

SONLIGHT CONNECTIONS SUMMIT

DATE: July 9, 2020

TIME: 8 am - 4 pm MT

WHERE: sonlight.com/online-convention



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ROADMAP.

HERE IS HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE SUMMIT

Step 1

Sign up for the FREE Homeschool Connections Summit by Sonlight (sonlight.com/online-convention)

Step 2

Share this link with family, friends, and neighbors who are interested in learning more about homeschooling

Step 3

Take a look at the Event Checklist and decide which ones you want to attend.

PRO TIP: Featured Workshops will be live every hour on the hour 8-4 MT on July 9th. Breakout Sessions will all be available at 8 am MT.

Step 4

Did someone say FREEBIES and GIVEAWAYS?! Look in the Helpful Homeschool Tools of this program to find the list of downloadable freebies. And don't forget to enter for the giveaways the morning of the event! There are 8 giveaways, one per hour, on July 9th only!

































Step 5

Join us on July 9th from 8-4 MT for encouragement, advice, tips, and tricks!


Step 6

Summit workshops and breakout sessions will be available until August 7th. Be sure to take notes and soak in all the information before they're gone!

EVENT CHECKLIST

Featured Workshops	SPEAKERS	TIME
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to Sonlight Connections Summit	  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarita Holzmann • Judy Wnuk • Stephanie Rose 	8 a.m. MT
<input type="checkbox"/> Overcoming Your Fear of Homeschooling	   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katy Crisp • Judy Wnuk • Stephanie Rose 	9 a.m. MT
<input type="checkbox"/> What You Need to Know to Start Homeschooling	    <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Brundieck • Amber Severance • Judy Wnuk • Stephanie Rose 	10 a.m. MT
<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Multiple Students with Sonlight	     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Kuebler • Jen Price • Tender TenBrink • Judy Wnuk • Stephanie Rose 	11 a.m. MT
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeschooling a Child with ADHD and Special Needs	  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misty Bailey • Stephanie Rose 	12 p.m. MT
<input type="checkbox"/> A Beginner's Guide to Homeschooling with Sonlight	    <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christie Cook • Sandy Hotz • Judy Wnuk • Stephanie Rose 	1 p.m. MT
<input type="checkbox"/> Chart Your Path from Public School to Homeschool	    <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Brundieck • Tender TenBrink • Judy Wnuk • Stephanie Rose 	2 p.m. MT
<input type="checkbox"/> Adjusting Sonlight to Fit Your Life	    <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Price • Tender TenBrink • Judy Wnuk • Stephanie Rose 	3 p.m. MT
<input type="checkbox"/> Top 10 Questions about Homeschooling with Sonlight	    <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelia DelCharco • Judy Wnuk • Barbara Walsted • Stephanie Rose 	4 p.m. MT

EVENT CHECKLIST

BREAKOUT SESSION	SPEAKERS	TIME
<input type="checkbox"/> How Sonlight Books are Chosen	  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarita Holzmann • Stephanie Rose 	On Demand
<input type="checkbox"/> Explore Summer Activities	  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheila DelCharco • Lisa Fountain 	On Demand
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Reading and Learning	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Rose 	On Demand
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Gardening	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judy Wnuk 	On Demand
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Field Trips - Williamsburg	  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judy Wnuk • Stephanie Rose 	On Demand
<input type="checkbox"/> Hands-On History Project Demo	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Rose 	On Demand
<input type="checkbox"/> A Gentle Approach to Preschool with Sonlight	  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emme Kim • Judy Wnuk 	On Demand
<input type="checkbox"/> A Day-In-The-Life with Sonlight	   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emme Kim • Amber Severance • Stephanie Rose 	On Demand
<input type="checkbox"/> Refresh Your Homeschool	  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judy Wnuk • Stephanie Rose 	On Demand
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking with Judy	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judy Wnuk 	On Demand
<input type="checkbox"/> How to Engage with Books	   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marci Kyle • Meredith Kyle • Stephanie Rose 	On Demand
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeschooling in High School	    <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emme Kim • Christie Cook • Jennifer Price • Judy Wnuk 	On Demand

