (6) is reading from "Living Long Ago" with the "mammoth tooth necklaces" they made. Thank you, Sonlight, for paving my way and surpassing expectations!

— **Marna S** Meriden, CT

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Thank you for awakening my children's imaginations and love for great literature. 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.

— **Martin S** Tucson, AZ

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Sonlight brings us together in a way that doesn't burden us, but rather refreshes us. It is tradition in our home, on holidays and Sundays, for the boys to knock on our door with a book of their choice. Though I have encouraged them to choose something outside of the curriculum just for a break, they usually choose something Sonlight. Whenever it's Joshua's turn to choose the book, he chooses a Science book. He is totally curious about how things work. In the picture Dad explains how energy is conserved and how it changes from one form to another. Eavesdropping from the next room just before I stepped in with the camera, I was amazed to realize just how much they had remembered from our school time together. Joshua (11) and Jesse (4) are studying Core D+E in their first year of Sonlight.

— **May S** South Africa

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We love the closeness that Sonlight enables us to have as a family and how it fits in with our life-style of growing vegetables and keeping chickens. There is no way we could achieve this without all the excellent planning that Sonlight has done for us! The boys love snuggling up to read books together and being able to ask as many questions as they want to, which just would not be possible in school. We're in the UK and there is nothing like Sonlight over here. Even with international shipping costs it is worth every penny. Five-yearold Jasper is finishing Core P45 as little brother Caleb (2) tags along. They're looking forward to Core A in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Melissa S** United Kingdom

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Hmmmm... Lovely ice cream... Yummmm... We were having some ice cream in Palm Beach, FL., last month. I like Sonlight for their selections of books to read and for the balance of information being used in their curriculum. Also, for having a really - friendly customer service and advisors :-)

— **Melissa S** Palm Harbor, FL

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When box day arrived my girls couldn't wait to show our neighbors Window on the World. The neighbors are all adopted, two from Russia and two from Ethiopia so they were fascinated with their home country's entry. The Ethiopian girls are still learning English but they knew enough of the language to know to say "more" and "no stop" to my nine-year-old who was reading to them. They must have read the whole book that first day! I guess my girls, only homeschooled one year, decided their public-schooled best friends needed a little Sonlight! This is why I love Sonlight so much. It has taught my children to not only love learning but to love to share it with others!

— **Mia S** Erie, PA

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My older two girls really learned to love books last year, which was our first year homeschooling and of course, our first year with Sonlight, so when box day arrived they couldn't wait to share Window on the World with two of the neighbor girls. Our neighbors have four daughters, two adopted from Russia and two new girls from Ethiopia. Zena, who is still learning English, was fascinated with the entry and pictures about her homeland. I love how Sonlight gently exposes different cultures to my children and I love to watch them care enough to share it with others. We hope to travel to Ethiopia later this year to adopt a little boy. Thanks to Sonlight, my girls will already know all about his country and where to find it on the map!

— **Mia S** Erie, PA

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I never thought much about if my daughters liked homeschooling or were just used to it until this summer when one of their friends mother approached me wanting to know more about Sonlight. Her daughter was homeschooled with another program this year but enjoyed the days she spent over here doing school with us. While helping her pick a Core I'd ask if she wanted to do this or that and her reply was 'she wants to do exactly what yours is.' It made my day to realize my daughters do love being home and learning as a family. In their eighth year of Sonlight, Alaina, 13, Maggie, 11, Tesia, 9, Jenee, 3, and their pet ducks reread one of their Sonlight favorites.

— **Michele S** Custer, MI

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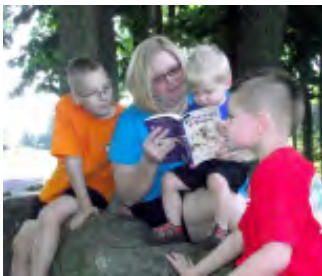




We always encourage homeschoolers to try Sonlight and see what a refreshing change happens within your family. We are often asked how we got our kids to get along and love each other so well. Many won't understand unless they have taken the Sonlight path of homeschooling. Sonlight has developed a tight 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.

— **Michelle S** Wrightwood, CA

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Our life is constantly changing! A year ago I was faced with teaching 2 students and a toddler on the loose...how was this going to work? Even after 3 years of teaching my oldest, I didn't have a solution. Then God led me to Sonlight and we had our best school year ever! We can take our books with us wherever we go, even on an impromptu picnic lunch at our local arboretum. I LOVE that learning takes place without it feeling like 'school'!!! Plus, we can all learn together! This makes us a closer knit family and it helps me get through the day with a sense of accomplishment. Sonlight is the perfect fit for this ever-changing family!!

— **Michelle S** Newark, OH

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Hannah was so anxious to try this after having read in her Sonlight materials that this was a job traditionally done by children her age. It helped her to realize that her chores at home are NOT that hard!!

— **Mike & Terrie S** Montgomery, AL

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God blessed our family last year with the addition of another son through adoption. Homeschooling helps close that age gap of 7 years by being able to spend quality time throughout the day and becoming each other's best friend, no matter the age. Books and good literature are such a big part of our family that from the earliest age Benjamin has taken an interest in books and even enjoys "reading" for himself. When he became mobile it was funny to see him hold a closed book up to his face. Even when we would have him in our lap to read to him, he would close the book and hold the back cover up to his face. We finally realized that while he played on his back on the floor watching us read, that was what it looked like we were doing on the couch as we read - from his perspective. We are grateful for Sonlight's involvement with our family to help provide the tools to carry out God's call to raise our children with a truly Biblical worldview and a heart for His work around the world.

— **Mindi S** Windsor Heights, IA

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I have become so much more relaxed and confident in homeschooling since switching to Sonlight four years ago. 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.

— **Mindi S** Windsor Heights, IA

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We love our Sonlight books! Especially our science and Bible books. To say that they go everywhere, is rather an understatement. Sonlight gave us that great boost of confidence that I needed and we have completely fallen in love with these books. Great choices and great material!

— **Misty S** Auburn, WA

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Amelie, Ricky and Cohen are enjoying Sonlight in the sunlight. This picture captures our love for Sonlight. Every page is a new adventure and every page is a new emotion brought to my children's faces. We love Sonlight because the books capture our children. The books are wholesome and beautiful. Reading is very important to our family and what better way to share in this delight than to sit outside in the beauty God gave us, with a Sonlight book!

— **Neely S** Canada

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After a year of studying American history, our 2 families from New York City decided an end-of-year field trip was in order. We went to Boston! We loved the Freedom Trail, the Lexington/Concord battlefields, Paul Revere's house, and Sturbridge Village. Since all of the kids had read (and loved!) "Make Way for Ducklings", we made sure to include a trip to the Boston Public Garden to see the famous ducklings. Seeing the actual neighborhoods and landmarks from wonderful books like "Johnny Tremain" and "Carry On Mr. Bowditch" makes history so real. Thanks, Sonlight, for giving our kids a love for learning, especially about history!

— **Pamela S** New York, NY

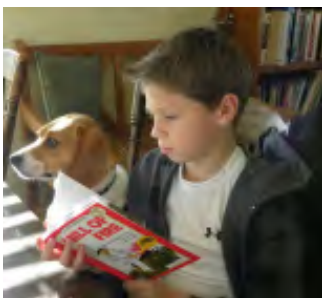
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We went to Germany last fall after finishing Core 1 and most of Core 2. We visited a ruined castle, and the children were not just able to decipher the inscription on this monument and understand it, they were able to give our guide a complete rundown of the history of the area. Hurray for Sonlight!

— **Peach S** Rahway, NJ

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Eli and his faithful beagle Maggie study together every day. Eli is dyslexic, but through Sonlight he has learned to love books and reading. We couldn't have done it without Sonlight and God's help. Thank you.

— **Racheal S** Meridian, ID

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I love how home schooling gives our children a chance to work together. Here Emily and Brianna decided to make a volcano after reading about them. Joshua loves to join in when he can. As a family we love all the books we read through our Sonlight curriculum. I love that Sonlight promotes a love for reading. The readers have always been spot on for the level each child has been at. It is great to see all our kids enjoying time with each other. Brianna having fun being creative with her colorix pens. Original Zinger : Home schooling overseas can be a challenge especially finding things you need but sonlight make it easy with all the extras that we can order each year. Brianna loves using the colorix and cardboard to create pictures.

— **Rachel S** East Timor

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With Sonlight leading the way, we are able to provide our daughters with amazing learning opportunities. Here, our visit to a conservatory came alive as we observed firsthand what we had just read about in The Usborne Children's Encyclopedia [from Core A]. As our daughters ran from garden to garden, they were exuberantly shouting out names of plants, smelling the aromas of exotic flowers and examining the workings of fountains and perfumeries. It was amazing to watch the connections being made from page to real life. There is no better way to get an education than with the quality books and literature that Sonlight provides! Willow (7) and Layla (5) are now studying Core B in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Rachel S**    Dover, PA

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We started with Sonlight mid-year and are so happy that we did! Miriam just loves the books. This picture was taken as dinner was ending. She asked to be excused and the rest of us were still sitting around the table talking. The next thing we knew she was laying on their worktable reading Milly, Molly, Mandy. The Core B books, though for 4-5 year olds have also captured the attention of my 8 and 6 year olds who are currently in school. Thanks Sonlight for putting together such an enriching, inspiring, and manageable program for homeschoolers.

— **Rachel S**    Irving, TX

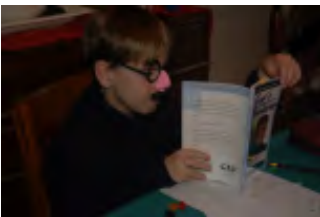
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Sonlight's instructor guide's give us the extra time to relax and read together. I'm glad I chose sonlight for my 3rd grader's first year. This year I will supplement it with another grammar program. And will use a different science & math for my 4th grader. But Will continue to use Sonlights literature & history. However, I was not happy with the Sonlight K readers & phonics program. I found it more appropriate for a preschool program than Kindergarten. My son learned the alphabet sounds but the program lacked strenght in teaching words & blends. Thanks Sonlight for all your amazing curriculum!

— **Rachel S**    Morristown, IN

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The amazing books in Sonlight Core F have restored my child's love of learning and excitement about the whole process. He wakes up every day with a 'what are we going to learn today' attitude. Best of all, he is really retaining and using the information that he is learning. We love Sonlight! In his first year of homeschooling, 10-year-old John thrives on the freedom homeschooling and Sonlight provide. Doing school in his jammies? While wearing a funny nose? It's all part of the joy of learning for John.

— **Ramona S**    Birmingham, AL

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My kids are 3rd culture kids, mother from India and father is Slovak-Irish. We have lived in 5 countries and have visited 16 different countries so far, we have been in TJ, Mexico for 1 year and Renee loves making friends all over the world, which comes easy to her. We have been visiting several orphanages in Tijuana and has good friends there. Serving in the countries we are in is an opportunity we get because we homeschool. Sonlight makes my life very easy, I don't have to prepare much. It gives us time that we can use to make our lives very interesting. Thanks Sonlight.

— **Ramona S** Colorado Springs, CO

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

— **Rebecca S** Southaven, MS

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Math came very naturally to our three sons thanks to Singapore Math. Singapore worked well, as it encourages mental usage of the numbers. However, math did not come easily to Ashley. Thanks to Sonlight for guiding us and making additional help available, such as the Vroot & Vroom and Wiggle Woods CDs [Singapore supplements #RM168 and #RM169]. Ashley has become very confident and accomplished in her math skills. In this photo from several years ago, Dad spends some quality time with Ashley helping her with math. She is now 11 years old and studying Core H.

— **Renee S** Canada

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Sonlight curriculum was the perfect choice for our family because it comes as a complete package with every piece you need and all the planning done for you. Our family is a missionary team serving in the Bahamas, where we've spent many months aboard our 31-foot ministry sailboat. We've been using Sonlight with our daughters for approximately 7,000 nautical miles and are fully equipped for our boatschool, even in remote settings with no access to libraries or internet. As we sail along or sit in anchorage, we eagerly listen to the Read-Alouds or other elements of the curriculum, and have built our faith, knowledge and family unity in the process. Now in their fifth Sonlight year, Rachel (10) and Stella (8) are studying Core D.

— **Reuben S** Richmond, VA

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On a day when mom wakes up with strep throat so painful that it hurts to breathe it is difficult to be a homeschool mom. Thank goodness for Sonlight curriculum and the amazing books that accompany it. With a little guidance from mom and some nods, smiles and points from the couch the kids were able to teach themselves for a couple of days using Sonlight books!

— **Robin S** Canada



Although he hadn't quite mastered the fine motor skills or printing Justin knew how to spell his name and with the help of the Handwriting without Tears blocks he was able to practice make letter shapes and eventually write his name!

— **Robin S** Canada



We are new to Sonlight this year and have discovered the joy of Sonlight's science curriculum. It's well planned out and our children love the science kits and funny 'Discover & Do' DVDs. They were literally laughing out loud today while watching!

— **Rosemary S** Denver, CO



Seeing Owen read to his younger sister Emma is pure joy. Owen has struggled with reading over the past few years but with Sonlight it's the first thing he wants to do every day! I love how Sonlight does the legwork for me: I know the books in each Core are quality. We've so enjoyed our Read Alouds and have laughed, cried and had deep conversations as a result of our family reading times. Thank you Sonlight for the blessing of good books! Owen (8) and Emma (6) are sharing Core B in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Rosemary S** Denver, CO





My husband caught this moment unbeknownst to us. I'm so glad he did! Here we are camped out on the sofa reading from the Family-Time Bible in Pictures. Our girls have learned so many Bible stories from this book they have amazed their Sunday school teachers. We've had to teach them to listen respectfully in class instead of calling out, "I already know that story!" We have had a wonderful first year of homeschooling with Sonlight. Our daughters loved all the stories in the P3/4 program. We've read most of them multiple times. My husband and I have seen huge growth in their vocabulary and listening comprehension. My favorite thing has been watching my 3 year old daughter "read" her favorites on her own almost word for word. We are looking forward to P4/5 and repeating p3/4 with our two younger children in the future.

— **Russell S** Las Vegas, NV

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It was time to release our little butterflies into the world, and Sydney had a blast releasing them and sharing them with her younger brother and sister. Sonlight makes our homeschool life so much easier, and stress-free. We are avid book lovers and enjoy reading great books, and adding to our home library. I love Sonlight's book lists, it is so much fun to read books that I've never heard of before, and therefore wouldn't have thought to read, along with being given the excuse to read books I've always meant to read.

— **Samantha S** Vancouver, WA

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I know that even at a very young age, my kids are getting an excellent, well-rounded education ... just from listening to these wonderful stories! We love that Sonlight introduces us to books that we would have never known about. Before deploying to the Middle East this past spring, my husband wanted family portraits taken. The photographer asked us to bring props that show the essence of our family, and we knew we had to take one of our Sonlight books. Ava (5) and Delaney (4) are starting their second Sonlight year, with the P4/5 Multi-Subject Package. Here, they eagerly absorb Dad's rendition of Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales from P3/4.

— **Sara S** Huntington Beach, CA

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One of my favorite things about Sonlight is that the kids continue to LOVE the books and activities well after they've "finished" with them. Here Delaney is playing with her Mighty Mind set from P3/4!

— **Sara S**    Summerville , SC



We have recently moved to El Paso, Texas. We are all still adjusting, but having the consistency of something the kids really enjoy, their schooling, has been a huge blessing! In this picture Abbye is teaching her younger two sisters, Hannah and Eva. Check out the seriousness Abbye is giving to this "job" of her's and the concentration seen in Hannah's and Eva's faces! However, what I love the most is that it shows what Sonlight means to us ! family togetherness and passing on a love of learning!

— **Sarah S**    El Paso, TX



Sonlight has changed the way we think about homeschooling. Yes, we have regular school time. Additionally the readers have become a family event. We find ourselves reading together in the morning, before dinner, before bed, and sometimes before church. It's been a great way for my husband to get involved with school and I know the kids love to read with dad!

— **Sarah S**    Mooresville, IN



Leonardo loves books and to be read to and the I Can Read It! books have opened a whole new world up to him. We have thoroughly enjoyed all the books this year as have worked together through the Core K. Leonardo loves to understand how things work and we particularly spend time in the science section. Books like "How to Lift a Lion" and the "Usborne Children's Dictionary" have helped me answer his questions and encourage even more curiosity in my son. Our family spends several months out of the year in the Dominican Republic where my husband leads mission teams throughout the year, and Sonlight has allowed me to easily take Leonardo's school with us. The well-laid out lesson plans allow me to spend my time with my son and not trying to figure out what to do the next day. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Sarah S**    Bay City, MI







We had just unpacked all the boxes of curricula and the kids were excited to see what they were going to be using for school. (They really loved the castle boxes too :) ) As for value, we appreciate not having to compile all the resources ourselves, and the books are great. For mom, the lesson plans help a lot!

— **Serene S** College Station, TX

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After having spent the year studying the Eastern Hemisphere with Sonlight Core 5, our whole family was very excited to go on a "Family Field Trip" to India. We spent one month traveling (on everything from airplanes to elephants) and visiting with old and new friends. Smiling despite June's heat, this is a photo taken on a 6 hour non-air conditioned train ride. We all appreciated how our Sonlight studies of the culture, history and peoples of India better prepared us for this amazing adventure!

— **Shannon S** Canada

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We were so excited that our year of Sonlight's Eastern Hemisphere Core 5 studies coincided with a long-dreamed family trip to India! We were blessed to be able to spend a month traveling with old friends, making new friends, and experiencing first-hand all the things we had just learned about. We are pictured here with three of our friends on the summit of Dhakuri Khal, 11,000 ft...into the clouds! We didn't see the Himalayas that day (though we were in the foothills), but we accomplished something together that we will remember our whole lives. We so appreciate and respect Sonlight's global-mindedness that has helped us to broaden our understanding and to dream bigger!

— **Shannon S** Canada

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Sonlight is valuable in so many ways. It frees me to spend more time working with each child instead of laboring over planning (which I've done!). I so love the books that come with Sonlight Cores. We are avid readers in this home so that makes Sonlight a perfect fit for us. We are also huge history buffs so again, Sonlight is perfect! I have found the books really help history become more real to my kids. They remember so much more than with textbooks. Finding experiences to complement the books makes history that much more meaningful. While studying American History in Core 100 and Core D last year, the S family headed over to the local Native American History Museum. Tollie (14) shows an arrowhead she found.

— **Shelley S** Bentonville , AR

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It's so wonderful that the things my children learn through Sonlight apply so easily to real life. I have been reading the book *Frogs and Tadpoles* to my boys over and over. They are so fascinated by the little slimy creatures. It was such a blessing to hear my oldest son explain the life cycle of a frog to his friends while watching the tadpoles swim around. They are actually retaining the "schooling" that I'm giving them!

— **Sonja S** Tulalip, WA

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Using Sonlight has definitely been instrumental in creating a love for reading in my oldest son. My husband and I unfortunately pushed our oldest boy to read too soon. As a result, he hated reading for years and simply refused to do it. Thankfully I found Sonlight curriculum. Due to the wonderful material and enjoyable read a-louds, my son now takes great pleasure in reading. He will read to his siblings, he spends most of his free time reading, and his ability and vocabulary have just exploded in the past 6 months. I have witnessed a miracle!!

— **Sonja S** Tulalip, WA

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Emily and Jacob went to Hiroshima with their dad to watch a professional baseball game. (Hiroshima Carps-red hat with C) Before the game they went behind the stadium to Peace Memorial Park where an original building stands that survived the WWII atomic bomb. We were reading and studying about the world wars last year and Japan's role at the end of the year in *Intro to American History Part 2* and continued this year as we are now doing *Eastern Hemisphere* and enjoying books like *the House of Sixty Fathers*. Sonlight has taken out all the work of finding quality literature to make studying history fun and unforgettable.

— **Sonya S** United States

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They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery and clearly my daughter, Mackenzie, is enjoying her education enough to "pass it on." This is how I found her when I came downstairs from my shower. Thank you Sonlight for helping my husband and I to provide her with an education that she loves.

— **Stefanie S** Guam

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You'd think my daughter was being tortured when I finally put away next year's Sonlight books until the next school year. The poor dear. We generally order our new core in March, with our tax return. So we're only about half way through our current Core when the new one arrives. Despite that fact my oldest daughter, Mackenzie, wants to start reading the new books immediately. Here she is on our first day of the 2014/2015 school year, finally able to dig into those long awaited Core H books. Such joy! In her ninth year of Sonlight, Mackenzie (13) happily reads with one of her guinea pigs.

— **Stefanie S** Chesapeake , VA

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Sonlight has given our girls a love for books! We have been so blessed to watch our oldest (age 7) develop an insatiable desire to read this year, but also to frequently find her capturing the attention of her 3-yr-old sisters by reading aloud to them. Sonlight provides such an excellent assortment of literature that broadens our children's understanding and appreciation for the world around them as well as brings us together in a unique way. We are so thankful for the rich family heritage that Sonlight enables us to enjoy. : Sonlight has given our daughter a love for books! We have been so blessed to watch Abigail develop an insatiable desire to read this year. She wanders out of her room each morning with a book in her hand and spends hours each day absorbed in her reading. Sonlight provides such an excellent assortment of literature that engages her mind and broadens her understanding and appreciation for the world around her. We love the richness that Sonlight has added to our daughter's life and our family. We love Sonlight!! It is through Sonlight that we have gained a love of reading as a family. I find that I look forward to and enjoy reading the great books that are part of Sonlight's curriculum every bit as much as my children do. Together we have explored the past, different cultures, missionary adventures and the wonders of science through engaging books of all varieties. Pictured is Abigail, Emma, & Madeline enjoying a great book with their daddy. I never guessed learning could be so fun, so full of the wonder of God, and such a tool for connecting with our kids. Thank you, Sonlight, for opening up to us this world of learning through great literature!

— **Stephanie S** Woodstock, GA

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My daughter, Ella, loves superheroes! So how wonderful that she can dress up as Captain America AND do school at the same time! Many benefits to homeschooling, heh? :) Sonlight has been wonderful this past year! Ella entered her "kindergarten" year and though I homeschooled her for preschool, I felt like I needed to really step up my game for her kindergarten year. So Sonlight has helped me immensely to give me a full program, wonderful materials, and a schedule which I can take and adapt to us and our needs. Thank you, Sonlight!

— **Stephanie S** Danbury, CT

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We love the great books that we get to read every year. Each book sparks our imaginations and creates a love of learning and a desire to read more. Here, Caryn and Sophie (9, Core F) share a tender moment as they laugh together while discussing a Read-Aloud.

— **Steven And Caryn S** Alexandria , MN

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Imagine my pride when my 6-year-old daughter was asked to read aloud to the other children at our public library's story hour! Addy didn't start out liking to read. I'm in love with language and books, so this was hard for me to swallow. Once she started gradually with books that were right for her and worked her way up -- really GOOD books from the Readers 2 Package -- her confidence built and her love of reading blossomed!

— **Sue S** Elkton, MI

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I can't believe how much I have learned from homeschooling my children. Even though they are in early elementary, I learn so much from their curriculum. Science is no exception. We ordered a monarch butterfly kit to supplement the wonderful Sonlight Science books that my son pores over in his free time. Our whole family was mesmerized this spring as we watched the very hungry caterpillar munch and spin and change. Freddy declared that "monarchs are beautiful in every stage," from caterpillars on through. The day we had to release the butterflies was hard for us as we hated to see them go. What a blessing when they chose to stick around for about 20 minutes, drinking nectar from our hands. We can't give Sonlight the credit for butterflies with friendly personalities, but oh how we can thank Sonlight for giving us books we care about, can talk about, want to read and reread, that make us think. Homeschooling has been wonderful for building relationships in our family and sharing special experiences. Not every day is as special as the Day of the Monarchs, but homeschooling has that sweet savor. We are grateful for Sonlight's role in our family's education.

