

# You Can Teach Homeschool Science

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Just the mention of teaching science strikes fear in the hearts of many homeschool parents. That fear causes some to scan over or skip teaching science to their children altogether. It doesn't have to be that way.

When many people think of science, all they can see is visions of mathematical formulas, unpronounceable names, and dissecting frogs. Those things are part of science, but at its heart, science is much simpler. Science is in our everyday life. It's all around us. You are using it and are alive because of it right now.

I'm here to tell you that you CAN teach homeschool science. Not only can you teach homeschool science, but when you realize how simple science actually is, you might even grow to appreciate and like science!

## Learn With Your Kids

When I talk with parents who are skeptical about their ability to teach homeschool science, their number one concern is that they do not have enough science knowledge and understanding themselves. How do you teach something that you don't know?

I have a degree in science and I still learn so much, right along with my kids, everyday. I read the same text as the kids and try to answer the study questions just like the kids do. When I don't know an answer, the kids see me look it up. They see me learning and enjoying it.

Homeschooling is not only a great way to teach children science at home, but is an opportunity to teach kids to love to learn so that they never stop! Letting kids see you learning and enjoying the process teaches them how to be lifelong learners. That's important because there is always more to learn.

## Start Simple

If you are nervous teaching homeschool science, don't start out with a complicated curriculum that will take a lot of prep work and understanding on your part. Start out with something simple.

When we first started homeschooling, I wanted the kids to love science and not get bogged down in the details. We spent that first year doing simple experiments in experiment books we found in the library. (You can't go wrong with books by Janice Van