

HOMESCHOOLING FROM THE HEART

Homeschool Reviews For You

Little Hearts for His Glory

Author: Carrie Austin

Publisher: Heart of Dakota Publishing

For more information or to order: www.homeschoolingfromtheheart.com

We are delighted to offer this wonderful resource in our catalog!

The early years of learning are so important and so much fun! Young children are typically eager learners, curious about the world around them. Little Hearts for His Glory allows homeschool moms to take advantage of this special window in their child's development, introducing academics while keeping in mind their need for short, varied lessons. After all - kids need lots of time to be, well, kids!

Written with the busy homeschool teacher in mind, Carrie Austin pulled from her experience both as a classroom teacher and homeschool parent to create Little Hearts for His Glory, a "unit study" style guide utilizing excellent curriculum designed for the early years of learning. While some of the learning activities are provided in this guide, you will need to purchase several "required" resources. However, you won't have to figure out how to put it all together - all the lesson plans have been done for you!

Little Hearts for His Glory is a Christ-centered curriculum guide featuring 34 units with complete daily plans. Each day of plans is divided into 2 parts: "Learning Through History" and "Learning the Basics".

In the "Learning Through History" section, your child will gain an overview of history (including Bible history) using Bible stories, and history resources from Christian Liberty Press (CLP). Science assignments are from CLP Science books. There are also art projects and opportunities to work on gross motor skills through dramatic play and fun "Rhymes in Motion" activities.

In the "Learning the Basics" section, children work on handwriting, math, phonics, and more. The author makes regular use of living books during daily "Storytime." You and your child will love reading the wonderful adventures from Thornton Burgess' Animal Stories! You are guided through daily math, handwriting and phonics lessons using one of several curriculum options listed in the resource section.

The simple daily plans are neatly divided into 9 boxes -there is some space around each "box" that would make it easy to make notes if needed. Carrie had done an excellent job of clearly explaining what to do for each "subject" each day, taking away the guess work and allowing you more time to enjoy learning with your child. While it may seem at first glance that you are covering many subjects each day, keep in mind that most of these are

quick and easy, requiring little or no preparation. Even the art projects and "Science Explorations" use materials you are likely to have around the house.

Little Hearts for His Glory is a flexible tool - allowing you to customize your learning/teaching times to suit your child's unique learning styles and abilities. You don't necessarily do every subject everyday and you can mix hands-on activities with seatwork. The resources used are reasonable priced making this a cost-effective, yet academically solid, curriculum for Kindergarten or 1st Grade.

Making the Grade: A

Cost: \$34.99

Value for your homeschool dollar: 10