— **Susan S** La Mirada, CA

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We love the way each Sonlight Core is created to span several ages and grades, so our boys can do their schoolwork together. Learning together through Cores A, B, and C has strengthened their bond as brothers. It's amazing to watch them learn so much while clearly enjoying every moment. Sonlight's flexible scheduling allows our children ample playtime each day, so they can just be children. The wonderful, imaginative stories we read together keep our boys engaged, feed their imaginations, and encourage creative play. Here, Albert (9) and George (11) fire up their imaginations with a favorite from Core C. They have homeschooled for four years and used Sonlight for the past three.

— **Susan S** Richmond Hill , GA





At the end of the school year, we laid out all the books Katie had studied this year - mostly core F, with a few extras thrown in! As she looked at all the books, and tried to choose which were the best for the school year, Katie was so overwhelmed that she wanted all the books laid out on a picnic mat, and her photo taken with them. Her hands were simply too small to hold them all! Core F is one of our family favourites - covering such diverse cultures and people groups, and seeing God's hand at work in each place. Sonlight has given us a rich library of interesting books that we want to read and re-read, and a heart for people who are different from ourselves.

— **Susanna S** Switzerland



Hannah, who loves horses, was completely taken up by the story of the White Stallions of Lipizza, reading and re-reading it many times. She also enjoys craft, and decided she would make her own HAMA bead design of the book cover. This is her triumphantly holding the finished product. (She had to put the plastic beads onto a peg board, and these were ironed into place.) We are a family of book lovers, and Sonlight has been a fantastic curriculum for us. We used Sonlight exclusively for two years, and partially for three years (while doing a "British history" counter part of grade 3&4 designed by a UK Sonlight parent.) Being able to snuggle on a sofa and share stories has been a precious, memory-building experience for all of us.

— **Susanna S** Switzerland



Malachi loves to read which is why Sonlight is sooo perfect for us! We had just got our Sonlight package for this year and after sorting and putting the books on the shelf I went to get some things done. My little ones where really quiet so i went to check on them. I came into the living room to find them tucked away in one of their many tents reading one of their many new books!! Thank-you Sonlight for fostering the love of reading in my little ones!!

— **Talisa S** Canada





"We Did It!" Each of our boys look forward to graduation time which we have in our home school every year. At the beginning of the year they will look inside their Sonlight binders for the "You Did It!" certificate located at the end of the 36 weeks. I made the mistake at first of using the original certificate for my oldest son, not knowing how much they would appreciate this piece of paper. I had to print out make shift ones for the others. Now as my oldest will be going through Sonlight LA 5 program, I will be sure to make a photo copy of the certificate as I did for last year SL LA 3-5, having learned my lesson. What I love best about Sonlight curriculum, if I had to choose just one aspect it would be how neatly it is laid out in 36 weeks. It makes it easy for us to "chart our course" and see the finish line, which is a great motivation for me and my children. I also enjoy being able to reuse the Sonlight program over and over only having to purchase extra student activity sheets. With five boys and a baby girl due this August we really appreciate this cost efficient aspect of Sonlight curriculum.

— **Tami Ann S** Leonia, NJ



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

— **Tanya S** Austin, TX



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! 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.

— **Tara S** Honeoye Falls, NY





Madison loves to learn and is thrilled about being able to read to her little brother Dakota. We are so excited to use Sonlight for the first time. It was such a pleasure to find a curriculum that I will be able to reuse with my two year old. There were very few consumable products with this which made it great for us. I also liked that Sonlight offered everything in one package; I knew I had everything that I needed that way.

— **Teresa S** Fisher, WV



Elise Leilani, an avid violinist, usually spends hours in her Sonlight box perusing all of the new books, but upon receiving Core 4 this year, she immediately hopped in with the recorder.

— **Teri A. S** Clayton, IN



Using common kitchen and household chemicals and equipment recommended in the TOPS Cohesion/Adhesion Task Card Activities, Garrett made a bubble solution and blew these long-lasting GIANT DOMES all over the kitchen counters. The Sonlight science curriculum bubbles over with age-appropriate, creative, and stimulating experiments designed to capture the attention of every student and the adult teacher.

— **Thomas S** Placitas, NM





Thanks to Sonlight, a huge weight has been lifted from the S. family in Missouri! After a long year of desperate and unsuccessful struggles to make my own lesson plans using a variety of different programs, I prayed that God would lead our family to something better. Three days later, I received my answer--a Sonlight catalog in the mail! Homeschooling is now a joy for us all, including Jordy (7) who loves to read with her pal Biskit in the jon boat at her grandparent's farm. All of us, including our son Brody (3), my husband Don and I are all infinitely thankful for the hours that Mama doesn't have to spend on lesson planning. Sonlight gave us our family back!

— **Tiffany S**    Moscow Mills, MO

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Box day is always exciting and fun! Opening each box of new books and materials puts a smile on my face! Knowing that most of these books will be not only enjoyed, but treasured keeps me coming back to Sonlight each year for more! Bonus: the boxes and packing papers make for lots of free imaginative play opportunities!

— **Tracey S**    Roseau , MN

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Sonlight is a perfect fit for our family. I love the organized flexibility, and our children are thrilled with the intriguing, rich literature they're exposed to. My husband is a pastor, and he greatly enjoys how we can fit our schooling around his non-traditional schedule so we have more time together as a family. Our study of Core F last year was especially meaningful to our family as we learned about missionaries of the countries we were studying. It helped us get even more excited about our own upcoming mission trips to Mexico and Ethiopia. This picture is part of our End-of-the-School-Year celebration, as we shared with each other our favorite readers and read-alouds, and I reveled in everything we accomplished in the IG. We love Sonlight and the way it inspires our children to think deeper about what they're learning and stretches them in their faith.

— **Troy S**    Goleta, CA

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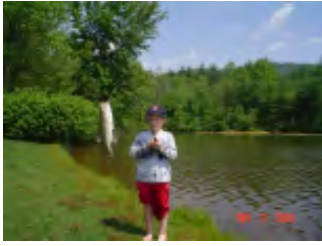


This photo shows my daughter age 5 with her Nature Diary. While she's walking through the forest making her 'notes' her brothers are looking for woodlice under a log. We've learned so much about nature since using Sonlight. The kids identify things on our walks that they've seen in their First Book of Nature - girdle scars, buds, deciduous trees, Chestnut seeds, plants, flowers, you name it. Everyday and everywhere we go we're on a wondrous voyage of discovery.

— **Vicki S**    Scotland

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Thinking of all the other kids in school that week and what a terrific experience, educational and otherwise, it was to visit the lake. What a wonderful thing to have the flexibility and terrific content of Sonlight as of our homeschool program.

— **Vicki S** Scotland



It's great to be able to visit the things you study with Sonlight. My son read about George Stephenson's Rocket train and planned a trip by train of course to visit the real thing! Sonlight allows us to pursue our interests to the fullest. Everywhere we go and everything we do involves Sonlight. With all the planning done for me in the teachers guide all I have to do is direct the children in their learning and they "discover" things all around them.

— **Vicki S** Scotland



Homespun Graduation! This was a spontaneous graduation ceremony. One brother congratulating the other on moving up in his phonics work, providing the graduation cap (the old book) and some fun times. It's moments like these that define who we are, the camaraderie that we're able to experience using Sonlight is rewarding as a parent. We're learning and growing together and have become much closer. We've shared all the wonderful Sonlight books and they've become a part of us. Thanks for the ride Sonlight!

— **Victoria S** Boca Raton, FL



All aboard the RMS Antarctic Discovery Ship! We're always ready to sail with Sonlight as our guide. In Explorers News (Core 2) we read about the race between Scott & Amundsen to the South Pole. It was very exciting to tour Scott's ship with much of its original equipment. We rely on Sonlight to pick all these great books and lead us on our journey of discovery. All we have to do is follow their lead. Thanks Sonlight!

— **Victoria S** Boca Raton, FL



History of the World Lego style. Here's an impromptu History lesson that the kids mapped out on their Sonlight Markable Map using their Lego. Sonlight has helped my kids love to learn. They especially LOVE history and geography and have impressed many adults with their grasp of these subjects. Thanks to the great selection of books from Sonlight we're all excited about learning.

— **Victoria S** Boca Raton, FL





Self discovery along the North Sea in Scotland, waiting for a return boat trip. I can't begin to tell you all the memories Sonlight has created for our family. This was one of those magic days. We had just finished observing nesting puffins on the cliffs. We were so close we could touch them! Sonlight has created memories that the kids and parents will share forever. Thanks Sonlight!

— **Victoria S** Boca Raton, FL

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My kids have had the opportunity to explore to their hearts content with Sonlight. Here my daughter is checking out the inside of the cannon on the grounds of a Historic Scotland castle. We read about siege engines, portcullises, chain mail, knights, etc when we studied Sonlight World History and were lucky enough to have the opportunity to see the real thing!

— **Victoria S** Boca Raton, FL

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— **Victoria S** Boca Raton, FL

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The first year--I'll be honest--I liked what I saw but balked at the price. We couldn't afford that! I decided to do Sonlight part time. After our initial taste I waded deeper. I was hooked and so were the girls. That was it, I would figure out a way to afford Sonlight. I couldn't put a price on the value of what it meant to our family! Gathering my daughters on either side of me and my infant son on my lap - to do school. I had no idea that learning could be like this. Here, Wendy reads to Hannah (9), Heidi (7), Orin (4) and Katie (1) in their fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Wendy S** Orrville, OH

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With Sonlight our kids love to learn and are always looking for learning opportunities! I am constantly finding science experiments from current and past years all around the house. Just this week Seth was building a rain gauge in the back yard. His grandmother thought he was a genius. It has been such an amazing year of learning. The kids both enjoyed the TOPS experiments and learning what plants need to survive. In their fourth year of Sonlight, Mia (9) and Seth (8) share Core D and Science D. Here, they use the biology book in Science D to create an animal cell worth eating.

— **Yolanda S** Ypsilanti, MI

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This is a candid shot of my kids and I reading on a blanket in our front yard. In this picture we are looking at the 'People' book. I had it up on a high shelf for a few months and recently took it down again. My oldest daughter has literally spent hours looking through it and reading it to her younger siblings. And she decided she wants to be an anthropologist when she grows up since this book helped her to see her love for learning about people and other cultures. We'll see how that goes! The best part about Sonlight is it's simple, well-researched approach to learning. It cultivates in young children a love for reading which creates a life-long foundation for learning. And I love how the books remain time-less recourses for all my children no matter what their age!!

— **Alisa T** Kansas City, MO

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I had been worried how to even start homeschooling. When I found Sonlight I knew I had the answer. I was so thankful to find people who had a passion to pull all this together for me. We've used Sonlight for a year now and it has really helped me just enjoy time with my son and not have to worry about what to do next. Four-year-old Oliver loved digging into his first Sonlight box last year. He and his mom studied Core A, Language Arts K and Science A. Amanda says "We enjoyed every minute of it. This next year is going to be even better!"

— **Amanda T** Victoria, TX

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The Sonlight Instructor's Guides and curriculum are so easy to use, and we have found it to stand up against some tough National Standards for homeschooling. We picked Sonlight knowing that our future contained some travel and immigration to other countries. Sonlight has provided the stability and flexibility to incorporate our learning with exploring our new environment. What we really love are the books! A well-rounded selection of titles covers many nations and cultures, and nurtures an interest in and understanding of all people. We highly recommend Sonlight to any family who wants to provide the best education in the most interesting format. Here, we're building the Great Wall of China. In their second Sonlight year, Isabella (9) and Victoria (7) are using Core B.

— **Amber T** Australia



My children have become so interested in science and the world around them has come alive! Here they are observing a moth and writing down their observations in their science journal. They chose to do this in their free-time! Sonlight Science 1 suggested that they make a science journal and record things they observe (in addition to their experiments), so now they observe everything, with an eye to detail and in an attitude of wonder and excitement.

— **Anita T** Medford, OR



We tried out the Language Arts program this year, and we love it. It has a good variety of reading material, loads of creative writing, and solid grammar foundation instructions. Abigail loves reading, so I looked for a curriculum that had plenty of reading material – and Sonlight fit that description perfectly. I'm thankful for Sonlight – you have made our homeschool days so enjoyable! Abigail (6) uses Language Arts 2 in her first year of homeschooling. As an avid reader, she loves reading to little brother Arnan (4 months old).

— **Anthony T** Richmond, CA



Sonlight's reading materials have helped foster the love my kids have for books and learning. If I have taught my kids to love to read, then I have handed them the keys to knowledge. Our daughter made this 'tower' of books on our staircase the day we received our new [Core E] curriculum package. To her, this is a most beautiful sight; a world of adventures waiting to be explored. Sonlight brings the people in history to life. Here, 11-year-old Lucy admires her new Core E books. The T family is in their fifth year of Sonlight.

— **Audrey T** Springfield, MO





Mike is a SL graduate who recently completed Basic Military Training for the US Air Force. The family went to his graduation and took the opportunity to visit the Alamo while we were there. Mike is now in training to be a Fire Fighter, and is currently number 1 in his class, with only 3 weeks left to go. SL gave Mike a great start to his future. He actually said that the lack of tests in SL was a benefit. He never learned to cram for tests. He simply learned to internalize the material. This has served him very well in the classes he's taken. The really neat thing about Mike's success is that he's not what most people would consider a normal Sonlight kid. He didn't really catch on to reading until he was 11, and due to a learning disability, still has problems with writing. However, with his love of learning, he has developed the ability to compensate for his problems and to excel in spite of them. Mike used Sonlight from 2nd grade through Core 400. Katie, now 14, began insisting on doing Sonlight when she was only 3. She has plowed through her Sonlight cores like a mad woman. It will be interesting to see what wonderful things God has in store for her! Peter, 11, has never known life without Sonlight. As an infant, he would fall asleep at night to the sound of Daddy reading the latest read-aloud. We are now on our 4th (and last) time through Core 4. As we finish each book and I put it on the shelf for the last time, I get a bit teary-eyed. But I know that these books will continue to be used and loved...by my grandchildren! Thanks, Sonlight, for the legacy you have provided for our family.

— **Brenda T** Lookout Mountain, GA



It's incredible to see excitement on the girls' faces as history becomes so much more than just reading a book. As missionaries, we have a special love for the people here. Through Sonlight, our kids are learning about and loving people from all over the world. This year we got to visit many of the sights we learned about in Incas, Aztecs, Mayans. The ruins, temples, llama farm and scenery had meaning because of what we read. We love the world view from high (10,000 ft.) in the Andes Mountains, where we sit and study every morning, and we love the worldview Sonlight brings us every day! Colette (10, Core F) and Solana (8, Core C) have been exploring the world with Sonlight for six years.

— **Carey T** Temecula, CA



Sonlight's books are great literature, which helps Cailey in her writing projects. Her reports have gotten more detailed and to the point – like real published books. I really think that will help her in life. Sonlight picks out the best books a child could read, and they tell true stories that kids should know about. They have offered us a complete curriculum that has expanded our knowledge while offering a Christian perspective. We love Sonlight! Here, 10-year-old Cailey reads God's Word and works on her devotional as part of the Core E program. She is now studying Core F in her fourth year of Sonlight.

— **Cari T** Vacaville, CA



My husband and I always knew homeschooling was what we wanted for our family. Our quest for a curriculum started before our children were born! When our son was a year old I ordered a Sonlight catalog, and we knew this was it. The pictures of the boys reading in tree houses, upside down, and on skateboards were most impressive. Now we have our own voracious reader! A literature-rich curriculum really does work. Thanks, Sonlight!

— **Caroline T** Athens, GA



I was doing a workout video on a "non-school" day. I checked in on Katie who was playing dress-up and found her in our classroom, studying her Berestain Bears Science Almanac! I love that with Sonlight they are drawn to get out our science anytime because the books are interesting and fun for little ones! This is our first year using Sonlight and already both our children are loving the stories, and I love that they are learning at the same time! I love that with homeschooling, my children can learn anytime, anywhere, and their educational materials are nearby for learning whenever they choose! In this case, "princess" Katie took a break in her play time to get a little studying in!

— **Carrie T** Adairsville, GA



On this lovely afternoon, Isabelle incorporated a puppet show into her reading time! Her sweet little imagination just takes off! I am so blessed by God with guidance from Sonlight to be able to follow it with her. This year Isabelle has been building up her confidence with letters and their sounds, and recently has been reading to me from her Fun Tales collection. She says, "Mom, since I can read, I can do almost anything!"

— **Carrie T** Chicago, IL



In my early days homeschooling, I spent hours every summer planning a curriculum and making up lesson plans. After several years, I said I'm tired of trying to re-invent the wheel every summer! That's when your Sonlight catalog came through my door. I have thanked God over and over again that someone sent it to me! That was about 12 years ago now, and we have never looked back. No more summers spent making curriculum choices or lesson plans.

— **Cathy T** Ireland



"We are now starting our second year of Sonlight and I wholeheartedly wish I had started to look into it sooner," writes Cathy T of Frederic, WI, who homeschools children ages 15, 11 and 3. "After years of struggles and tears for both my children AND myself, I'm finally getting a glimpse of what homeschooling is really meant to be. As a busy homesteading, hobby-farming mother of (soon to be) five, I love that the research has already been done and that everything is laid out for me in one place. But more importantly, my children are truly happily learning, and that thrills me beyond words! Thank you Sonlight, for reviving our schooling experience, which has in turn, revived our home." Leia (3) loves to "read" to 6-month-old Nathan. She's using Core P4/5 as her older sisters study Core 100 and Core E in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Cathy T** Frederic, WI



Working on Eli's high school transcript and paperwork to apply to college highlights what an excellent education he received using Sonlight. With our positive experience with the other Cores we did not hesitate at all in ordering the new World History and Worldview Studies. The wide range of books Sonlight provides ensure students will encounter fascinating facts and fresh ideas to ponder. Motivated by his Sonlight-inspired love for reading, 16-year-old Eli started a library project, shown here, to help local families access a variety of books. Cory says the project demonstrates Sonlight's influence on her son to have a global perspective, be missions-minded, and focus on helping others. In his seventh year of Sonlight, Eli is capping off his experience with Core 500.

— **Cory T** Fort Pierce, FL



In this photo, Ryan and Kylie are mapping out where they've been in the United States and where they would like to go as a family. I love that my kids work together instead of being age-segregated in a traditional school. Sonlight does a great job of making learning fun and practical.

— **Cynthia T** Evergreen, CO



I like Sonlight because the kids like Sonlight. Kaylee tried a year at public school, then decided to come back home. She preferred the academic challenge and variety of the Sonlight work! It is fun homeschooling teens. Kaylee will look at what Dallin is doing and say, 'Ha! I remember doing that!' Then they will talk about what they learned, loved, disliked, etc. My kids have asked me to keep all their old books so they can use them with their own kids. I don't think you can get a higher quality endorsement for Sonlight than that! Here, Dallin (15) hams it up for the camera as he and Kaylee (17) work side by side. They and their four younger siblings have used Sonlight for six years.

— **Deanne T** Kaysville, UT



Jason and Alex sit around Nicole as they read "Exploring Creation with General Science." They often read on their own, but I want to read to them because they're such interesting and fun books. Ever since we began homeschooling 2 years ago with Sonlight, our children have actually enjoyed school. Homeschooling 7 children can be quite a challenge, but the organized schedules of Sonlight have made our first 2 years wonderful! This really gave me the confidence I needed. Before the end of our first year we moved overseas to Australia! Having Sonlight made it easier for our family to continue school even through the difficult move. We knew that there would be added shipping costs for our second year of Sonlight curriculum, but it was definitely worth it! Many people here have not even heard of homeschooling before, so hopefully as more people see the fun and freedom that comes along with homeschooling it will pervade to other families. My children have gained a special bond through Sonlight curriculum and will hopefully carry it throughout their lifetime. Sometimes they like to work alone, but other times they have so much fun working together. Katerina, my 9-year-old daughter said, "I love to have fun while I'm learning and be able to be organized to do some work by myself." Four of our children are adopted from Russia and have various learning skills and abilities. This could have been an added challenge for our family, but is non-existent because of the way we can modify the core packages from Sonlight even with all the age differences. We love how some of the work, such as math, is able to be done on the computer, not having to worry about big textbooks. The tutorials are very easy to understand and help the children get through each lesson successfully. It is so great that Sonlight is a Christian curriculum because it keeps the children always learning more about the Bible and enjoying it too! As a mother, I love being able to watch my children progress in their learning and knowledge of Christ Jesus.

— **Denise T**    Australia







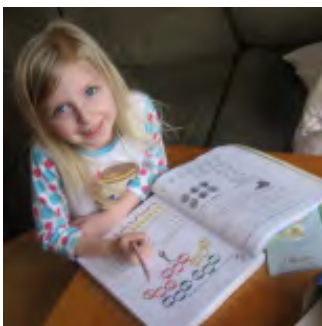
Katerina, Svetlana and Evan, the youngest 3 of 7 homeschooled children are cuddled together enjoying a chapter in Little House on Rocky Ridge read to them by their mom. The children love to read together each day with a new adventure in every story. They often read on their own, but I want to read to them because they're such interesting and fun books. Ever since we began homeschooling 2 years ago with Sonlight, our children have actually enjoyed school. Homeschooling 7 children can be quite a challenge, but the organized schedules of Sonlight have made our first 2 years wonderful! This really gave me the confidence I needed. Before the end of our first year we moved overseas to Australia! Having Sonlight made it easier for our family to continue school even through the difficult move. We knew that there would be added shipping costs for our second year of Sonlight curriculum, but it was definitely worth it! Many people here have not even heard of homeschooling before, so hopefully as more people see the fun and freedom that comes along with homeschooling it will pervade to other families. My children have gained a special bond through Sonlight curriculum and will hopefully carry it throughout their lifetime. Sometimes they like to work alone, but other times they have so much fun working together. Katerina, my 9-year-old daughter said, "I love to have fun while I'm learning and be able to be organized to do some work by myself." Four of our children are adopted from Russia and have various learning skills and abilities. This could have been an added challenge for our family, but is non-existent because of the way we can modify the core packages from Sonlight even with all the age differences. We love how some of the work, such as math, is able to be done on the computer, not having to worry about big textbooks. The tutorials are very easy to understand and help the children get through each lesson successfully. It is so great that Sonlight is a Christian curriculum because it keeps the children always learning more about the Bible and enjoying it too! As a mother, I love being able to watch my children progress in their learning and knowledge of Christ Jesus.

— **Denise T** Australia



Jackson enjoyed all of the experiments we did in Sonlight K. These were great learning moments where all of the children were able to work together. Sonlight has been a dear friend to us since we began our homeschooling journey. No matter what curriculum catches my attention, I continue to fall back on Sonlight's excellent program.

— **Erin T** Portage, IN



It's much easier to be joyful about seatwork when you know you have a good book coming! We really enjoy sitting together and enjoying a story as a family. Sometimes when we have extra chores or if things have been hectic, our reward will be doing an extra couple chapters of our Sonlight Read-Alouds. They LOVE it, and so do I. Special reading time like this helps calm down frazzled nerves and mend any fractures from a busy day. It helps us touch base as a family.

