

#### Copyright © 2020 Meredith L. Curtis

All rights reserved.

Published by Powerline Productions/Kingdom Building Services, Inc.

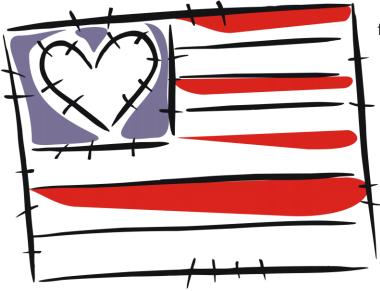
All photographs and clip art ©2017 Meredith Curtis, Sarah Jeffords, Sarah Joy Curtis, Laura Nolette, and licensees. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form, or by any means—digital, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise—without prior permission from the author.

# **Table of Contents**

Time to Celebrate Fourth of July	4
Celebrate Freedom with Festivities	5
Hang the Flag	5
Go See Fireworks	5
Attend a Parade	ε
Create Your Own Neighborhood Parade	ε
Celebrate with Singing & Reading	7
Sing Patriotic Songs	7
Listen to a Radio Drama together as a family	8
Watch Historical Movies	8
Read Old Books & Letters Aloud	8
Celebrate Freedom with Food & Fun	g
Red, White, & Blue Decorating Fun	g
Red, White, & Blue Dressing Fun	g
Red, White, & Blue Food Fun	10
Backyard BBQ	10
Americana Dinner	10
Let's Go On a Picnic!	11
Let's Teach Our Children to Value Freedom	12
Celebrate with Hands-On Fun	13
Make a Flag	13
Dress Up and Act It Out	13
Make a Radio Drama	14
Make a Timeline	14
Declaration of Independence	23
Powerline Productions	28
About the Author	29

# Time to Celebrate Fourth of July



Fireworks, backyard BBQs, and family get-togethers come to my mind when I think about Fourth of July.

What about you?

Fourth of July is a great time to celebrate with your family.

I love holidays because they are a great time to thank the Lord for His goodness, to cultivate family unity, and to impart values to my children.

With grateful for the freedoms we enjoy, I remember back each Fourth of July to that day when brave men put their signature on a document that would jeopardize their lives. The Declaration of Independence (you can read a copy in the back of this book!) declared the colonists free from the rule of King George III and the rule of England. It was a bold move followed by the Revolutionary War. I thank the Lord each Fourth of July for the United States of America.

Being together is another blessing! We always do something as a family, laughing and making memories. Sometimes we dress up in red, white, and blue. Other times we make red, white, and blue food. We love fireworks—watching or setting off our own in a safe way.

Fourth of July is also a great time to instill values in my children. Freedom and a love of liberty are things I want my children to value all of their lives. I talk about freedom on the Fourth of July and why it is such a precious thing.

It's time to celebrate freedom. Are you ready?

#### Celebrate Freedom with Festivities

There are so many ways to celebrate. We love fireworks and parades.

## Hang the Flag

Early in the morning, get up and hang the flag outside. Nothing says "Happy Birthday, America" like hanging the flag.



#### **Go See Fireworks**



Every city in America probably has her own fireworks display. In our hometown, the fireworks display is at Lake Monroe. Fireworks are spectacular, but even more so over the water.

Here in Florida, fireworks are legal, so we often purchase fireworks with another

family and set them off in a safe way, being very careful to watch little ones and make sure no one gets too close.

Sparklers are lots of fun for children!

#### **Attend a Parade**



Many cities have parades on the Fourth of July and are such fun to watch together as a family. Be sure to get there early for a good seat. You might want to buy little flags and wave them as floats, bands, and people go by.

