

Home Educator *Express*



Hello, THSC Friend,

Easter falls on Sunday, April 17th this year. My kids are a little older now and not into making [simple Easter bunny crafts](#) anymore, but they are total science nerds...

This year, I'm going to incorporate some Easter-themed science projects into our celebration! Science shows us the beauty and majesty of creation all around us. As [Louis Pasteur](#) said, "The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator. Science brings men nearer to God."

🐣 Our family doesn't really like to eat Peeps on their own, but we'll be picking some up at the store for another reason - science! Take a look at these [fun Peeps science experiments](#)! These 10 activities have easy set-up and hardly any prep time. There is even a science journal printable! Learn why wet Peeps candy sink and dry ones don't, how to make a Peep disappear, and figure out whether or not they can freeze - and more!

🥚 We have done just about every mainstream science experiment there is, but we've never tried this [Naked Egg Experiment](#) before! You use an acetic vinegar solution to

dissolve the egg's calcium carbonate shell so your students can see what it really looks like under there. Tada, a transparent egg!

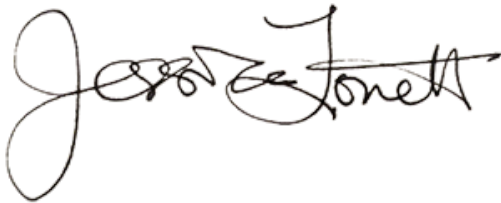
💎 Have you ever tried growing salt crystals? This [Easter Egg Salt Crystal Experiment](#) is really easy and makes a rather impressive result! Besides teaching evaporation, water saturation, density, chemical bonds and all that other fun stuff - it also teaches your kids patience because it takes a while for these to finish. Don't worry, it's worth the wait!

🌱 Before throwing out those eggshells, consider using them to start an [Eggshell Garden](#)! You don't need a fancy kit to start out seedlings, just some dirt and seeds. The care and minding of new plants is an important skill and will give your kids a better appreciation of the bounty in the produce aisle!

📖 Lastly, I don't think I've even given my kids an Easter basket without at least one book tucked inside... and usually more than one! [Here is a list of some spring-y books](#) to include in your Easter celebration. There is a good mix of religious books celebrating Jesus' Resurrection as well as your usual bunnies and flowers kind of books.

I hope these ideas help you create an environment of joy in your home and in your homeschool overall.

Thank you for reading,



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"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'"

-John 11:25-26



See Sample Schedules!

Is something missing in the way you homeschool your students?

It happens to all of us... Sometimes we need to stop and evaluate what direction our homeschool is heading. If you need to add some additional structure to your day, have you considered an online learning program?

Founders Classical Academy is a brick-and-mortar school that offers an online program, too, with just as much rigor and academics as a private school.

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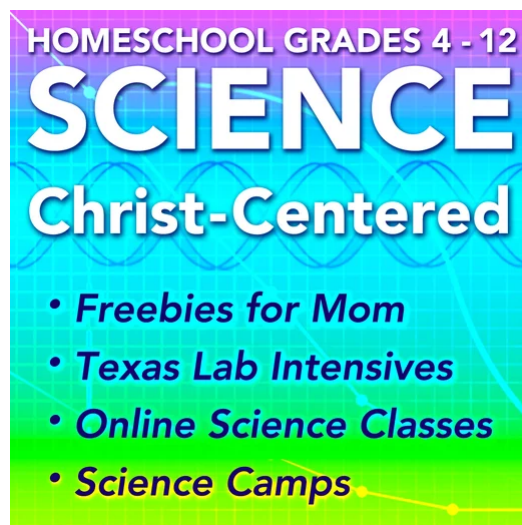


Now Is the Time To Prioritize a Biblical Worldview

The lens that we use to view today's world matters. Every human being alive today has a set of lenses they are using to filter what they are seeing and define reality to the best of their knowledge. For those who profess to have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, there is only one set of lenses that can be used: the lens of Scripture.

The culture as defined in America is overwhelmingly becoming more and more post-truth.

Learn from John Mason - a keynote speaker at both the Allen and the Woodlands 2022 Called to Teach Conventions - about how to deal with this new culture and approach worldviews as a Christian. [Read on...](#)



Make Science More Accessible

Bring Christ-centered science insights to your homeschool! You can test drive a new virtual, interactive science lab, get infographic lessons, fascinating videos, and more from College Prep Science! They even have a COVID-19 lesson on how viruses work, complete with audio lesson and worksheets!

See the Virtual Science Lab!



“Escaping the High School Lunchroom” Part 1

You want to teach your kids to be solid in their values, but are you teaching them how to defend those values? Or how to be invulnerable to rhetorical attacks?

In part one of this article, you’ll learn about common tactics many kids are vulnerable to and how you can help them recognize and respond to them in both the media they encounter and in day-to-day conversations. [Read more...](#)



3 Homeschool Music Exercises Inspired by The Sound of Music

The famous Rodgers and Hammerstein musical “The Sound of Music,” besides being highly entertaining, offers a number of practical lessons for homeschool music lessons. As a brass and piano instructor, I continue to rely on the Julie Andrews “Maria” character for inspiration on how to effectively teach music to students.

In one memorable scene, Maria teaches the Von Trapp children how to sing the notes of a major scale using a mnemonic technique. The oft-repeated song “Do-Re-Mi” blends music appreciation and music theory through a catchy tune that even the youngest musicians can understand. Parents who may not have musical experience can still incorporate the song into their home school lesson plans. [Read more...](#)



Why Study Latin?

We live in a world that is over-concerned with utility and efficiency. Even though I’ve shown Latin is both useful and efficient to learn, those two qualities won’t be enough to propel us to persevere. If we believe education is for life and not merely for a job, if we have a zeal for truth and not merely for checking boxes, and if we have a desire for excellence and not merely for squeaking by, then we won’t neglect our study of Latin. Learning Latin requires the skills of patience, precision, accuracy, and attention to detail. These habits of the mind are formational. [Read more...](#)

THSC Membership *benefits*

As a homeschooler, THSC helps your voice be heard!

We have all heard about the politicization of the public school system and, as advocates for homeschooling, feel 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 do your part to 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.

You can hear from amazing speakers like Kirk Cameron, Allie Beth Stuckey, and [other movers and shakers in the homeschool world](#).

Come find community and inspiration at Called to Teach!



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 numbers continue 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 being a part of a supportive community like THSC can truly mean!

THSC Member Community

Do you wish that there was a place where you could chat with like-minded homeschool parents? We are opening up a brand new Facebook group for both THSC members and non-members to be able to stay updated on important happenings in the homeschool community and help each other on their homeschool journey. Check it out today!

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