— **Erin T** Bonney Lake, WA





I love the confidence that my children are learning from the best materials out there. We are very happy with Sonlight. We love the family discussions that naturally come up as we read together. I am so happy to be able to share this exciting journey with my children. Joseph (10) was so excited to explore his Core F materials, he unpacked his box right away and read the first book scheduled. Joseph and brothers Brigham (10) and Moses (8) are sharing Core F in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Gabrielle T** Austin, TX

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When we began homeschooling our oldest child last year, Nathan began to beg to do school. We were amazed--Nathan is autistic, and had never previously shown any interest in books. We ordered the preK Core for him, and he has thrived! His enthusiasm was passed on to his sister, who now also begs for "school." Our favorites are the 20th Century Book Treasury and First Thousand Words--they are the first off the shelf and the last to be put back each day.

— **Heidi T** San Diego, CA

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A curriculum that can both inspire creativity and honor God will always be my first choice, and Sonlight has that mastered. Sonlight inspires the next generation to live life with purpose by including stirring biographies, like this one about David Livingstone. Reading his life story under Tanzanian palm trees, with monkeys chattering nearby, it was easy to imagine what Livingstone might have encountered. At the story's conclusion these five missionary kids 'explored' their African surroundings for days, pretending to be Livingstone, with a revived appreciation for the God of great adventures. Jennifer is using Core F to teach her own two sons and three boys from another missionary family. Here, Gavin (12), Grayson (11), Garret (9), Mason (10) and Griffin (8) sit enthralled by Livingston's missionary adventures.

— **Jenifer T** Arlington, TN

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This photo captures how serious Megan is about books. She lives and breathes them. We all love to read in our family which is why I was drawn to Sonlight. I found it difficult to keep enough books around for my children to read and to decide which books I should have them read. I don't have to worry about that with Sonlight I know my girls are reading quality, compelling, engaging books. Books they don't want to put down. Books they beg me to read. In fact when I sit down to read to the older two, the younger ones come running. When I am ready to read to the younger two, the older ones come running! That is a problem about Sonlight. My kids want to do it all!

— **Jennifer T** Villa Rica, GA

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Mason occupied himself with the Handwriting Without Tears wood pieces while I worked with his older sisters. He used the pieces to form "mat man," letters and favorite words. Mason learned his letters and sounds easily this year. I think it is from hearing the excellent books from Sonlight read aloud. After hearing quality literature, he "naturally" put sound to letter. Handwriting Without Tears gave him a hands on way to form his letters and move on to simple words. One reason to love Sonlight is because its products involve the whole family.

— **Jennifer T** Villa Rica, GA



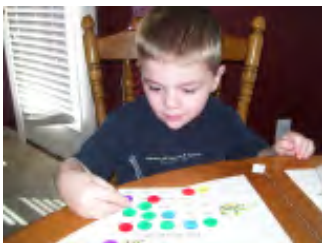
Sonlight's Language Arts curriculum builds confidence in young readers. My oldest daughter began homeschooling in first grade after attending private school kindergarten. She wasn't a confident reader, but as she completed each I Can Read It book [from Grade 1 Readers] and the corresponding word lists,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

— **Jennifer T** Waxahachie, TX



Our desire was for a program that would develop thinking and research skills in our boys. Since both were already avid readers, the Sonlight curriculum was a natural fit. It's great to see Samuel and Atticus really think about what they're learning, and then take that to the next level by further researching stories and subjects they've read about. Here, they're enjoying a beautiful day reading Moccasin Trail with their dog, Molly. They both love reading to our two cats, as well! Atticus (11) and Samuel (13) are together tackling Core D+E in their initial Sonlight year.

— **Jeremy T** Cameron, WI



I'd never taken part in teaching someone to read, and when I looked at the process at first, I couldn't believe he'd really learn as fast as he did. I was especially worried that he wouldn't pick up the sight words quickly enough to keep up, but playing sight word bingo was just one of the fun ways Sonlight reinforced what he was learning. Sonlight gives us the blueprint to keep us on track and the freedom to enjoy focusing on what we love most...spending time together! Thank you!

— **Jessica T** Waxahachie, TX





My sister-in-law didn't know little children could sit still for that long! She was in awe as she saw the girls (who were otherwise running around the house non-stop) quietly sitting there, listening as I read to them. They asked for another book, then another, then another. I am by training an educator. After screening Sonlight books from different Cores, I have come to trust in the content, the diversity and educational value of your books. Anne (3) and Ailin (almost 2) enjoy their Sonlight books so much they don't even know they're learning! They're exploring Core P3/4 in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Jing T** Saint Paul, MN



It's Christmas in August! Our Sonlight package just arrived and the kids are really excited to see what we will be learning about this year. I can't keep them out of the box. This will be our second year using Sonlight and we are all really looking forward to it. I love the week by week lesson plans and knowing that we will cover so much in one year. We love reading books about missionaries, ancient history, animals, and space. Sonlight strengthens our job as educators to ensure the children are taught a biblical worldview. Sonlight Cores have kept them interested and wanting to learn.

— **Jodi T** Canada



This was our first year using Sonlight, and our son devoured the books that came with his history and science curricula this year. We often catch him reading ahead in his history books. But the favorite time of the week for both my seven-year-old and my preschooler is the science experiment. Mom particularly enjoys the ease of following the curricula and having all the science materials provided.

— **John T** Newton, IA



This year in Sonlight K we read about people and cultures from long ago. After reading about ancient Egypt, we all dressed up and enjoyed an Egyptian feast for lunch. The living books Sonlight chooses for their curriculum has sparked a love for learning in my children that thrills me as a parent!!

— **Julie T** Clemson, SC







With long winters up north, Spring is a beautiful time to get outside. We love the reading time that allows us to enjoy getting away from the desk to be outside - especially in the treehouse! We love the rich world history and literature Sonlight brings into our schooling. We love to travel, and Sonlight make each day an opportunity to "travel" to a new place and experience new cultures. Our favorite memories from this first year with Sonlight involve reading!

— **Karis T** Milwaukee, WI

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We think this is homeschooling at its finest. Our children can have the freedom to really enjoy new babies, the freedom to have deeper relationships with each other and with their parents, and the freedom to read wonderful books. Thanks, Sonlight, for providing such a great resource!

— **Kate T** Aurora, CO

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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. 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.

— **Katie T** Bolivar, MO

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As soon as we get our new school books I have to hide them or I'll find kids in various places around the house excitedly reading. In this picture, the T family has just received their newest Sonlight package. Katrina says, "before I knew it, Jael (6) and Tekla (4) had disappeared with books. If I hadn't hidden the rest, Jael would have read all the history and science books. I still catch her reading ahead from time to time! The T family is studying Core B this year in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Katrina T** Cutler Bay, FL

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This is our first day of Faith Covenant Academy (Tuinstra Family Homeschool), based on Genesis 17:7-9 and Isaiah 65:22-23. Iain is in Kindergarten, Owen is in Preschool learning pre-reading and writing skills, while Eben is along for the ride curiously watching what he will get to study about God's world in the years to come! Our family loves books! We are excited about how Sonlight is a literature-based program versus textbook-based in order to add interest and something to stick the facts to. Also, we are so thankful for the IGs providing so much ease in planning and preparation as well as confidence in completing the necessary requirements each year. That way we can spend more time interacting with the material instead of laboring over preps. Also, the selection of books is great! Our boys are always asking for us to read more pages than are required!

— **Kelly T** Beaver Creek, OH



What can we learn about God's time from a sundial? What would happen if God didn't make the sun and the earth exactly the way they are now? Sonlight provides easy to do and apply science experiments to learn how God made the world and how we should serve Him in it!

— **Kelly T** Beaver Creek, OH



I think this picture captures the essence of my kids and their personalities. They enjoy life and they enjoy each other. I'm so glad for the opportunity to homeschool to create those bonds with each other. As they get older it is especially great to see them get along and do things together. Here, my children "fly" on top of Pike's Peak in Colorado. Josh (20) is a Sonlight grad and a junior in college. Sarah (16) is studying Core 530 and Anna (14) is using Core H. They have all used Sonlight since the beginning of their homeschool.

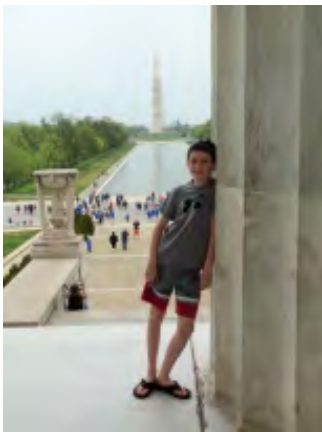
— **Kim T** Bloomington, IL





Here we are outside in our yard enjoying the sunshine while we read "From Abeku to Zapotec" and color pictures. We love to get this book out and look on the map where the people live and then we always pray for them. We have such long winters that it is so nice to be outside and do the things we love; and two of those things are reading and drawing. Sonlight has really enriched our lives with such wonderful books. We have always enjoyed reading and learning, but the excitement has really come alive since using Sonlight. The books you put into our hands are so amazing, I would never have been able to find them on my own. My children and I have become Crazy about books. The first thing we do when summer starts is hit all the garage sales in search of books, and of course one of the best times of year is when the UPS man drops off our books right at our door. One of the most treasured things to me is not only to pass on a love of learning to my children, but a love for missions and to see the world as God would have us see it. Sonlight offers such wonderful books that do that for us. We love to read about people groups around the world who have received the good news and also to read about people who have not so that we can be apart of the bigger picture and pray for them and give so that they are reached. It would fill me with joy if the Lord called out one of my children to be apart of such a work. Thank you Sonlight for guiding us along in our journey.

— **Kim T** Bend, OR



We were blessed by the history in Core D and the great Readers that accompanied the curriculum. It prepared us for a visit to our capital and Williamsburg. I believe that Hunter could have been our tour guide! My son becomes excited when he gets to write about Patrick Henry, George Washington, and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. We have yet to find a Reader that we don't like. What a joy it is to have a 9-year-old excited about learning American history. Every time we read about heroes, he wants to be just like them. Four years into his Sonlight studies, Hunter (Core D) here leans on a pillar at the Lincoln Memorial.

— **Kim T** Knoxville, TN



In our family we think books are very important and that is one of the many reasons why we love Sonlight. Giving the gift of a love of books to our children is what we strive to do. We include even the babies into our daily homeschool schedule and it has been amazing to watch their love for books develop at so young an age. Using Sonlight has helped me get a better schedule and it has kept me organized! I don't think I would have kept my sanity last year if it weren't for Sonlight. This will be our second year using Sonlight but our first year with two cores and two children using it. My oldest, Delia (8 Years) is using Core D. She used Core B+C last year and love it! We both did!! Even my younger children loved listening in to the many stories. In fact, Jude memorized The Lord's Prayer this past year when he was just 2 years old. Now at 3 years old I predict he will be totally involved while Madeline (5 years) goes through Core P4/5. And Claire (1 Year) will be cruising along with us playing and growing and learning to love books.

— **Leslie T** Citrus Heights, CA



Although Channing, our active 5 year old, was not as interested as her brother in all the books streaming out of the box, she found a way to introduce herself to Sonlight. We are so blessed to have found Sonlight. As someone who has a degree in Child Development and as an educator, your curriculum is like Moses hiding beneath the rushes. Our leader out of the slavery of public/secular education.

— **Liesl T** Half Moon Bay, CA



After being gone for a few days, we got home to see daddy and our 2 year old immediately grabbed the Harper Collins Treasury from Core 34. My husband sat down to read to her and sure enough our 4 and 9 year old came running. Sonlight really does use timeless books that make up our family library. We have home schooled for 3 years, all of them with Sonlight. My kids love each other, cuddle with me on the couch and have sweet spirits. I attribute this to the wonderful book Sonlight has already chosen in their Cores.

— **Liesl T** Half Moon Bay, CA



In preparing for school, one of the main things I couldn't bear to think about was keeping my energetic boys at a desk all day. With Sonlight, I don't have to! Here, Elia (6) and Jude (3) are enjoying a story from the P3/4 curriculum over their log "bridge" in the mountains. They read a story, take time to play, and come back to read and laugh some more. I ordered the P3/4 curriculum for Jude because he just couldn't wait to start "school" after watching his big brother Elia enjoy Core 1 this year. Sonlight is just what we were looking for! I'm so glad we found it at the beginning of our homeschooling journey!

— **Lindsay T** La Luz, NM



We recently sold our television because all our children want to do is READ, thanks to Sonlight!

— **Lindsay T** La Luz, NM







Using Sonlight this year has opened up a love for reading in our family. Our family has spent many happy hours together reading our Sonlight books. The children are building great relationships with each other due to all the time we spend together reading. I often find them curled up alone or snuggled up together somewhere reading a Sonlight book or two, even during the holidays. Hannah (12), Sarah (2), Susanna (6), James (6 weeks), Joel (4) and Jesse (11) are studying Core F, Science E and Core P4/5 in their first year of Sonlight.

— **Louise T**    United Kingdom

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With Sonlight, our kids learn more than just facts. 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.

— **Mandy T**    Siloam Springs, AR

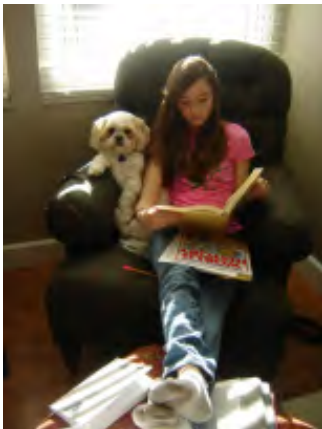
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Nathan learned to read this year and gained enough confidence reading the Sonlight "Read Alouds" at home that he was able to read a story at the local Kindergarten center. He said he was a little nervous, but mostly that he had fun!

— **Maurie T**    Chinle, AZ

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Emily enjoys studying Sonlight's Core Alt 7 History with her reading companion, Shadow. Our first year of homeschooling was amazing, especially with the help of Sonlight. What a relaxing, engaging and fun way to learn and teach! We are excited to have both of our girls home this year as we start out on a new adventure with Core 100 and Core 1+2.

— **Melanie T**    Napa, CA

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We had just finished reading "Archeologists Dig for Clues" and we decided to have our very own dig site. We set up the grids, made our own charts and got digging. We didn't find anything, but it gave the kids a good sense of the tedious work that they do. We love Sonlight! As first time homeschoolers, it gave us everything we needed to have a complete and fulfilling school year. I love how it allows me to weave every day life experiences into their learning. We are planning on being life-long Sonlight users.

— **Melanie T** Waterford, MI

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The quality literature is so fulfilling, fascinating, and stirring - I learn something new every day alongside my children! 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.

— **Melissa T** Fraser, CO

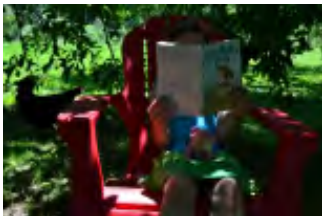
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Since we started using Sonlight's P34 program this year our boys can't get enough of their "school books." We have to keep them on a separate shelf because our boys get so excited about them they sometimes get a little rough with the books. Not a day goes by without Sam begging to get out and read the Sonlight books. There is such a variety of stories and fun ideas in this program I think we'll be using these books for years and years to come. Sonlight has done a great job of starting our kids off in the right direction of learning to love reading.

— **Melissa T** Grandville, MI

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Meghan is reading Charlotte's Web with her little toy pig. Notice the chicken in the background? It is a real chicken. We live on a small organic farm. Sonlight is the perfect curriculum for someone like me, who loves to read and believes that there is no such thing as "too many books" It helps make life so easy and enjoyable. I just can't say enough good things about Sonlight. My daughter gets upset when we don't do school, she points to my blue binder and says "Mom, we didn't do school, you didn't even take down your blue book!" Thank you Sonlight!!!!!!!!!!

— **Michelle T** Berea, KY

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Since switching to Sonlight, my kids want to spend more and more time doing schoolwork each day. 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.

— **Michelle T** New Hudson, MI

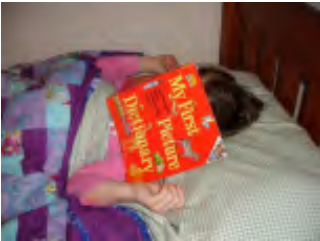
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After studying about volcanoes in Science K, Seth and Jared built a paper mache' volcano of their own and mixed in all the right ingredients for an eruption! We did this while we were out of power due to Hurricane Gustav. Thanks, Sonlight, for something fun and educational to do while we waited!

— **Micki T** Denham Springs, LA

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I love moments like these; it gives me that reassurance that we are definately on the right path with our homeschooling journey! After several years of struggling with various (boring) curriculums, we discovered Sonlight. Sonlight has been a breath of fresh air to our family, I am truly blessed to use this incredible curriculum with my children!!! :)

— **Miriam T** New Zealand

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Grant created a diorama from the book "Twenty and Ten" for our homeschool group's book club. He won 1st place for grades 3 and under! In his diorama it is the scene of the Jewish children hiding from the Nazis and the two children bringing them blankets and bread in the middle of the night. Thank you Sonlight!! I am so confident in the material you pick and highly value the education that I know this curriculum is giving to my child! I can't express my love of Sonlight enough!

— **Misty T** Baltimore, MD

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We began using Sonlight 14 years ago, and still love it. We are on our second round with our youngest child and look forward to all the great books and memories we will be making. I have tried putting together my own curriculum, but I just keep coming back to Sonlight. It is so easy to use and so rich in educational quality. Sonlight is the perfect fit for our family. In this photo, Sophia (6, Core A) enjoys making a colorful creation during Art time.

— **Pam T** Lookout Mountain , GA

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One of the greatest gifts of homeschooling with Sonlight while stationed overseas in Greece was the flexibility to take awesome field trips, especially since Core 1 and 2 covered the ancient world. Holly said time and again that it made her Sonlight books "come alive," whether we were passing Thermopylae, touring the Acropolis, visiting the Vatican, or exploring Karnak Temple in Luxor (ancient Thebes) in Egypt. Our youngest son, David, has been following along as well and is so excited that this year he gets to homeschool "for real!"

— **Pat T** Wichita Falls, TX

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After many years of longing, this past year was our first year of full-time Sonlight. We loved learning as a family and want to do more!

— **Patricia T** Canada

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Ben is a kinesthetic learner so I wasn't surprised at all when he chose this project. We love Sonlight not only because of the flexibility it provides us as foreign workers in Central Asia, but also because of its recognition of different learning styles.

— **Patty T** Smithville, GA

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Abi loves doing pattern block puzzles that came with the Singapore Math K programme. The sense of achievement is apparent whenever she finishes solving a sheet. Sonlight gives me many tips and tricks into weaving quality children's books and the best math programmes in the market with fascinating science and natural LA progressions. I love the IG, it keeps out homeschool days well-organised. With the IG I can space out all the books as needed, not worrying whether I'll be able to finish the book on time or not, it is all planned out for me.

— **Rebecca T** Australia





Our daughter is a typical wiggly 5 year old, so we make sure to take lots of play breaks during our school time. Sometimes the two bleed together and she winds up wearing dress-up clothes during her work. This day, she was insisting that the wings helped her read better so I went with it! This is one of the reasons I love homeschooling. If she were in public school she'd be stuck in her desk all day. Instead, she's at home in a flexible, supportive environment and if sparkly fairy wings to help her learn to read, she can wear them all day! We especially liked the "I Can Read It" series and how they were written to compliment the "Explode the Code" books. The combination of the two have helped produce a curious, confident reader!

— **Rebecca T** Lansing, MI



The two older girls Elizabeth and Laurie are best friends - each doing Apologia Biology this year. For the past 3 years they have used the same science curriculum and shared experiments, and the highs and lows of what each have been learning. So dissection seemed reasonable...even though we have now moved 3 hours away. We worked out a time to make it fun for everyone. Emma Grace is my niece, whose mother uses Sonlight with her. She wanted Emma Grace and her older brothers to get to observe the dissection. Sonlight makes science easy, fun and relaxed. You know there are not going to be any surprises because Sonlight has taken care of every detail and given us a Godly option for science knowledge at the same time.

— **Robert T** Holly Springs, MS



So thankful God led us to Sonlight! I cannot imagine schooling any other way. The time we spend together as a family discussing the books we read is priceless. My husband has become an avid reader because of this program and can't wait to read to the kids each night! Thanks to Sonlight, we will look back on these tender years with no regrets!

— **Robyn T** Sharpsburg, GA



Homeschooling is a family affair, even including the baby. Shown here is Math time. My 5 year old loves Math, and that has rubbed off on her younger brothers who enjoy worksheets and manipulatives. I love how homeschooling has really brought a sense of unity into our home.

— **Sandra T** Fort George G Meade, MD





At first, cost was an obstacle, but now that we have a full library of well-read books, a stocked science cabinet and many years of wonderful memories, I'm so thankful we made the move to Sonlight. The Science program is just one thing we love, because it's hands-on. My husband and I are both avid readers and were lifelong learners long before Sonlight. We tried many other type of homeschool curricula before we found Sonlight, but nothing was a good fit for how we wanted our children to learn. Caleb (14) was thrilled for his first dissection; Cayenne (15) nervously stepped up to the challenge. They're using Science 250 and Core 100 in their seventh Sonlight year.

— **Shannon T** Ellsworth Afb, SD

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Colin struggles with concentration (ADHD), but he LOVES Sonlight books. Hanging around outside, reading, is a favourite activity!

— **Shirley T** Canada

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What I have noticed is how Kirstyn is challenged. She is reading more and it isn't a chore! She loves it. And I love that she is learning while she believes it is fun! I love that each age level's reader books are geared toward the age level of the reader. What fun it is to watch my daughter read about a girl her age and in historical settings. She can relate to the characters which is the magic I see while using Sonlight.

— **Stacey T** Honolulu, HI

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As I, Mom, read Eloise stories from P 3/4, Talitha 5, is paying rapt attention, while Simeon 3, falls asleep and Judah 8, sheepishly peeks over the side of the couch (because he thinks he's too old for such "baby stories" but can't resist a peek). Moments like this make all the hard days worth it. Reading quality literature aloud brings us closer together as a family. I am astonished at our growing library of "friends"--books we read over and over and over. Sonlight has picked the best of the best books out there and made them into an organized curriculum. I love learning along with my kids and bonding with them this way!

— **Stacy T** Wichita, KS

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Sonlight has made history come alive for us this year. Amy is loving the study of ancient Egypt, Rome, Greece, etc. She BEGGED me to take her to the Parthenon in Nashville and once inside, was overwhelmed by the size of the columns and the beautiful Athena. I had to laugh when, during our visit, she burst forth in song (sung to the tune of "O, Christmas Tree") "Oh, Parthenon, Oh Parthenon, how lovely are thy columns." She impressed me with her recall of the Greek mythical gods that were also on display. Now, I'm afraid she will not be satisfied until she visits the real thing...A field trip to Europe sounds good to me! What more can I say? We love this literature based curriculum. When your child begs you to read just one more chapter, or exclaims, "No, you can't stop now! Pleeaaase keep reading!"--what better words could you want to hear during the school day?!

— **Susan T** Springfield, TN

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Sonlight allows us the opportunity to love learning as a family.

— **Tammy T** Swartz Creek, MI

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Teya was "playing" on her Flashmaster and her little sister, Isabel, wanted to "play," too. So Teya would figure out the answer to the math question and then would tell Isabel which number to push. One child learning her math facts and another learning number recognition. What mom wouldn't love that? Sonlight helps to make education a family lifestyle, not just an individual experience.

— **Tanya T** Wells, MN

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You never know where you may end up finding your Sonlight homeschooler--especially if he's a kid who knows how to climb! Sonlight has given our family the peace of mind that we are studying the best homeschool material on the market. We've trusted Sonlight's curriculum choices for years and haven't been disappointed yet! What would we do without Sonlight to spur a lively conversation at the dinner table each night? Sonlight has made homeschooling a priceless adventure! Here, 9-year-old Nethan studies in a Palo Verde tree. In their fourth year of Sonlight, Nethan and his two older sisters are studying Cores E, G and 200.