FEATURED WORKSHOPS:

Introduction to Homeschool Connections Summit by Sonlight

Speakers: Sarita Holzmänn, Judy Wnuk & Stephanie Rose

July 9, 2020, 8 a.m. MT

About this Workshop:

Perhaps you are brand new to the idea of homeschooling and do not have a clue where to begin. Or maybe you're a veteran homeschooler who is looking for some refreshment and new ideas. Whether this describes you, or you are somewhere on the spectrum in between, we would like to invite you to join us for a day of practical homeschooling advice, words of encouragement, and the tools to decide if homeschooling is right for your family.

Join Sarita, Stephanie, and Judy as they kick off a day of practical advice, personal stories of homeschool journeys, and fun ideas for making memories with your family.

Notes:

FEATURED WORKSHOPS:

Overcoming Your Fear of Homeschooling

Speakers: Katy Crisp & Judy Wnuk

Moderator: Stephanie Rose

July 9, 2020, 9 a.m. MT

About this Workshop:

Suggest the idea of homeschooling to some parents and they immediately say “not me” or shake their heads in disbelief and change the subject. One friend told me that when her husband broached the possibility, she laughed in his face and told him “never in a million years!” Dig a little deeper and you may find that the real reasons for dismissing the possibility of homeschooling include:

- Not knowing where to begin
- Being certain that you lack the patience to teach your child(ren)
- Fear of the time commitment required
- Lack of confidence in your ability to teach some/all subjects

These are only some of the reasons why homeschooling seems an impossible task. Truth be told, every mom that has decided to homeschool has faced these (and likely other) fears and concerns.

You will not want to miss this insightful conversation between Katy, Judy, and Stephanie, as they explore this topic and offer concrete suggestions for removing any barriers between you and homeschooling your children.

Key Takeaways:

- When you or your children are feeling overwhelmed - take a break!
- Worried about your qualifications as a teacher? You are your child's best teacher.
- Sonlight's Instructor's Guide is not the master ... it is a tool that you can flex to meet your needs.
- Identify your purpose in homeschooling. Set 2 or 3 academic and spiritual goals for each student.

Notes:

FEATURED WORKSHOPS:

What You Need to Know to Start Homeschooling

Speakers: Karen Brundieck, Amber Severance & Judy Wnuk

Moderator: Stephanie Rose

July 9, 2020, 10 a.m. MT

About this Workshop:

Once you have made the decision to start homeschooling, where do you begin? Have you ever wished that someone would just give you a checklist so you could mark off the steps to get your homeschool off the ground?

Pull up your comfy chair and listen in while our panel of veteran homeschool moms cover some of those items from your checklist:

- Am I required to have a degree of some sort to teach my children at home?
- How do I find the right curriculum? Especially if I have multiple children and they have radically different personalities?
- You don't know how poor I was at math when I was a student. How am I ever going to teach my kids math?!
- There is no room in my tiny little house for a schoolroom. Now what?
- Organization is a foreign language to me. How can I possibly keep track of all the books and supplies and records and "stuff"?

These ladies will share practical ideas and encouragement from their years of experience, as not only homeschool moms, but also their 20+ years of counseling and directing families at homeschool conventions. They are passionate about helping families get a good start on their homeschool journey.

Key Takeaways:

- You are your child's best teacher - there are so many resources available for those subjects where you don't feel confident.
- Your main goal isn't to help your student master Math. Your overarching focus is to foster your child's natural curiosity and develop a love for learning.
- Homeschooling can be hard, just like any other commitment in life. But the memories you make as a family will far outweigh the difficulties you experience.
- You can try literature-based learning for FREE! before you spend any money.
<https://www.sonlight.com/about/try-sonlight-free/>
- Don't choose not to homeschool because you don't have a dedicated school room.

