Beyond Little Hearts For His Glory

An Exciting First or Second Grade Program about devoted pioneers and patriots striving for new beginnings... written for 6-8 year olds to enjoy!

What can be more exciting than traveling to an unknown place, settling an unfamiliar land, or building a brand new nation? All of this adventure is awaiting your children in the pages of Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory! This heartfelt program will have your children cheering on the pioneers, pilgrims, puritans, patriots, and presidents, who worked tirelessly and fearlessly to gain the freedom America still enjoys today. Your children will remember early American History, from 1565-1865, as a time full of travels, trials, and triumphs. Most important of all, your children will recognize God’s hand at work in it all, helping ordinary people from humble beginnings become faith-filled leaders, risking everything to build a new nation founded upon God’s enduring promise of hope.

Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory showcases 34 units with complete plans to help your children master the necessary fundamentals of “Learning Through History” and “Learning the Basics”.

Teaching first or second grade could not be simpler or more gratifying, and you can rest more easily knowing that all the bases are covered with this double approach to learning!

During the “Learning Through History” part of the program, your child will gain a chronological overview of early American history from 1565-1865. History will become exciting for your children in a memorable way as they build clay canoes like the pioneers from France, create a tasty American flag to eat, practice military commands from the Revolutionary War, bake a simple cornbread to serve President Washington, follow a marked trail along the Wilderness Road, and do many more special activities as they celebrate new beginnings with early Americans!

But that’s not all… the “Learning Through History” theme helps your child make other important connections too! Timeline activities, classic poems, simple art projects, hands-on science experiments, and engaging geography...
activities all match the history theme and help your children delve into their more creative side. The Bible memory work, narrative devotional, and sing-along music help your child make personal connections with the history theme too. Forget about history being something you just read about… Beyond Little Hearts… will have your children “experiencing” it!

The “Learning the Basics” part of Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory is best-loved for its flexibility in language arts and math. If you’ve ever dreamed of a program that you could customize to tailor-fit your child’s needs, this is the area you’ll fall in love with! Do you have an emerging reader? An independent reader? An advanced reader? Don’t worry. Beyond’s… got you covered.

How about math? Do you need some options there? Beyond’s… already planned for that. What about read-alouds? Attracted to the classics, boy interest books, girl interest books, or just wanting to pick your own books? No problem. Beyond’s… thought of that too. Having choices for your child in language arts and math is pretty important – so it’s no surprise this is a highly valued part of the program!

With all of these wonderful components, you must be starting to wonder how much time all of this will take? Well, there’s no need to worry about that – Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory is written with the busy homeschool teacher in mind. If you’ve got 2 to 2½ hours a day, you’ve got enough time for this program. There are no “time-wasters” here… so gone are your days of rushing to the grocery store for materials, or racing to the library for books. Convenient packages of resources and the use of only materials you’d typically find at home make this program perfect for HOMESchoolers! Another timesaver is the easy daily plans laid out in a two-page, simple boxed format. This allows you to do school all in one sitting, or divide it by spacing out the 9 boxes of plans throughout the day. If ever there was truly an open-and-go guide, Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory is it!
“When I opened Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory, I was completely thrilled and at ease. It was EXACTLY what I thought it would be, and MORE! Did I mention that my dear husband was absolutely happy to see me all prepared for school tomorrow in less than 5 minutes! He couldn’t believe that I was ready.”

Mindi in Cascade, WI

“We have loved Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory. My favorite part is the way history is tied into the other subjects. The Bible verses have been wonderful and are helping my children hide God’s word in their hearts.”

Melissa in Midlothian, TX

“We are now in our second week, and all my children are loving school, and I know that your program has helped me to provide them all the best (with much less prep work on my part, and more time to actually enjoy doing school!). Add my name to the list of very appreciative homeschooling moms who really value the products you’re providing. My children now think school is fun again! Thank you again!”