# **Create Your Own Neighborhood Parade**

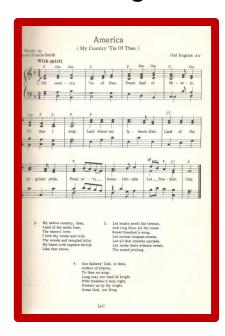
If there is no parade to attend, why not create your own neighborhood parade. Gather the children together with bikes and wagons. Have everyone dress up in red, white, and blue. Get lots of little flags and red, white, and blue streamers to decorate bikes, wagons, and pets with. You can parade down the sidewalk.

# Celebrate with Singing & Reading

We have some beautiful patriotic songs in our nation. Do you ever sing them together as a family?

Our family loves singing together at Christmas, but why not Fourth of July?

# **Sing Patriotic Songs**





Here are some suggestions for family singing:

God Bless America

Star Spangled Banner

My Country 'Tis of Thee

God Bless the U.S.A.

If you don't have the music, look it up online. You can often get free patriotic music, or at least guitar chords.

If you don't play an instrument, there's good old YouTube which has several versions of every patriotic song. Chromecast it and sing along!

# Listen to a Radio Drama together as a family.

Focus on the Family's *Adventures in Odyssey* has "Friends, Family, and Countrymen: The American Revolution" part I and part II.

#### **Watch Historical Movies**

Of course, we all know about *The Patriot*, which we watch with Clearplay® at our house. In addition here are some other movies you might want to watch as a family:

Sons of Liberty (1939) Tells the story of Haym Solomon

The Howards of Virginia (1940)

Johnny Tremain (1957 Walt Disney) Based on the book.

John Adams (7 Part Mini-Series) watch with Clearplay®

And for the kids:

*Liberty Kids* (cartoon—watch on YouTube or purchase the whole set cheaply online)

We also love watching the *Drive thru History* series on American History.

#### **Read Old Books & Letters Aloud**

Dig up old stories, books, letters, and documents to read aloud. Has your family ever read the Declaration of Independence? Letters of the Founding Fathers or Mothers? Listened to Patrick Henry's "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" Speech?

Here is a link to Founders Online: founders.archives.gov/

This website has correspondence and other writings of six influential movers and shakers during the American Revolution: George Washington, Ben Franklin, John Adams and his family, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, and James Madison.

#### Celebrate Freedom with Food & Fun

Food always makes celebration more fun! And it's not just about the taste, but the presentation.

Be sure to decorate the table with a Fourth of July theme.

# Red, White, & Blue Decorating Fun

It's easy to mix and match red, blue, and white table linens to get an Americana theme going. Add little flags and other patriotic images for a festive table.



# Red, White, & Blue Dressing Fun

It's fun to dress up in red, white, and blue.





#### Red, White, & Blue Food Fun

There are so many ways to bring Red, White, & Blue to the Table. It's fun to serve red, white, and blue food. Here are some ideas:

- Frost a cake with red, white and blue frosting to look like a flag on a sheet cake
  - Decorate a white frosted sheet cake with blueberries, strawberries, and bananas to create a flag
  - Put bananas, strawberries, and blueberries on a skewer to make red, white, and blue fruit kabobs
    - Make a gelatin parfait with red gelatin, blue gelatin, and whipping cream
    - Make a red, white, and blue trifle with white cake, strawberries, blueberries, and whipped cream
- Create a vegetable flag with cherry tomatoes and cauliflower for stripes and use blueberries for the stars
- Tie a blue and white ribbon around a bundle of red Twizzlers®

### **Backyard BBQ**





What is more American than a backyard BBQ? Cook up some hot dogs, sausages, and hamburgers. Invite friends and neighbors, asking them to brings sides like baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, and cherry cobbler with vanilla ice cream.

#### **Americana Dinner**

Plan a meal that has only "Good Old American" Food. You could eat fried chicken, corn on the cob, and apple pie. What other foods say, "U.S.A." to you?

#### Let's Go On a Picnic!

Yes, I know the parks are crowded, but it's so fun to pack up a picnic and head to the great outdoors on Fourth of July. You could go to a nearby park, a lake, the beach, or maybe the backyard.