— **Tanya Thielen T** Gilbert, AZ

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The Christian worldview approach that Sonlight offers in their curriculum struck a chord with my heart right away. I wanted our curriculum to be Christ-centered. When we decided to homeschool our daughter I knew that even though I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, I wanted a curriculum that was laid out for me and I wouldn't have to do a lot of work preparing each day or piecing different curriculums together. I loved that Sonlight's curriculum is steeped in literature. Awesome literature. On top of that they offer a great payment plan and a Love-it guarantee, so my husband and I both knew we couldn't go wrong. On her very first Box Day, Rebecca (8, Core B) holds up the books she's excited to start reading.

— **Theresa T**    Tea, SD

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Allison got interested in learning Japanese through her interest in Manga (Japanese for cartoons and the genre of books called Manga). She belongs to the Anime Club at our local county library. This group, led by our young adult librarian, sparked an interest in learning Japanese culture and foods and consequently, the language. I doubted her interest in learning Japanese as her two-year requirement for high school until the day I caught her watching anime on the computer in Japanese with English subtitles and singing to the theme song in Japanese. She was thrilled to receive the Rosetta Stone Japanese program in the mail, and though we had just finished school for the year, she loaded the program onto the computer and started working on it the same day! Not only has her interest not flagged, but Rosetta Stone has fanned into flame her passion for everything Japanese. She even wants to take a mission trip to Japan. Thanks, Sonlight! I love that Sonlight has done all the scheduling for me. Especially as my three girls have gotten older, there is so much more to be concerned about with high school requirements, and college looming, that I am happy to not have to plan all the classes as well. I like that I can still be involved in their learning process and learn the same things they are learning. I like that difficult subjects and themes are broached and that I have an opportunity to teach values and ethics along with the academics. And I actually like "hanging" with my teenagers all day long!

— **Tracy T**    Rock Hill, SC

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Sonlight Science using Apologia's textbooks has been wonderful for my teens - they are learning so much and enjoying all of the hands-on experiments! Now that their younger cousins are homeschooling too, it is beautiful to see how our family unites over learning about God's creation. A leaf-identification experiment in High School Biology created an afternoon outdoors of learning, family, and fun - Thank you, Sonlight!

— **Tracy T**    Broomfield, CO

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This is my son Timothy, on our very first Box Day in 2010. The moment I opened the box and brought out the books, he started flipping through them and playing with the pattern blocks which came with his math set. We started school the very next day. We are now on our third year of home schooling, also our third with Sonlight, and the excitement of Box Day remains the same. (We are actually, as of this writing, awaiting our third core, Core B!) My son enjoys the books and activities, and I love seeing him having fun while learning. Even I have learned so much from Core A! More than once I've said, "This is fascinating! How come I wasn't fascinated like this when I was studying?"

— **Vivian T** Australia

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Sonlight has given Avery a huge interest in reading that she is passing on to her baby brother Eli. She loves to read and wants to read to him constantly. Because of her reading to him - he actually likes books at 8 months!!

— **Amy U** East Aurora, NY

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Three older children who used Sonlight have already graduated and were well-prepared for college. We have homeschooled all nine of our children all the way through high school. We were thrilled to discover Sonlight ten years ago. It fits well with the way we always homeschooled – read alouds, history through biographies and historical fiction, grouping our children together as much as possible. Our children are all avid readers, and finding them in unusual places or positions totally engrossed in a book is not at all uncommon. Here, Debra's youngest child Jadon (8) finds an interesting way to soak up a book. He is studying Core D this year as two older siblings use Core 300.

— **Debra U** Slinger, WI

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The boys were so excited when I opened the box of books to start school last August. I told them I wouldn't read the new readers to any of them until after Jacob (our first grader) had read them. So, they promptly pulled up stools with their reading selection of choice to listen to Jacob read. He finished all the first grade readers in just a couple of weeks and we had to order the second grade readers. We were living in Germany at the time and by the time the second grade readers arrived he had discovered that he could re-read a lot of his read-aloud books from Core K on his own too. I love that Sonlight makes learning fun for my boys. Your curriculum has truly sparked a love of learning in our home!

— **Emily U** United States

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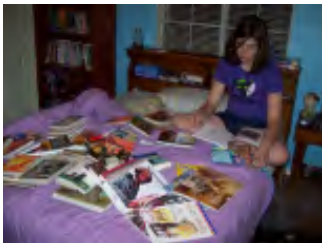
Sonlight has brought a love for books into our lives.

— **Kimberly U** Covert, MI



Sonlight gives us so much flexibility to learn when we want, where we want, and how we want! 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.

— **Lezli U** Aurora, CO



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. 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.

— **Mary Lynette U** Twentynine Palms, CA



Sonlight has encouraged our children to go beyond the books to real life experiences. The girls requested the chick hatching project, and when they suggested it, they were sure to stress the fact that we would all be "learning and having fun at the same time!"

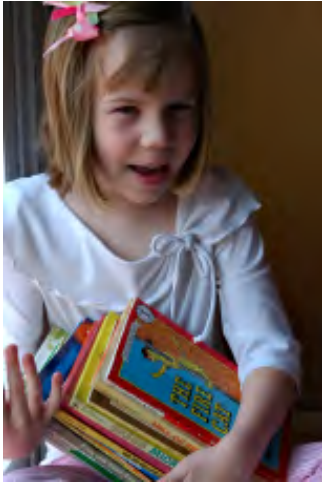
— **Paula U** Coatesville, PA



I love to find projects that we can do together. Sonlight's curricula encourage and promote learning together as a family. Sonlight also creates curricula with the flexibility to teach many students at a time. Our girls are animal lovers, and they asked if we could supplement our Science (Biology) with a chick hatching project. With a few alterations and a screen for the lid, our Sonlight box became a perfect brooder box for our chicks!

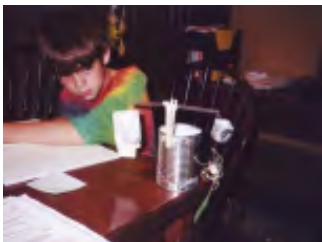
— **Paula U** Coatesville, PA





When next years box of books came from Sunlight Bailey was ready to sit down and read them all. One thing we love about Sonlight is the flexibility we have in choosing her curriculum to suit individual needs. At four Bailey did the kindergarten curriculum with the first grade reading selections. She is so excited about reading and it is because she got to learn at her own pace without anything or anyone slowing her down.

— **Rebecca U** Jackson, MO



Vince was attending a Christian School and became ill when he was six years old. He had seizures and was rushed to hospital by ambulance. He had bacterial meningitis. His heart rhythm changed and he was rushed to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. The doctors discovered a heart problem that he was born with and we were told he probably would not make it as he was not responding to any treatment. By some miracle he recovered and was released from the hospital two weeks later, extremely underweight and too weak to return to school. We decided to homeschool. A friend told us about Sonlight and we have been using it ever since. This photo was taken two years later. Vince is weighing a corn sprout from Tops Corn and Beans which is part of Sonlight level 3 science. I enjoy every moment I have with my children. His illness has been a blessing as I have a close loving relationship with all my children that I might otherwise not have had. Many people comment on how my children get along so well. They enjoy each other's company and love spending so much time together. Sonlight has provided a wealth of resources that are fun, easy to teach and prepare children academically for high school and beyond. Friends always comment on how much more my children are learning and when school is cancelled on snow days I usually have several neighbourhood children wanting to come over to our house to do "school" with us. Thank you Sonlight for being there when I needed you. Vince will be starting high school next year and we are continuing to homeschool all our children using several Sonlight programs.

— **Sylvia U** Canada



We have used every level of Sonlight science from preschool up to grade 10. I won't even try to use anything else. It is so easy. It is so fun. It is so educational. Vaughan is breezing through Biology because of the solid foundation that Sonlight science gives. And it is a difficult program. I showed the Biology textbook to a 22 year old man from our church and he said, "Wow. I couldn't do this." I am doing science level 3 this year with the younger children and my older ones are always saying, "Oh, I remember doing that. That is so fun! Can I help?" That you for taking a difficult subject for parents to handle and making it easy and extremely enjoyable.

— **Sylvia U** Canada



This is the child that did not want to read and he followed a big brother that refused to put a book down. We decided to invest in the Sonlight curriculum specifically to focus on reading, in hopes to encourage and develop a love for books. Our goal for the year was to read, read and read more. What I found was not only did he need good books, but he needed to set up his perfect environment. This particular time he has three bean bags stacked on top of the couch. He was told to read 2 chapters and instead he read the whole book. Now he loves to read and I love to find my children reading in the strangest places or upside down. Thank you Sonlight!!

— **Angie V** Friendswood, TX



I love Sonlight because it forces me to sit down and read to my kids. 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.

— **Beth V** Canada



I love the simply laid out lesson plans, the excellent and diverse choices of literature, and the flexibility Sonlight offers our family. Our oldest thoroughly enjoyed the P4/5 Core last year. This year it couldn't have worked out more perfectly that we were learning about ancient Greece and how the Olympics started, just as the 2012 games were beginning. I look forward to re-reading the wonderful stories with our other children when it's time to begin their schooling. We anticipate a rich home education with Sonlight for years to come! Now in their second Sonlight year, Mark and Beth share a lighthearted llama read with Reese (5), who is studying Core A, Lincoln (3) and Maddox (11 months).

— **Beth V** Canada



After reading about the Indians and what they wore, Jairus made a pouch, like was described in "Walk The World's Rim" to put his treasures in. But I know as his mom and teacher the greatest treasure is Christ in his heart. Sonlight is giving him lots of tools with which he enjoys, further discovers and shares his True Treasure.

— **Carmen V** Williamsburg, VA





I sent Sjaan out to do her reading (The Beginner's Bible). When I went out to check she was reading it to her siblings and her friends... but not just reading it - she was translating it into Tok Pisin too so her friends could understand it!!

— **Cheronne V** Australia



Noah (6 1/2 and using Core K) has been learning the US states with an online map game and a wooden puzzle. One morning he decided on his own to fill in the USA side of our Markable Map and was able to write the names of all 50 states within just a few minutes, occasionally needing help only with the spelling! We have been a Sonlight family since 2005 and I can't imagine a better homeschooling curriculum. We love all the literature and other books, as well as great extra tools like the Markable Map which enrich our learning. I love the convenience of Sonlight's IGs and study guides - they make it so easy to teach my children. And I'm learning so much right along with my kids! THANK YOU, Sonlight!

— **Dana V** Dickson, TN



We've noticed a marked increase in our girls' day-to-day vocabulary. Both girls love to read, thanks to Sonlight and their amazing Readers. I could not have picked better Readers for them. Each story we read is gripping, so much so, that after each story is finished, the girls act them out and use their own imaginations to add their own touch. We have enjoyed a wonderful year full of discoveries. Thank you Sonlight for a great and fun curriculum! In their family's fourth year of Sonlight, Makayla (6) and Madison (8) share Core B. In this photo, the girls show their favorite Readers.

— **Daniel V** Canada



I like that all the material is assembled for me. I don't think I would be able to homeschool if I didn't have a curriculum that was so well organized. The girls have always liked books, but the Sonlight books are always their favorites. I shopped and looked at all the different curriculums out there, and nothing was comparable with Sonlight. Thank you for making this experience stress-free and fun !

— **Daniel V** Canada





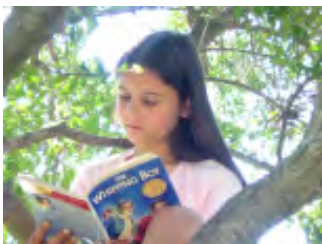
Madison is the artist in the family. She loves to draw the pictures of all the Sonlight books we are reading. Here, she is drawing the cover of Makayla's favorite book : Uncle Wiggily. Morgan joins in on the fun by trying to hide the picture from Madison :) With a 1 year old baby, homeschooling isn't always easy... But what makes it all worthwhile is the hours spent on the couch, cuddling and reading Sonlight's Read-Alouds. The girls always look forward to RA time. We have always used Sonlight. We started when Madison was 4 years old, using P3/4 and we have enjoyed every minute of it. We love it and wouldn't change a thing !

— **Daniel V** Canada



When Steve and I decided to homeschool our first school-aged child eight years ago, we decided to use Sonlight, in lieu of one of the more "traditional" homeschool materials, for its rich literature base. We wanted our children to enjoy reading and hearing good literature with the added benefit of learning. Boy, are we glad we did! This picture captures a familiar scene in our home in which the whole family gathers around Steve on the bed (though we make our 100+ lb. dog lie on the floor) before bedtime to hear our latest adventure in the read-aloud history books; sometimes we get him to read the readers, too, since Darlene and Steve don't want to miss the excitement these books have to offer either! These moments have been some of the most precious memories of our homeschooling journey thus far. Over our homeschooling career thus far, we have gone on many wonderful adventures together and have grown to know many interesting characters and places which we may not have known about otherwise. The collection of titles over the years has given us a wonderful family library --although many books are often found missing from the library and found beside one of the children's beds next to a flashlight on the floor. Additionally, as we enter the teenage years, we relish this family time to stay connected with our kids. Even after a rough day of schooling at home (and we all have them), we all come together to embark on our latest adventure as a family with Steve to lead us. Thank you, Sonlight! We have truly been blessed over our past eight years of growing with you.

— **Darlene V** Hughesville, MD



Being able to just open the instructors guide and go is such a help to busy moms. With a teenager and a toddler in the same household, having more of the prep work done for me is essential to success!

— **Donna V** Haltom City, TX





Our family deeply appreciates the flexibility of home education. We have school all through the summers, and that way can take time off when we need it -- for new babies, family visits, and unexpected health crises! Botulism poisoning was one of those dreadful surprises in life, but thankfully, the "school in bed" idea meant that our children were back at school only two days after I'd gotten out of the hospital!

— **Elizabeth V** China

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Sonlight books so easily become real life lessons without me ever planning it. We recently visited a game farm in the Karoo and while I was busy teaching Simon (5) about different people, several of the children from the farm joined our Read-Aloud time. Our book suddenly came to life as we were surrounded with Zulu, Xhosa and Khoi San friends. In this photo, Ester, Simon (5, Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package), Nell (9 months) and friends crowd round for a Read-Aloud.

— **Ester V** South Africa

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My husband enjoys reading to our boys, and Sonlight books are the ones that get read over & over again. Here, Zachary & Daddy read from Family Treasury of Little Golden Books.

— **Heather V** El Campo, TX

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The boys were doing science, looking at hair under the microscope, when Zachary demanded a turn. Not one to take no for an answer, and knowing the microscope was quite sturdy & well made, we let him take a peek. He loved it! Now every time he sees the microscope on the shelf he asks me "'Nother turn, Mom? 'Nother turn?'" Thanks, Sonlight, for bringing an affordable, top quality microscope to your customers, even those overseas! Thanks to that, science is probably the boys' favorite subject!

— **Heather V** El Campo, TX

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Beren and Liliana agreed that continuing the Sonlight journey into Core E made for the best homeschooling year ever, as evidenced by both the highest percentage of reread books from a core AND the most frequently reread books (times read from cover to cover). From thoughtful moments with the compelling biography of slavery abolisher William Wilberforce (entirely new to mom) to the rollicking laughter of Little Britches with the whole family, to the heights of excitement and wonder in The Great Wheel, (and imagining the enormous thrill of the first huge wheel while riding a modern day version), this core brought the family together in new ways. The amazing selection of books in Core E was equally captivating for the sons and daughters of the Vonnahme family, enriching family culture and providing a precious deposit into the storehouse of memories from shared stories. As a bonus, we all learned a great deal about American history from these living books, and in several instances felt compelled to seek out additional material about some of the historical figures and events which were introduced to us!

— **Heather V** Fairbanks, AK



Sonlight united our family's hearts through the love for learning and experiencing God's heart for the nations. In the past three years the Lord took us on the journey of engaging our hearts with His heart for the people groups. Sonlight has played a pivotal part in this journey through the outstanding material and books. It is impossible not to experience God's heart for the different people groups as they come alive through the stories and pictures of the beautiful Sonlight books! When the V family went to southeastern Africa on a mission trip, they walked in the footsteps of David Livingstone and recognized many places and people groups from Cores F and H. In their third year of Sonlight, Tanya (13) is using Core H as Stefan (11) studies Core G.

— **Inesa V** South Africa



A candid shot of my little reluctant reader READING! He is currently finishing his 2nd grade readers but still pulls out books from 1st grade readers and the read aloud books from P3/4. Sonlight's selection of books definitely catches his interest and has helped build the foundation for the love of reading. My older boy truly enjoys reading and would spend hours on end studying a book. I appreciate, as a Christian parent, the selection and content of the books

— **Jenny V** Wonder Lake, IL





Dad was teaching them about Haiti, a place very dear to his heart. He has been on a missions trip there with his best friend, a native to Haiti. We love the missions minded curriculum found in Sonlight. It really brings our children a taste of the world that they have yet to see.

— **Kati V** Milford, NH



I never realized how much Sonlight has changed our home until one night I stumbled into the school room where my husband was reading the kids a bedtime story from one of our Sonlight books the girls picked out. When I saw the girls trying to find the place being read about on the map, ( IN THEIR PJ's!!! ) I realized right then and there that Sonlight is not just any curriculum, it is life learning at its best! Thank you Sonlight.

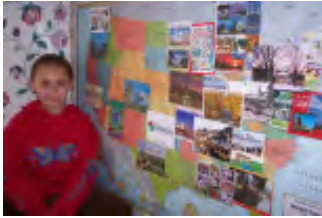
— **Kati V** Milford, NH



I love the way Sonlight makes history come alive for my children! I don't know of any other curriculum that can inspire a teenager to dress the part while reading about World War II. Just about every time I turned around, Kyle had put on my husband's pea coat and Russian hat to re-enact something we had learned, or just to enjoy one of his Sonlight books. He was so focused on his book in this photo--something that never would have happened before we started homeschooling. Sonlight has really inspired a love of history in my children--and me! Thanks, Sonlight!

— **Kim V** Katy, TX





Sonlight is so much more than just the wonderful books and incredible instructor's guides. Sonlight is a community of people who help encourage and teach each other through the Sonlight Forums. One example of this is the postcard swap we joined through the Intro to American History forum. Our family sent out postcards from Texas to fellow Sonlighters across the United States. Then we received postcards from our new friends across the country! Kelly anticipated the mailman daily, waiting for new postcards so she could read about the different states. She then posted them all on our United States map. Kelly thinks it is cool to meet so many others studying the same curriculum that she is using! Thanks, Sonlight, for providing the forums so we can meet and share with other homeschoolers.

— **Kim V** Katy, TX



Sonlight is truly a curriculum the entire family can learn from! My husband, Eric, is a professional mariner. He got very excited when he saw "Carry On Mr. Bowditch" on our read-aloud shelf for this school year. He knows first hand of the important contributions Nathaniel Bowditch made to the maritime industry, and couldn't wait to share that with the kids. (He also couldn't wait to read the book himself!) Here, Eric is expanding on the book by showing the kids first hand some of Mr. Bowditch's writings that he used in maritime school. Thanks, Sonlight, for selecting great books the whole family can enjoy together!

— **Kim V** Katy, TX



Sonlight has been essential in providing a quality education for my children in Brazil. I absolutely love getting our new books each year and seeing a love for reading develop in my children. I could never use those textbook reading books that I used in school with my children now that I know what the Sonlight curriculum has to offer. I also know the value of coordinating reading with history so that history becomes more than dates and facts, but stories of real people!

— **Kristin V** Acworth, GA



Thanks, Sonlight, for keeping our family close. Our kids get to spend time with each other while doing school, thanks to so many great books that they (and we) can enjoy together! I love the fact that our kids are getting a world class education for so little cost! Emily (14) loves to hold baby sister Bethany as she learns. Here, she works on Teaching Textbooks Algebra 1. Emily is studying Core 300 this year as her younger siblings use her old Cores G, D and A. The V family is in their tenth year of homeschooling and ninth year of Sonlight.

— **Laura V** Miami Springs, FL



I love that Sonlight is literature based and Christian. I was hesitant to purchase Sonlight because of their language arts and math programs, but I love the read alouds and Handwriting without Tears!

— **Meagan V** Canada



No other curriculum could make history so exciting and fun to learn.

— **Melissa V** Columbia Station, OH



Sonlight has boosted Joseph's confidence that he can learn anything he puts his mind to learn. 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.

— **Nana V** Hillsborough, NC



Because of Sonlight we have a greater appreciation of music and those who have gone before us. Using Sonlight has expanded their imaginations and given them a love of performing and using the skills that God has given them. They like being exposed to all the great things young people in history have sacrificed for and dreaming of what part they will have in it all. I (the mom) like having all the exceptional books already chosen for me.

— **Pamela V** Lanark, IL





We are living and working in Brazil, and that affords us the opportunity to see places we'd otherwise never see. In May 2010, we took a long-anticipated trip to the Amazon Rainforest. Before we went, we were able to use various Sonlight resources (Wild Places, from Core K, among others) to introduce the boys to what to expect in the rainforest. Having materials geared towards my youngest, as well as stories appropriate for my older boys (various stories from Cores 4 and 5) was wonderful, as everyone got in on the learning before our trip. It's what I love about Sonlight - if I need information on one subject matter, I can often find it across all levels so that all of my children can learn a bit; I don't have to go searching outside the curriculum unless I really want to find extra supplements. And because the stories are engaging, I was able to remind the boys of things they'd read last year, in some cases, rather than forcing a re-read. In this way, it felt like fun, rather than studying! Thank you, Sonlight!

— **Quentin V** Texas City, TX

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Leigha, 8, is doing math, while Samuel, 1, and Charis, 3, watch. Charis, especially, is getting really excited to start school on her own, and Leigha likes to teach them different things. She's partly playing, but they do learn a lot from just watching. I LOVE teaching with Sonlight. I've been so happy with it that even though last year was my first at homeschooling, I'm not even tempted to shop around. It was a tough decision to decide on Sonlight, but I know I've made the right choice. Even I have learned so much. I have a much, much deeper understanding of our nation's roots now, after teaching Leigha the world history unit. What she's learning in 3rd grade, I didn't even have a good grasp on yet, and I am 28 years old! Teaching is my passion now, and Sonlight is helping to enrich our whole household. I will even catch my husband reading the books sometimes after a hard day at work, and sometimes at dinner time, he will ask, "So what is happening to so-and-so, in a certain book?" I also love it that my littler kids can be included. My older daughter likes to be with her brother and sister. She doesn't feel like she's "too old" for them, and I owe part of that to the fact that school can just be so natural and inclusive. But the main reason I know Sonlight is for us? Because I am just as enthusiastic about it in June as I was last August!!

— **Rebekha V** Aiken, SC

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Chloe has spotted a frog in the pond. This is even more exciting because we have just learned about them, reading the "Berenstain Bears Book of Science," which we love. Exploring God's World is the perfect curriculum for my tots and we frequently do science outside. The books are fantastic, interesting and varied. I enjoy reading them as much as my children do. I also love the freedom that the IG's allow me, with little to no planning, we can pack up and school on the go! Flexible, fun, interesting and, thanks to the fantastic IG, it's well planned and easy to teach. Thank you!

— **Scott V** Canada

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As a family we take adventures every day, as we open up the books (oh, how I love Sonlight books), the world opens up before us and we are transported. We talk, we laugh, we dream and we learn. Sonlight has enabled our family to be who we are. The look of surprise on peoples' faces as they compliment us on reading to our children and then find out that this is school – this is life for us! – is a source of joy, too. I'm so thankful for Sonlight. You brighten our lives! Chloe and John (6 and 5, Core A), now in their second year, share the Sonlight adventure with brother Isaac (2).