Notes:

FEATURED WORKSHOPS:

Teaching Multiple Students with Sonlight

Speakers: Ann Kuebler, Jen Price, Tender TenBrink, & Judy Wnuk

Moderator: Stephanie Rose

July 9, 2020, 11 a.m. MT

About this Workshop:

You are convinced that literature-based learning is the way to go in your family homeschool. But this morning you woke up from a nightmare involving 20 children (where did they all come from?!) and stacked boxes of homeschool curriculum filling your house. Whether it was from something you ate, or just your uncertainty about managing academics for all your children, we are here to put those fears to rest.

Join our panel of veteran Sonlight moms as they share practical advice from their own homeschool journeys, as well as 20+ years of encouraging and reassuring families at homeschool conventions.

You can expect to hear them cover topics such as:

- Do I need a different Sonlight level for each child?
- Couch and Table subjects ... what are they, and how do they help streamline our homeschool experience?
- How can my 9-year-old and 11-year-old use some of the same curriculum materials?
- Organize and keep track of your homeschool materials

Key Takeaways:

- Literature-based learning lets you share some subjects across a range of grades/ages. Saves you both time and money, and builds relationships in your family.
- There is no “right” way to schedule your homeschool day. You have the freedom to flex to meet the unique needs of your family.
- Make it a goal to help your students become independent learners. Time management is a valuable tool.

Notes:

FEATURED WORKSHOPS:

Homeschooling a Child with ADHD and Special Needs

Speaker: Misty Bailey

Moderator: Stephanie Rose

July 9, 2020, 12 p.m MT

About this Workshop:

Join Misty as she discusses the importance of reading for a special needs student and shares her journey homeschooling a child with ADHD.

Misty deep dives into how to help a reluctant reader love books, the importance of reading aloud to students with learning challenges, and how her dedication to homeschooling has actually been a better choice for her family.

Learn tips for following a routine or schedule, how to keep wiggly children "busy" while reading aloud and lots of advice to help a child with ADHD, Apraxia, and Dyslexia.

Don't miss Misty's valuable advice and be sure to visit her blog and listen to her podcast at findingjoyinthejourney.net. Misty loves to encourage and inspire parents on their homeschool journey by providing practical tips for real life homeschooling. Through real stories, real struggles, and real life, Misty encourages her blog readers and podcast listeners to embrace imperfection and strive for a more joyful homeschool.

Key Takeaways:

- The importance of reading aloud to all children.
- Why homeschooling may be better for children with special needs.
- Routine and schedule examples.
- Tips to help a child with ADHD, Apraxia, and Dyslexia learn.
- Tips on keep wiggly/fidgety children "busy" while reading aloud.

Notes:

FEATURED WORKSHOPS:

A Beginner's Guide to Homeschooling with Sonlight

Speakers: Sandy Hotz, Christie Cook & Judy Whuk

Moderator: Stephanie Rose

July 9, 2020, 1 p.m MT

About this Workshop:

You have spent hours staring at a computer screen researching different homeschool curriculum. You've finally decided that literature-based learning sounds like a good fit for your family and decided to take a closer look at Sonlight Curriculum.

What exactly is "literature-based learning"? Isn't that an awful lot of books to read?! Where am I going to put all those books? How are my kids going to fare academically if all we do is read books all day?

These, and many other questions, are probably rolling around in your brain as you consider pushing the PURCHASE button at Sonlight.com.

Join our panel of veteran homeschool moms as they talk about their own experiences homeschooling with literature-based Sonlight Curriculum. Based on their years of using Sonlight with their children, as well as counseling many families at homeschool conventions over the past 20+ years, these ladies have some sage wisdom to share that will help to ease your concerns about choosing Sonlight for your family.

Key Takeaways:

- Literature-based learning lets you read the whole book! Meaning that you encounter knowledge in context.
- Lack of a separate room to homeschool is not a good reason to decide not to homeschool! There are many creative ways to organize all that literature.
- Sonlight's Instructor's Guide is the glue that holds everything together and makes it so easy to use.

Notes:

FEATURED WORKSHOPS:

Chart Your Path from Public School to Homeschool

Speakers: Karen Brundieck, Tender TenBrink & Judy Wnuk

Moderator: Stephanie Rose

July 9, 2020, 2 p.m MT

About this Workshop:

News headlines are full of pandemics and protests, and as a result, you are now faced with some very real and urgent decisions to make about your children's education. Perhaps you've never considered homeschooling as an option for your family. Or perhaps you have known that you need to make a change for your kids, and homeschooling has been kicking around in the back of your mind for some time.