Penny in Iron Mountain, MI

“I am currently using Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory. There are two things I love about it. The lesson plans are easy to follow, and they include all the goals and objectives required by my state that my first grader should know at the end of the school year. I am very pleased with the results I have gotten. Thank you so much for providing this curriculum for moms like me. It is awesome.”

Tammy in Hudson, North Carolina

Comments

Now, how about looking over what other homeschoolers are saying about Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory!
Come and take a peek inside the Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory Teacher’s Guide!

History stories read aloud four days in each unit provide a glimpse into early American history. A weekly Bible passage wraps up each unit by focusing on an example of Godly character that corresponds with the history stories.

Hands-on art, geography, timeline, science, and history activities rotate through this box in the plans each unit. These coordinate with the history stories. A science text connection also reinforces the science activities.

Four days in each unit include spelling activities. A choice of two different word lists for each unit is provided in the Appendix. The fifth day in each unit provides a gentle lesson on basic grammar, mechanics, or usage.

Nine different types of literature are studied within the storytime box of the plans. Lessons on genre, story elements, narration, and Godly character traits are included with the read-alouds for each unit.

Learning Through History

**Focus:** Pioneers from Spain Settle St. Augustine

1. **Reading About History**

   Read about history in the following resource:
   - American Pioneers and Patriots p. 2 and 12
   - Key Idea: When pioneers from Spain came to settle in Florida, they crossed the ocean in sailing ships. Travel was very different in those days.

2. **Poetry and Rhymes**

   Read aloud the poem "The Storm" (see Appendix) to the students. Do not share the title. Ask students to suggest some titles for the poem. Share the real title. Read the poem again with the students.
   - Key Idea: Read and appreciate a variety of classic poetry.

3. **Geography**

   Outline a huge circle on the floor with masking tape. Say, This circle is Earth. Earth has 7 continents. A continent is a large body of land surrounded by water. On separate pieces of paper write these continent names: Asia, Africa, Antarctica, North America, South America, Australia, and Europe. Help students tape each continent name on Earth in the correct place. Give students actions to follow using the continent names (i.e. Hop on one foot from Africa to Asia). Other actions might be to walk backward, tiptoe, crawl, twist, stomp, or gallop. Last, have students use p. 25 in American Pioneers and Patriots as a guide while they scoot on a pillow to show Columbus’ route and Magellan’s route.
   - Key Idea: Explorers discovered that the Earth had 7 continents.

4. **Bible Study**

   Psalm 4:8 is the memory verse for this unit. Read the verse out loud. Ask, What does it mean to feel peaceful? How can you feel peaceful even when there may be many things that make you worried? Who keeps you safe? How can Psalm 4:8 comfort you? Say the verse together 3 times. Add hand motions to help students remember the words.
   - Key Idea: Even though the pioneers had a long, hard trip ahead of them, they knew the Lord was watching over them.

5. **Corresponding Music**

   - Hide ‘Em in Your Heart Volume 2 CD - Track 26 Song: "I Will Lie Down and Sleep"

6. **Musical selections from Hide ‘Em in Your Heart Volume II by Steve Green correspond with Bible memory verses in program.

Learning the Basics

**Focus:** Language Arts and Math

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1. **Choose either** spelling list 1 or 2 (see Appendix for lists). Write each spelling word on a separate index card. Guide students to study each card one at a time, flip it over, write the word from memory on paper, flip the card back over to check the spelling, and erase and correct any mistakes. Copywork: Have students copy part of the poem “The Storm”.
   - Key Idea: Practice spelling words with the short ‘a’ sound as in ‘hat’.

2. **Storytime**

   Choose at least one biography to read aloud for the next 20 days of plans (see Appendix for suggested titles). To introduce the genre, Biography, hand each student a sack. Give students a limited amount of time to find 5 items to put in their sack that tell something about themselves. Have students share their items and explain their reasons for choosing each item. Say, A biography is a true story of a person’s life written by another person. Just like we learned about you as you shared about yourself, we can learn about others by reading about their lives. Read a portion of the biography you chose.
   - Key Idea: Introduce the genre: Biography.