— **Scott V**    Canada



We are the Vilches family, missionaries (Filipino nationals) presently on deputation under the U.S. based mission- Christ For the Philippines, Inc. This is a usual evening scene in our home as the kids look forward to getting up into our sofa that we have turned into my daughters "bed" to get cozy and read our Sonlight books. My daughter asks me almost everyday, "Mama, can you read us a school book?" They know their Sonlight books are the best apart from any other book on their shelf. With Sonlight we have found the assurance of giving our children rich learning experiences while we are away from home. We are grateful for the bond that books have created for our family and the loads of priceless memories along with it!

— **Selah Joy V**    Grand Rapids, MI



The girls are very excited about beginning Sonlight this Fall. They could not wait to look through the books they will be reading this year. Here is a picture of them in our garden picking flowers, eating tomatoes and flipping through the pages of one of their new Sonlight books. This will be our first year homeschooling. We love the organization of the Instructor's Guide and cannot wait to begin reading all of the wonderful stories included in this package!

— **Shannon V**    Ballston Spa , NY



Part of what drew us to Sonlight was the 'fun' aspect of it -- learning does not and should not have to be dull and dreary.

— **Stacey V**    Canada





Our younger children came into our home with major learning problems. We found that the traditional textbook method would not work for them. Tony (7) especially hated 'school' and now he says we 'quit school and do Sonlight.' I quit worrying about what grade they were in and just started enjoying learning with them. Now instead of hating school, Tony insists on taking books with him everywhere he goes. Here, he is using a science book to identify the dragonflies racing on the water. The three younger children of the V family are studying Core F and Core B+C in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Susan V** Weatherford, TX

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Brianna loves to read to her sister. Assuming the story from her book was very peaceful because it put Sophia to sleep. Brianna has to continue reading because she doesn't want to wake her little sister up. That is why we value Sonlight as a sole provider for our home education. It gave our children Love for reading. They eager to read at any moment of the day. They read when they play and they play when they read. To watch our children becoming an amazing readers is priceless!

— **Tanya V** Apex, NC

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Living here in southern Israel combined with Sonlight's curriculum has made history quite engaging for our daughters. Though we use two separate Core programs, Saeeda and Ella do not want to miss each other's read alouds, readers, or anything else in the curriculum that can possibly be a shared learning experience. They have enjoyed making the connections between where we live here in the Negev Desert in BeerSheva and the close proximity of several of the ancient civilizations we have studied this year including Egypt, Mesopotamia, the Phoenicians, Greece, and so on. In this photo, we are at the park, more than likely on the grazing grounds of Abraham's herds.

— **Tomm V** Zeeland, MI

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I love that Sonlight allows school work to be such a family affair. Before switching to Sonlight, my wife was putting together her own curriculum. As the family grew, this job became more and more overwhelming, and choosing books was one of her biggest struggles. We love that with Sonlight, we have a wealth of high-quality literature at our fingertips. The kids read to their mom, she reads to them, they read to each other, and even I get involved. It does our hearts good to hear them beg for 'just one more chapter!' In their third year of Sonlight, Bethany (7, Core B+C) and Ellie (8 Core B+C) listen to big sister Maggie (12, Core W) read a favorite.

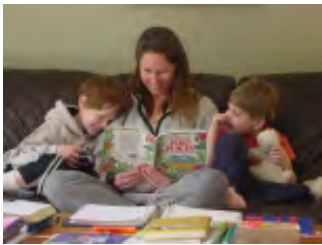
— **Travis V** Beulah, ND

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Every morning we began the day with the Sing the Word cd and then read from Egermeiers' Bible story book. There was never a day that passed when my daughter didn't beg for "one more pleassssee." I thought the stories were a little above her head when we began the year (which was my concern with the whole Core A because my daughter was late with language acquisition) but was very pleasantly surprised by the depth of her engagement with the stories. This is what matters the most to me, that her relationship with Jesus deepens. This is the main reason that we chose Sonlight - for the relationship focus, for the stories that touch the heart not just the mind. And oh, how I needed to start the day with these stories too! I found as much for myself in the curriculum as I did for my daughter. I was a teacher before my daughter was born both in public school and at a Christian school. We did home school because we were in Congo on the mission field and I worried that it would not be a very good substitute, but we are now returning for a year in the U.S. and we have chosen to continue Sonlight because it is far superior to the options that we looked at, we just couldn't go backwards. We are on an unexpected journey now! Sonlight just fit our family, right down to the reading opposing theories in Usbourne, we love to discuss all sides of an issue and do not like to shy away from tough issues.

— **Trista V** Pella, IA



This photo is a snapshot into what our mornings look like using Sonlight. The two youngest boys and I curl up on the sofa and have fun reading and learning together. Not much can beat that!! What does Sonlight mean to me? After ten years of homeschooling, with success and failures along the way, Sonlight means I finally found what my heart had been searching for. For years Sonlight had been calling to me, but I kept turning away, picking other curriculum choices for various reasons each time. This last year I finally obeyed my heart and made the jump in (three cores at once, no less!) and can truly say I wish I had jumped years ago! Thank you Sonlight for helping me fulfill my work to God through using your curriculum.

— **Wendy V** Tujunga, CA



There is always a good reason to read a great book. Ancient Greece might not seem like an appealing subject to your average nine year old boy, but Sonlight books stimulated my son's love for history. Even now that he has finished high school he is still a history fan and not only researches different topics of interest on his own, but shares his passion with his younger brothers and sisters, making the material accessible and leaving them wanting more! The baton has been passed along....

— **Alisa W** Canada





"Certificate Day" was so exciting for our daughter (and me, too!). Our first year homeschooling (and using Sonlight) proved so much more fun and rewarding than I ever expected. Homeschooling overseas demands a flexible and forgiving schedule, but one that also is rich and engaging for the whole family. Sonlight fit the bill for us.

— **Andie W** Raleigh, NC

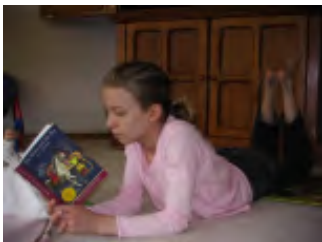
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As Christian Nestell Bovee states, "Example has more followers than reason. We unconsciously imitate what pleases us, and approximate to the characters we most admire." I know my children love history when they choose to actively imitate it. Sonlight allows my boys to "live" history through literature. You know history has soaked in when they continue to imitate it through art, play-acting, or the written word without any prompting from me! As part of our American History Core 3 experience, we stopped at the President's Park in Virginia. Upon seeing the famous Presidential desk, my boys begged to be photographed as the "First Kids" of America. Of course, my husband heartily obliged! My husband loves history, and father's can imitate too!

— **Andrea W** Huntingtown, MD

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Daisy especially enjoys the variety of adventures in the books we read with Sonlight. I LOVE all the helpful information the Sonlight team has already done for me! With two younger children, it has really saved me a lot of time and worry!

— **Angela W** Juneau, AK

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

— **Anne W** Zimbabwe

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

— **Ashley W** Saint Paul, MN

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After having used Sonlight for Kindergarten through 12th grade, my son is a critical thinker, can have a deep intelligent conversation with anyone, even with others whose beliefs do not line up with his. He knows what he believes and WHY! (Thank you Sonlight!) I'm thankful that my son used Sonlight's Understanding the Times curriculum in high school, and was able to learn and study different worldviews. We also used Sonlight's logic books, and he is VERY good at detecting baloney now! Want some more results? He received a FULL scholarship (as in FULL room, board, tuition and books, plus money every month) from a large public university. Here, nineteen-year-old Dustin poses for a Senior picture. He's used Sonlight Cores A through 530 in his twelve years of Sonlight.

— **Barbara W** Red Oak, TX

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What I love about this photo is the unscheduled nature of it--I walked into the living room to find Trevor kneeling next to the chair reading the book to his sister after coming home from eye surgery. It was a sweet moment for me to see the care and attention a brother can have for his sister during this time. I credit homeschooling and using Sonlight for hours upon hours of reading out loud {and cuddling on the couch as we do it} over the years. Sharing that family bond has been priceless to us. That day, it warmed my heart to see Trevor find comfort for his sister through books. From P3/4 thru Core E we have enjoyed countless hours of adventure and learning from our Sonlight books. I love how everything is laid out for me and we can dive in to learning! Thank you Sonlight!

— **Beth W** Berne, IN

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One of the things I love most about Sonlight is that my girls have truly developed a love for reading. 'Read another chapter!' they chant as we snuggle in bed at night to finish reading our Sonlight books as bed time stories. Secretly, I love it when they chant for another chapter — but don't tell them or we'll never go to sleep! Jessica (6) and Kylie (5) love Core A in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Bettye J. W**    Evansville, IN

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I am thankful to Sonlight for providing wonderful books, and for helping us cultivate the habit of reading aloud together as a family. The instructors guides are well laid out and make school a stress-free experience for me - my mom-in-law was even able to step in and continue teaching where I had left off when I was too unwell to teach one week. My boys love both History and Science and regularly ask for "just one more page". That in itself makes Sonlight a winning choice for our family.

— **Brigitte W**    South Africa

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After a few years of not using Sonlight, we are back this year and hooked for good! We are using Core 2 with all 3 boys and it has been a wonderful, life changing experience (no joke!). Every morning we have the joy and privilege of opening up "Window on the World" and praying for a different tribe, nation, or people group. This, combined with the core's other wonderfully rich literature, has caused our entire family to not only have a heart for the world, but to start considering missions to reach these people groups as well. The book is right: "When we pray, God works." Who knows, next year we may be taking Sonlight with us to a foreign country among one of the people groups mentioned! Thank you!

— **Candice W**    Clovis, CA

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Elyssa is experimenting with bubbles from the TOPS Cohesion/Adhesion book. Sonlight science has sparked Elyssa's passion for the subject and prepared my kids well for upper level science courses.

— **Cari W**    Fort Wayne, IN

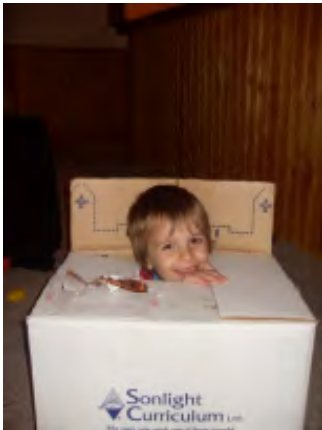
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We love the ease of use and portability of Sonlight, often taking books outside, in the car, or on trips. With other curriculums, we found learning tedious but Sonlight books are so engaging they draw in everyone who is near them. While Kayla enjoys her science book outside, even a cicada couldn't resist the urge to land on her finger and take a peek. Sonlight brings the everyday world around us to life yet also inspires my children to open their hearts and minds to the wider world beyond our door.

— **Carin W** Dahlonga, GA



My children were all excited about the growing pile of books on our kitchen table on box day, but Avery patiently waited until the box was empty so he could take it and climb into it. He is our special needs child (Autism) and he finds great comfort in tight spaces ... I was so pleased to see him finding comfort from a Sonlight Box! Our busy household, with a dad who travels a lot for work, doesn't give mom much time for prep, but Sonlight helps the whole family to look forward to school time! Avery has a full time tutor and she begs to have us read science and history when she is around so that she can listen in on the fun! :D Avery needs a lot of repetition before he catches on to certain things and this morning he began singing the Sing The Word song along with us during Bible K time! Thank you Sonlight for having a curriculum that can involve every one of my children and reach them in a way that they understand!

— **Caroline W** Canada



On June 10th 2010, we packed up some of our favorite Sonlight Books, with a bagged lunch and spent the day at the local Provincial Park. Colin was excited to find THE BEACH page in the Finding out About Everyday Things and quickly pointed out the Strand Line and took out his magnifying glass to examine the sand. We love Sonlight because it allows us to spend quality time with each other , using amazing books and little prep for mom so every moment counts! My special needs son has a full time tutor and she begs to have us read science and history when she is around so that she can listen in on the fun! :D

— **Caroline W** Canada



Literature-based learning brings history alive. We would never school without Sonlight to lead us through these exhilarating real life journeys. Not only do facts and figures stay in their minds, more importantly, the children get to 'experience' the past, being swept up in the story; they also reflect a higher level of comprehension towards everyday life, all due to 3-D learning. Active learning over dry book learning is one of the definite advantages of Sonlight learning. The W family has used Sonlight for more than 10 years and say Core F is what they've been waiting for! Here, Dad does PE with the kids, teaching Josiah (5), David (13) and Genevieve (12) the basics of sword fighting.

— **Catherine W** China



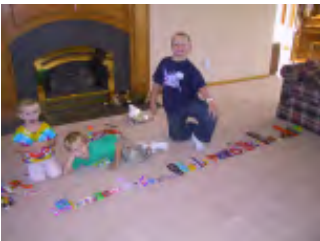
After reading through several Sonlight Cores, Lisa W. traveled with her family to Virginia's Jamestown Settlement to see that history come alive. "Not only did we learn about America's first permanent colony in Core 3, U.S. History," observes Lisa's mom, Cathy, "but we also found out of this settlement's importance in Core 7 in the context of world history." Lisa has studied Sonlight cores 1 through 7.

— **Cathy W** Onalaska, WA



Many of our home school group in Kobe, Japan, have used Sonlight for as long as 10 years. Sonlight science has brought a deeper appreciation of God's marvelous creation. We regularly meet and have activities for the kids. The Clausen, Flaherty, Frye, Kubota, Okerman, Seelen, Ward, and Watanabe families recently got to see up close and personal that "the heavens declare the glory of God." We went to the Nishi Harima Astronomical Observatory in Western Japan. It has the largest telescope in Japan and is one of the largest ones in the world through which the general public can view the stars. We received instructions from one of the staff on how to use a telescope, focusing on a distant object. Later that evening, it was awesome as the telescope's roof was opened and we viewed five different areas of the universe, including the planet Uranus, star clusters, a comet and stars 20-25 million light years away! Thank you, Sonlight, for providing us ex-pats with a quality education choice for our children. It gives us the flexibility to take field trips like this and see and do things we otherwise would not. Those of us with older children are able to help those with little ones make decisions on how and what to teach their children and some pitfalls to avoid. Sonlight makes it easier for us to do that by providing such a complete, well-rounded, God-centered curriculum.

— **Celeste W** Japan



The kids took their Halloween candy and made a bar graph with it! They were so excited to show me what they had done, I just had to take a picture of it! Horizons Math sure has shown them a lot. We love Sonlight and all that is included in it, like Horizons Math. I love that I can get all my curriculum at one website. We've used Sonlight from the beginning and I love it!

— **Charity W** Dorr, MI







Brook and I are enjoying the silly story entitled, "McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm." I am thrilled to see Brook enjoying reading. A few years ago I had her reading other more textbook like materials while I helped the older children with their school. That is until one day I overheard her saying "I hate reading." It was then that I eliminated those "boring" books and let her loose on Sonlight. She no longer hates reading. On the contrary, she now looks for Sonlight books to read and has self-initiated the reading of other Christian fiction series books. I have told people this is one of the reasons I am a continual Sonlighter. Being so busy as a mother of eight children I do not have time to put together a program of my own. I love the convenience of having Sonlight pick wonderful materials and prepare all I need to teach our children. This leaves more time for me to enjoy the time with my children. I will treasure this picture as a reminder of the transformation Sonlight has had in Brook's life. Thank you Sonlight.

— Cheryl W Moriarty, NM



James and JiL enjoy the science books that Sonlight offers. Selah, the youngest, loves to see the colorful pictures. As a mom I enjoy so much the times when she wants to sit on their laps and look at their school books. I also enjoy the fact that our older children enjoy sharing with the younger ones. Thank you Sonlight for providing such a rich assortment of materials that even a young one can enjoy. It keeps the spark alive. Selah still has this wonderful look we enjoyed with her bath picture I submitted. I am so blessed to be able to see her expressions of joy and interest continue.

— Cheryl W Moriarty, NM



Sometimes it is nice to take a book outside and read as a family. Tim enjoys reading to the children. The selection here is "Cheaper by the Dozen" and is enjoyed by all. We can laugh at some of the story as we understand the dynamics of having a large family. We have 8 children and each one has used Sonlight for their schooling. Each child has enjoyed the wonderful readers and read-alouds. We have seen the many benefits of reading to our children and are pleased that they initiate reading on their own. We have seen through the years that the quality of selections offered by Sonlight have made reading an enjoyable part of school for our children. Thank you Sonlight for making our school experience an enjoyable one!

— Cheryl W Moriarty, NM





Our favorite part of home school is when we can bring all of our Sonlight books outside to read in the backyard! These are the days we usually end up reading "just ONE more chapter - Please Mom?!" We couldn't put many of these books down - we have enjoyed our first year of homeschooling thanks to Sonlight!

— **Christin W** Farmington Hills, MI

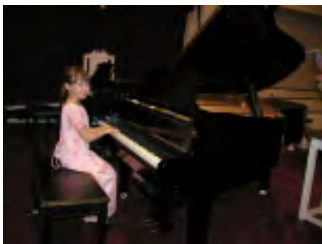
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One of our favorite places to hold school is in a park during the few perfect days Michigan offers us! It seems no matter what else is going on, no one stays away when mom starts to read from a good Sonlight book - especially science! On a number of occasions children other than our own would even come and join us because they didn't want to miss what we were reading about! Julianna is such a friend, and now they are looking at using Sonlight for next year also! I love how addicting learning can be with wonderful books - not to mention how well it helps us all remember what we've read throughout the year. Looking at the open book in the picture, Caleb still remembers learning that God gave the Zebra stripes for protection! Our favorite part of home school is when we can bring all of our Sonlight books outside to read in the backyard! These are the days we usually end up reading "just ONE more chapter - Please Mom?!" We couldn't put many of these books down - we have enjoyed our first year of homeschooling thanks to Sonlight! It was so wonderful and relaxing to start our first year of home school by not "GOING" to school; but, taking our Sonlight Core 1 Science experiments out to our backyard. This was actually my first year being very excited to start school. We have had a great experience with Sonlight, and already have Core 2 neatly waiting on our book shelf for this fall. OK, the actual truth is the children are already looking through the not-so-neat pile of books and beg to read them NOW! I even catch Abby (7) reading Hannah (4) some of her Core P4/5 we have planned for fall!

— **Christin W** Farmington Hills, MI

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Homeschooling with Sonlight allows the W family time to pursue other interests like playing Piano. Here is Melody just after a successful first Piano Recital. Melody participated in the first ever Homeschool Piano Group Class at the New School for Music Study. Her teacher mentioned that this homeschool class was one of the most enjoyable, especially since it seems each child is able to practice more frequently than other children who are in school all day.

— **Christina W** North Brunswick, NJ

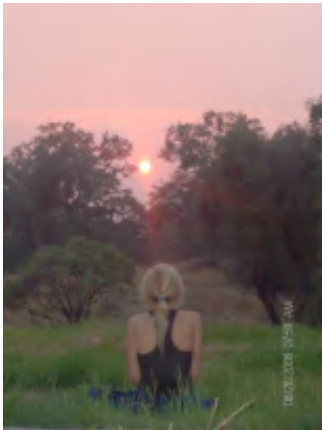
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By teaching my children to love to read, they will be equipped to be life-long learners. Thank you Sonlight for the fantastic selection of quality books, which always have great story lines and wonderful illustrations/photos/artwork. I have three crazy boys, yet despite their high-energy nature, they absolutely love to read! Baby J.J. already loves books and tries to get in on the reading whenever he can. Here, he sits with big brother Caleb (6). The W family is using Core A and Core C in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Christina W** Jber, AK

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Homeschooling gives us all a sense of wonder. The delight of watching the sun rise with nothing to do but adore God.

— **Christy W** Mariposa, CA

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"I love the great mix of learning activities Sonlight provides. We love going outside and getting our hands dirty, literally digging into learning," writes Cindy W of Berlin, WI. "We really look forward to doing our Science activity once a week for some hands-on exploring. Our family has been homeschooling for eight years, all of these with at least a Sonlight Core Package. Thank you for an all-around great program!"

— **Cindy W** Berlin, WI

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

— **Colleen W** Everson, WA

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Thank you, Sonlight, for providing a rich and gentle introduction to learning through literature. Sonlight allowed me to teach my older daughters while meeting my new baby's needs with tender flexibility. That same flexibility led us to read on blankets in the yard, curled up by the fire with cups of cocoa or even in our red wagon. Reading together has provided so many cozy moments for our growing family, stirred our imaginations, shaped our character and invited us into a culture of shared stories we'll never forget. Elise (7) and Sadie (5) are studying Core B, as Raina (3) and Hope (11 mos.) come along for the ride on the first-year Sonlight adventure.

— **Colleen W** Jackson, WY

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I was a public school teacher for 15 years, and my husband and I found our family on fast-forward--rarely getting to spend enough time with our girls. Here we sit on our front porch swing--smiling and having time to spend with each other. May we have many, many more days such as this one. We are blessed to have found Sonlight.

— **Dawn W** Bonner Springs, KS

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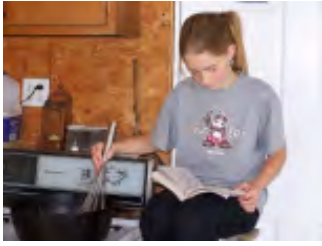
Our daughter, 10, loves the flexibility of homeschooling. Where else could she be surrounded by her pets while doing school? Here she's reading the Great Horn Spoon to her birds, mice and dog. We have found Sonlight's books a great way to enrich our kids' learning. They aren't just reading whatever's popular. Each book teaches them something new.

— **Deanna W** Farmington, MN

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Can I read my book while I stir the roux for you, dad? Megan W., of St. Rose, LA, helps to cook a roux (a flour & oil combination used to thicken Cajun dishes). Her book is just too engrossing, so she improvises by sitting on a ladder doing both! We are a family of read-a-holics, and we're doing Core 5 together as a family. My three children are getting older and I chose Sonlight because I wanted to reconnect with them, open the lines of communication, and spend quality time together. I have never been very adventurous in my homeschool choices, and we were plowing through workbook after workbook. MY husband and I finally said "Workbook after workbook? This is not why we homeschool." So I talked to friends and read about Sonlight, and ordered Core 5 in triplicate so everyone would have their own books to enjoy. Sonlight is exactly what we were looking for. We look forward to spending more great time together with Sonlight.

— **Deanne W** Saint Rose, LA



Last year (no Sonlight), doing school work was a daily battle. This year (with Sonlight) it's 'Dad, may we PLEASE go read in the creek?' For the first time, Holly is excited about learning and is actually retaining information. It is so awesome for her to tell friends and family about something she learned from Sonlight! My wife does most of the teaching, so when Holly asked me to read to her, it was a real treat. What a blessing Sonlight has been to our family. Nine-year-old Holly is getting ready to study Core D in her second year of Sonlight.

— **Diana W** Salisbury, NC



Niko W of Chino Hills, CA, was intently observing the actual mass of a corn and bean for his TOPS 39 of Corn and Bean project from Science 3. Both Niko and his little sister love Sonlight so much that they can't wait to do their lessons everyday. It amazes family and friends how much they could recall a lot of facts from Sonlight as they join in some discussions especially about the Bible, Science, History, and Geography. They also win on Spelling competitions and score very high on State Exams. My husband and I love how Sonlight helps them to excel not only academically and spiritually but also draws our family closer together. We thank God for leading us to Sonlight.