Join our panel as they talk in-depth about making the transition from public or private education to home education. Listen to one veteran homeschool mom talk about her experience transitioning to homeschooling as a child. And another mom who made the decision to move her own children to a homeschool model.

If you have been asking yourself the following questions, this workshop is for you:

- I don't have a teaching degree – how can I possibly teach my children?
- Will my kids suffer academically by being homeschooled? Will they be able to get into college?
- Is homeschooling even legal?

These and many other questions will be covered by our panel of veteran homeschool moms. Drawing on their experiences homeschooling their children, as well as over 20+ years of counseling families at homeschool conventions across the US and Canada, they are passionate about sharing an education choice that has worked so well for them.

Key Takeaways:

- There are as many reasons to homeschool as there are homeschool families
- Your attitude about a switch to homeschooling impacts how your children view the transition.
- A family team mentality helps to address behavior and motivation issues.
- Homeschooling is legal in all 50 states and each one has a homeschool organization to assist you with beginning homeschooling.

Notes:

FEATURED WORKSHOPS:

Adjusting Sonlight to Fit Your Life

Speakers: Jennifer Price, Tender TenBrink & Judy Wnuk

Moderator: Stephanie Rose

July 9, 2020, 3 p.m MT

About this Workshop:

Think of homeschooling and you might picture studious children sitting around the dining room table, all their heads bowed over workbooks in concentration. Or you might imagine day-long field trips to the planetarium or living-history museum. Then when you think about homeschooling **your** children, those pictures evaporate and you immediately find yourself thinking, "I could never homeschool because ..." (pick one or more):

- I'm a single parent
- My spouse and I both work full-time jobs
- I'm a single parent AND I work a full-time job
- Grandma lives with us and caring for her is a full-time job
- My husband works the night shift and has to sleep all-day
- Our baby is colicky and still isn't sleeping through the night, or taking a regular nap

We all know that life happens! Be sure to tune in to listen to our veteran homeschool panel discuss practical ways to adjust Sonlight to fit your life. Some of them have faced these, and other issues, that required them to find creative ways to homeschool "in spite of" life's challenges.

Keeping up with life when things are "normal" is challenging enough. You won't want to miss the sound advice that these ladies have to offer.

Key Takeaways:

- Find your routine and know what your priorities are. Do the important things first and do the secondary things when you can.
- Schedules will change with life. Be willing to flex with the changes.
- Extended family living scenarios provide opportunities to tap into years of experience that can't be matched.
- Your attitude and words of encouragement will motivate children to be willing workers.

Notes:

FEATURED WORKSHOPS:

Top 10 Questions about Homeschooling with Sonlight

Speakers: Shelia DelCharco, Judy Wnuk & Barbara Walsted

Moderator: Stephanie Rose

July 9, 2020, 4 p.m MT

About this Workshop:

We asked YOU what you wanted to know about homeschooling ... and you let us know! Everything from time management and homeschooling with toddlers in the house, to creating high school transcripts and homeschooling a strong-willed child.

Sometimes it's just nice to sit down with someone who has "been there and done that" to pick their brain and learn from their experience. This workshop features three veteran homeschool moms who regularly interact with families seeking answers about educating their children. Listen in as Sheila, Barb, and Judy share stories from their own homeschool journeys as well as offering answers and suggestions to your questions and concerns.

Key Takeaways:

- Sonlight's Instructor's Guide is adaptable to meet your homeschool needs.
- If you have a struggling reader, remember that learning is a marathon, not a sprint. Meet your child where they are, and give them time to learn at their pace.
- Develop a team mentality in your homeschool. We're in this together!
- High school transcripts are not as scary as they seem - keep it simple!

