



There are six factors that make each family unique: your **faith** (or philosophy/distinctives), what **approach** you take to education, the **money** you have to spend, the **individuals** who make up your family, your family **life** circumstances and **you**, the homeschooling parent. Take time to think through your specific family factors as you research curriculum.











When looking at curriculum costs, consider the following:

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Choosing Curriculum the FAMILY Way

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Money continued...

- Which resource do you have more of: time or money? Compare costs of ready-to-use materials with those that must be prepared or gathered.
- Are there additional costs? Will you need resources that are not included with the curriculum?



All-inclusive: Everything you need is included.



Required: There are additional required resources that are a separate purchase.



Optional: There are additional resources mentioned or recommended but are not absolutely necessary.



Digital/Online: Some components require a computer/device and/or Internet access.



I – Individual

How does your child learn best? What motivates them?



Auditory: Learns through listening, talking out loud or reading out loud.



Visual: Learns through seeing, prefers written instructions and visual materials.



Kinesthetic/Tactile: Learns through moving, doing and touching.



Multi-sensory: Curriculum that employ a variety of activities/components.



L – Life

What season of life is your family in?

Are you educating young students, middle grades, high schoolers, or a mix? What events (a move, a new baby, illness, etc.) will be factors in your homeschool year? Keep these in mind when evaluating the level of **teacher involvement** and time required to implement a particular curriculum, detailed below.



Y – You

What are your time limitations and priorities?



Low Teacher Involvement: Student-led materials; parent acts as a facilitator.



Medium Teacher Involvement: A blend of parental direction and student independence. May flex based on student's age, ability, or curriculum.



High Teacher Involvement: Teacher-led lessons; may utilize discussions, hands-on activities and working together.

How much structure do YOU need? How confident are you about how to teach?

- If you are looking for heavy teaching support, look for curricula that offer more *scripted lessons, step-by-step teacher instruction, solutions with explanations, etc.*
- If you want more individual flexibility, look for curricula that offer less structure.
