Week 3

Resource Guide: Learn Through Life

This is a lot of categories, on purpose — Week 3 is where families start realizing how many directions "learning" can actually come from. You don't need to touch every category this week. Skim it, bookmark what's interesting, and come back to it over and over as your child's interests change.

How to use this guide: click any underlined name to open it. The 🎧 episode numbers on the right are podcast episodes where real families talk about that resource.

UNIT STUDIES, NATURE & INTEREST-LED LEARNING

Treehouse Schoolhouse · Nature studies, morning-time resources, seasonal studies, and family learning resources. Use code TheHomeschoolHowToPodcast for a discount — 🎧 Ep. 21; many additional episodes

Guest Hollow · Literature-based, interest-rich curriculum and unit studies — 🎧 Ep. 2; Curriculum Series

Blossom & Root · Nature- and literature-rich curriculum — Curriculum Series

Homeschool in the Woods · Hands-on history and project-based learning, including Time Travelers and Project Passport — Curriculum Series

Beautiful Feet Books · Literature-based learning and history — 🎧 Ep. 16; Curriculum Series

God's Little Explorers · Unit-study style curriculum — Curriculum Series

A Connected Christmas · Treehouse Schoolhouse — three-week family Advent study — 🎧 Ep. 21, 38–42, 51, 54, 146

NATURE, OUTDOOR & FIELD LEARNING

Thousand Hours Outside · Outdoor-learning challenge and philosophy — 🎧 Ep. 42, 56

Junior Ranger Programs · National-park programs that turn visits into learning experiences — 🎧 Ep. 25, 110

Library Museum Passes · Some library systems offer free or discounted museum access — 🎧 Ep. 67

Libby app · free audiobooks and ebooks with your library card — 🎧 Ep. 87, 146

WHERE TO FIND GREAT CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Read-Aloud Revival Book Lists · Lists organized around high-quality children's books — 🎧 Ep. 50, 87

All Through the Ages · Historical book list — 🎧 Ep. 115

Let's Play Math · Math-related book/resource — 🎧 Ep. 115

Around the World with Picture Books · Beautiful Feet Books — literature-based geography/world-study resource — 🎧 Ep. 66 / Curriculum Series

Sonlight · Browse literature and read-aloud selections by age/grade

BookShark · Age-based readers and read-alouds, including literature connected to history

PODCASTS & AUDIOBOOKS FOR KIDS

Kids Storytime Favorites Podcast · Children's read-aloud podcast with classic books, music, commentary, and sound effects — 🎧 Ep. 78 / Ebook

StoryLand Kids Podcast · Children's story podcast — Ebook

Wonder World Podcast · Children's podcast — 🎧 Ep. 30

Filter It Through a Brain Cell Podcast · Short episodes helping parents and children learn critical-thinking concepts together — 🎧 Ep. 46

Yoto Daily · Daily kids' podcast with facts, games, jokes, mapmaking, draw-alongs, and language learning — Listener pick

Curious Kids Every Day · Daily, interactive educational podcast built around a curious question — Listener pick

Ryers Readers · Children's read-aloud podcast building listening skills and comprehension (300+ episode archive) — Listener pick

The Bookmarked Podcast · Children's stories with voice acting and character voices — Listener pick

Do-Good Detectives · Scripted mystery podcast where siblings solve mysteries through acts of kindness — Apple Podcasts

Hidden Island · Scripted family adventure podcast, loosely inspired by The Swiss Family Robinson — Apple Podcasts

The Boxcar Children (audiobook) · Available through Libby/OverDrive — recommended for family listening — Listener pick

How to Train Your Dragon · Cressida Cowell, narrated by David Tennant — called "the best audiobook of all time." — Listener pick

Sherwood Kids · Family audiobook/ebook platform with professional narration and read-alongs. Code: PHOEBE10 — Listener pick

Yoto Player Mini + Audio Cards · Screen-free audio player and cards for stories, music, and podcasts — Listener pick

Adventures in Odyssey · Long-running, full-cast audio drama for kids and families — Listener pick

American History Hit podcast · history podcast for older kids; preview episodes first — 🎧 Ep. 115

EDUCATIONAL APPS, WEBSITES & DIGITAL RESOURCES

BrainPOP · Educational videos — 🎧 Ep. 4, 160

Generation Genius · Science videos and lessons — 🎧 Ep. 4

Curiosity Stream · Documentary/video library used for science — 🎧 Ep. 4

Nessy · Reading and spelling support — 🎧 Ep. 4

MobyMax · Online academic practice — Curriculum Series

Khan Academy · Free academic lessons and practice — Ebook

Khan Academy Kids · Learning app for younger children — 🎧 Ep. 70

Duolingo · Language-learning app — 🎧 Ep. 70

Code Land · Coding app/program for children's learning — 🎧 Ep. 70

Merlin Bird ID · Bird-identification app used for nature study — 🎧 Ep. 184

GAMESCHOOLING & HANDS-ON LEARNING

BoardGameGeek (BGG) · Board-game database and review site for finding games by topic and mechanics — 🎧 Ep. 105

