

Ten Commandments of Homeschooling

- 1 Thou shalt trust yourself.** You are the expert. You know your child best.
- 2 Thou shalt not compare yourself to the Joneses.** What is good for someone else may not be good for you and yours.
- 3 Thou shalt read-aloud.** Reading aloud builds vocabulary, increases comprehension, expands horizons, builds relationships, and creates memories for all ages.
- 4 Thou shalt have a library card.** Visit frequently. Check out lots of books.
- 5 Thou shalt write it down.** Record keeping matters. Do not think you will remember. You will not. Pen and paper or a hard drive is a better repository than your memory.
- 6 Thou shalt cultivate community.** You will learn, do, and accomplish more with others. A support system is invaluable and makes for a memorable journey.
- 7 Thou shalt learn to say "No."** Over-committing and over-scheduling cause stress. Avoid both.
- 8 Thou shalt have fun.** Be intentional about adding at least one fun thing into each day. It need not be extravagant. Little things count.
- 9 Thou shalt pace yourself.** Keep the big picture in mind. Homeschooling is a marathon, not a sprint. Everything need not be done by Friday.
- 10 Thou shalt make it a lifestyle.** School is not confined to a building or limited to select hours. Incorporate the wonder of learning in all that you do.