Play games like corn hole, horse shoes, croquet, soccer, football, baseball, or Frisbee.





# Let's Teach Our Children to Value Freedom

Fourth of July is a great time to teach our children about freedom.

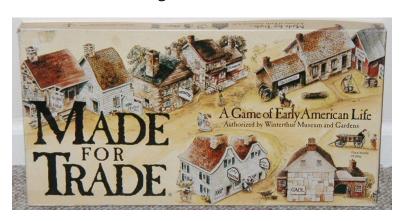
1) We can teach them the Story of Liberty that started back in the nation of Israel, led to the Magna Charta, included the Mayflower Compact, and stirred the hearts of the Founding Fathers and Founding Mothers.

Together, we can learn more about the events that led up to July 4, 1776. The Great Awakening in the 1730s and 1740s stirred men's hearts up for freedom and brought a sense of unity that crossed colony boundaries. Men were united by a passion for Jesus crossed denominational lines.

We can read historical fiction books set during the time of the American Revolution aloud during Fourth of July week.

We can play *Made for Trade*, a board game set in Colonial Times.

that



#### Celebrate with Hands-On Fun

Children learn so much better when their hands are engaged.

## Make a Flag



There are so many ways to make a flag. Start with a large white piece of construction paper.

You can color in a flag.

You can paste little bits of paper or tile to make a flag.

You can use red and blue paint to paint a flag

You can use little bits of tissue paper and glue it on to create a flag.

You can make a flag out of paper chains.

You can glue on pom-poms to make a flag.

# **Dress Up and Act It Out**





Dress up like people dressed during the American Revolution and make up a skit together. You can perform it for friends or family. Or you can videotape it and watch it together. Relax and enjoy the drama.

#### Make a Radio Drama

What if you travel back in time and relive the events through a radio drama. You will have to write a script, choose voices for each character, and decide what events you will cover. This is fun to do! And you can pull it out and listen to it for years to come.

#### Make a Timeline

You can make a timeline of some of the events leading up to Fourth of July in the Year of Our Lord, Seventeen Hundred Seventy-Six.

If you have a roll of paper, roll it out to the length of the kitchen table. If not, tape several white sheet of paper together and lay the long line out on the kitchen table.

The beginning of the timeline should be 1700 and the end 1800. Mark off the years in between evenly with a ruler and label them.

Now, you are ready to add figures.

Here are the dates. The Timeline Figures follow in 2 sizes.



AD 1730's -1740's First Great Awakening

AD 1741 Jonathan Edwards preaches Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God



AD 1763 Proclamation forbids settlement west of Appalachian Mountains



AD 1764 Sugar Act



AD 1765 Stamp Act



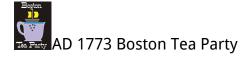
AD 1766 Repeal of the Stamp Act



AD 1767Townshend Acts



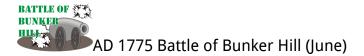






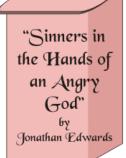
AD 1775 Patrick Henry "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" Speech (March)

AD 1775 Battles of Lexington and Concord (April)



Petition
To
George III AD 1775 Olive Branch Petition to George III (July)

AD 1776 Declaration of Independence Signed and Sent to George III (July 4, 1776)



