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# PARENT'S REVIEW

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Have you ever had that homeschool moment when you looked up and prayed, “Help?” It’s so good to know, that when homeschool isn’t working quite right, we can seek God, and he will help us find the solution to our problem. I’m happy to introduce you to my new friend and fellow homeschool mom, Rebekah Mann. She is sharing her story, [My Journey to Old Fashioned Education](#), in this issue of the Parent’s Review. May you be encouraged to seek God in your own homeschool too.

## How We Started

I always know when God is leading me because He matches the pieces together like a puzzle. The Lord first led my family to “Classical Conversations” and as we went along, I wanted to dig deeper into the materials presented through the “Classical Conversations” Foundations program.

## Our Philosophy

Our family philosophy of education centers around God, worthy stories, and truth. Therefore, I search out stories for my children that are true, pure, good, just, noble, lovely, praise-worthy, and of good report. This search led me to Charlotte Mason and her philosophy of Education.

## Time to Rethink

We were combining “Ambleside Online” and “Classical Conversations,” and it worked for a time. We had been homeschooling for three years (that first year I winged everything). Before the 2021-22 school year began; I gave birth to my fourth child, and I knew that I needed to rethink how our schooling was going to exist and grow.

## What Stayed

After much prayer, we decided to stick with “Classical Conversations” because it was clear that it was still God’s will. Then, because one shouldn’t toss out the baby with the bath water, we kept some useful tools I had learned from Charlotte Mason (living books, narrations, and nature study).

## Facts without Heart

I created my own guide to use with “Classical Conversations” because I knew we needed something. It took half of the 2021-22 school year for me to realize that we were cramming in facts without the heart.

## Praying For Help

I prayed, “Lord, we are in the middle of the school year, and I don’t have much money to invest into anything new. What should I do now?”. Our God is so good. He led me to “Old Fashioned Education <sup>1</sup>” through a google search. I knew it was God’s leading the moment I saw “Year 1” because “Year 1” was focused on “Ancient Times” which matched perfectly with our “Classical Conversations”. God had fit all the puzzle pieces together and my heart cried out with praise.

## Making the Switch

I was impressed with the flexibility offered by “Old Fashioned Education”. Renee often adds notes of “your pick” that gives me the freedom to use the books we have. Since we switched in the middle of the school year, I love that this is a free curriculum. I printed the 36-week reading schedule and started where the material was new to us.

## Two Months into It

I love that Renee has created a Christ-centered curriculum that works for a family style of learning. My children are loving the stories in “On the Shores of the Great Sea” and our other selections. The time we gather on the couch has become our holy ground.

## The Future

We have come to a place of peace in our schooling, and I look forward to growing with “Old Fashioned Education” as we continue in this journey of schooling, learning, and being a family.

Want to share your story of how OLD FASHIONED EDUCATION.ORG is working for your family? Contact Us.

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<sup>1</sup> [OLDFASHIONEDEUCATION.ORG](http://OLDFASHIONEDEUCATION.ORG)