

Bible

- Read one Ellen White book every two weeks. (This was when I was in high-school.)
- Preach in all three of my Dad's churches every month.
- In-depth study of one book in the Bible. Write commentaries on each verse, verse-by-verse explanation.
- Preached evangelistic series.
- Became the self-proclaimed Bible worker of the church. It was my duty to make sure everyone had received a "hi" and a hug, to make sure everyone had experienced a nice conversation with someone, and to sit with a someone that was sitting alone every week. Also, mainly filled in wherever there was a need, even if that meant doing song service every week for five weeks! This dramatically changed my life, because of it I love church!

English

- Wrote a letter to a different person each day.
 - Monday – Grandma Sue
 - Tuesday – Grandpa Rollie
 - Wednesday – Grandma Judy
 - Thursday – Aunt or Uncle of our choice
 - Friday – Whoever we want!Writing these letters was extremely influential. We learned how to communicate and keep a conversation going, how to write properly without all the crazy endless rules with one hundred exceptions because mom would review and make us correct every mistake, and we learned the importance in keeping touch with our families and friends in a meaningful way. This also helped our handwriting a ton!!
- Write out the sermon that will be preached. These are your "papers". Must be written neatly and orderly. But instead of just being written to be just graded, these papers are written to bless others!
- Each week you have the choice to either write a story or a poem. My sister submitted one of her stories one time to Guide and they paid her \$45 for it!
- Invest in a spelling book from Abeka! Spelling is super important and their lists and everything save you a lot of time.

Car Quizzes

We were in the car a lot being a pastor's family and always on the way to the church to mow the lawn, plant flowers, help an elderly person with their lawn, visit people in the nursing home, etc. Our geography, spelling, and other quizzes always happened in the car. Kids really have the capacity to learn sooooo much, if only we expected it of them! Mom would quiz from the front seat or we would quiz ourselves. Here are some of the things we had memorized by fourth grade:

- States and Capitols
- Times tables to 12

- Presidents in order
- Bones of the Body
- Process of the Repertory system
- Spelling quizzes were always in the car

Things you could also have them learn:

- 5 verses for each of our fundamental beliefs
- Spanish or another language

Math

- Abeka was always our favorite program for math. Repetition deepens impression and many math books try to teach ten methods at once and fail to really teach any of them. Abeka was the closest we ever got that really taught each method well by using repetition. You can always alter whatever math program you use and either add more problems you believe there is a need for, or omit ones you think are not necessary. This program is pretty great though. Every day we had to do two pages of math. Around every two months there would be “grading day” that was devoted to math and we would have to sit by mom the whole day as she graded our math from the two months before. Whatever we got wrong we had to do again and again until we got it right. This taught us how to do the math because we did what we got wrong till we got it right, and it taught us faithfulness throughout those two months because we knew if we did not do our best then, we would sure pay for it on “grading day”! Friday is grading day!
- Math books are made for the kids to write the answers in them, and they can, but if they do the work in a separate notebook or something you’ll be able to pass down the math book and not buy it again!
- in the study of figures the work should be made practical. Let every youth and every child be taught, not merely to solve imaginary problems, but to keep an accurate account of his own income and outgoes. Let him learn the right use of money by using it. Whether supplied by their parents or by their own earnings, let boys and girls learn to select and purchase their own clothing, their books, and other necessities; and by keeping an account of their expenses they will learn, as they could learn in no other way, the value and the use of money. This training will help them to distinguish true economy from niggardliness on the one hand and prodigality on the other. Rightly directed it will encourage habits of benevolence. It will aid the youth in learning to give, not from the mere impulse of the moment, as their feelings are stirred, but regularly and systematically. – {Ed 238.6}

History

- It is acquaintance that awakens sympathy, and sympathy is the spring of effective ministry. To awaken in the children and youth sympathy and the spirit of sacrifice for the suffering millions in the “regions beyond,” let them become acquainted with these lands and their peoples. In this line much might be accomplished in our schools. Instead of dwelling on the exploits of the

Alexanders and Napoleons of history, let the pupils study the lives of such men as the apostle Paul and Martin Luther, as Moffat and Livingstone and Carey, and the present daily-unfolding history of missionary effort. Instead of burdening their memories with an array of names and theories that have no bearing upon their lives, and to which, once outside the schoolroom, they rarely give a thought, let them study all lands in the light of missionary effort and become acquainted with the peoples and their needs. – {Ed 269.2}

- This past semester, for virtually the first time, I learned our Adventist History. We have an AWESOME history! Learning these things made me happy and proud to be an Adventist. Two books that that are deep interesting reads that taught me so much are Lightbearers by Richard Schwarz, and Return of the Latter Rain by Ron Duffield. That being said, The Great Controversy is hands down the number 1 best history book.
- Pathway of the Pioneers is an audio of our Adventist History that is amazing and really interesting for kids. It's an investment, but extremely worth it. I loved these growing up!
- The Torch Lighters by The Voice of the Martyrs. These are cartoonish videos that tell the stories of missionaries and other heroes that worked for God. These are fun to watch for rewards and educational at the same time. Torchlighters.com has excellent workbooks that go with each video.
- Each week choose a different missionary, a different church pioneer and learn everything you about them! Have Ellen White week, James White week, David Livingston week, William Carey week, E. A. Southerland week, etc.

Reading

- Always keep them reading. Mom always had us reading missionary books and it really inspired in our hearts the desire to help people and be missionaries ourselves! Find a used Adventist Bookstore or go on thriftbooks.com and just get a ton of them, We always had a stack we were reading on the kitchen table. Once our stack got two feet tall, just on the table! There were hundreds more on our shelves 😊 These books are worth their weight in gold. There is not anything more valuable in education, reading books that inspire kids to serve Jesus, and this is what missionary books do. Also, keeping them reading, a book a week, will incredibly increase their IQ.
- A solid hour of reading is the time my mom chose and it was great!
- Mom always had book challenges for us. If we read 100 books we would get \$100.
- Uncle Arthurs bedtime stories have been influential in our walk with Jesus as little kids. These are FABULOUS!

Life Skills

These life skills give children a sense of creativity, imagination, and satisfaction. Some of these can be turned into a business as well and you can teach them to be entrepreneurs.

- Quilt
- Bake bread
- Sew clothes
- Can fruits and vegetables

- Knit
- Crochet
- Weed gardens
- Wash cars
- In home health care. We learned how to take care of older folks that were living with their children. We would live there for 3-5 days while their caretakers took a much-needed vacation. We learned how to give showers to elderly who can't walk, fix their specific foods, give medication, help them use the bathroom, and what to do in emergencies. This was a way we could earn money for school.
- Card making
- Lawn mowing
- Tire pumping
- Construction
- Massage therapy
- Canvassing
- Fixing/maintaining cars
- Dry wall
- Remodeling
- Natural remedies

Science

- Since my mom is an RN what I remember from science was her just teaching us how the body works. We memorized every bone in the body and the process of the respiratory system, and were just learning the circulatory system when we moved to church school. She looked over her college textbooks and taught us what she felt was important.
- Here is a great place to implement natural remedies!

Bible Memorization

- For every Psalm we read as kids we would get \$5. This is how we earned money to pay and take care of our guinea pigs, buy clothes, etc. Instead of getting a free allowance, we memorized chapters of the Bible to earn money. From that we learned how to use money!