Notes:

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

How Sonlight Books are Chosen

Speakers: Sarita Holzmnn

Moderator: Stephanie Rose

About this Session:

Ever wonder how the titles that makeup Sonlight's amazingly rich literature base are chosen? Pop into this session to hear Sarita Holzmnn discuss the criteria she uses to choose Sonlight's "all-star" books!

Notes:

Explore Summer Activities

Speakers: Sheila DelCharco & Lisa Fountain

About this Session:

Are you weary of hearing the "Mooooommm, I'm bored" refrain already this summer? Pull up a chair and grab a notepad as you won't want to miss these fun and creative ideas for occupying your kids in the coming months. Lisa and Sheila share inventive suggestions for getting your kids up and outside!

Notes:

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Summer Reading and Learning

Speakers: Stephanie Rose

About this Session:

Keeping your children reading and learning through the summer with fun, family-friendly books, and activities. Stephanie will explore Sonlight's Summer Readers and offer a handful of fun summer learning activities to help facilitate learning disguised as fun!

Notes:

Summer Gardening

Speakers: Judy Whuk

About this Session:

Play in the dirt ... life is too short to always have clean fingernails. Truer words were never spoken! Tune in for some ideas for play with purpose, as Judy shares tips for encouraging the young gardeners in your family.

Notes:

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Historical Field Trips - Williamsburg

Speakers: Judy Wnuk & Stephanie Rose

About this Session:

Combine your family vacation with an unforgettable learning experience. Historical field trips are the best way to make history come alive! Join Stephanie and Judy as they share practical tips for getting the most out of your trip to historic Williamsburg.

Notes:

Hands-On History Project Demo

Speakers: Stephanie Rose

About this Session:

Bring your history studies to life with hands-on schooling projects and lap books. Sonlight has multiple hands-on, multi-sensory kits that are ideal for kinesthetic learners. These kits are specifically designed to complement Sonlight's history programs, but can be used on their own.

Join Stephanie as she walks you through making a Signet Ring, one of the fun projects from Hands-on History: World History II.

Notes:

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

A Gentle Approach to Preschool with Sonlight

Speakers: Emme Kim & Judy Wnuk

About this Session:

What better way to introduce your child to learning than by utilizing favorite children's book classics with engaging games and hands-on activities. Sonlight has created a gentle blend of building pre-reading, pre-math, listening, and motor skills. Join Emme and Judy as they take a look at Sonlight's Preschool program.

Notes:

A Day-In-The-Life with Sonlight

Speakers: Emme Kim, Amber Severance & Stephanie Rose

About this Session:

Ever wonder what a day-in-the-life with Sonlight might look like? Join Amber and Emme as they give you a peek inside their homeschool, and offer some great tips and tricks for getting the most out of your Sonlight Instructor's Guide.

Notes:

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Refresh your Homeschool

Speakers: Judy Wnuk & Stephanie Rose

About this Session:

Creating a visual representation of your visions and goals can help make them a reality.

Listen in as Stephanie and Judy provide an opportunity for you to recharge, refocus, and refuel your homeschool vision. As an added bonus, get FREE downloadable scrapbook pages to help keep the WHY of homeschooling at your fingertips.

Notes:

Cooking with Judy

Speakers: Judy Wnuk

About this Session:

We all have to eat, right? What better way to make memories with your kids than to have them join you in the kitchen! Judy's enjoyment of cooking began at a young age as her grandmother and mother both shared their passion for feeding their families. Join her as she highlights two super-easy, delicious recipes from "Kid's Cook!" (found in Sonlight's Electives line-up) and gives you some practical suggestions for sharing a love for cooking with your children.

Notes:

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

How to Engage with Books

Speakers: Marci Kyle, Meredith Kyle & Stephanie Rose

About this Session:

Literature-based homeschooling uses outstanding books and delightful stories as the centerpiece for learning. Join Marci and Meredith as Stephanie talks with them about how families can make the most out of reading books. Learn how to choose great literature for your family, how to facilitate meaningful conversations, and exciting ways to bring books to life.

Sonlighters will love this conversation! Be sure to invite your friends who may be interested in learning through literature.

