

Work it Out...

You were BORN for this!

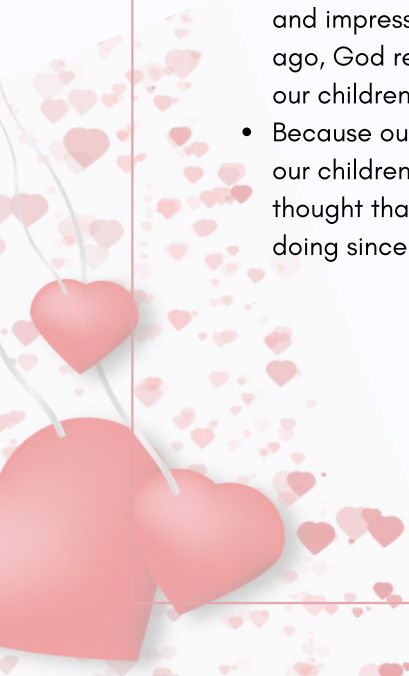
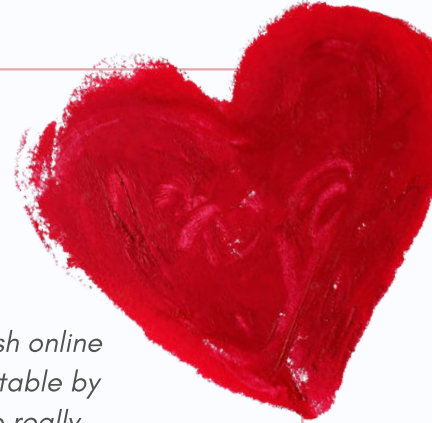
How to get the most out of this worksheet...

- *Take time to watch the corresponding video first. Grab a journal or open a fresh online document and start working these questions out. These worksheets are not editable by design-- rather, they give you a little room for brainstorming before you take to really working out your vision and dreams for your family.*
- *Really take time to think through the questions here and thoughtfully answer each one. The questions are here to help you think through things that you may not have taken the time to truly consider before, and you'll be amazed at how much clarity you'll get just by stopping to write down what's in your heart for your children*

Have you ever stopped to consider that you were born to homeschool your children? Literally!! In fact, your children were born into this, because at its core, homeschooling for the heart of your children— or “heart schooling”— is just an extension of the parenting you’ve been doing since the day they were born. It’s that natural, and it’s that important for you and your children.

Before you start writing, let's review some of the important points from this lesson:

- Homeschooling is a lot of work. But, I promise you this...when you have the right foundation... When you prepare yourself and your family in the right way... And when you set up your homeschool accordingly, you'll be amazed at how God will always give you the energy and wisdom you need to do what He is calling you to do— AND, you'll stand in awe at how He'll grow you personally in ways you never would have imagined at the very same time.
- If you're reluctant about this whole homechooling thing, allow God to start changing your heart and impressing on you how short the days you were given with your children really are. Years ago, God reminded David and I that there was no one else on earth called to parent and teach our children like we were... the same can be said for you!
- Because our culture today seriously undervalues the importance of parents and the intensity of our children's need for time with us, many believers have even fallen prey to the prevailing thought that we aren't capable of teaching our children... when that's exactly what we've been doing since day one!



At the beginning of the lesson, I asked you some questions-- When you imagine your children in 20 years, what do you see? Have you ever really stopped to think about that? What are your big goals for your kids? Stop for a bit and really consider those questions. How would the way you approach each day change if you kept your goals for them in view?



What are some of the things you've already taught them? Think hard and don't be content with the surface answers that quickly pop into your mind. List out as many as you can... they'll serve as great reminders if you ever get the feeling you aren't equipped to teach them.

At its core, homeschooling is just an extension of the parenting you've been doing since the beginning. Think though and write out some of your favorite parts or privileges of parenting. That may seem like a silly thing to do, but by really focusing in on the privileges you have as a parent, it makes even the difficult or mundane things you work through mean a lot more. Our society seriously undervalues the work of a parent, but in God's economy, parents have the greatest influence of all. God perfectly designed the family unit to function as the main source of a child's learning, and I invite you to stand in awe of that!

**Please remember that God isn't calling you to be or to do everything perfectly
— He is simply calling you to be present and intentional in building your
relationship with your children. You have a platform unlike anyone else's—
and heart schooling is an incredible way to take full advantage of it!**