— **Dina W** Chino Hills, CA





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

— **Dusty W**    Canada



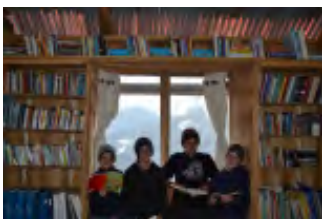
Sonlight has created a love of reading and exploring in all our kids, including our youngest who will just be starting to homeschool. Jadon (5) loves to build with the math manipulatives while he listens to the older kids learn their Bible verses and learn about various peoples and lands. We have been using Sonlight for over four years and we love the curriculum. Though Jadon is just starting Sonlight, he has been listening in to his older siblings' learning for years. Here, he builds a math manipulatives fort with Jonathan (7).

— **Ebunoluwa W**    Pataskala, OH



My family loves Sonlight because it gives us the flexibility to read memorable books anywhere. Dad can read before work, in the evenings and on family vacations.

— **Elizabeth W**    Clover, SC



A decade of learning! Thank you Sonlight for providing a great homeschool experience for the Wild family. Living in the jungles of Papua, Indonesia we have opportunities twice a year to visit a library. However, our years of choosing Sonlight has provided us with a library right at home. Not only have my boys listened to me read most of the books on these shelves but as they have gotten older, they have read those books again for themselves over and over.

— **Elizabeth W**    Niceville, FL





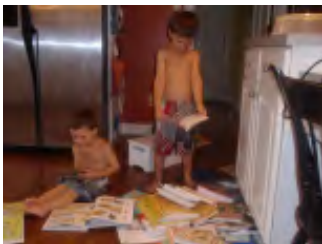
The kids are always quite impressed with the T-Rex in the main lobby of the museum. Sonlight adds great value to our lives. Homeschooling, like this enormous T-Rex dinosaur, looked very intimidating. It hasn't been as scary as I thought it would be since we found Sonlight. My education background is a Masters in Business Administration. I always thought that I had to have a degree in Education to homeschool my children. With Sonlight, I have all the resources and schedules that I need to thrive in homeschooling.

— **Elizabeth W**    Clover, SC



Experiencing Sonlight books together as a family has bonded us in a special way. The books have become old friends that we love to revisit. This photo was taken on a vacation day when I found my kids gathered around their older sister, listening to her read one of our favorites. My children are friends and they have these wonderful books in common. Sonlight has been true to its 'love to learn' guarantee. Katie (15), Lizzie (13), Abigail (11) and John (8) are studying Core 200, Core 100 and Core D in their eleventh year of Sonlight.

— **Ellen W**    Encinitas, CA



Because of how much they loved their Sonlight books from previous years, they knew that wonderful stories, adventures, and discoveries awaited them. I am so thankful to Sonlight for providing such wonderful books that keep even the most active boys captivated!

— **Emily W**    Batavia, IL





When we decided to go outdoors after breakfast, since it was a sunny day, Cara piped up: "Mommy, can we take the Nature Book outside?" At first I cringed at the thought of a Sonlight book being taken outside, but after giving it a second thought, I realized what she wanted to do, and agreed it was a great idea. The next hour was spent looking around the garden for flowers that were in the Usborne Complete First Book of Nature and piling them on the picnic blanket for closer inspection. They found buttercups, dandelions, strawberry blooms, pine blooms, and many more. Everyone joined in, picking flowers and running up to Cara asking "Is this one in the book?" We have homeschooled 2 years, and are finishing our first year of Sonlight. It has enriched our lives. I am finding myself teaching my children, through the books we read from Sonlight, values that are so important to my husband and I, but that I would otherwise not know how to, or have the tools to bring across. My children have loved each book we have read, and are always excited to start the next one. The books get them thinking about things - important things. And I like that. A lot!

— **Fabiana W**    Canada



Boring picture, right? It was taken 11 days after I had a mastectomy for breast cancer in May 2008. I was diagnosed with Ductal Carcinoma In Situ in early March 2008 via a needle biopsy. What a shock! Over the next three months, I felt like I was a videotape and someone else was in control--sometimes I was on fast forward, sometimes on slow motion. Actually, I know who was in control--God--and I praise Him for putting cancer in my life. The day of my diagnosis, unsure of what the future held, I turned to my husband and said "What a blessing it is to know that I have been living my life exactly as God intended. What a gift it has been to be able to be with the children. I'm glad I have no regrets of putting them in daycare or school. I thank God for the gift of homeschooling and the time I have been able to spend with them each day." Thank you, Sonlight, for giving me so many gifts during the past 6 years of homeschooling: introducing us to so many books, subjects, and ideas that we have shared. I was a bookworm as a child, and I am amazed at the wonderful books that I was unaware of! I am so grateful for the times our children and I have shared, times of laughter, tears, wonderment, and sorrow. Thank you for your Instructors Guides and for all of the planning and organization you have done. Thank you for your catalogue, for your website, for your forums. Thank you for supporting me and encouraging me, in good times and in challenging times. During the spring, with the endless doctors appointments, procedures, surgeries, and recovery, we slowed way down. We're just finishing up SL 4 right now the end of July, but we've enjoyed every page! During this time, we did subscribe to an on-line homeschool curriculum. The children and I found it frustrating. It couldn't recognize the individual levels of the children. Sometimes it moved to quickly, and other times too slowly. The social studies and science were dry and uninteresting. We're back to only Sonlight. Although this picture may be unexciting, it is a representation of the joy and gratefulness we all feel, at my recovery, our family, and our homeschooling. Another way of looking at it: Sonlight 4 for 1 year: \$500 Cancer Diagnosis & Surgery: \$10,000 Peace of Mind for Homeschooling: Priceless! Again, thank you Sonlight. I don't even care if you use our photo--I'm just happy to be able to say "Thank you, John and Sarita for your ministry and your curriculum!"

— **Gail Matthews W**    Rapid City, SD





I love the values, realistic schedules and ease that Sonlight offers homeschooling parents. The complete packages are a must-have for a stress-free learning experience that no other curriculum has to offer. Sonlight makes kids really think the way they were created to think and not give an expected, generated answer. Here, eight-year-old Sarah uses Sonlight Science to teach the family rooster about chickens. The five children of the W family are in their second year of Sonlight.

— **Glenda W** Palmer, AK



My daughter loves to read! Homeschooling with the Sonlight Curriculum has provided her with lots of books to enjoy, and time to enjoy them! The "I Can Read It" series really captured her attention. She anxiously looked forward to the conclusions of the stories read over multiple days. We enjoy schooling with Sonlight because it challenges her to excel, yet leaves plenty of free time for her to enjoy being a child.

— **Grace W** Elkton, MD



Eric is showing off his batch of salt dough, looking very pleased with himself. This is his last science activity in core K. Sonlight Science has really suited Eric as he loves to do the hands on experiments and activities from the book. Eric is our 4th child using Sonlight so we have had great value from our purchases! I love that we can re-use each program with the younger children. We started homeschooling our eldest with Sonlight about 9 years ago and we have never needed to look for anything else (except for Australian History of course). Sonlight fills our bookshelves with great books.

— **Heather W** Australia



Olivia had fun with hands-on learning about bubbles at our local Children's Museum. Loved Sonlight's binder and schedule keeping me on track. We loved the readers.

— **Heather W** Elgin, IL





Taking away a lot of the planning and allowing me to really focus on my children's growth is a reward worth enjoying. Being a military family with five children and one with special needs, our family values the Word of God. Quiet time is an important part of our homeschool style as it is the best way to start our day. Since we have to adapt to new environments and changes frequently, we have found Sonlight to be the best fit. In their second year with Sonlight, Haley (12, Core W) assists Gabriel (6, Core C) in finding answers to his questions.

— **Heather W**    Clarksville , TN

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Although I looked at Sonlight when I first started homeschooling, it seemed overwhelming to me & I ended up not using it. Now, 7 years later, we finished our first year with Sonlight thanks to recommendations of a number of friend! I couldn't be happier. I only wish that we had tried it sooner. Now my only struggle is how to get through all the cores we want to! It has been such a joy to watch our kids learn & discover together. They had a blast measuring wind speed together:). The smiles on their faces say it all!

— **Heidi W**    Canada

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Egyptian Survivor! Zadra and Leah had made Egyptian shadufs with their homeschool group. After returning home, they decided to take their shadufs outside and play. This scene is what I found when I came out to check on them. It was a real Egyptian Polly Pocket survivor! I thought it was very creative of them. They loved Sonlight's study on ancient Egypt. I love how Sonlight gets them excited about a subject to the point they want to learn more on their own! It makes my job so much easier.

— **Holly W**    Pueblo West, CO

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Clara grabbed one of her favortie new books, Then and Now, and climbed into her rocking chair in her room to read. Charlotte, curious and decided to climb up as well and check out the book. We have been so impressed with the choice of books that come in the Cores for preschoolers. This year, will be the first that we have had a scheduled IG to work from and it is so well laid out and complete. We are all very excited to start the new school year and so thankful to see my daughter learn. She tells me I am her "best teacher" and "I am so good because I am teaching her to read and write." No way I'd give that up!

— **Holly W**    Callahan, FL

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I chose Core D+E for my son's fifth grade education because I wanted him to get a firm foundation of American history before learning about the rest of the world. I was hesitant to start homeschooling again after a failed attempt, so I asked my sister who has homeschooled for 20 years what to do, and she told me about Sonlight. She knew that Caleb is a very strong reader and felt it would appeal to him because of the Readers and the way it incorporates history so strongly into the curriculum. He has found it challenging, exciting and enjoyable! Caleb (10) here reads poetry to baby sister Charity

— **James W**    Sibley, LA



We were hesitant to try homeschooling, but once we heard of Sonlight's money-back guarantee, we figured there was nothing to lose. It has since won us over and given us confidence to teach our children. We're now growing, learning verses, establishing a biblical worldview and tackling some harder issues – TOGETHER. I love that it's me and my husband doing all those things with them, soaking up our short time together, all in the same home. Sonlight was just what this mama wanted! Curious kids Toby (5, Core A) Marcus (2) and Jack (3) enjoy a Curious George storytime with Dad.

— **James W**    Sherwood, OR



Luke, Alyssa, and Holly sometimes like reading in the hot tub for a few minutes. On a really chilly fall or winter day, it is nice to warm up in the hot tub. It helps us get all cozy and get ready to read all of our other Sonlight read alouds and history! We love the Sonlight curriculum and thoroughly enjoy reading together! I asked the children what they enjoyed most about homeschooling, and they love the read alouds together. Sonlight, thanks for making my children lovers of reading!

— **Jana W**    Greenwood, IN





We're entering our fourth year with Sonlight, and my boys love learning together more and more. 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.

— **Janet W** Fairview, TN

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Since we began using Sonlight, my children have enjoyed reading books together. They are not only reading together, but they are growing together and developing many fond memories. It is great to see my children bloom while learning about history. Our family has homeschooled for 8 years. Last year, we used Sonlight and absolutely loved it. I have used various curricula during the past 8 years but have never been so convicted in using one curriculum as I am now about Sonlight. I praise God for pointing us to Sonlight. I plan to use Sonlight for all of my children until they graduate.

— **Janie W** Florence, AL

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For a little girl who once had a dinosaur themed birthday party, it wasn't any surprise that Gracie dove straight for the "Dry Bones and Other Fossils" science book on Box Day! This is our first year homeschooling, so I was really nervous about finding the right curriculum. I feel like a huge weight has been lifted off of my shoulders now that I have read through the Instructor's Guide. I have truly never seen her so excited about learning!

— **Jay W** Enterprise, AL

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Erynn is checking out the Greek Myths book from her upcoming new core while relaxing on her bed. Sonlight is portable; you can take it or do it anywhere - at a table, on the bed, outside... The opportunity to study other ideas and beliefs gives us a chance to talk about the choices we each make and to look at the frame of other ideas and see if/where it breaks down.

— **Jd W** Raleigh, NC

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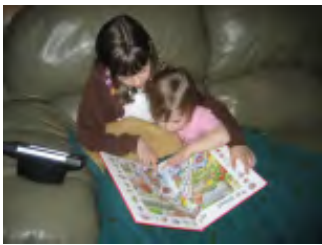






Katie was a very reluctant reader. In third grade, she was just starting to feel confident at reading. When she started the Readers 2 Int, she really enjoyed them and took off reading. The books got much more challenging after the first few and I was concerned about how she would do but she loved it. She can't wait to read them. In this picture, she couldn't wait until after breakfast to get to the next chapter in *The Secret Valley*. Sonlight has really enriched our homeschool experience. We had the basics - language arts and math but we were struggling with history and science and had no readers or read alouds except for random books from the library. I looked into Sonlight for readers and discovered the cores. The core filled in what we were missing. Unfortunately, core 1 was not a good fit for my 1st grade daughter. I bought P4/5 for her and my PreK son. They love it and my 3rd grade daughter listens, too. I told her she doesn't have to listen she can get started on her independent work but she said she doesn't want to miss the stories. She loves stories. The two cores were going so well that I looked into Sonlight science. Now all three are doing Science 1 together. I can't wait to start P3/4 with my 2 year old daughter when she turns 3 next fall. What do I dislike? Some days are so short in one book or subject. I'm thinking of combining science into two reading days and one experiment day. Occasionally, a Core 1 day will be especially long or short compared to other days. As of right now, I don't see that Sonlight LA is better than what I already have pieced together from multiple sources. I had an all in one LA program before and it didn't work to have the reading and the writing in the same program since my kids were much better readers than writers. I'm sure I'll reevaluate as the years go on and I may yet try Sonlight LA. Probably the thing I dislike the most is the *Beginner's Bible* as a reader in Readers 2. My children love the book but as a reader it is no fun. We finally bagged it after 12 weeks.

— **Jeannine W**   Pinehurst, NC



After I read *First Thousand Words* to their sister and brother that morning, Katie and Rebecca couldn't resist reading it themselves. They were both enjoying finding the different things on the page. Sonlight has added so much to our school day. We had all the basics, but we were missing something. Now I know what we were missing -- our "core." Now on weeks when we do less, we always keep our core. It just wouldn't feel the same without it. It's so much fun it hardly seems like school work. The children love the stories. They also love their readers. It's the first independent thing they choose to do each day. Christopher was so excited when I finally ordered "his" readers. We enjoyed doing both Core P4/5 and Core 1 so much that we added in Science 1. Next year we will be doing 3 cores. I just didn't feel right leaving my two year old out when there was a core she could do, too. She was so excited when her books came and mad as could be when I finally put them up until fall when she'll be 3.

— **Jeannine W**   Pinehurst, NC





We love Sonlight for the flexibility it allows our family, literature reading is loved by all of us in the family, and we love how helpful the staff is at Sonlight. Love to see my child take the initiative because she loves learning and doing it where ever. They offer lots of helpful suggestions and encouragement. In addition, the instructor guides are full of great teaching tips. So blessed to have found Sonlight when we made the decision to homeschool.

— **Jennie W** Benton , KY

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With Sonlight, stories seem to come to life. When I ask the girls to grab Living Long Ago or other Sonlight books, they run to the cabinet with excitement! This is truly the way I wish I'd been taught. The deep discussions are priceless and help foster lasting bonds. This was Julia's second year doing Core A so her sister could catch up and they can learn together. On the first day when I said, 'Get your Bible,' she shouted joyfully to her little sister, 'You're going to LOVE this Bible!' and then she gave it a kiss. It would take wild horses to make me leave Sonlight. Sporting their handcrafted Ancient Egyptian collars, Jaquelin (4) and Julia (7) can hardly wait to visit the next country.

— **Jennifer W** Bradenton, FL

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We have seen the truth of Sonlight's claim that children learn history better when they learn it in the form of a story. Because of Sonlight's Readers and Read-Alouds, our kids have a better grasp and wider knowledge base of historical events at the end of middle school than their parents did at the end of college (due to our [non-Sonlight] textbook-style memorization of facts – facts that were soon forgotten or muddled because they weren't part of a story). Vashti (14) mentioned that some of her friends hate studying history. She said, 'If only they could learn history the Sonlight way, they'd love it like I do!' In her eighth year of Sonlight, Vashti devours a biography from Core H that brings the Iron Curtain era to life.

— **Jennifer W** Richardson, TX

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Sonlight provides plenty of 'doing' activities that capture the attention of my little ones. As parents of three young boys, the more hands-on action the better! The preplanned, easy-to-understand lesson plans capture the boys' attention, keep them interested in learning and have them begging for more. I'm continually amazed at how much our 5-year-old is learning. We especially enjoy the Science experiments. Here we've made a 'tornado' out of two soda bottles. Eli (5) is studying Core A in his first year of Sonlight. Dad, Jet (1), and Bram (3) enjoy storm-making, too!

— **Jeremy W** Jacksonville, IL

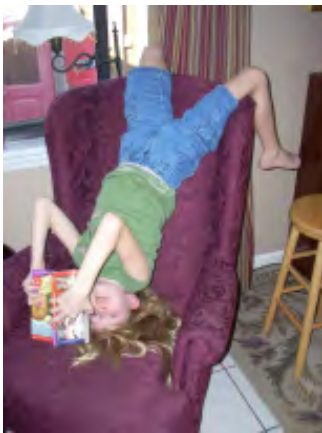
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Before finding Sonlight, I was a panicked mom, praying I'd find a curriculum that wouldn't cause a daily battle between mother and children. Now my boys can't hide their excitement about starting school! Their enthusiasm is an answer to many prayers.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

— **Jessica W**    Miamisburg, OH



The book was two-sides, so why should she read it in a conventional way? A good book deserves a creative way of reading it. The 3rd Grade Detectives would have been proud of Sarah's creativity! Sonlight readers are the reason we chose Sonlight in the first place. We love the "real literature" that is handpicked for us. Although my daughter and son walk away from each book with a different thought-being different as they are-they are both learning from great literature AND being exposed to culture and other worldviews in a gentle way.

— **Jill W**    Jupiter, FL



Six year old Micah W. of Keller, TX noticed that his cereal flake was the shape of Africa and decided to make a map of the continents in his cereal bowl. And this was before school officially started!

— **Julie W**    Keller, TX



After reading The Boxcar Children, Samuel 5, Keller, TX decided to read the 19 volume original Boxcar Series on his own! Thanks, Sonlight you can add one more voracious reader to your credits!

— **Julie W**    Keller, TX





Thanks to Sonlight and homeschooling, our boys are each others best friends and love having fun together. We regularly catch them reading together long after lights out! All of them have loved the books and it is really wonderful seeing the books being read again, again, and again!

— **Karen W** South Africa

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The best part of homeschooling - the world is your classroom! Learning outdoors is our favorite place to learn. I was so overwhelmed at the thought of Homeschooling this year but Sonlight has made the process painless for us. It was an excellent for a first-time-homeschooling family like us. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Katie W** North Hills, CA

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Parenting At It's Best After serving for five years with the Sonlight homeschool curriculum, I really can feel the benefits of this program. Sonlight's many books inspired me and I personally feel a real change in every aspect of my life (my way of thinking, how I act and my response to real life of situations). Sonlight has become part of my life. Through Sonlight, I realize how important we as parents are to be able to make time to guide, direct and assist in the formation of our children character, thus, becoming children of light who are blessed and are blessing. Homeschooling for many parents may be perceived as a difficult thing and requires a greater sacrifice, but actually a homeschooler is a gift of GOD, because the actual duties of parent, or mother in particular, is to educate her children with love and diligence so that they can someday stand before their family, state and nation and be proud of who they are. I am very grateful to be able to respond to the divine call because like people who plant the seeds, this time I could already feel the seed has grown into a beautiful small tree. Even many of those around us admire my little tree when he is gathered around his peers , they notice his mature way of thinking and how he can distinguish between good and bad, as if he has a radar that can show him what to do. Though he is still a child, he is well behaved and respectful. The way he thinks, he is far ahead of his peers, and in certain lessons he is far more mature. Through this Sonlight homeschooling, he has more of a loving nature, sees things more beautiful, and is very thirsty for knowledge. Visible in the photo, you'll see how my child is so attentive when we discuss each lesson, and Sonlight lessons are so interesting, so when we have to pass more than a day because of holiday, we can't wait for the excitement of starting a new lesson.

— **Kevin W** Knoxville, TN

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Andy, Chris, Brian and Julianna are taking advantage of the beautiful weather here in Colorado to do some of their reading outside. Pretty soon the snowflakes will fly! Five years ago when we decided to homeschool, we were very tentative about choosing a curriculum. Our children were not big readers and definitely were not excited about school. The Sonlight curriculum has been a blessing - it instilled a love of reading, research and adventure in our children. Also, the organization and flexibility of the Sonlight curriculum is the perfect fit for our family as we have a family business that the children work in part time. When not working we love to travel and experience new cultures. Sonlight is so easy to pack up and take along. We've enjoyed many read aloud books on the beach, in the mountains, on a boat, in the car, anywhere there is a light.

— **Kim W**    Castle Rock, CO

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Studying the exoskeleton of insects, we couldn't stop giggling about the "bees knees" under the microscope. It wasn't in our lesson plan for the day but we found it on the deck and couldn't pass up the opportunity. That's what we love most about homeschooling!

— **Krista W**    Knoxville, TN

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Thank you Sonlight for helping our son regain the love of reading and getting us closer to God. 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.

— **Kristian W**    Rockwall, TX

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After getting absorbed in the Usborne Complete First Book of Nature in the morning, reading about the difference between butterflies and moths, we wandered outside to play and found this creature being buffeted by the wind. Aidan was able to determine it was a butterfly immediately (it's wings are folded up) and the morning's lesson became permanently solidified in his mind. Sonlight's curriculum brings the world alive for my children Aidan, age 5 and Madeleine age 2 - who comes along for the ride. We love Sonlight's choice of books - Aidan always begs me to keep reading. It's instilled him with such a love for reading and learning. Thanks so much.

— **Kristin W** North Andover, MA

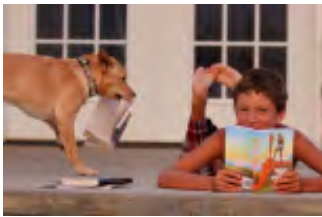
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Those around us notice my son's mature way of thinking and how he can distinguish between good and bad. Through Sonlight homeschooling, he has more of a loving nature, sees things more beautifully and is very thirsty for knowledge. Visible in this photo, you'll see how he is so attentive when we discuss each lesson. Sonlight lessons are so interesting, when we have to skip more than a day because of a holiday, we can't wait for the excitement of starting a new lesson. Ten-year-old Kevin is now in his fifth year of Sonlight.

— **Kristin W** Knoxville, TN

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Our puppy, Faith, obviously needs some more discipline! :) She crept up on Isaac as I was taking a picture and caught him unaware. Isaac thought it was quite funny. Johnny Tremain now has some teeth marks and drool on it, but it is still legible! :) Sonlight has been an amazing discovery for our family. It has allowed our kids to bond even though there is a huge age difference between all four of them. We all focused on US History together and enjoyed some of the same read alouds. It was very refreshing and encouraging to see the kids discuss the same things they were learning even though they were at different levels academically.

— **Kristin W** Chelan, WA

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The wonderful thing about Sonlight is that it is so rich in literature. There is a focus on reading, so school can be done in a myriad of locations. My boys continue to love to read even in the summer and chose Sonlight books to read all over again. I appreciate the fact that Sonlight has researched and chosen such quality literature. There have been books we've read that I would never have picked up on my own such as Peace Child (Sonlight 100) or The Witch at Blackbird Pond (Sonlight 3). I've thoroughly enjoyed reading to my children this year. Thank you, Sonlight!!

— **Kristin W** Chelan, WA



Ethan loves to read! He obviously found something very funny while reading this book found in the Sonlight 3 curriculum that was intended for his big brother.