Game Schooling with My Little Poppies · Gameschooling resource — 🎧 Ep. 105

Genius Games · Educational games built around science and other academic concepts — 🎧 Ep. 105

Wingspan · Bird-themed strategy game with nature/science connections — 🎧 Ep. 105

Planet · Strategy game supporting geography and environmental learning — 🎧 Ep. 105

Carcassonne · Strategy game supporting geography and map-related learning — 🎧 Ep. 105

Ticket to Ride · Geography/travel-themed board game — 🎧 Ep. 105

Trekking the World · Geography/travel-themed board game — 🎧 Ep. 105

Snap Circuits · Hands-on electronics and STEM learning kit — 🎧 Ep. 114

Boggle · Word game — 🎧 Ep. 57, 59

The Fallacy Detective · book that teaches kids to spot bad arguments — 🎧 Ep. 46

Brave Books · values-based picture books for family reading — 🎧 Ep. 37

Monopoly · Math and real-world concepts — 🎧 Ep. 57, 59

Monopoly Junior · Younger-child gameschooling option — 🎧 Ep. 57

Our family favorites (all ages)

Mancala · counting and strategy; quick to learn, great for ages 4+

Skip-Bo · number order and planning ahead; works for a wide age range

ONLINE CLASSES, SCHOOLS & LEARNING PLATFORMS

Outschool · Online classes for children in many subjects — 🎧 Ep. 4

SchoolhouseTeachers.com · Online homeschool classes and resources — Ebook

True North Homeschool Academy · Online homeschool classes and support — 🎧 Ep. 94

Excelsior Classes · Online classes — Ebook

Legacy Online School · Online school option — Ebook

Time4Learning · Online curriculum/schooling platform — Ebook

Learning Unlimited · Connects graduate students with children for Saturday classes — 🎧 Ep. 34

Acellus · Online learning program for children who benefit from teacher-led online instruction — 🎧 Ep. 56

ThinkWellHomeschool · Online classes

Wealthy and Rad · money and life-skills curriculum for teens 14–18 — 🎧 Ep. 51

FOREIGN LANGUAGE & THE ARTS

Flip Flop Spanish · Spanish curriculum/resource — Curriculum Series

Song School Latin · Latin curriculum for children — Curriculum Series

SimplyPiano / SimplyGuitar / SimplySing / SimplyArt · App-based music and art instruction

EXPLORING SCIENCE & HISTORY

> *These aren't covered by the Curriculum Quiz, so if science or history come up as an interest this week, here's where to start looking.*

Science

Berean Builders · Science curriculum series — 🎧 Ep. 2

Beautiful Feet Books Science · Literature-based science resources — Curriculum Series

Guest Hollow Science · Literature-based science curriculum — 🎧 Ep. 4; Curriculum Series

NOEO Science · Science curriculum — 🎧 Ep. 16

Science Shepherd · Science curriculum — 🎧 Ep. 28

The Good and the Beautiful Science · Unit-based, open-and-go science curriculum — 🎧 Ep. 4; Curriculum Series

Oak Meadow Science · Nature-based science options within Oak Meadow — Ebook

History & Social Studies

Story of the World · History curriculum — Curriculum Series

The Mystery of History · History curriculum — Curriculum Series

Beautiful Feet Books · Literature-based history and social studies curriculum — 🎧 Ep. 16; Curriculum Series

Homeschool in the Woods · Hands-on history curriculum — Curriculum Series

Notgrass History · History curriculum — Ebook

Tuttle Twins · Books, curriculum, videos, and resources covering economics, history, and government. Code Cheryl15 for 15% off — 🎧 Ep. 24, 68, 116; many additional episodes

God's Little Explorers · Unit-study style curriculum — Curriculum Series

Sonlight History · Literature-based history resources — Ebook

Memoria Press History · History curriculum/resources — Curriculum Series

Core Knowledge Foundation · Content-rich educational resources and curriculum materials — 🎧 Ep. 14

Charlotte Mason Homeschooling · Educational approach emphasizing living books, narration, nature study, and rich content — 🎧 Ep. 2

Ambleside Online · free Charlotte Mason-style plan; borrow the books from the library — 🎧 Ep. 28

A few notes

- Reading and math curriculum specifically are NOT listed here on purpose — that's what the Curriculum Quiz at the end of the course is for, matched to your actual child instead of a generic list.
- Science and History curriculum ARE included below, since the quiz doesn't currently cover those subjects.