3. **Math Exploration**

   Make cards with the number words ‘one’ - ‘ten’ written on them. Tell students to count silently or in a whisper as you clap your hands up to ten times. Stop clapping and ask students to say the number of times that you clapped. Then, have students hold up the matching number word card.

   - Text Connection: Primary Mathematics Workbook 1A p. 7-8
   - Key Idea: Practice counting the numbers ‘1’ - ‘10’ and matching each number to the corresponding number word.

Choose a phonics program for a beginning reader. For an emerging reader, follow the schedule in the Appendix. For an independent reader, use *Drawn into the Heart of Reading*.

Short, hands-on math lessons are provided three times each week to go with *Singapore Primary Mathematics 1A/1B*. A schedule for *Singapore 2A/2B* is provided in the Appendix.
Now that you’re excited to start your child’s discovery of Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory, what do you need to begin?

1. Economy Package
   This whole package is a necessary, fundamental part of Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory. This competatively-priced economy package includes the Beyond Teacher’s Guide, American Pioneers and Patriots, Stories of the Pilgrims, and Boys and Girls of Colonial Days. Each resource of the Economy Package is described below. All items are also sold individually, ages 6-8. ($102.77) SAVE $18.14

   Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory Teacher’s Guide
   This guide is at the very core of the program. It has 34 weeks of motivating “open and go” lesson plans, and each day of plans is neatly shown on two pages. This thorough and easy-to-use guide can be used for one year of daily first or second grade sessions. Each day of plans lasts about 2 to 2 ½ hours, and “boxes” of plans can be spaced throughout the day as needed. This guide helps you cherish the time with your 6-8 year olds. ($70.95)

   American Pioneers and Patriots
   This living book is full of exciting stories about the growth of the United States. Each story is charmingly told from the perspective of young Americans. Your children will imagine themselves in the place of those who lived during this time and will begin to understand how God’s gifts of faith, courage, and determination transformed pioneers into patriots. ($22.50)

   Stories of the Pilgrims
   Get ready to be inspired with stories about how God raised up a tiny band of faithful Christians to triumph over persecution, hunger, and numerous hardships, and to ultimately establish Biblical Christianity in the New World. ($12.95)

   Boys and Girls of Colonial Days
   Children living during the colonial period had a spirit of determination to support the cause of liberty. These appealing stories will help your child understand and value the blessings of freedom and liberty. ($14.50)

2. The “Choices” Part Of The Program
   You will need to choose ONE of the following reading options:
   A. Phonics Stage: Choose whether to use ONE of the three suggested phonics programs, or to use your own phonics.
   B. Emerging Reader’s Stage: Choose whether to use the suggested Emerging Reader’s Set, or to use your own emerging reader books.
   C. Independent Reader’s Stage: Choose whether to use Drawn Into the Heart of Reading with the Level 2/3 Student Book, or to use your own reading program.

   A. Choose one phonics program - or use your own
   Phonics is an incredibly personal decision, so Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory lets you make that choice yourself! Three excellent phonics programs are suggested. All are easy-to-use, include short lessons with interesting stories, and are economical. But if your heart is leading you toward a different phonics program, choose that one instead!