— **Kristin W** Chelan, WA



Faith, our new puppy, wants to be everywhere the boys are, including when they are doing school work. Ethan was delighted when Faith came up and tried to read "Tolliver's Secret" with him. Sonlight has been a lifestyle change for our family as we can now incorporate all of our children together when learning. Our six year old is quite advanced so he is able to read many of the books our nine year old is, so we are blessed to have found Sonlight that allows us to do this. Their favorite books this past year were Johnny Tremain & Carry On, Mr. Bowditch. We are looking forward to the arrival of our new year of Sonlight and have "faith" that our kids & Faith will enjoy the new year to come!

— **Kristin W** Chelan, WA





Upon a friend's recommendation we decided to order the Pre-K curriculum to give homeschooling a try. The girls were very little at the time. Madeline was only 3-years-old and Annalise was not even 2-years-old. Even though they were little, we began to incorporate reading times into our daily routine. At first, they were small 10-minute chunks of time. Soon, the girls began to expect it and looked forward to our quality time together. They would cheerfully run to the shelves to pick out their books. The Usborne books quickly became their favorites. Madeline loved to read about the cookie baker in "What People Do" and Annalise loved to search for the hidden little yellow ducks in the "First Thousand Word book." In this photo, we had just finished our after-lunch reading time. The girls were enjoying their books so much that when I got off the couch, the girls, who had been leaning on me, fell towards the center of the couch and kept on reading for 20 more minutes. The girls have learned to love books and I really love the quality time that our "reading time" provides. I often catch them "reading" and reciting stories to themselves. Now, the girls are two years older, ages 5 and 3, and we are still reading the books from the Pre-K curriculum during our reading times. I am so thrilled with the quality of the literature my girls have been exposed to. I have really appreciated having good literature in my home at all times. I always had something to choose from. During the busy and exhausting pre-school years, it was one less thing I had to figure out. Sonlight did the work for me! These books will always be treasured in our home. And, we still haven't finished all the stories. As the girls have gotten older, they are able to enjoy the longer fairy tales and understand the morals in the Children's Book of Virtues. And, as Madeline gets older, I hope that she will be able to read these books to our younger children as well. I have never regretted the investment.

— **Kristina W** Orlando, FL



The Sonlight Core programs have made homeschooling multiple grades manageable and affordable. The Instructor's Guides are AMAZING! They have given me the tools and confidence to educate my children and time to enjoy my family. We are a military family, so multiple moves have meant multiple schools. Finding Sonlight has been a major blessing. Our children love having time together to learn. The enthusiasm they have for homeschooling and the bond we're growing as a family are beyond our dreams! Here, even Emmy the dog is captivated by a chapter from Om-kas-toe. In their first year of homeschooling, Maxwell (11), Lily (9) and Maggie (5) are studying Core D+E, Grade 3 Readers with Language Arts, and Grade K Readers with Language Arts. — Laura W • Columbia, SC — Aug. 2012

— **Laura W** Columbia, SC







"I'll never stop reading." Cricket was so excited to see the bronze statue girl reading to the younger girl. She ran to the "girls" to see the book and sat down to be a part of their story. The Sonlight books add deeper understanding to the cultures around the world. Because the books take place in the countries we are studying we have an understanding of the unique values, religions, and family life for each region of the world. Our entire families' geography knowledge increases dramatically with each book we read. Even our 8 years old is developing a Christian world view. The Eastern Hemisphere Explorer was too difficult for an 8 year old; our 12 year old is doing it. This was the only part of Sonlight we have not enjoyed in the past 3 years.

— **Leslie W** Statham, GA



Our Sonlight studies have really nurtured a love of learning and reading. As the teacher, I love the ease of preparation Sonlight offers. We chose the Horizons math option. I love how it introduces a topic, offers practice on that topic, backs away from it and then brings it back in later lessons for reinforcement. The kids love to help each other with school. In this photo, Silas (7, Core B+C) takes a break from his Horizons math to check his sister Savannah's (4) math work.

— **Lindsey W** Wilmington, NC



My oldest two sons did Core 5 this past year and it was the best year yet, with Sonlight. The books were excellent. My boys loved Eastern Hemisphere Explorer and both said there should be a Western Hemisphere Explorer. It was so fun studying cultures that you normally don't hear about or are in most history books. Core 5 made these cultures come alive for us in a new and fun way. We like how we can be flexible with Sonlight and make history come alive through whole books. Core 5 was our best core! Thank you Sonlight for a great year of homeschooling.

— **Lisa W** Minnesota City, MN



We have homeschooled nine years, all with Sonlight. One of the best parts has been that our family could read great literature together. As a result, we have bookcases filled with books, and we often share memories about those books. Now that Sarah is older, we don't read books aloud as much. But using Sonlight, we still share memories together. This year, we decided to hold a science co-op at our house, using Apologia Biology, a science curriculum offered through Sonlight. Having a group of teens at your house for biology labs can be exciting and memorable. Here, 14-year-old Sarah gets hands-on experience as she dissects a worm with the supplies provided in Science 250.

— **Lisa W** Ithaca, NY





Our favorite reason for using Sonlight is that the books bring history and science to life for our kids. Here, Levi is proudly showing off his radish plants for the Tops Green Thumb Radishes experiment. Each day of the experiment, he eagerly checked his plants and begged to do science first. Sonlight has instilled a love for learning in our family. Levi (9) is using Core D in his fourth year of Sonlight. His older brother Joshua (15) is studying Core 300, and their sister Sarah (20) is a homeschool graduate. She used Sonlight for 6 years and now recommends Sonlight to other homeschoolers.

— **Lisa W**    Roanoke, VA

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This is a typical school day. We pack up our Sonlight books and head outdoors. My two girls are nature lovers and prefer to be out as much as possible. Sonlight makes that possible. We all get very excited when it's time for our new books, we can't wait to see what adventures we'll follow each time. The children love the wonderful stories, I love that I can teach with ease. We are so blessed to have found Sonlight. It weaves God, family, and learning into a beautiful tapestry! Thank you Sonlight.

— **Lynn W**    Douglass, KS

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Ever since the beginning of us using Sonlight, Parker has 'played' the history we have studied that day. It is fun to see him continue to 'act out' the history. You know as a parent that the children 'get it' when they can go out and create it. This form of play has always taken the place of the need or thought of having to create my own 'hands on' stuff. He does it all on his own! Last year we had a full size Mongolian Ger (Yurt) in the back. It was BEAUTIFUL! Now I have Roman Gladiators and Roman Soldiers in my back yard! It is those living books!

— **Lynn J. W**    Aurora, OR

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We have loved every single Sonlight book we have read. If I dare to read to Helena and Ella in front of my husband, without fail, he always says, "Don't read anymore of that book without me." Helena and Ella especially love the books when daddy is doing the reading! He is out of town now for five days and we can't read anymore of Robin Hood until he gets back!

— **Lynnea W**    Reston, VA

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What I appreciate most about the Sonlight Curriculum is it's ability to be used with children of multiple ages. It is so rewarding to see my older son not only understand the material, but also be able to teach it to his younger sister. They have fun "playing school" and love learning!

— **Mary W** Montevideo, MN

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Katie got so engrossed in one of her books that she balanced on top of that step-stool for over an hour reading! Each year, Katy likes to take her last year's curriculum down, put in on another shelf and then load her school shelf with the new curriculum. This year she was doing that and stopped to look at one of her new books. I just love how Sonlight has fostered her love of reading and really made it a passion for her. In her fourth year of Sonlight, 13-year-old Katy studies Core G as younger siblings use Core D+E and Core A.

— **Maureen W** Olathe, KS

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Rebecca has just begun to really enjoy reading herself. It was difficult at first, but this picture really shows she loves reading now! Here she is reading "The Cat in the Hat" and our cat, Oliver, decided to come and join us on the couch. Rebecca thought it was great fun to read the story to Oliver. It is amazing to see her growth, not just in her ability to read, but understanding more and more the world around her. Sonlight has certainly played a big part in that with the wonderful selection of books which open up a great big world in our own little house.

— **Mechelle W** Auburn, WA

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As a first year homeschool mom I was looking for a curriculum that walked me step by step through each day. There are many reasons my husband and I feel called to homeschool our children, including our desire to spend more time with them, provide them with a quality Christian education, and meet my son's medical needs while still giving him a first rate education. Sonlight's great literature-based curriculum and well-laid-out plans have given me the courage to begin this journey. As a close-knit extended family, Megan's children love to learn together with their cousins from the S family. In this picture, Audriana S (6, Core D), Clayton S (5, Pre-Kindergarten Full-Grade Package) and their mom Ryann, together with Haylee W (5, Core A) and Keaton W (6, Core A) learn in a local park.

— **Megan W** Bourbonnais, IL

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My 9-year-old, Nika, loves All About Spelling because it is self-paced and she can zoom ahead. Christian (7) just moves too much to sit still and write. His handwriting wasn't something he really cared about. With All About Spelling he can focus on the phonograms and leave the focused writing for Handwriting and Language Arts. In their fourth year of homeschooling, Christian and Nika share Core D+E. In this photo, Christian is so proud of himself for using the phonogram tiles to spell his own word.

— **Meghan W** Salem, OR

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

— **Melanie W** Dallas, TX

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We love using Sonlight. While each of our children are at different places in life, they all love the read alouds for all ages. Here, we are reading one of Isaac's Kindergarten read alouds and everyone wants to listen and be a part! The incredible literature that we enjoy from Sonlight truly does bring us close as a family. Whether we are at home, or at our lake cabin, no one wants to take a break from the rich stories. Even neighbor kids will gather around to listen as we all read and discuss. I am so thankful for Sonlight. I taught High School Literature before having children, and I couldn't pick better compilations of literature than Sonlight has to offer. It is comprehensive and takes the guesswork and labor out of picking a curriculum. Once I looked at a Sonlight catalogue, I knew I wouldn't have to look any further!

— **Melanie W** Vancouver, WA

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Sonlight teaches children about missions by having them read inspiring stories. Growing up as an MK in Africa, I was attracted to Sonlight because of its strong emphasis on missions. I was so excited when Simon and I were doing geography and we read about one of the people groups that I grew up with. Simon was thrilled when I was able to show him an authentic Tuareg knife. What a wonderful way to bridge the gap between my childhood overseas and his schoolwork.

— **Melissa W** Chicago, IL

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Sonlight has made homeschool understandable and organized, as we're set free to enjoy time together playing and enjoying the fruit of our school work, instead of spending time trying to manage details and figure out what to do next!

— **Michael W** Anchorage, AK



Sonlight reenforces the values we have for our children. If we could give our kids one gift besides knowing God, it would be the love of learning and reading. Sonlight gives us both of these. We often find our boys reading extra books even after their homeschool work is done. They can't get enough. In their fourth year of Sonlight, Samuel (10), Ian (8) and Zach (5) re-read a favorite from Core B. The two older boys are studying Core D this year.

— **Michael W** Winston Salem, NC



Even I have become an avid student of history since using Sonlight. We LOVE the Sonlight approach to education! It is truly a lifestyle of learning.

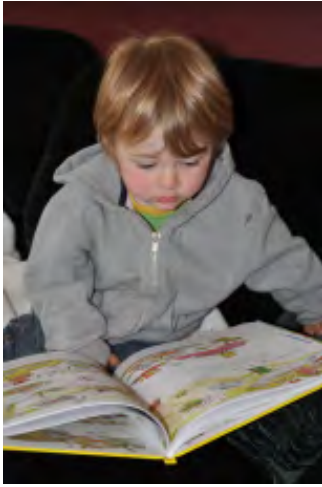
— **Michelle W** Oroville, CA



"Can we snuggle while we do my history?" is Abby's frequent request. Usborne's Time Traveler and Book of World History opened Abby's eyes to the excitement of ancient history. She especially liked reading about ancient China, since she was adopted from China at the age of 10 months. This summer Abby told me she missed doing school most because she missed snuggling on the couch to read her history and read-alouds.

— **Michelle W** Pasadena, MD





I am looking forward to years of school to come, full of good books and snuggles as we enjoy learning together! Thank you Sonlight! Looking through your magazine fills me with anticipation and excitement for the homeschooling adventure.

— **Nicole W**    Canada



Hannah Joy (6) and Caleb (5) of India love to read Sonlight books! Here they're reading about knights and princesses. They love to reenact what they read, playing with their younger brother and sister as well. Hannah's dolly is also being added into the story! We love Sonlight because of the world view it brings to schooling. Living in India, but being American citizens, I love the variety in learning Sonlight gives our family. Our children LOVE learning and LOVE school. They beg for it on Saturdays and Sundays too! The Indian educational system is very different, mostly learning by rote and Indian children dislike school. Our children are a stark contrast to most in our society! The only thing I don't like about Sonlight is that our Indian friends can't afford to use it! Many of them are opening up to the idea of homeschooling, but American editions of books are too expensive. Micah, Caleb and Hannah Joy of India listen to a Dr. Seuss bedtime story. Sonlight has been such a blessing to us as we are missionaries in India. I want the children to have a real mix between Indian and American culture. Sonlight gives us a world view. My children love naptime and bedtime as we read book after book, missionary biographies and Bible stories. Our children have learned to love each other more and there is a bonding that happens when we read and discuss stories together! We love Sonlight! We love Sonlight because it allows for dads to get totally involved in the education of the children. Whether it be reading a book after work on the couch, or taking the kids out on a day off, fathers can be a part of the schooling!

— **Nicole W**    Sun Valley, CA



The kids love Sonlight's EHE program! They love that they can play on the computer, learning all the while, and can choose their own fun and engaging project. Here Caleb is erupting the volcano he created for his EHE project while his little brother sits amazed. They loved it! They did it again and again running in and out of the house. The only thing that stopped them was when they ran out of Baking Soda. Thank you Sonlight for creating such a fun and engaging program!

— **Paula W**    Minneapolis, MN





Christ is the heart of our family, and Sonlight is the heart of our homeschooling. When friends ask about the challenges of homeschooling, I tell them, 'God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called.' And Sonlight helps us feel equipped daily. After using the Core programs almost five years, we know we're getting the highest-quality, Christ-centered materials. We have more time to explore creation and have conversations. Our children are constantly engaged, and we see them becoming strong, independent learners – children after God's own heart. It's a priceless feeling to know that they will be perfectly prepared for whatever may come. Here, Liliana (10), Leila (6), Amelia (4) and William (2) care for mockingbirds fallen from the nest. They are studying Cores A, B and E.

— **Ramona W**    Hattiesburg , MS

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We love the studies and hands on activities that Sonlight suggests through the courses. One of our favorite studies this past year was on butterflies and caterpillars. We went to butterfly parks and even got to raise our own. Savannah and Andrew loved seeing the caterpillars change into these beautiful painted lady butterflies. What an amazing experience for them! We are so thankful for the opportunities that homeschooling through Sonlight provides!

— **Rebecca W**    Caldwell , ID

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Boys will be boys! My boys, Presely (5) and Powell (2) love to be outdoors. We live in the Las Vegas heat so any day that they can enjoy being outside on their swing set is a real treat. On this particular day, Presley and Powell are reading two of their favorite books that happened to be featured in the Pre-K program. This will be our first year homeschooling and we are so excited to start the year off right with the Sonlight Core-K curriculum. As a working mother and first-time homeschooler, I appreciate that Sonlight is a well-rounded curriculum with no lesson planning. With all the guesswork taken out of the mix I can focus on what is most important: the quality time I will spend learning and having fun with my boys. Thanks Sonlight!!!

— **Robin W**    Las Vegas, NV

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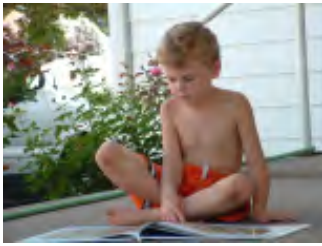
These three love to explore their books outside of what is required for the lessons. Our two sons have paved the way well for our daughter. And notice the video game controller (being unused!) We love that Sonlight is adjustable for different ages. It sure makes teaching different ages simultaneously a lot easier!

— **Robin W** Cottage Grove, TN



This photo was taken on a Saturday afternoon, when Lily was free to choose whatever activity she wanted. But instead of electronic entertainment that you would expect a teen to choose, she chose to read a school book. Sonlight. It's that good. This is our family's tenth year homeschooling with Sonlight. We wouldn't want to do it any other way. This year Caleb (15) is using Core 100, Lily (13) studies Core H, Judy and Hoyt (ages 9 and 7) use Core C and Belle (5) explores Core P4/5.

— **Robin E. W** Yuma, AZ



When I sent Cole outside to play during his sisters' nap time, I was surprised when he asked to take a school book with him. At five years old, Cole is a typical boy, rambunctious and rowdy, with little time for reading. I have always been an avid reader, and, of course desired the same for my children, so I was thrilled to catch him using his free play time to read. With all of the wonderful books we received in our Core K from Sonlight, Cole has been reading regularly, using the words and pictures to increase his already vivid imagination, and learning new things every day. He loves to page through each book, reading the ones he can, and he is continually coming to show me things and explain them to me. We are thrilled to have him so suddenly interested in books, and grateful that God led us to Sonlight. It's the way we want to homeschool!

— **S W** Williamsport, PA

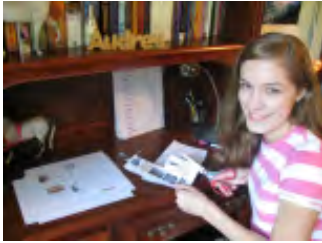


Ryan has been a fantastic reader thanks to the non-threatening way Sonlight readers encourage as well as challenge beginning readers in core K and 1. Ryan loves to read and Sonlight books top out the list of favorites. Here Ryan is sharing his love of reading with our dog Phantom. We haven't gotten Phantom's review of that book yet though!

— **Sally W** Fulton, MO







Upon completion of Core 200 in 10th grade, Audrey W. then embarked on a final project. Using the Sonlight timeline images as well as art images portraying various significant events, she created a timeline of church history. Of the favorite volumes on the bookshelf above Audrey's desk, several are either Sonlight readers, read-alouds or sequels to those selections. Even through the high school years, we are finding the Sonlight literature selections to be the ones that feed our souls as well as our minds. The only thing that I have disliked about Sonlight is that - because we are doing multiple cores - I no longer have the time to read each and every book for my own pleasure! On the other hand, we are incorporating ALL SL readers and read-alouds into our family library. Perhaps, in the distant future when we are empty-nesters, I will have the time (and mental energy!) to indulge myself with the riches of our stores!

— **Sally W**    Hendersonville, NC

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Amanda can't take time out from holding her sister to do math, so she does both! Amanda loves Horizons math almost as much as she loves her baby sister.

— **Sarah W**    Naperville, IL

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Sonlight changed our homeschool experience from one of stress and tears at math time to happy smiling faces. From "I'm not good at math" to "I love math!" Thank you Sonlight for everything you provide in addition to your Core curriculum!

— **Sharon W**    Puyallup, WA

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We love the fact that Sonlight gives us an Instructor's Guide, which leaves us free to teach rather than spending every spare moment planning!

— **Sheila W**    United Kingdom

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Sonlight has brought history to life for all our children, but more importantly, has made school a bonding experience. My favorite memories with Ashley (now 16) were our Sonlight years, all the shared stories and conversations. We never had that kind of bonding prior to Sonlight, school used to be a chore.

— **Shelly W** Tilton, NH

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My 15-year-old always hated reading, until we switched to Sonlight three years ago. Now she enjoys it! I always thought that there was too much reading in Sonlight and had stayed away from using it. I wish I had given it a try 13 years ago when we started homeschooling. I will always insist people try Sonlight first! Sherry loves that Sonlight allows different ages to study together. Even though Alix is 15 and Colin is 5, they can still share a good book together. They're using Core 200 and Core A this year.

— **Sherry W** Youngsville, NC

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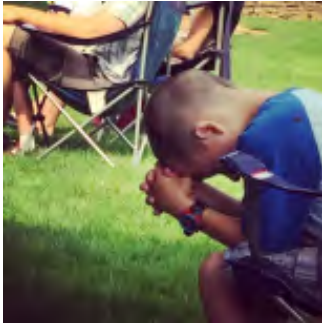


We started using Sonlight a couple years ago after homeschooling with Abeka for several years. We all loved the change from workbooks to reading books! Unfortunately, we had to stop home schooling for a year due to my health. When we told the boys we were going to home school this year, they all begged, "Can we please use Sonlight again?" Even my middle child who is not a big reader is excited about all the new books for this year. We love the times they all crowd around me on the recliner listening intently to a read aloud or laughing at the antics of one of the characters. The day our boxes arrived they couldn't get into them fast enough! Here Michael is reading a book about the Titanic to the other boys. I am so grateful for a home school program that pulls our family together. Thank you!

— **Sonja W** Lecompton, KS

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Samuel has become a powerful (young) man of prayer thanks to the tools provided by Sonlight. I have seen God working in both of my children since we started using Sonlight curriculum. Sonlight touches on some sensitive issues and in the beginning I was uncomfortable talking with my kids about these issues. But now I understand the responsibility God gave us as parents; teaching about the tough stuff at home cannot be matched elsewhere. Sonlight gives me the tools I need to have quality conversations with my kids. The results are pretty clear in this photo. Samuel (7) uses Core B with Grade 2 Readers/LA in his first year of homeschooling.

— **Stacy W** Cannon Falls , MN

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Our children remember the historical events far better with Sonlight than if they had read about them in a textbook. History has really caught their interest. Through Sonlight our children have developed a love of reading and a love of learning. I snapped this picture on a summer afternoon when I discovered my children had come in from playing outside in order to quietly enjoy some books together! Katrina (8), Isaiah (2), and Elijah (6) are studying Cores A and D in their third year of Sonlight.

— **Steph W** Hibbing, MN

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The best part of Sonlight is learning together as a family. Sonlight makes it easy to teach multiple ages with the same curriculum. In this photo, my daughter Claire is reading a book from the Core 3 curriculum while my daughter Anna "reads" alongside her. The children are always interested in whatever Sonlight has planned for the day. It warms my heart when our older children help our 3 year old to learn the lesson for the day. She is learning science and history right alongside them, too. Our children know more about history than my husband and I ever did because we are both products of the public school system and textbooks. Sonlight is REAL life and REAL learning. I am so grateful that we are able to "Sonlight" our children. Thank you Sonlight for so many memorable moments and the best education available, anywhere.

— **Susan W** Easthampton, MA

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Sonlight has made history so interesting that our son, Uriah, chose the American Revolutionary War as the theme for his birthday party! Sonlight's selection of books has been the thread that has kept him interested in learning and motivated to overcome his reading challenges. Now I can't give him books fast enough. Thanks, Sonlight, for making school interesting!

— **Susanne W** Neosho, MO

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One of the greatest blessings of homeschooling is that my children are NOT learning to separate God from school. 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.

— **Tanya W** San Marcos, TX

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One of the things I really like about Sonlight science is the activity sheets. They are so helpful for review without bogging the children down in needless busy work. We've done traditional workbook curriculum. Boring! You just can't say that about Sonlight science!

— **Tawnia W** Burke, VA

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Reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. The Sonlight program makes that fun and exciting. Our children look forward to our nightly time together when we read from the wonderful books in our Sonlight program. Our oldest, who is using a different core, enjoys hearing the stories again and again. And our youngest is already learning to sit and listen as she looks forward to starting the program next year.

— **Tera W** Racine, WI

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My seven year old daughter, Mira, loves books so much that I often find her looking through my Sonlight catalogs to see what books she'll get to read next year. Sonlight's books have been such a blessing to our family and each book has been wonderful. Sonlight's literature rich program has been a wonderful way to grow closer as a family as we came out of the public school system and started our first year homeschooling.

