

Review: *Little Hearts for His Glory* (Ages 5-7)

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With complete easy-to-use lesson plans for a year of instruction, **Little Hearts for His Glory** is an attractive early learning program for busy homeschool moms. After you add the required additional resources you will have a complete, economical, Christ-centered kindergarten or first grade program.

The lesson plans can be divided into two thematic parts.

Learning the Basics teaches language arts and math skills using other curricula and fun activities. You will use your choice of handwriting and phonics/reading curricula from suggested options. You will read and discuss fictional stories by Thornton Burgess, Beatrix Potter and Howard Garis (*Uncle Wiggily*). Students will also do fine motor and thinking skill activities. For math, students use the appropriate level of Singapore Math plus creative exploration activities.

Learning Through History gives an overview of history from Creation through the present, emphasizing God's plan through the ages. Each day you will read aloud a Bible story or a history story from one of two required Christian Liberty Press books. Given the broad scope of history studied, the pace is obviously swift, especially for the second half of the year when you study post-Biblical history. Fun activities help your children learn weekly memory verses and study science concepts. They will also learn action rhymes, do art projects, play thinking games, and engage in dramatic play.

You'll find a list of the extra books you need listed in the front of the Teacher's Guide; often you have a choice of several recommended texts.

Well designed graphically as well as structurally, each day of lesson plans is laid out on a two-page spread, with each of the nine subjects set off in an attractive box. The author says it should take about 90 minutes to cover all the subjects, which may be done at once or spread throughout the day. A very nice all-in-one program!