Notes:

Homeschooling in High School

Speakers: Emme Kim, Christie Cook, Jennifer Price & Judy Wnuk

About this Session:

Does the thought of homeschooling a high schooler strike fear in your heart? This is the session for you! Join veteran homeschoolers as they share the value of literature-based studies for high school, talk about transcripts, offer time management suggestions, and other practical tips for engaging a teen.

Notes:



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GIVEAWAY SCHEDULE

9 a.m. MT	Sonlight Summer Reader Pack
10 a.m. MT	Good Housekeeping Kids Cook!
11 a.m. MT	Hands-on History Kit of Choice
12 p.m. MT	Sonlight Summer Reader Pack
1 p.m. MT	Hands-on History Kit of Choice
2 p.m. MT	Sonlight Summer Reader Pack
3 p.m. MT	Hands-on History Kit of Choice
4 p.m. MT	History / Bible / Literature package of choice

SPEAKERS



MISTY BAILEY

Blogger and Veteran Homeschool Mom
findingjoyinthejourney.net

Misty is the blogger behind Joy in the Journey and the podcaster behind Joyfully Homeschooling. Her goal in this online space is to encourage and inspire you on your homeschool journey by providing practical tips for real-life homeschooling. Through real stories, real struggles, and real-life, Misty encourages her blog readers and podcast listeners to embrace imperfection and strive for a more joyful homeschool.



KAREN BRUNDIECK

Veteran Homeschool Mom and Sonlight Curriculum Consultant

Karen is a retired homeschool mom, after spending 15 years homeschooling her four children. Although only her youngest was homeschooled from preschool on up, all of them homeschooled through high school and have either graduated from college or are currently attending. Karen enjoys knitting and reading, especially history and biographies. She and her husband of 32 years live in the Ozarks in southwest Missouri, where she tries to survive the heat and humidity of Missouri summers.



KATY CRISP

Blogger and Veteran Homeschool Mom
homefrontlilies.com

Katy is a follower of Christ, a wife and ministry partner, a homeschool mom to four children, a coffee enthusiast, and an animal lover. She has a desire and passion to encourage women in their walk with the Lord as they manage home and family, offering ways to find strength and beauty in the ins-and-outs of daily life at home. She uses her blog Homefront Lilies and social media to encourage and connect with others.

CHRISTIE COOK

Veteran Homeschool Mom and Sonlight Curriculum Consultant



Christie first encountered Sonlight Curriculum in 1997 when she was teaching the children of another family overseas. As a former classroom teacher, she was so impressed with the curriculum that in 2009 she made it her choice for educating her four sons. She and her husband have been married for twenty years and have been homeschooling with Sonlight for the past 12. They have utilized Sonlight programs from preschool to high school. Through the years they have enjoyed watching each of their boys develop a variety of interests and strengths-based on their unique personalities and their learning with Sonlight. This year they will have two middle schoolers and two high schoolers. Their oldest son will graduate this spring! Christie enjoys meeting and encouraging homeschooling families and helping them find solutions for the homeschool journey!

SHEILA DELCHARCO

Veteran Homeschool Mom and Sonlight Curriculum Consultant



With a degree in secondary English education, Sonlight was an obvious choice when Sheila decided to homeschool her three children. When her oldest asked to go to a small Christian high school, Sheila was concerned about he would transition to the classroom environment. Her fears were laid to rest when she saw his first report card, and even more so when she sat in on a class. He graduated high school with honors and has graduated from the University of Florida in Finance. Her other two children homeschooled through high school and were accepted to the honor's program at the University of North Florida. Sheila is convinced that exposing them to all those books over the years is what led them to this point. Because of her passion for literature-based learning, she is a veteran Sonlight consultant, drawing on her own experience when speaking with families at homeschool conventions for the past 18 years.

LISA FOUNTAIN

Veteran Homeschool Mom and Sonlight Curriculum Consultant



Lisa is the mom of three wonderful children, two of whom are married. Her youngest will be a Senior in the fall. Lisa's oldest went to public school from the beginning and she homeschooled the younger two with Sonlight. Lisa has used every level from B-400. When she is not homeschooling she enjoys running, going to the beach, reading and sewing.



