

Home Educator *Express*



Hello, THSC Friend,

In the thick of winter, one tangible way we can teach our children to serve “the least of these” (see [Matthew 25:40](#)) is to show them ways to help the birds in your own neighborhood.

There are plenty of creative ways to show care and provide food for feathered friends.

🦋 Homeschool Preschool has some ideas for [simple bird feeders](#) that even the littlest kids can make

☕ For older kids, coffee mugs are the perfect start to create a quirky and [thrifty bird feeder craft](#)

🏠 What about letting kids paint their own sheltered [tiny home from the cold](#) for the birds?

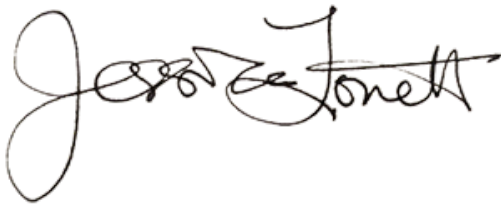
📖 [*Secrets of Winter Secrets \(A Shine-A-Light Book\)*](#) by Georgina Tee is an engaging way to teach children what animals are out and about during winter. If you've never seen a Shine-A-Light Book in action, [look at this video](#) to see how they work. You shine a flashlight on the pages to reveal surprises!

👤 [*Stranger in the Woods: A Photographic Fantasy*](#) by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick is an award-winning book showcasing animals in winter. In the end, the children in the story take care of feeding the birds and other animals to help them weather the winter. If you can't find it in your local library, here is a [video read-aloud](#).

❄️ Lastly, the song "[Feed the Birds](#)" from the classic Mary Poppins film has taught generations of children the importance of being kind to those around them with less. [According to legend](#), it was Walt Disney's personal favorite song and has been called the "[best Disney song ever written](#)" as it exalts the act of pure charity to others who can't give you anything in return.

I hope these ideas inspire you to teach your children to be observant about the world around them, empowered that even as children they can make a positive impact in someone's day-to-day life.

Thank you for reading,



Jessica Lovett
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P.S. Are you looking for a way to help clarify the confusion of the current culture for your middle school or high school student? [Reality Apologetics Conference](#) is coming to Dallas on Friday, February 25th and Saturday, the 26th and is selling out *really* fast. It is hosted by [Stand to Reason](#), a ministry that I have personally been a big fan of for years. Check them out, if you've never heard of them!

"Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary."

-[Galatians 6:9](#)



Newsletters for the Grade Levels You Teach

Did you know that we have newsletters especially designed for elementary school, middle school, and high school students? We know that your students have different levels, learning styles, and needs. Sign up today and get fun ideas delivered to your inbox to keep homeschooling fresh! You can sign up for one or all of them, depending on the ages of your students.

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Ideas for Making Social Studies and History Come Alive

Do you struggle to make history seem exciting and engaging? Do you want your kiddos to enjoy learning about history? I have received these questions multiple times from many who have recently started homeschooling or from those trying to engage their kiddos in history.

With that in mind, below are ways our family has made history become more of a “living history,” and I hope that this series will spark interest, fun, and most of all, memories. [Read on...](#)



8 Types of Homeschools (Classical, Charlotte Mason, Unschooling, Montessori, and More!)

We all gravitate toward a certain style of homeschooling. Do you know what yours is?

Whether you're just starting to homeschool, or are an old pro, learning about different ways to homeschool will help you ensure your practices line up with your educational objectives.

What is your homeschool philosophy? [Read on...](#)

Momtreprenuer: Working While Homeschooling

Being a homeschool mom isn't easy. Operating a home business isn't a walk in the park either. How about doing both? That is exactly what Meredith Wright has been doing for years. As a pastor's wife, mom of five—including twins—and entrepreneur, she is living proof that working while homeschooling is totally possible. [Read on...](#)

THSC Membership *benefits*

As a homeschooler, THSC helps your voice be heard!

We have all heard about the politicalization of the public school system and worried about governmental overreach into our homes. Our right to homeschool is one of the most important rights we have.

Are you looking for a way to support the homeschooling community and make sure your values are protected?

If you join THSC, you can also take comfort in knowing that you're supporting THSC's Policy Team. They work hard behind the scenes to watch every single bill in Texas that is presented to the legislature and make sure it is not undermining families. THSC also works hard to help members who have experienced prejudice for being a homeschooler - either with CPS, with governmental benefits like social security, in college admissions, or with the public school system.

[Become a member today](#) and help protect the homeschool community.



The THSC Watchmen

Is your homeschool graduate looking for a way to become more involved in politics? Are they passionate about making a difference in the world but you're not sure where to help them start?

The THSC Watchmen are a team of homeschool graduates who serve as legislative analysts and lobbyists for Texas' homeschool families. Every single legislative session,

the THSC Watchmen work tirelessly to protect the rights of homeschool families.