Proclamation
Of 1763
Forbids
Settlement
West of
Appalachian
Mountains

Sugar Act / Stamp Act



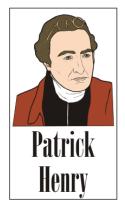




Tea Act



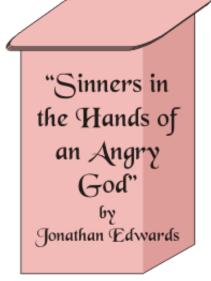


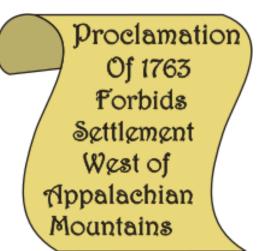






Olive
Branch
Petition
To
George III

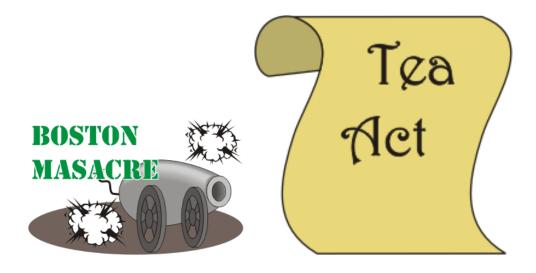


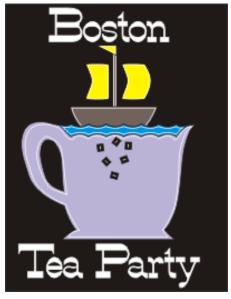




Stamp Act /

Repeal of Stamp Net Townshend Act

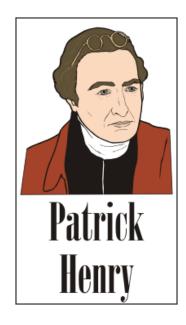












Olive
Branch
Petition
To
George IIII



# **Declaration of Independence**

# In CONGRESS, July 4, 1779 A DECLARATION

# By the REPRESENTATIVES of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA In GENERAL CONGRESS assembled.

hen, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connect them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of manking requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalignable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while gvils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to after their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them in to compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to eause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the meantime exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migration hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of the Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislature.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by mock Trial, for punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offenses:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighboring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule in these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy of the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

New Hampshire ~ Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, Matthew Thornton

Massachusetts ~ John Hancock, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, Clbridge Gerry

Rhode Island ~ Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery

Connecticut ~ Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, Williams, Oliver Wolcott

New York ~ William Floyd, Philip Livingston, Francis Lewis, Lewis Morris

**New Jersey** ~ Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart, Abraham Clark

**Pennsylvania** ~ Robert Morris, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, George Clymer, James Smith, George Taylor, James Wilson, George Ross

**Delaware** ~ Caesar Rodney, George Read, Thomas McKean

Maryland ~ Samuel Chase, William Paca, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll of Carrollton

**Virginia** ~ George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Francis Lightfoot Lee, Carter Braxton,

North Carolina ~ William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, John Penn

**South Carolina ~** Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., Arthur Middleton

Georgia ~ Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton

# Powerline Productions



Teach History the Fun Way
High School & Middle School
Maggie King Mysteries
Teach the Fun Way
About the Authors





**Being World Changers! Raising World Changers!** 



Powerline Productions exists to serve you! We want you to grow in your relationship with Jesus, experience joy and success in your homeschooling journey, and fulfill the Great Commission with your family in your home, church, and community. We offer curriculum, unit studies, high school courses, lapbooks, Bible studies, timelines, how-to-homeschool books, picture books, and cookbooks just for you!

#### **Our Websites**

powerlineprod.com/
meredithcurtis.com/
joyfulandsuccessfulhomeschooling.com/
ishomeschooling.com/

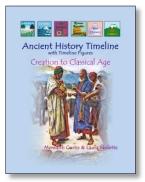
Print Books Available @ amazon.com/ \_(look up Books by Title)
amazon.com/Meredith-Curtis/e/B01GOEMVUC
amazon.com/author/meredithcurtis

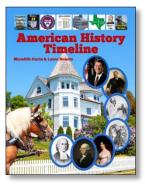
E-books Available at powerlineprod.com/ payhip.com/powerlineproductions teacherspayteachers.com/My-Products

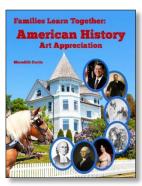
**Contact Us:** <u>Laura@powerlinecc.com</u> & <u>Meredith@powerlinecc.com</u> & <u>PastorMike@powerlinecc.com</u>

