

# **About Joyful and Successful Homeschooling!**

Joy and success are things we long for in our children's lives. We don't want them to make the same mistakes that we made. We hope the trials for their lives will be less, and the blessings more. In our homeschooling, we want to experience success, to see our children educated and serving the Lord wholeheartedly. We also want to have joy in our homeschooling journey. Laughter, affection, and happy moments should fill our homeschool days.

You have chosen to homeschool and have made an excellent choice! Maybe you are still just considering this path of educating your children. Whether you decide to educate your children at home or delegate their education to someone else, I hope this book will refresh and encourage you in your journey as a parent! Homeschooling is hard work, but wonderfully rewarding. There has been so much good fruit produced in homes across the world where families have embraced the homeschool adventure.

The purpose of these books is to equip you in your homeschooling journey. Having homeschooled since 1991, I have enjoyed my own homeschooling journey and want to pass on to you what I have learned along the way. Though every family has their own unique way of doing things, including educating their children, we can all learn from one another. These books were written to help you experience joy and success in your homeschooling journey.

Joyful and Successful Homeschooling started out as one book—900 pages long. In order to shorten it, it became two volumes and a workbook. Volume I covers preparation to homeschool, educating your child, the five R's, homeschool management, and homeschooling beyond home.

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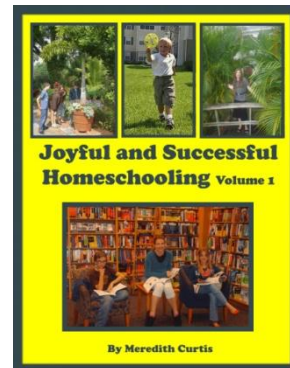
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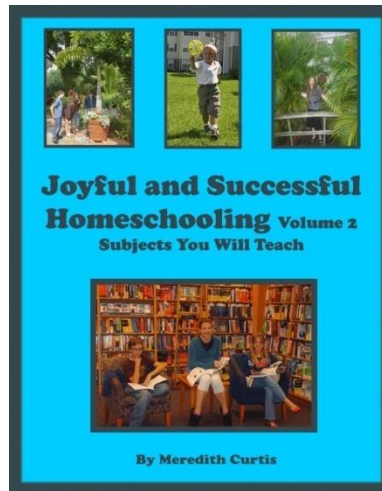


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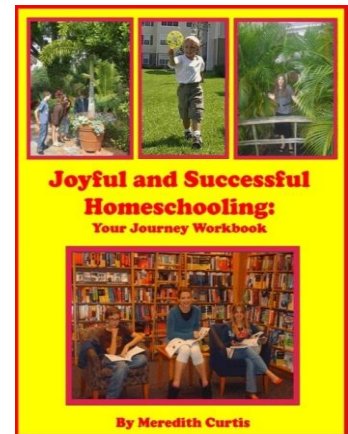
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Volume II was snatched right out of the “Subjects You Will Teach” section and covers fourteen different subjects that you teach your children. “The Five R’s” chapter, the only chapter in the “Subjects You Will Teach” section in this book, is in each volume. Here is a list of the chapters/subjects covered in Volume II.

**Chapter 2     The Five R’s**  
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**Chapter 16    Physical Education**



Joyful and Successful Homeschooling: Your Journey workbook is available to be used with both volumes or the single volume e-book! After each section of the book, there are workbook pages to fill out that will help you to think through the plans, schemes, and ideas that came to you as you were reading. There is a page that corresponds to each chapter in the “Subjects you will Teach” section, so I recommend using the workbook right after each chapter for Volume II. These chapters are long and jam-packed with ideas and practical tips.



Though the workbook is provided, feel free to underline and mark up the pages of this book! It is for you! If you are reading and think of something else, jot a note to yourself in the margin of the pages. Please let this book be an equipping tool in your life! It is not meant to be pretty and sit on a shelf. This book is for you to use!

There is also a website and a blog that I have created with my dear friend, Laura. It is our heart to continue, over the years, to be a blessing to you as you educate your children in your lovely home!

Please read Volume II after you finish this book (or if you have both volumes, you can read it after chapter 15).

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<http://www.homeschoolblogger.com/PowerlineProductions>

There is also an online column available for you to read called, you guessed it, *Joyful and Successful Homeschooling*. If there are topics I can address or questions I can answer, please contact me through my blog, column, website, or email address:

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