SARITA HOLZMANN

Sonlight Founder and President and Veteran Homeschool Mom

A pioneer in homeschooling, Sarita co-founded Sonlight Curriculum 30 years ago. Since then, she has read and reviewed over 16,000 books. Her literature-based approach to education has proven to be a favorite for Christian families all over the world. Sarita looks forward to helping even more families raise lifelong learners in the next generation. She is a happily married mom of four and grandmother to eight. Author of over 50 curriculum guides, she also writes at sonlight.com/sarita-blog.



SANDY HOTZ

Veteran Homeschool Mom and Sonlight Curriculum Consultant

Sandy is married and has four adult daughters. She homeschooled them each through high school over 27 years. Because of her passion for homeschooling in general, building positive character qualities, desiring a well-rounded education, and what she experienced for herself and with her own daughters using a literature-based approach, she worked at homeschool conferences representing Sonlight Curriculum for 20 years.



EMME KIM

Veteran Homeschool Mom and Sonlight Curriculum Consultant

Emme has homeschooled her three children for the past eleven years, and previously was a Montessori teacher. Time sure flies! Her oldest daughter is attending Baylor University in the fall and she and her husband are so excited for this new chapter in her life. Through the years she has been blessed to serve in various ministry teaching roles, including Sunday School, youth ministry, and leading lifegroups with her husband. She has also worked with autistic children, and as an educational tutor for middle and high schoolers. Some of her other favorite things include cooking (and eating), reading, hiking, biking, kayaking, and walking her two Yorkies!



ANN KUEBLER

Veteran Homeschool Mom and Sonlight Curriculum Consultant

Ann is a homeschool mother of two and has used Sonlight for 13 years, since her children were in preschool. A former high school biology teacher, Ann enjoys teaching science labs in their local homeschool co-op where she also serves on the leadership team. Enjoying the flexible schedule that homeschooling provides, Ann has served as a volunteer in several capacities in her community, including serving as regent in her DAR chapter, being a docent at a local state historic site, and volunteering as communication coordinator for her homeschool athletics association.



MEREDITH KYLE

Sonlight Digital Marketing Manager and Veteran Homeschooler

Meredith was homeschooled using Sonlight from kindergarten through high school graduation and credits Sonlight with sparking her love for reading and eagerness to learn, which continues to drive her as an adult. She joined Sonlight as Digital Marketing Manager in 2019 where she gets to share the Sonlight experience with other homeschool families every day.



MARCI KYLE

Sonlight Advisor and Veteran Homeschool Mom

Marci is a homeschool veteran and mom to two interesting and thoughtful young women. They both used Sonlight K-12 and have been successful in their academic pursuits in college and career. Homeschooling gave her the opportunity to pour love and knowledge into her kids on a daily basis, and Sonlight gave her the tools to help them grow into the people they are today. It is still pretty common to find Marci and her family sitting around the table talking about a favorite Sonlight book. And, who says college kids are too old for Read-Alouds? One of her favorite memories is seeing her daughters recite the Gettysburg Address (memorized with Sonlight) while they stood looking out at the rows and rows of markers at the cemetery in Gettysburg. As a Sonlight Advisor, Marci loves passing on her passion for homeschooling to a new generation of eager homeschool moms. She relishes in the fact that she gets to be another mom's cheerleader and encouraging her with all the advice she has gathered over the years!



JENNIFER PRICE

Veteran Homeschool Mom and Sonlight Curriculum Consultant

Jen majored in English at the University of Delaware, so spending a lifetime reading to her children was an appealing idea. She discovered Sonlight early in her homeschool journey, and has used it every year since 2003 with all four of her children. Her oldest graduated from home, and some of the others have gone to public high school. Jen has worked in the Sonlight booth at various conventions for a decade – talking to moms about how to handle more than one HBL at a time, how to balance work and homeschooling, homeschooling as a single mom, and parenting athletes and artists. In her free time, she enjoys driving her kids to their sporting events and trying to convince her husband that he wants a dog.