— **Tirza W** Silverton, OR

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Thank you Sonlight for being a Christ centered and family united homeschool program! As a Pastor's family, we often travel. Sonlight's curriculum allows us to take school on the road so we can continue to be together as a family without putting education on the shelf! Six years of Sonlight have inspired the four children of the W family to love reading. Here, 14-year-old Cora reads to little brother Nate (2). The W family is currently studying Cores B, G and 200.

— **Tonya W** Blackfoot, ID



Quincy was reading "Number the Stars" from Core 7. His younger brother, D.J. wanted him to show him how to do the hula-hoop. Since Quincy didn't want to put the book down, he kept reading and doing the hula-hoop. The books in this Core were so interesting; Quincy would read them in a few days. He could never just read one chapter a day. Thank you for choosing such diverse, thought-provoking and interesting books. So many of them deal with children around the reader's age so it makes the story even more interesting. I have found myself staying up all night reading one of Quincy's books when I only meant to look through them! Quincy always had a love for reading; the Cores help him read about different places and countries. I feel it is helping to make him more well rounded and helps him learn about other places at the same time. For Quincy, the amount of readers in the Core 7 was not enough! I am one happy mom!

— **Tracy W** Kaneohe, HI



Nine years later, I see my kids loving to learn on their own and knowing HOW to do that! When I first learned about Sonlight, I thought, 'Yes! This is what I've been looking for!' The two areas that stand out most are: 1) They know how to write and express themselves well, and 2) They understand history and how it all fits together in a way that I never learned. Where Readers are concerned, Angela (12, Core F) loves finding herself up a tree on a sunny day.

— **Valerie W** Chesapeake, VA





Sonlight takes learning to a whole new level by combining story-telling, drama and intimate student-teacher interaction instead of just memorizing boring facts. The 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 (7) and friends Chanap and Phen cheer on Denalyn (11) as she delivers her best impersonation of the famous Gettysburg address. Aug. 2012

— **ean Fern Y** Malaysia



At a photo shoot with cousins in a local park, we took a quick break to read a book while the next photo location was decided upon. It was a nice break, since picture taking is not their favorite thing to do. We have been homeschooling with Sonlight Curriculum for 3 years. My children attended public school before we decided to homeschool, and reading quality books was left to homework which was always a challenge. Now my children read on their own for education and pleasure. Our children Jared (13), Jaxon (10), Jasen (8), and Jynna (5) love the variety of books, hands on activities, and the ability to combine grade levels to enjoy learning together. I love Sonlight because it has developed my children's love of reading. The variety of books gives my children options, since their likes and dislikes are all different, it allows them to learn from whole books and not just short stories from a Reading book, and the well developed comprehension questions in the Teacher's Guide allows me the freedom to encourage reading without the extra work of the follow up. Thank you Sonlight for creating life – long readers in our home! Angela, Bakersfield, CA.

— **Angela Y** Bakersfield, CA



The best two things about home schooling are; first, Sonlight because it is comprehensive, challenging and completely enjoyable, second, Sonlight because we can have it "our way." This photo shows how we can home school anytime (late evening), anywhere (under the dormer) and anyway (very casual). We found Sonlight after several years of home schooling and have used it the last 12 years because we have not found anything we love more. Our Haitian Princesses are the youngest of 7 and the only children still at home. Sonlight continues to make our Home schooling pure joy. Here we are enjoying "The Witch at Blackbird Pond," right before bed.

— **Brenda Y** Warroad, MN





"School in my jammies, Mom, it's the best." My daughter loves to do "school" in the morning before she gets dressed. The best part for me is seeing the relationship between my two girls develop into a friendship that will last a lifetime. My prayer for them is that they will be "iron sharpening iron" and I hope to do this through the many wonderful discussion we will have throughout our homeschool years. Thank you, Sonlight! What a blessing!

— **Cynthia Y** Lorena, TX

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We have been homeschooling for 8 years - beginning our 9th and we love it. We have four boys Patrick 13yr, Bridger 12yr, Jacob 12yr and Sawyer 10yr. Sonlight is the best - my boys would rather read books from our Sonlight Library than watch TV. We love reading as a family out loud. In this photo Patrick and Bridger were busy working when the two dogs decided to jump up on the bench to investigate. I had to laugh out loud as they look as though they are reading as well. Thank you Sonlight for making school FUN! I love the fact that everything is all organized in the Instruction Manual - I jot notes in the boxes and dates which makes record keeping a breeze. I love that this program makes it a family event not work - we are loving this journey.

— **Debbra Y** Anchorage, AK

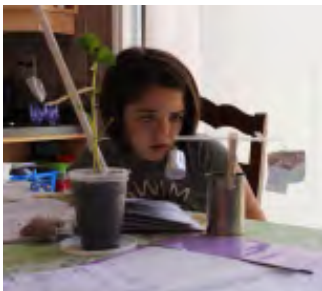
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Pippa, aged four-and-a-half, as she will tell you, loves doing her perception exercises from *Developing the Early Learner*, while wearing her loveliest princess frock and sipping a spot of tea (very milky, one sugar). While we do a lot of our read-alouds with her 3-year-old sister snuggled up with us, her workbook time is saved for when her little sisters are napping, and she loves this special time with Mommy each day. The cup of tea started out as a once-in-a-while treat, but over the course of the year, it's become an almost-every-day tradition that we both treasure. Since beginning "Exploring God's World" back in September, I have had the joy of watching my daughter blossom in so many areas. At the start of the year, her coloring was scarcely more than scribbling, with no thought at all given to the colors she chose. She just wanted to get it done as quickly as possible. Now, she takes her time, giving great thought to her work, and creates beautiful pictures. I believe the "little doses" of coloring sprinkling throughout her perception exercises helped her to grow a great deal in this way. Also, I have seen dramatic improvement in her attention to detail and memory. Her Daddy and I are constantly amazed by the details she can remember about places and events from months earlier. I have loved being her teacher this year, and I look forward to starting Kindergarten with her in the Fall. We thought and prayed long and hard about this decision. At first, Pippa was disappointed that her friends from Sunday school would be starting kindergarten without her. She begged us to let her go to school, too. Of course we, as her parents, knew the decision was ultimately ours, but we wanted her to be as excited about learning at home as we were. Over a period of a couple of weeks, we used some subtle propaganda: mentioning on a lovely Wednesday at Grandmom's house how much we would miss her if she were at school next year, taking her on a "field trip" to the zoo with another homeschooling family we know, reminding her how much fun it would be to get the next great big box full of homeschool books in the summer. Now, she can hardly wait to start kindergarten... right here at home!

— **Jodi Y** Abington, PA



The daily, intricate interaction between student and growing plants has absolutely exploded Leah's interest! She even made her own scale to weigh and chart the plant throughout its life cycle. The detail and depth of exploration is incredible – more than could ever be possible in a large class setting. She went on to dig a little vegetable garden in our backyard to plant her sprouts. They've been growing all summer as the unscripted learning continues! Here, Leah (10) weighs water-soaked bean seeds before being planted to see how much they've absorbed. In her first year of Sonlight study, she is using Core B+C and Science D.

— **Laurie Y** Canada







From tall to small, our children enjoyed this beach sunset during a year-end field trip. Sonlight...broadening our family's horizon! After reading many Sonlight books about the ocean, our school ended this spring with a field trip to Florida...and the ocean. Sonlight encourages learning and experiencing life together. With an environment both comfortable and adventurous, learning happens without typical "boredom." As our family grows, I find that Sonlight enhances the world view and character qualities my husband and I encourage. Each book essentially creates another family experience...much like a family vacation or other memory. Our conversations are peppered with references to previously read books, especially the humorous ones. Our older children will continue their journey through Core 5 this fall, but the little ones will start Core K because we want them to experience all those wonderful books, too. Truly, Sonlight provides inspiration and learning for all ages...including mom and dad!

— **Lynette Y** Loogootee, IN

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With my three very active and energetic young boys it's still amazing to me that one of their favorite things to do is to sit together and read. Charlotte's Web has been a huge hit as we start off the new school year! Thank you, Sonlight, for making books and school time a joy and adventure for our family. Your curriculum fosters a love for learning that starts at home and will continue throughout their lifetimes.

— **May Y** Frisco, TX

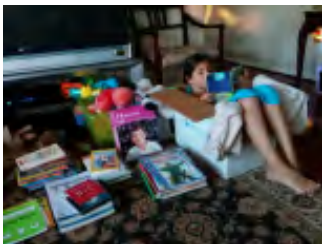
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The flexibility of this curriculum is one of the things I love after feeling too structured with another preschool curriculum. However, I also like that it provides enough structure because I need to follow directions.

— **Miranda Y** Clay Center, OH

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Sonlight has created avid readers who can't wait to get their hands on new stories. Box day is an exciting time at our house! The entire family crowds around to hear Dad announce each book title. Then we let each child sit with his or her materials and explore a bit. As parents, it gives us the chance to observe what will most likely pique each child's interest for the year. Abigail (7) loves the gripping stories, which encourage her to dive into reading. Thanks Sonlight! In their third year of Sonlight, Abigail explores her Core B+C treasures on Box Day.

— **Rebecca Y** Katy, TX

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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! 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.

— **Susan Y** Juneau, AK

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We were all so excited for our box of Sonlight material to come. We did Core 1 with our 7 year old last year, and now my 4 year old has been begging to "Do school!" So I decided to buy a partial Core C and try that together with the two girls to see how that would go. The books are so colorful even my two year old loves looking at them. We love the audio songs for addition and subtraction. I put it on in the morning while they are eating breakfast or doing dishes. Also the bible memory CDs. I love Sonlight because it has allowed me to teach my kids in such a natural way, and with Ruth Beechik's books I realized that I can do it! I can teach my children!

— **Wendy Y** Canada

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Sonlight makes it possible for us to travel on Daddy's schedule and do our homeschooling anywhere. Here Shaun works on his Singapore K math at Grandma and Grandpa's house in another state. We love all the great books we read with our Sonlight program, but just as importantly Shaun is enjoying math, too! He likes the variety of the Singapore K program--some hands- on practice with manipulating real objects we gather from around the house, some paper-and-pencil work with drawn sets of objects, and also working with numbers in the workbook.

— **Wendy Y** Houston, TX

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The older children are examining the rock type and trying to classify it according to Jay Wile's directions in General Science. Sonlight creates a platform for a love of learning in my children's lives. A day never goes by without one of them bringing up something they have learned.

— **Wendy Y** South Africa

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The Sonlight curriculum has been the perfect addition to our family while we spend time as missionaries in church planting efforts in Bangalore, India. When we read in history about the construction of houses or buildings in the Middle Ages or the use of certain animals in farming efforts, we can look outside our house and see the same type of work being done in a similar fashion. Through reading about the events in history through a variety of books, the stories come alive to my son. He can't wait to read the next chapter in the chapter books from day to day. It is his favorite part of school. Many times we do portions of school outside because the weather in Bangalore is so pleasant. While reading the world history portions, many of the neighborhood kids gather around us to see the pictures, listen to the stories, and thumb through the books because they have never before seen such beautiful books. I have found that in using the Sonlight materials, my son loves to learn. He is excited about school and finds joy in retelling the stories to his friends. His reading skills have been greatly improving using the Language Arts curriculum. I find him reading his books to his younger brother or taking time on his own to read other story books. My husband and I have been thoroughly impressed with Sonlight and plan to use their materials throughout our children's schooling experiences.

— **Amy Z** India



Sonlight has taken the stress out of teaching, with the very easy-to-use Instructor's Guides. 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.

— **Audrey Z** Peyton, CO



Sonlight perhaps 'saved' me from giving up on homeschooling. 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.

— **Becky Z** Lake Orion, MI





There was a time when my husband and I wondered if our oldest son, Eric, would EVER learn to read. By the time Eric was kindergarten age, I had discovered that all attempts at seat work were getting us nowhere. Eric was mainly interested in things that 1) rolled, 2) had gears, or 3) made noise. Pencils, worksheets, phonics books and sitting still elicited squirms and frustration, but little else. We knew Eric was smart. His fascination with clocks had provided the impetus to learn to tell time at an early age, and his childlike faith and grasp of spiritual matters often humbled us as parents. Yet, even as we assured nervous extended family members that "time and maturity" was the answer, I found myself with niggling doubts...was I really up to this? After all, when I was teaching elementary school, I'd purposefully chosen the upper grades so I would not have to teach phonics and beginning reading! (Boy, does God have a sense of humor, or what?!) After repeated failed attempts, I put away most of our "school" stuff, choosing only to continue our read-aloud sessions, which everyone actually enjoyed. We compared story Bibles, traversed mountains of library books and began working our way down the Sonlight K reading list. That was about the extent of our "formal" academics for the next 2 years, with life skills (baking, cleaning, bedmaking, etc.) and LOTS of discussion rounding out our educational plan. Three days after Eric's 7th birthday, it suddenly all seemed to click. He came into the kitchen, and the sense of urgency behind his, "Come here, Mommy!" made me wonder what toddler-created disaster awaited me in the other room. But no--wait--Eric was leading me to a chair, where he pulled out the first "I Can Read It" book and slowly read aloud the page about Pat the Rat. My frenzied excitement and subsequent praise sent him scurrying off to his room, eager to figure out "the next story" so he could share that one with me, too. When Daddy got home from work, he was shanghaied at the front door and dragged to the couch, where everyone piled on and listened as Eric, now several pages in and feeling more confident, regaled us with the ongoing adventures of Pat the Rat and Nat the Cat. I must've snapped a dozen pictures that afternoon, but this one is my favorite. Eric couldn't stop smiling; he was so proud of himself. And so were we! It was truly a milestone moment--and we look forward to many more as we continue on our Sonlight journey.

— **Christa Z**    Kansas City, MO



Yes, Even Wiggly Children Can Learn to Read with Sonlight!

— **Christa Z**    Kansas City, MO







Samuel begged to bring Sarah Whitcher's Story to read between events during his swim meet. He learned to read with Sonlight, and he just can't put a reader down until he's finished it. Not ever wanting to be left out of a good story, his little brother Isaiah often convinces him to read the books aloud so they can both enjoy the stories. Thank you Sonlight, for helping me give my children a love of quality literature.

— **Jemima Z**    Portland, OR

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As a missionary family school often takes place outside of the home. This summer we traveled through Nicaragua for two months sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. We often had early mornings and long days but on this day we had the wonderful opportunity to take a break near a magnificent waterfall and read a story out of Emma's Kindergarten Bible. It is a beautiful thing to be able to share God's word with our children and in turn see them sharing the love of Jesus with others. Sonlight is the perfect curriculum for teaching our children in a way that focuses on Christ and we love how easy it is to dive into the Sonlight curriculum, no matter where we are.

— **Jessica Z**    Harlingen, TX

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Eric loves being able to be a part of the kids school. We had an amazing first year with Sonlight so we came back for a second! As a busy mom of four I love being able to open the binder and see exactly what we are doing for the week! The whole family loves reading together. Sienna will listen to Micah's books and Micah will listen to Sienna's books, and then Micah and Sienna will both read to Luca. Its a win win win situation! I love what good friends my children are becoming, Thank you Sonlight!

— **Kathryn Z**    Columbus, MS

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Benjamin, age 5, is enjoying K Science and experimenting with pitch here from Week 27. We chose to use the K Science package during the summer for added structure to our days. We often had neighborhood children join us! Love, Evangelism, and a Rock solid education - in that order. I saw a fresh wonder in my 11 year old and 9 year olds as they walked through K science with their little brother. We were able to discuss how important it is to be teachable and to not turn off your brain to information just because you have heard it before- it was so important for them. We have used Sonlight for four years now and our lives are richer, broader and snugglier for it. Thank you Sonlight!

— **Sandi & Z**    Orlando, FL

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Phoebe took a break from being indoors by reading at a local park, on a beautiful sunny day in the middle of winter in Australia. Using Sonlight this year has maintained a fantastic connection to our previous homeschooling life in Olympia, Washington. Many of the books on the Sonlight list are not readily available in Australia. We sometimes feel we're keepers of a great secret, reading all the fabulous Sonlight books and talking about their content! The Instructor's Guide has kept up our momentum as we adjust to our new life in Adelaide, South Australia - we're completely grateful for it!

— **Sonja Z** Australia



Blake was absolutely thrilled to reenact history at Yorktown, VA this Spring. He was on hand to answer questions about General Washington and his troops. Whenever someone commented on how "smart" he was, Blake just said, "I'm homeschooled!" Sonlight's literature based curriculum is just what our active, inquisitive son needs. He won't sit and learn.....He wants to go and learn.

— **Stacy Z** Saint Charles, MO



the world. Well, she didn't quite make it there but it was fun trying!! Thanks Sonlight for making learning fun and and real! — Sophia  
Canada This is Joshua with another one of his favorite books. The Bee Tree. He loves all the 'funny names' and gets me to read this book  
ast twice a day. I started Joshua with his home school curriculum 6 months ago. We chose Sonlight as we found it offered so much literature  
Joshua now 2 1/2 follows me around the house asking me to read his special books (Sonlight). We are an Irish family and delighted that Sonlight  
hips to us and we cant wait to order our next curriculum. I'm so thankful that Sonlight has helped us develop our sons love for books and  
reading. I think I'm just as excited as he is for the next box day. — Sara Ireland Sonlight gives my children a love for learning, and if they love  
arning, they can succeed in whatever they decide to do in life. Great books make History and Science come alive. Through reading, the  
ocabulary grows and they learn proper grammar and writing. It's exciting to see them seek out more information on a subject, and for fun  
enact what they're learning. Cameron (11) and Jackson (9), in their third year of Sonlight adventures, are exploring Core F. — Kathleen Rock  
ount, VA When my husband got a job in Italy I felt a desire to homeschool that I never had before. We used Core B for our first year. It was  
azing to be reading about things parts of history that we were able to see and touch. We see Mt. Vesuvius out our kitchen window. To be  
ble to walk the streets of Pompeii was an amazing extension of what we had read about in our Sonlight curriculum. I am so glad that we chose  
onlight! The IG's make homeschooling so easy. — Christian Fpo, AE I like SONLIGHT! Homeschooling gives me the opportunity to spend  
ore time with my family. I take more joy in learning because there are tons of exciting books to read. Here I am, reading aloud to my cat  
SOCKS" is authored by one of my favourite writers from Core B+C. SONLIGHT is also Christian-based and all the Bible studies draw me closer  
God. I especially like the memory verses because I enjoy singing. Naomi (11) is doing Core D+E this year, but loves to revisit the books she  
ad in the earlier cores. — Lee Malaysia Our School is different Our school is different, sometimes weird, but cool, My brother and I, we read  
e our school. We are able to study wherever we go, At the moment we live in Brazil, you know. We enjoy reading the Bible, music and art  
our school, we go to our classes with happy hearts. Studying math and learning three languages to read, It's great, we can do it all in our  
wn speed. Sometimes our brains just get tired to think, Then we simply take a break to eat and drink. We love to be together night and day  
enever we want we can study or play. Reading, writing, science or playing ball, English, German, and Portuguese, we know it all! Our mom  
the best, sometimes school can be rough, But we are good students, we are so tough. Late at night the last book is being read, Only after  
at, we go contented to bed. — Eva Brazil It was Box Day for my pre-k'er Beckett (age 4) and he was so excited. He managed to open the  
ox before I could find the scissors and immediately started going through his new books. He piled several on his lap and announced that those  
ere the ones he wanted me to read to him right then at that moment. I love homeschooling my kids, of getting to read to them, answer their  
uestions, love seeing SL books spark interest in their eyes. And I especially love when they'll bring something up out of the blue that we've  
arned about in school. They're boys so because they are so curious, even if they are even hearing me read a story, but it turns out that  
ey were listening and they did get what I wanted them to learn. I love my kind of curriculum because I love to read. It really  
hat I would've liked to have had growing up instead of the public school system. My kids are already looking forward to completing more Cores (just  
can do them, too) so I hope we homeschool through high school. — Kristin, AL Sonlight is way more than a series of awesome  
books to read; it is the habit of sitting down on the sofa with the family together in spite of a wide variety of ages, interests, and  
books.' But the traditions and values of family time, developed from the Instructor's Guide is worth far more than any other program.  
to hear Mom read a Sonlight favorite. They and I love it. — Stephanie Mullica Hill, NJ The twins are 1 and 2. They love to read  
at every day they beg to do it first. It is the most precious memories that will last a lifetime. I believe when the kids grow up  
ost. — Kim Peoria, AZ We love the literature-based curriculum. We have been using Sonlight with our children, Matthew and Melissa for 12 years. Matthew really enjoys the science books. [In this photo] He is shown doing a Chemistry experiment from  
st year. Matthew (17) is using Core 400 in his twelfth year with Sonlight. His sister Melissa (14) is using Core H. Debbie V. Greeley, CO — Dav  
reeley, CO Before we started homeschooling, my younger daughter was burned out on the idea of learning anything. She wouldn't even  
answer her teacher in the local public school. As I began to research, I realized my child's love for learning was being stifled. When I discovered  
onlight, I immediately withdrew my daughter from public school and began the Sonlight approach. Together, we pored over the Sonlight  
atalog, and website, and looked forward to the day it came in. We even tracked the fed-ex delivery across the country online. When it finally  
ame, it was a joyous moment. My daughter is smiling and happy again, and has regained her interest in learning. She can't get her hands off  
her Sonlight books. Thank you, Sonlight, for your contribution to our family. I recommend your stuff all the time. — Treva A Greeley  
C Being right brained and very creative I often live in a higglety pigglety world. Sonlight makes it so easy for me to follow the dayweek  
chedule and it makes room for me to go on an adventure with my kids. Everything is laid out for me in an easy to follow system and the best  
art is that the research is done for me. I love the books especially the connections made to the IG links. It works! Sonlight frees me up to be  
ore involved with my kids life instead of pouring myself for hours on end over the curriculum. Thanks Sonlight for putting the learning back  
ducation. — Charisse A South Africa We are overseas M's and have been since our kids were 2, 4 and 6. I have 2 still at home, and another  
family nearby has 1 about the same age, so I taught them all anatomy. Of course dissections were the fun part, and the cow's heart was  
scinating to them. They were actually able to identify everything, and it was soooo much more interesting than the virtual dissection used by  
any schools today! We love hands on, and Sonlight gives you the flexibility to do that - or not to :) as time allows. Sonlight books have given  
ur family common ground at all ages of their lives. We can always think of a book we've read together and relate to that even through the teen  
ears. So many wonderful books - so many walks of life that they have been exposed to. One was not an avid reader before Sonlight, but she is  
now. — Suzanne A Houston, TX I like how it is easy to read the lesson plans and to know what I need to get done for the week. — Jeff  
urora, CO We have just begun homeschooling. Michael, age 8, and Tucker, age 6, are both doing Core B and Science B. Michael is using  
e Grade 3 readers and Tucker Grade 1. Their little sister Maggie, age 4, is tagging along this year. In the past two weeks, I have already heard  
om both boys separately saying, "This is the best school day ever." Both attended school in previous years. That was music to my ears! We  
e in the process of finding a rhythm to our school days. The first day, I immediately realized I would have to change the order of our subjects  
e adjusted the second day, and have not changed again since. Choosing Sonlight has given the best journey  
nooth state of Texas, TX From the time that I received our first Sonlight catalog I knew I was on the right path. My son, who was  
urriculum wasn't sure what his active, on-the-go son would think of all the reading, he asked for "one more chapter!" like the children in the catalog. As it turns out, he did exactly that, and on the last day of school, he asked to have  
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