

*The Biblical-Principle Approach Homeschool Experience™*

## *Teaching Methods*

### **EXPANDED (B)**

The Biblical-Principle Approach  
Lesson Planning: Phase 2



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**You chose your subject of focus and age range(s).** You've prayed about what to teach, how to begin your research, and what kind of opening you want to use.

**Before you get any further** in this lesson, you may want to review Module Segue 0/1.



**Now it all begins with you, moms and dads.** What sin issues do you need to ask God and others forgiveness for? What character traits do you need Christ to clean up in you and make you more in the image of His character and nature.

Before you can move on with lesson planning for your children, you need to consider yourself. I know it can be uncomfortable to have to face our own ugliness. But, sanctification is a growth process and if we don't surrender those areas to Christ, how will we grow and be renewed?

Also, sometimes the things that can drive us up the wall about our children are things in them that we see of ourselves.

So, if we really want to be like Christ we need to call upon Him for help and surrender to the Holy Spirit's work in our own lives. We can look forward with joy to coming to our Savior for His help and to experience the love of our Heavenly Father despite our failings! What is there to hold us back?

Here's an encouraging story! Pastor Jack Hibbs shared a story by Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse. In this story, Dr. Barnhouse tells of a night when he and his wife went on a date which kept them out till midnight:

"When we came home, we were surprised to see frustration upon the face of the baby-sitter and so I asked her what was wrong? The sitter answered by saying that their daughter had been crying for almost 4 hours and so, I headed upstairs to her room to find her red-faced and sobbing. I asked her what could possibly be troubling her so. Our little girl responded by saying; "Daddy, tell me it isn't true. Tell me it isn't true." I asked her, Is what not true? to that she said, "The babysitter told me that when I am bad you don't love me. - Daddy, tell me it isn't true." I took her up into my arms and pressed her close to me and said "My dear girl; I always love you. When you are good, I love you with the love that makes me glad and when you are bad, I love you with the love that makes me sad - but I always love you whether good or bad. I am your daddy forever."

Then Pastor Jack Hibbs commented: "If a human father (as flawed as we are) can express his unconditional love for his child - how much more does our Father God in heaven."

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/RealJackHibbs/posts/pfbid023g1gfsBomo8Zntyirx5nkrCY1ax5cAXQR9Jna2NCD53gceK5ssWLA9L727GZ3w8bl>

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**Remember:** Education isn't just about the curriculum, textbooks, primary sources, and notebooks. It's about forming character, convictions, habits, and manners. Again, it's truly discipleship. And for Christian homeschooling parents, we have the ability to disciple our children to the fullest in life--through thick and thin. Our children aren't coming home from the "box of school" to a "box of life". There isn't a disconnect for them or for us. Our children aren't coming home from seeing the teacher modeling one thing in the classroom (best face on) and seeing the real life struggles we can face as parents or as a family unit. No, together we get to turn to the Lord and grow via family discipleship. It's a very humbling and enriching environment for all who humble themselves in the sight of the Lord.

**Assignment 1: Personal Reflection.** Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to ask for forgiveness of and of what you need to repent from (turn away from). Also, ask Him to show you what character issues you have and to conform your character to be more Christlike. Write down what you learn.

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**Assignment 2:** Refer to Module 0/1 Segue and revisit what you wrote down to focus on about your child. What positive character qualities do you want to highlight for your child? What character issues do you want to focus on for your child?

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**Assignment 3: Now you'll be putting into practice praying about character issues you need to address with your child(ren).** When you take this into account, you can take a few weeks, a quarter, a half-year, or a year at a time to gently address these issues.

**Also, you can pray** about what qualities to highlight that can help influence you and your child to practice Christian self-government or help reach your hearts and help your child to see his/her need to change and his/her need for Jesus Christ.

Think of the different ways you'd like to *enhance* your family studies to help highlight character qualities.

- Literature
- Primary Sources
- Films
- Interviews
- Speakers
- The Performing Arts
- Paintings
- Audio Dramas
- Historical Tours
- Field Days (includes research)
- Field Trips
- Films

**Assignment 4:** Make a list of resources you'll be using for your unit study or quarter. You may do this by focusing on a theme, a subject, or a character quality.

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# Lesson Planning: Phase 1

Expanded (A)

## In this expanded lesson, you learned or reinforced your convictions of:

- that prayer must undergird what I'm going to teach
- relying on the Holy Spirit to guide me on what to teach
- being fine with relaxing and enjoying this!

## In this lesson, you reflect on how:

- there are important aspects of praying
- *school* is a part of what we do
- there are a variety of leisurely ways I can set up for before my students begin to learn a lesson