



## **Frugal Homeschooling a Large Family**

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#### **Approach to Homeschooling**

- As much as possible, try to teach the whole family together.
- My children teach them self by about age 12 and I check their work.

#### **Tips for Living Frugally**

- Cut unnecessary things (ie: cable; going out to eat).
- Pay cash for used cars.
- Have a meal rotation. Have the same meals for breakfast and lunch each day of the week.
- Use a slow-cooker. Make dinner while making lunch. Your children can help!

#### **Self-Sufficient Children**

- It's impossible to teach children everything they need to know. Teach them how to learn.
- Use the same topic for all children; vary the assignment. Have a younger child read a book about the topic and an older child complete a research project.
- Have older children help the younger children. It's good for multiple people to explain a concept to a child if they are struggling.

#### **Top Steps to Homeschooling**

- Have a goal in mind. It does not need to be a daily or weekly goal but, "What do I want to accomplish by Christmas?" Then reevaluate at Christmas.
- There is no such thing as getting behind in homeschooling. Just keep on going.
- You do still need to hold your children accountable for their work.
- At a person's funeral, they don't talk about their academics. They talk about their character.

#### **Blessed Beyond A Doubt**

- Money can be tight; but we have a love for family and for God, which makes us blessed.
- The Bible is the absolute authority in our home. Pray about every decision.
- Let your children form their own opinions by looking up Scriptures for themselves.

#### **Things I Would Do Differently**

- Join a homeschool group; both in real-life and online.
- Get the grade-level out of your head. Move at your own pace.