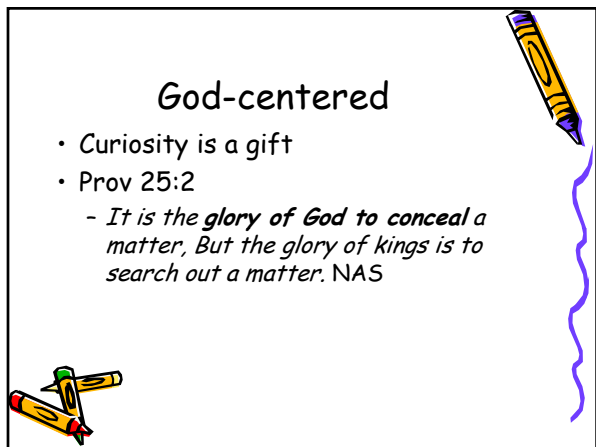


Cultivating A Love For Learning

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God-centered

- Curiosity is a gift
- Prov 25:2
 - *It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.* NAS






Best Way To

- Offset your weaknesses
- Enhance your own enjoyment of homeschooling
- Prepare your kids for whatever's up ahead.

How Our Brain Works

- In a nutshell



Where new stuff goes



- Trigger prior knowledge
- Integrate into existing architecture
- Categorize where it fits best



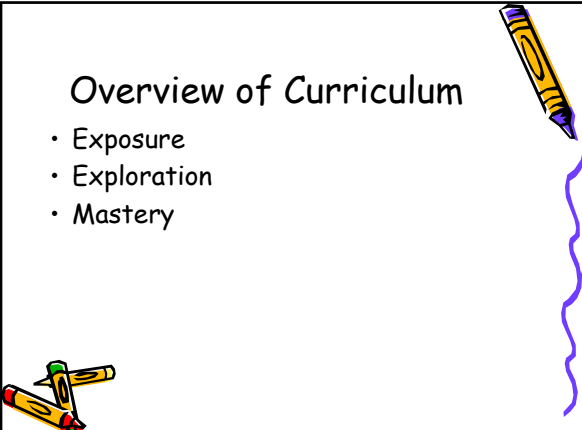
What's A Teacher To Do?

- Is it engaging?
- Stimulating?
- Rewarding?
- Awe-inspiring?



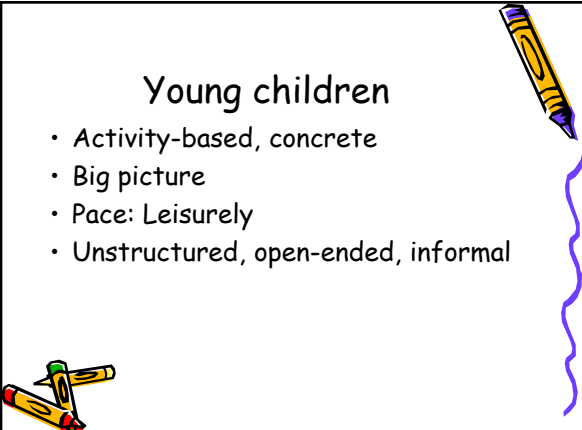
Overview of Curriculum

- Exposure
- Exploration
- Mastery



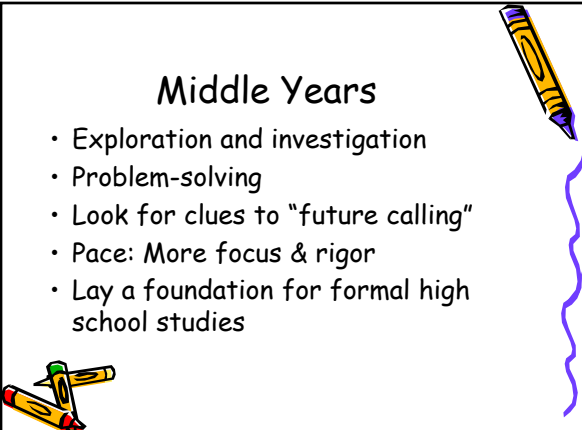
Young children

- Activity-based, concrete
- Big picture
- Pace: Leisurely
- Unstructured, open-ended, informal



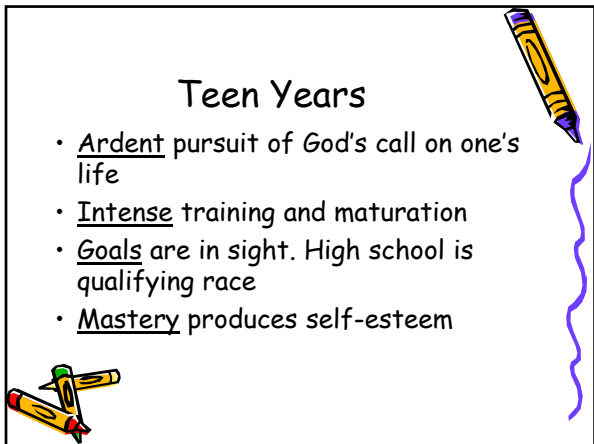
Middle Years

- Exploration and investigation
- Problem-solving
- Look for clues to "future calling"
- Pace: More focus & rigor
- Lay a foundation for formal high school studies



Teen Years

- Ardent pursuit of God's call on one's life
- Intense training and maturation
- Goals are in sight. High school is qualifying race
- Mastery produces self-esteem



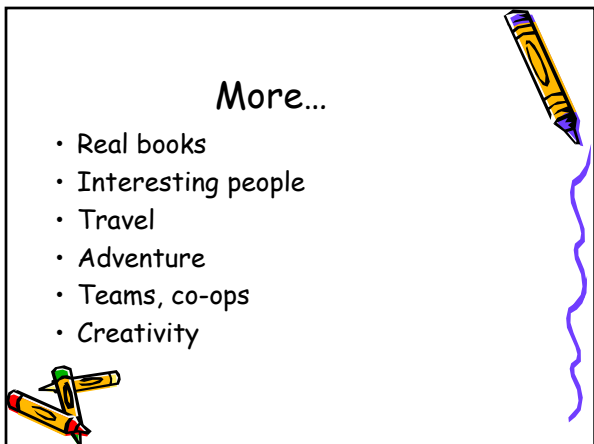
Practical Strategies

- Tangible, achievable rewards valued by child
- Learn in context
- Contests & competitions
- Papers, Projects & Performances
- Audiences



More...

- Real books
- Interesting people
- Travel
- Adventure
- Teams, co-ops
- Creativity



Finally

- Autonomy & Independence
- Ownership
- Choice