   B. Choose our Emerging Reader’s Set or use your own
   Now that your child has completed most of your phonics instruction, choosing high-interest books that are at the emerging reader’s level can be a challenge. This Emerging Reader’s Set provides a carefully planned out list of interesting, well-loved books that gradually increase in difficulty. A schedule for reading these books, engaging questions written specifically for each book, and a list of supplemental titles, are all included in the Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory guide. The Emerging Reader’s set includes 14 books along with a choice of ONE of two suggested Bibles. Emerging Reader’s Set with The Early Readers Bible. ($77.66) SAVE $13.71
   Emerging Reader’s Set with The Beginner’s Bible. ($79.36) SAVE $14.01

   The Early Reader’s Bible
   This Bible features 64 easy-to-read Bible stories, based on the most common words used in early reader books. ($16.99)

   The Beginner’s Bible
   Written for early readers, The Beginner’s Bible has a higher reading level than The Early Reader’s Bible. It has vibrant new illustrations, text, and stories. ($18.99)

   Wagon Wheels
   All year, Frog and Toad are always together. There is a wise and wonderful story for each season. You will laugh along with Frog and Toad! Each ($4.99)

   Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express
   Bill Cody is just 16 when he goes to work for the Pony Express. He is chased by thieves, caught in terrible weather, and stalked by wolves. ($4.99)

   Prairie School
   Noah loves living on the prairie in the 1880’s. When Aunt Dora comes from the East to teach him, he sees no need to learn. He finally realizes his aunt can open a world beyond the prairie to him. ($4.99)

   First Flight
   When twelve-year-old Tom hears that Wilbur and Orville Wright are building a flying machine, he can’t wait to try it. ($4.99)

   Christian Liberty Nature Reader - Book One
   Delight in God’s creation by reading about fascinating creatures such as wasps, bees, spiders, prairie animals, oysters, snails, and many others. ($11.50)

   Tornado
   While waiting for a storm to pass, the family farmhand tells stories of his childhood and his dog Tornado. ($4.99)

   Little House Animal Adventures
   In the unsettled West, from bears and deer to badgers and panthers, Laura Ingalls always manages to find herself caught up in animal adventures. ($5.99)

   The Bears On Hemlock Mountain
   A young boy is sent on an errand over Hemlock Mountain. He is not so sure he likes going alone, because there may be bears on the mountain. ($5.99)

   The Courage of Sarah Noble
   In 1707, eight-year-old Sarah and her father traveled through the wilderness to build a new home. ($5.99)
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C. Choose Drawn Into the Heart of Reading for your independent reader or use your own program

Drawn Into the Heart of Reading has the honor of being selected to Cathy Duffy’s highly acclaimed Top 100 Curriculum Picks! This uniquely structured reading program allows you to choose your own books for each genre and read at your own pace. Turn to page 87 to read more about Drawn Into the Heart of Reading.

3 Basic Package

The Basic Package includes 4 resources that provide text connections with the activities written in Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory. If you need to economize, you can do without the items in the Basic Package; however, they greatly enhance the program. The Basic Package includes God’s Wonderful Works, Math Set 1A/1B OR Math Set 2A/2B, Morning Bells, and Hide ‘Em in Your Heart Volume II CD/DVD. Page numbers for each of these are in the guide. Basic Package with Math 1A/18 ($53.84) Basic Package with Math 2A/2B ($78.83)

- God’s Wonderful Works
  - Your Basic Package includes the science text God’s Wonderful Works. Text pages are listed in Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory and correspond with the hands-on science activities twice every week. These engaging activities are linked with the history theme as well. In full-color format, students explore the creation of the physical world, energy, plants, heavenly bodies, animals, and human beings. ($13.95)

- Morning Bells
  - This jewel of a book is filled with precious Scriptures intended to waken up little hearts and remind them to walk with Jesus each day. A related Bible verse, story, and hymn quotation are part of each devotion. Devotions link to Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory’s history theme one a week. ($6.00)

- Hide ‘Em in Your Heart Vol. II CD/DVD
  - Steve Green provides a delightful way for children to memorize individual Bible verses. Bible memory work in the guide goes along with these songs virtually every single day of the plans. ($13.99)

Choose one of these Singapore math texts for your Basic Package

- Primary Math 1A & 1B
  - Hands on math activities are written in the Beyond… guide to accompany Math 1A & 1B. This approach encourages active thinking, communication of mathematical ideas, and problem solving. (Primary Math Workbooks 1A & 1B, each ($14.70)

