

Unconventional Learning
Holiday Style



Hands-On Activities
Field Trips
Giving & Serving
Expanding Traditional Learning

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Hands-On Activities

Cooking | Cultural Studies / Family Traditions / Food as Gifts

Why this is important:

Shaping memories help to recall strengths. “Parents can help lay the foundation for discovering strengths by providing children with positive memories. ... Memories serve as transmitters of meaning. ... Memories of traditions and rituals will help children discover relationship strengths because they focus on positive interactions with others.” - Jenifer Fox

What they will learn:

- Planning a menu.
- Creating a grocery list.
- Comparing prices, using coupons.
- Organizing tools and materials.
- Following a recipe. First, next, last.
- Importance of ingredient combinations (wet/dry). Chemistry!
- Food safety (raw meats, refrigeration or not).
- Measuring and fractions.
- Kitchen safety (knives, heat sources).
- Cooking skills and terms (whisking, folding, whipping).
- Using appliances (mixer, food processor).
- Keeping workspace orderly and cleaning as they go.
- Cleaning tools appropriately and accurately.
- Culinary presentation. Food photography.
- Table setting and etiquette practice.
- Food/gift packaging and storage.

Activity Tubs & Kits | Themed or Seasonal / Subject Area / Age Appropriate

Why this is important:

“Play is a primary activity for developing strengths.” - Jenifer Fox

What they will learn:

- How to use time wisely and recognize activities that grow their brain.
- Caring for materials, tools, and contents by keeping Kit together.
- Following directions... and not following directions (out of the box ideas).
- Opportunities to explore, discover, create, and invent. (higher order thinking)
- Subject area specifics (math, art, science, etc).
- Age appropriate skills (fine motor practice to using a microscope)

Extension ideas:

- Have older children plan, create, and prepare tubs for younger children.
- Have one or two Kits available during the month. Rotate them out for interest.
- Trade Tubs and Kits with friends.
- Give the gift of a Tub or Kit this Christmas.



Field Trips

Experiential Learning | Educational / Historical / Musical

Why this is important:

There are four important ingredients God weaves together to contribute to your child's well-balanced development. Think of the R.A.C.E. acronym:

Relationships / Academics / Character / **Experiences**

Historical: Museum

Musical: Concert

Theatrical: Circle plays

Scientific: OSC or Zoo

Library: Book signing / story time

Artistic: Gallery / Fair

What they will learn:

- Subject area content in a memorable, vibrant way.
- Cultural, historical, and inspirational elements.
- Manners and etiquette appropriate to the location/venue.
- Practice asking great questions to: tour guides, curators, rangers, experts.
- Appreciating and critiquing productions: art, music, theatrical, dance.

Giving & Serving

Benevolent Learning | Donations / Creations / Visitations

Why this is important:

Stirring up compassion, experiencing the value of sacrifice, and the joy of generosity gives children the opportunity to show the heart and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

What they will learn:

- Planning / Budgeting / Shopping
- Wrapping / Delivering / Sending
- Performance criteria, exposure, growth and mastery (voice, musical, etc)
- Becoming aware of others' needs and problem solving ways to meet them.
- Community and participating within the Body of Christ.



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Expanding Traditional Learning

Creating + Skills

- Calligraphy / Lettering / Cards
- Advent Calendar / Jesse Tree
- Knitting / Sewing
- Village / Castle / House / Forts
- Simple Machines
- Woodworking
- Experiments
 - Fine motor and muscle memory
 - Following directions / reading
 - Real world practical skills
 - Creativity: vision into reality
 - Subject area skills
 - Measuring, using tools
 - Problem solving

Reading / Research + Skills

- YA or picture book pairings
- Complete author study and all works
- Cultural study - Greater global awareness
- Movies or plays: critiques, discussion, creation
 - Making connections in learning
 - Digging deeply / recognizing author's voice/style
 - Greater global awareness
 - Intelligent conversation



Research & Resources

Articles

- <https://news.uchicago.edu/article/2015/04/29/learning-doing-helps-students-perform-better-science>
- <http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3751901>
- <http://www.raft.net/public/pdfs/case-for-hands-on-learning.pdf>

Pinterest

Holiday Learning Ideas	Holiday Learning Rubrics
crafts lettering / calligraphy journal prompts art / photography challenges art museum visit + manners Nutcracker Ballet activities Christmas books	<u>Grading / Critiquing / Evaluating / Discussion</u> art voice music theatre cooking sports photography digital media presentations
Activity Tubs & Kits	Serving With Heart
<u>Toddlers / Early Elementary / Older Children</u> matching and forming letters sorting colors matching shapes fine motor games play snow recipe art cart fort building kits robotics inventors box winter STEM Legos and Lego Architecture Sets	101 Shoebox ideas Nursing Homes Russell Home Hospital One Purse New Beginnings Outreach ESTHER Single Mothers Outreach Ronald McDonald House



Circle of Ideas | Pinterest Boards

Alphabetical Order

Activity Tubs & Kits

Brand New to Homeschooling

Choosing Curriculum

Curriculum | Bible

Curriculum | Beyond Basics

Curriculum | Integrated

Curriculum | Language Arts

Curriculum | Math

Curriculum | Science

Dad's Tool Box

Developmental Guidelines

Fine Motor Skills

Florida 4th Grade

Foundations | 20th Century

Gross (Large) Motor Skills

Holiday Learning | Ideas

Holiday Learning | Rubrics

Learning Styles

Nut-free Lunchbox

Overcoming Obstacles

Plan | Lessons

Plan | Rooms & Display

Plan | Supplies & Storage

Portfolio Building

Reading Lists by Grade Level

Responding to Reading

Road Trip & Travel Tips

Serving With Heart

Summer Learning

Summer Math

Summer Reading

Summer Writing

Test Taking Tips

Topical by Workshop

Finish Strong

Test Taking Tips

Portfolio Building

Jump Into Summer

Summer Learning

Summer Reading

Responding To Reading

Summer Writing

Summer Math

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Compatible Curriculum

Choosing Curriculum

Curriculum | Bible

Curriculum | Language Arts

Curriculum | Math

Curriculum | Science

Curriculum | Social Studies

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Curriculum | Integrated

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Planning Brings Rest... Really!

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Troubleshooting

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(other useful information)

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Circle Christian School related

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Dads! How about give the gift of time to your wife?
Plan a project or field trip and take your children out for the day.
Mom can take a breather, renew her mindset, and refresh her energy.

Let's Connect! | Social Media & Live

For inspiration and imagination |



Instagram: **@circleofinspiration**

NEW

For conversation and celebrations |



Closed Group: **@ROOTED | Parents**

For information and education |



Mailing List: **circlechristianschool.org/rooted**

All of your Workshop Resources here |



Pinterest: **@Circle of Ideas** (filter - people)

NEW

You are invited!
Come be refreshed in community.

Engage in meaningful conversations
around the learning you are applying
in order to deepen your understanding and strengthen your journey.



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Linda's vision for Rooted is that this will be a place that is known not only for life-changing learning, but for new friendships that will last a lifetime.

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Tracey's passion is to connect you to powerful resources that equip you to pursue your God-given calling to educate your children.

- teaching early reading and writing (PreK - 3rd Grade)
- students' learning strengths and communication styles
- organizing your time, space, and materials in a way that works for YOU

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Karen's heart is to help you find joy in your homeschooling journey and ease your stress by helping you to:

- understand curriculum options
- write lesson plans
- vary daily activities
- assess work and record grades
- understand lower school benchmarks

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