
PARENT'S REVIEW

A Picture of a Peaceful Morning



“Pour the tea,” says Mom, “It’s 8:30.” With the children around the table, homeschool begins. The first course is **Program 1: Christian Study**. The children enjoy tea while mother reads aloud from a family together selection of Bible, History, or Geography. “Who can give us a narration of today’s story?” A child is picked to retell the story. This helps to cement the details in the mind, while absorbing the language of the author. Mother guides children to write key facts in a *Recitation Notebook*. Together, they recite the whole notebook building mastery. “Now, you may read your Biography chapter for the day,” says Mom. In a cozy little corner, children enjoy some quiet reading from a living book.

“It’s 9:00,” says Mom, “and it’s a beautiful day. Let’s have **Program 2: Enrichment Study** outdoors.” Mother and children grab their Enrichment bags and all sit on the porch. After reciting the scripture verse, mother asks an older student to read a selection from *Everyday Graces* and lead a discussion on habits. “Today, let’s write a quote in our *Book of Mottoes*,” says Mom. Children get out pen and journal. Next, they enjoy ample time to work on their Art Project while nature feeds their soul with breeze and birds and sunshine. The course ends with a chapter read aloud from the family literature.



At **10:00**, it's seat work time. The children go to their desks for **Program 3: Individual Study**. Each child completes grade-level assignments in Math, plus Science or Language Arts. Mother guides as needed.

"Ah," thinks Mom, "I have just enough time (15 minutes) to read from my **Mom Time Book Study**." She goes to a cozy corner and reads a short selection from one to three books: Bible, Fiction, Non-Fiction. A little moment for mom does her good. She writes a quote in her own *Book of Mottoes* and draws a floral sketch in the margin.



"Children," she says, "if you are done with your assignments, you may clean up your desks for the day."

It's **11:00** and time for the **Homekeeping Hour**. "I will play Bach while we work," she tells her younger children, cheerfully. They love helping mother with chores. Today, they unload the dish washer, gather laundry, and take out the trash. The Older children are still busy completing assignments, and will do their chores later. "You may play now," says Mother, "while I make lunch."

It has been a peaceful morning with ample time for all subjects and tasks. Lunch is served at noon, and everyone helps clean up. Afternoons are for rest, reading, gardening or other personal hobbies, and outdoor play.

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Questions to Discuss

1. Where was each program taught?
2. What program order works best for your children?
3. How did the mom fit in Book Study?