- Primary Math 2A & 2B
  - If you have already covered the concepts in Primary Mathematics 1A & 1B, you will follow the alternate math schedule for 2A & 2B in the Appendix of Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory. (Primary Math Textbooks and Workbooks 2A and 2B, each ($14.70)

4 Deluxe Package

The Deluxe Package gives you 3 carefully chosen book packs of read-alouds to choose from for the Storytime plans in Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory. No matter which set you choose, your child will be drawn in by the incredible selection of books! Each set of 9 books has every type of genre represented, and all you have to do is simply choose ONE of the three sets or use your own. For detailed descriptions of each book, see www.heartofdakota.com.

- Classic Set [package price] ($61.94) SAVE $10.93
  - • Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin (Biography) ($7.99)
  - • King of the Wind (Adventure) ($7.99)
  - • Little House in the Big Woods (H. Fiction) ($7.99)
  - • Charlotte’s Web (Fantasy) ($8.99)
  - • The Railway Children (Mystery) ($6.99)
  - • Papoo (Nonfiction) ($11.95)
  - • The House at Pooh Corner (Humor) ($7.99)
  - • Follow My Leader (Realistic Fiction) ($7.99)
  - • Aesop’s Fables (Folk Tale) ($4.99)

  This book is also in the Extension Package of Preparing Hearts for His Glory.

- Boy Interest Set [package price] ($57.66) SAVE $10.17
  - • William Henry Harrison (Biography) ($9.95)
  - • The Sword in the Tree (Adventure) ($4.99)
  - • Sarah Whitcher’s Story (H. Fiction) ($6.99)
  - • The Cricket in Times Square (Fantasy) ($7.99)
  - • Who Stole the Wizard of Oz? (Mystery) ($6.99)
  - • If You Lived 100 Years Ago (Nonfiction) ($6.99)
  - • Mr. Popper’s Penguins (Humor) ($7.99)
  - • Mountain Born (Realistic Fiction) ($6.99)
  - • The Apple and the Arrow (Folk Tale) ($8.95)

- Girl Interest Set [package price] ($58.57) SAVE $10.34
  - • Helen Keller (Biography) ($5.99)
  - • A Lion to Guard Us (Adventure) ($7.99)
  - • The Cabin Faced West (H. Fiction) ($6.99)
  - • The Trumpet of the Swan (Fantasy) ($7.99)
  - • Ginger Pye (Mystery) ($7.99)
  - • A Bear Called Paddington (Humor) ($9.99)
  - • All-of-a-kind Family (Realistic Fiction) ($6.99)
  - • In Grandma’s Attic (Folk Tale) ($6.99)
  - • If You Traveled West in a Covered Wagon (Nonfiction) ($7.99)

How To Order Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory:

1. Order the Economy Package.
2. Decide which stage of reading your child is at, and choose ONE of the following resources:
   A. Phonics stage of reading: Choose ONE phonics program
      • Order The Reading Lesson (w/CD or without) OR ...
      • Order Reading Made Easy OR ...
      • Order Sound Bytes OR ...
      • Use your own phonics program
   B. Emerging reader’s stage of reading:
      • Order the Emerging Reader’s Set, OR ...
      • Use your own set of emerging readers
   C. Independent reader’s stage of reading:
      • Order the Drawn Into the Heart of Reading teacher’s guide AND the Student Workbook Level 2/3, OR ...
      • Use your own independent reading program
3. Choose whether to order a WHOLE Basic Package, or individual pieces of it. If you choose to order a WHOLE Basic Package, choose ONE of these Basic Packages:
   • Order Basic Package with Math 1A and 1B OR ...
   • Order Basic Package with Math 2A and 2B
4. Choose whether to order a Deluxe Package:
   • Order Classic Set, Boy Interest Set, OR Girl Interest Set, OR ...
   • Use your own set of read-alouds specific to genre