YOU KNOW YOU’RE A HOMESCHOOLER WHEN...

“Laughter does the heart good, like a medicine.”

_Proverbs 17:22_

Have you noticed that the homeschooling community has a culture all its own? For those of you who are new to the world of homeschooling, let me clue you in on a few telltale signs that a family is homeschooling.

**You know you’re homeschooling when...**

- You no longer take family vacations; you take “field trips” instead.
- Your child asks for _The Journals of Lewis and Clark_ for her 13th birthday.
- Your husband knows he must ask permission before consuming anything in the refrigerator, because it might be a science experiment.
- Your children spell “surely” with an “h” because that’s how Shurley Grammar is spelled.
- You rejoice when a spider lays an egg case on your window screen, because you are studying arachnids this month.
- You donate blood and bring your children along because the Red Cross doesn’t do field trips.
- If you see a mom with children out during school hours, you assume she is a homeschooler, instead of truant, especially if she’s wearing denim.
- Your library book box has wheels.
- The cost of your monthly library fines exceeds your water bill.
- You sing the books of the Bible song as you wash dishes.

**Application Question**

Do you have a tendency to take homeschooling too seriously and forget to laugh?
**Action Step for This Week**
Read the above list to your family at the dinner table and try to come up with a few “You Know You’re a Homeschooler When...” statements of your own. Laugh together.

**Prayer of Commitment**
Lord, I know that You laugh, because we are created in Your image with the capacity to laugh. Help me not take homeschooling so seriously that I forget to have fun. Give me some fun ideas for ways to introduce more laughter into our homeschool this week.

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