

CHECKLIST FOR CHOOSING CURRICULUM

1. Pray

2. Remember your Philosophy and goals.

3. Ask these things about the curriculum you are considering:

Is it teacher led or for independent learning?

How much preparation time does it require?

Does it explain the topic well for topics you struggle to teach?

Can it be adapted easily to use with several kids?

Will it work for MY child? Each child is different, so consider their needs.

4. Consider these three things:

How do your kids learn? (hands on, auditory, visual)

What goals do you have for their learning?

Will the curriculum help you accomplish those goals?

Overriding all other considerations concerning the choices are these two questions:

Will our children learn to love God?

Will our children learn to love learning?

If our curriculum fails to address either of these priorities, we are misguided. We must not allow ourselves to get so sidetracked by the "experts" that we forget the important thing--training our children's hearts for the Lord." (Christine Field)