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Dear Friends,

It has been a fun week for our family! We left early Sunday morning headed to Colorado Springs for vacation! Yeah! The week started out rough as a couple of the kids got sick. We spent most of the day on Monday doctoring the kids, getting them well.

In spite of a flat tire on the way, sickness, getting all dressed to go swimming and then to find that the pool was closed for a week for maintenance, a washing machine in the hotel that didn't work right and left our clothes sopping wet, and more we won't talk about, we ended up having a blast together! We went to a minor league baseball game, went miniature golfing, went sight seeing, went to Garden of the Gods, went down the huge slide at Focus on the Family (even I went down it once -- and it was fun!), and visited a fun toy store that was packed with all kinds of things for the kids.

We are glad to be back home now and sleeping in our own beds! I spent yesterday doing laundry and unpacking and am ready now to have a somewhat restful week as I prepare for our homeschool to start the week after that.

I pray each of you have had a wonderful week! Are you ready to dig into this week's goodies?

Let's dig into this week's Inspirations!

1. Yummy Chocolate Chia Pudding (THM:S)

I recently found this yummy [Chocolate Chia Pudding](#) recipe. What is great about it is that it doesn't take long to make. If you want a Fuel Pull pudding, check out my [Chocolate Peanut Butter Chia Pudding](#) recipe! These are both great snacks or desserts if you are following [Trim Healthy Mama!](#)

2. How I Use Evernote To Plan Our Homeschool

Over the years I have used different ways to track our homeschool. I tried out different online planning software programs that are available and tried to make it work. What I found though, was that it took too much time to enter everything for each of the kids. Plus, we do a lot of our studies together, and it was hard to record that kind of information in a software program.

I have ended up using [Evernote](#) to keep our homeschool records on. I like it because I can access it on any computer. I will go into more detail below, but I can easily create notebooks with "notes" (individual files) under each notebook. Then I can "stack" those notebooks together so that I have all my homeschool notebooks together in one stack. ([This is a great post](#) that shows screenshots of what I am talking about!)

I have a folder for our homeschool records, then under that folder I have a document for each of the kids. I also have documents for each of our studies that we do together (history, science, etc.), and another document where I type out our rough daily schedule.

For each of the subjects we do together, I type out what books we will read, videos we will watch, etc. Then under the resource list, I type out the order to go through each of these, and sometimes even divide it up my months so we make sure we are on track to get through it all.

For the documents for each child, I type out at the top the curriculum they will be working through (math, language arts, etc.). These are the individual studies. Then under that I type out how many lessons or pages need to be completed each week or month, however I want to

divide it up.

Then I am using my new [Intentional Monthly Planners](#) (one for each child) and using my notes in Evernote, I plot out the assignments for each day on the calendar. My oldest child, all I am doing is writing in the side margin the work that he needs to complete for each month, then I am going to let him divide it up and write in when he wants to do the work throughout the month.

I use Evernote to organize lots of other areas of my life too! Maybe I'll share more in another Intentional Inspirations newsletter soon!

3. Free Solar System Cards!

If you studying the Solar System this year, check out these [free Solar System Cards](#)!

4. Did you know you can backup all your Google data?

I learned this week about [this cool tool](#) you can use to backup all your Google data -- just in case! It will back up your calendar, contacts, documents in Drive, Youtube, Google books, music, photos, and much more! You simply select the items you want it to back up, then when it is done you will be sent an email with a ZIP file of all your data!

5. Huge discount on the What's In the Bible DVDs!

What's In the Bible is offering a HUGE discount on their [complete Bible DVD set](#), which also includes the Christmas DVD! Through the end of August, you can get this complete set for only \$109.99 when you use coupon code: **SAVENOW!**

I have the complete set of these DVDs and we absolutely LOVE them! There is so much information packed into these DVDs and the kids love them. They learn so much.

If you are studying ancient history, they are great to add into your studies to reinforce what you are learning. You can also use them to watch as you read through the Bible with your kids. Either way, they

are just excellent and I can't recommend them highly enough.

To get this amazing discount, [go here](#), add the DVD set to your cart, then use coupon code: **SAVENOW** at checkout! Just remember, this is only valid through the end of August!

6. Trim Healthy Mama Tip!

I love all the yummy [Fuel Pull cakes](#) that I have created, but sometimes I am wanting something a little richer tasting. Here is a tip for you -- in any of my [Fuel Pull cake recipes](#), just replace the 1/3 cup egg whites with 1 whole egg. This will make the recipe an S recipe, but makes a much richer cake! I also add in a little butter to the mix to make it even more moist and yummy. You can see all my [THM recipes and posts here!](#)

7. Get the D'Aulaire books for \$10 each!

This was shared in a Facebook group I am in and I wanted to let you know as well! Beautiful Feet Books is holding a huge sale on their D'Aulaire books. You can [get all 7 books for \\$70](#) or purchase them individually for \$10 each. I only have 3 of these books, so I am going to be buying the other 4 now while they are so reasonable.

8. Not I, but Christ!

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." Galatians 2:20a

This verse from Galatians is another one of my favorites. It reminds me that it is Christ in me that gets all the glory. If there is any good in me, it is because of Christ. Another truth that this verse reminds me of is that I have been crucified with Christ. I am a new creation in Christ.

Let's remember as we go about our homemaking, homeschooling, or parenting, that we need to give God all the glory for all the "good" we see come out of our efforts. Remember that it is "not I, but Christ"!

9. What I am reading this week!

I was really excited to get the new book by Karen DeBeus' -- Real Homeschool: Letting Go of the Pinterest-Perfect and Instagram-Ideal Homeschool. I ended up digging into this Kindle book while we were on vacation. It is a quick read but packed full of encouraging and challenging advice. I loved it! [Click here](#) to see all the books I am currently reading.

10. Do you have a question for me?

I'd love to be able to specifically address any questions that you have by featuring them in my Intentional Inspirations newsletter! If you have a question relating to homemaking, homeschooling, home business, healthy eating, Trim Healthy Mama, or any other topic, simply reply to this email and send me your question! I will gather all the questions and begin addressing them in future newsletters or blog posts. Ask away!

I hope you have enjoyed this issue of **Intentional Inspirations**. If you want to read previous issues, just click on the header at the top and it will take you to the Intentional Inspirations Archives!

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Have a wonderful weekend,

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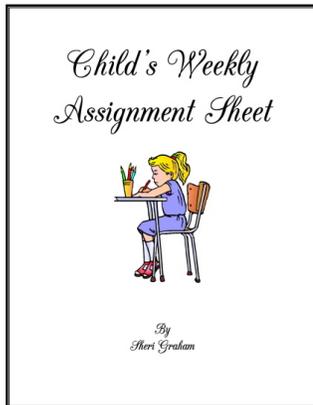
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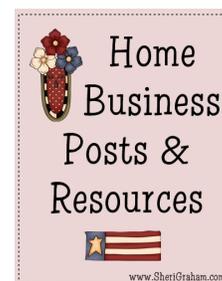
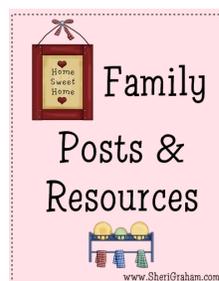


I changed up the monthly freebie! This month you can download the Child's Weekly Assignment Sheet for free! This little form can be used to plan out your child's homeschool work, chores, or whatever you want. Enjoy! [\[Read post...\]](#)



I love all the materials at Compass Classroom. They offer high quality curriculum for American History, Logic, Latin, Homeschool helps and more! Right now they are running a huge Back to School sale! [\[Read Post...\]](#)

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