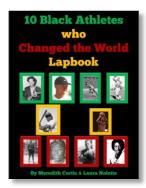
Powerline Productions 251 Brightview Drive Lake Mary, FL 32746

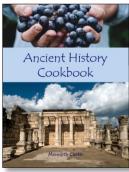
# Teach History the Fun Way







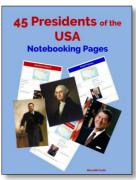




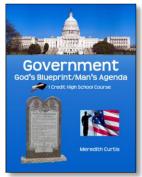




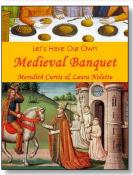




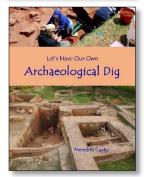






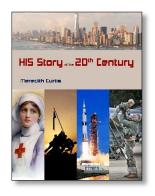






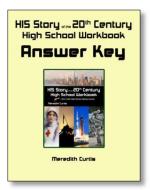


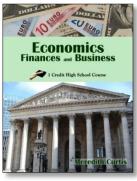
# High School & Middle School

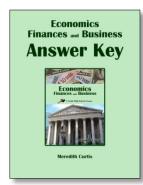




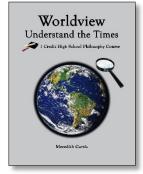


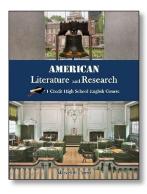


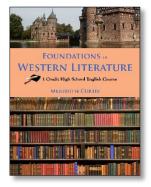


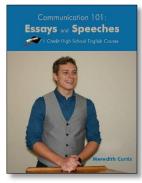


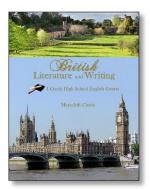








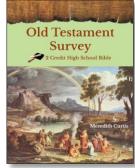








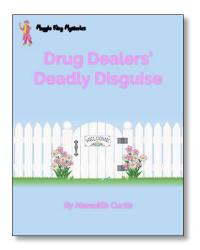


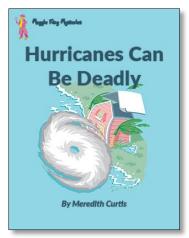


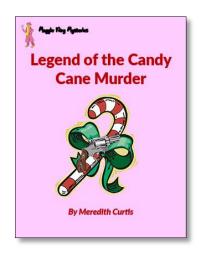


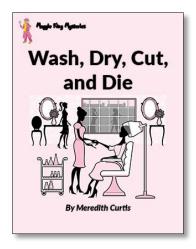
# Maggie King Mysteries

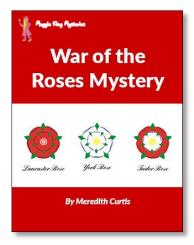
If you like cozy mysteries, you will love this series! Meet Maggie King, a pastor's wife and homeschool mom who keeps stumbling across dead bodies. With her sidekicks, Sophia and Mary-Kate and her curious children, Maggie is on one adventure after another.