This is a resume-building opportunity for students to have hands-on experience while with other like-minded individuals, in a safe and controlled environment. Watchmen serve together for an entire legislative session. [Apply today!](#)

[Save the Date for Called to Teach Conventions](#)

The theme for Called to Teach this year is all about freedom... Freedom to choose homeschooling for your family, to structure your home life as you see fit, and to create an environment of peace in your homeschool!

Called to Teach will have hundreds of exhibitors to let you see homeschool curriculum and resources for yourself. THSC Coaches will be on hand to answer your questions. Come find community and inspiration at Called to Teach! Speakers will be announced soon.

[Contributing Editor Volunteers Needed](#)

Are you skilled at refining writing? Do you have a passion for our mission of supporting Texas homeschoolers? Why not consider joining our volunteer editing team as a Contributing Editor! It's an excellent resume builder and gives you opportunities to receive mentoring from industry professionals. Find out more about being a [Contributing Editor!](#)

[Patrick Henry College Scholarship](#)

Are you applying to attend PHC in Fall 2022? [Apply for THSC's scholarship](#) today and you could be awarded \$1,000, \$2,000, or \$3,000 to help with your tuition! Be sure to apply soon - the deadline is **March 1, 2022**. Scholarship recipients will be notified by March 31, 2022!



Homeschooling Matters Because Families Matter

Mask mandates, Critical Race Theory, and the teaching of sexually explicit material are causing parents to step back and recognize what their children are being taught in public schools.

In a post-pandemic world, homeschooling continues to rise, and parents have become empowered to take charge of their children's education. We believe that parents have a God-given right to raise their children as they see fit, without government interference.

Check out this new, inspiring video showing real homeschooling families and what a difference that being a part of a supportive community like THSC can truly mean!

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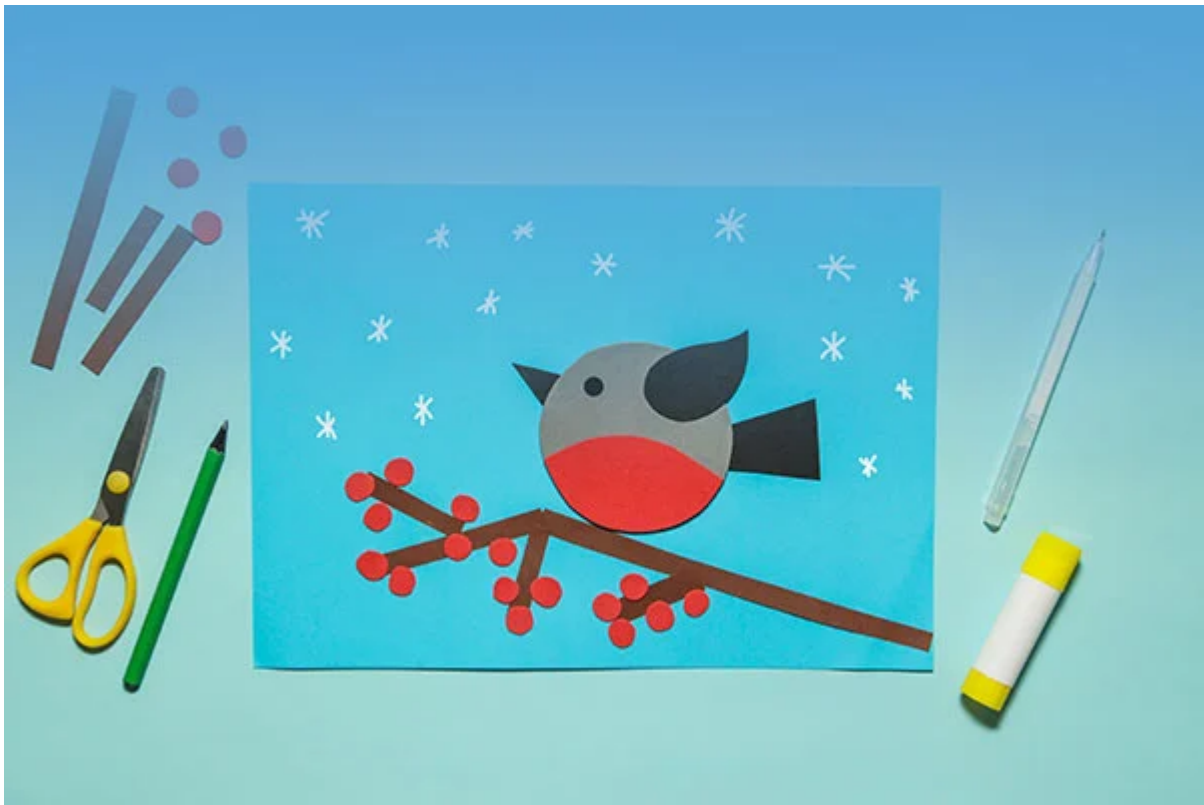


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