

Science Resources for Homeschoolers:

Cleave.) The kids loved the hand-on aspect and seeing the results of their projects.

Good experiment books have a short explanation of the concepts behind the experiments. For the first years, that is usually good enough. But, of course, if your kids want to learn more, hit the library again for more books on that particular subject, and encourage your kids to dive deeper.

When you and your kids have this relaxed, fun introduction to science, it sets you both up to be excited about science as you move through your homeschool journey. It takes the scare factor out, and stirs curiosity and wonder.

Another simple science option is going for a scripted, all-in-one box curriculum. Just open the book and go. All you need is right there. No need to be a science expert.

Join A Co-Op

Co-ops are wonderful ways for homeschool students to learn from other parents and instructors that may have more experience in a subject area or at least have a higher comfort level teaching that subject.

Science is probably the number one reason co-ops are formed and the number one class kids take in a co-op setting. So a homeschool science co-op class shouldn't be hard to find.

Online/DVD Course

If teaching science on your own is just too far out of your comfort zone, consider an online or DVD course. There are great options available in almost every area of science.

These courses allow your student to get instruction from experts, but you have control of the grading and the experiments (which is the fun part anyway). This will take the pressure and stress off of you!

Look for one with a format and instructor that your child enjoys. Online and DVD courses are, also, a great way to expose your student to a branch of science that is totally new to both of you but that captures their attention.

Just Do It!

You CAN teach homeschool science! Don't be scared. You will do great. Choose the method that fits your style. Jump in and have fun!



Marci Goodwin considers herself a guide, helping homeschooling parents teach science to their kids. She runs the website: TheHomeschoolScientist.com, and her mission is to equip and encourage homeschool parents by taking the fear out of and putting the fun into science education. Her goal is to help parents and students become a Homeschool Scientist.

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is in our everyday
life. It's all
around us...

The Homeschool Scientist

Experiments, articles, and a store! Don't miss the monthly science calendar - making monthly science easy for the homeschooling parent to plan! Learn more here: www.thehomeschoolscientist.com.



Home Science Tools

Science curriculum kits for Abeka, Bob Jones, Lifepac, and MORE! I purchased the kits for Abeka 6th and 4th grades this year, and I love how easy it has made it for my kids to do those experiments in our curriculum! Additionally, Home Science Tools has many other resources. Learn more here: www.homesciencetools.com

Answers in Genesis

Resources for teaching creation science! Get more details here: www.answersingenesis.org/education/

Other Websites:

How the Body Works: www.kidshealth.org/en/kids/htbw/
Kids Health in the Classroom: www.classroom.kidshealth.org

How Science Works: www.science.howstuffworks.com

CK12: www.ck12.org/student/

NASA For Educators: www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/
and: www.science.nasa.gov/ems

The Vega Science Trust: www.vega.org.uk

Math Science Nucleus: www.ms-nucleus.org

The Physics Classroom: www.physicsclassroom.com

NOAA ~ the weather: www.noaa.gov/education

Iowa Department of Conservation: www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/For-Teachers/Classroom-Resources

And so many more! Do you have a favorite science resource? We'd love to have you share it on our Facebook Discussion group at: www.facebook.com/groups/HomeschoolIowaDiscussionGroup.