STEPHANIE ROSE

Sonlight Community Manager

Stephanie is the community manager at Sonlight Curriculum. She is the mom of two brilliant and unique children. Stephanie is an avid afterschooler and spends her free time invested in her children's education.



AMBER SEVERANCE

Veteran Homeschool Mom and Sonlight Curriculum Consultant

Before becoming a wife and mom, Amber was a high school teacher and coach at a private school in San Jose, CA. She has been homeschooling since 2002 when her oldest child began pre-k with Sonlight. Amber has five children – one attending graduate school, two in college, one in high school, and one beginning 5th grade. Because of her husband's graduate schooling and employment, she has had the opportunity to homeschool in four different states. Currently living in Lynchburg, VA, Amber is a full-time homemaker who enjoys encouraging others by serving in children's ministry, mentoring college girls, and leading a ladies' bible study.



TENDER TENBRINK

Veteran Homeschool Mom and Sonlight Curriculum Consultant

Tender is a mother of 4 amazing humans! She has had the privilege of homeschooling them over the past 12 years. She has 2 sons and 2 daughters. Her favorite time of the day is when she can sit with them around in the living room and read good books together. Before motherhood, she was a computer consultant that traveled and worked on software projects for Manufacturing and Distribution companies. Tender is a graduate of homeschooling as well. She was homeschooled back in the dark ages.



BARBARA WALSTED

Sonlight Advisor and Veteran Homeschool Mom

For Barbara, homeschooling was never something she considered, but God had other ideas. When the private school her oldest was to attend closed unexpectedly, a homeschool conference opened her eyes. She was immediately drawn to the great books and Instructor's Guides at the Sonlight booth. Her favorite part of the homeschool day was reading out loud to her boys and, thankfully, Sonlight's Instructors Guide prompted family discussions, covering many different topics and worldviews from a Christian viewpoint. Barbara will be forever grateful to have spent so much time with her sons for the first 18 years of their lives. Barbara has been working for Sonlight as an Advisor for over 17 years. She loves to help families learn about Sonlight and to find the best program for their students.



JUDY WNUK

Sonlight Marketing Sales Coordinator and Veteran Homeschool Mom

Judy is a retired homeschool teacher of three amazing students. She has spent 20+ years using literature-based learning with her own children and sharing it with families across the US and Canada through her work with Sonlight. She has a passion for encouraging parents, young and old, as they navigate the journey of raising their children. She and her husband of 35 years have enjoyed the privilege of facilitating marriage and parenting classes, and she likes nothing better than to mentor moms that God brings across her path.



HELPFUL HOMESCHOOL TOOLS

FREEBIES:

Homeschool 101 eBook:

sonlight.com/homeschool-101

Election Day Unit Study:

sonlight.com/elections-unit-study

The Benefits of Homeschooling eBook:

sonlight.com/benefits-of-homeschooling

Refuel Your Homeschool:

sonlight.com/refuel

Family Travel Guide to Navigate Virginia's Historic Triangle:

sonlight.com/williamsburg

Family Travel Guide to Navigate Thomas Jefferson's Monticello:

sonlight.com/monticello

It Was Worth It eBook:

sonlight.com/worthit

HELPFUL HOMESCHOOL LINKS:

How to Start Homeschooling:

[sonlight.com/getting-started](https://www.sonlight.com/getting-started)

How to Start Homeschooling Checklist:

[sonlight.com/checklist](https://www.sonlight.com/checklist)

Homeschooling with Sonlight Q&A:

[sonlight.com/q-a](https://www.sonlight.com/q-a)

Speak with a Sonlight Advisor:

[sonlight.com/advisor](https://www.sonlight.com/advisor)

REFERENCED LINKS:

Homeschool High School Transcripts eBook:

[sonlight.com/transcripts](https://www.sonlight.com/transcripts)

Take a Peek Inside a Sonlight Instructor's Guide:

[sonlight.com/a-look-inside](https://www.sonlight.com/a-look-inside)

19 Reasons Families Love Sonlight:

[sonlight.com/reasons](https://www.sonlight.com/reasons)

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