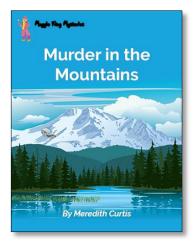




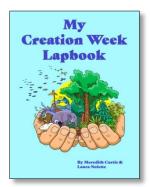


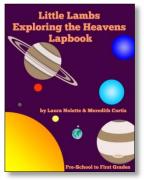


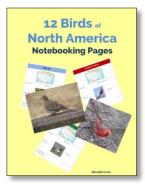


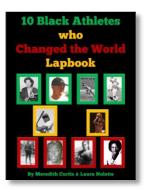


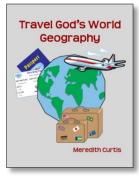
# Teach the Fun Way



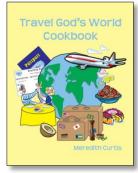


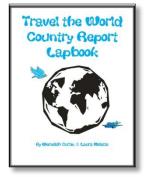


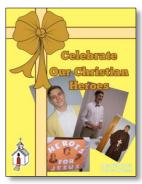




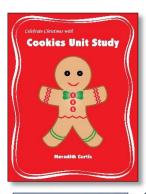


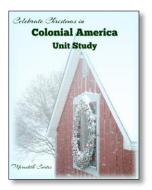




















#### About the Author



Meredith Curtis, a pastor's wife and homeschooling mom of five children, leads worship, mentors ladies, and, sometimes, even cooks dinner. Her passion is to equip people to love Jesus, raise godly children, and change the world around them with the power of the Gospel. "Lives are changed in the context of relationships," Meredith often says, as well as, "Be a world changer! Raise world changers!" She enjoys speaking to small and large groups.

All inquiries can be made to the author, Meredith Curtis, through email: <a href="Meredith@powerlinecc.com">Meredith@powerlinecc.com</a> or contact her through her websites: <a href="joyfulandsuccessfulhomeschooling.com/">joyfulandsuccessfulhomeschooling.com/</a>

meredithcurtis.com/ finishwellcon.com/ powerlineprod.com/

Meredith is the author of several books.

Joyful and Successful Homeschooling

Seven R's of Homeschooling

Quick & EZ Unit Study Fun

Unlocking the Mysteries of Homeschooling High School (with Laura Nolette)

Celebrate Thanksgiving

Teaching Writing in High School with Classes You Can Use

Teaching Literature in High School with Classes You Can Use

HIS Story of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

HIS Story of the 20th Century for Little Folks

Travel God's World Geography

Travel God's World Geography for Little Folks

Meredith is the author of several cozy mysteries: The Maggie King Mysteries series.

Drug Dealers Deadly Disguise Hurricanes Can Be Deadly

Legend of the Candy Cane Murder

Wash, Dry, Cut, & Die

War of the Roses Mystery

Murder in the Mountains

Meredith is the author of several Bible studies.

Lovely to Behold

A Wise Woman Builds

Iesus, Fill My Heart & Home

Welcome Inn: Practicing the Art of Hospitality in Jesus" Name

Friends to the End

God's Girls Beauty Secrets (with Sarah Jeffords)

God's Girls Friends to the End (with Katie-Beth Nolette & Sarah Jeffords)

God's Girls Talk about Boys, Dating, Courtship, & Marriage

Meredith is the author of several unit studies, timelines, and cookbooks.

Celebrate Christmas in Colonial America

Celebrate Christmas with Cookies

Travel to London

Celebrate Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims

American History Cookbook

Ancient History Cookbook

20th Century Cookbook (with Laura Nolette)

20<sup>th</sup> Century Timeline (with Laura Nolette)

American History Timeline (with Laura Nolette)

Ancient History Timeline (with Laura Nolette)

Meredith is the author of several "History should be Fun!" books.

Let's Have Our Own Medieval Banquet

Let's Have Our Own Archaeological Dig

Let's Have Our Own Ancient Greek Olympic Games

Let's Have Our Own Passover Feast

Meredith is the author of several high school classes.

American Literature and Research

British Literature and Writing

Who Dun It: Murder Mystery Literature & Writing

Communication 101: Essays and Speeches

Foundations of Western Literature

Economics, Finances, and Business

Worldview 101: Understand the Times

New Testament Survey

Old Testament Survey

Great Commission

Songwriting 101

Real Men 101: Godly Manhood

Real Men 102: Freedom, Courtship, Marriage, & Family

Real Men 103: Leadership

Real Men 104: Pass the Torch

God's Girls 101: Grow in Christ

God's Girls 102: Virtuous Womanhood

God's Girls 103: Courtship, Marriage, & the Christian Family

God's Girls 104: Motherhood

God's Girls 105: Homemaking

God's Girls 106: Friendship, Hospitality, & Celebrations

God's Girls 107: How to Homeschool