

# Multi-Level Teaching

## Homeschooling More than One Child

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**Who** can benefit from a multilevel approach?

If you

- have more than \_\_\_\_\_,
- value \_\_\_\_\_, and/or
- would like to finish before \_\_\_\_\_ . . . *you* are a candidate!

**Why** consider multi-level teaching?

"Multi-age education involves placing children of different ages, abilities, and emotional maturity in the same classroom...."

Research indicates that heterogeneous grouping promotes cognitive and social growth, reduces antisocial behavior, and facilitates the use of research-based developmentally appropriate instructional practices such as active learning and integrated curriculum. The wider range of ages and abilities in a multiage classroom discourages misleading age-graded expectations and helps teachers focus on students' individual learning needs." (*"Building Support for Multi-age Education," Joan Gaustad; ERIC Digest 114: July 1997*)

**How?**

- Set goals & \_\_\_\_\_
- Organize your \_\_\_\_\_ for success.
- Encourage \_\_\_\_\_ study.
- Include \_\_\_\_\_.
- Read aloud.
- Adapt curriculum or use \_\_\_\_\_, especially in content (non-skills) subjects

**To use textbooks:**

Use \_\_\_\_\_ as a guide, using \_\_\_\_\_ books.

Select topics to teach your oldest child, modifying assignments for younger ones.

*NOTE: This does NOT mean you have to be together all the time, or that you never teach to the younger levels, but that you are all studying the same basic topics in the non-skills subjects.*

**Multi-level and/or reusable curriculum**

Use the same content-area program for all: (These are just a few examples)

- KONOS curriculum
- Diana Waring's history guides
- *Science in the Beginning* and others in the series
- *Greenleaf Press*
- *Five in a Row*
- *My Father's World*
- Janice Van Cleave's science books
- Beautiful Feet guides
- *DIY Unit Studies*
- Valerie Bendt's *Unit Studies Made Easy*
- Tapestry of Grace
- others

*[Sample units included in the presentation are replicas of units we used personally and are listed solely to give example of the types and scope of assignments that could be included. Some assignments may be pulled from resources we purchased and currently own, such as Diana Waring's History Alive, Far Above Rubies by Lynda Coates and Robin Scarlata, Science Scope (Design-a-Study) by Kathryn Stout, KONOS by Jessica Hulcy and Carol Thaxton, etc.]*

**Don't make it complicated****Multilevel ideas for various subjects:****MATH****LANGUAGE ARTS****SCIENCE****SOCIAL STUDIES**

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