

We all long to restore something that has been lost. In this case what has been lost is the heart of the parents for their children and the heart of the children for their parents. We home school because we want to reconnect to multigenerational values, to relationships, and to a sense of destiny.

So, in the end, no matter what the generation, teaching our children at home has little to do with academics or with shielding them from secular influences. It has a great deal to do with our desire to turn both our own hearts and theirs. And we turn hearts not by the pushing, demanding, shaming, or competition of an institutional setting, but through the drawing out of true identity in an intimate, open, trusting, emotionally safe, relational environment that we try to create in our own homes.

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- . Reading Vocabulary
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## E-Books

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In our current financial times, making our dollar go that little further is always good - especially when it comes to homeschooling resources and curriculums. I was recently reminded about E-books and just wanted to share a bit about them.

Before buying any curriculum from overseas it pays to find out whether or not they are available as an E-book. These are significantly cheaper than the printed curriculum for the obvious reasons, they are not printed and there is no postage. Also, you often get them immediately for a fraction of the cost.

Unfortunately, many curriculum are not available as a e-book, but some are. So it is well worth a quick search.

Some popular one's I have recently discovered include ;

Around the world in 180 days  
A popular Geography curriculum  
from <http://www.schoolebookstore.com>

Spelling Wisdom  
Charlotte Mason Spelling Program  
from <http://simplycharlottesmason.com>

A Child's Geography  
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from <http://knowledgequestmaps.com>

## Homeschool Freebie of the Day

Just in case I am not the only one who had not heard of this site yet, this is exactly as it reads.

A freebie of the day for homeschoolers.

Check it out, some really good stuff passes through here. Generally in the form of E-books.

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