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# Morning Time Plans for Cycle 3

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# Thank you for purchasing our Morning Time Plans for Cycle 3!

Hello! My name is Andie Davidson and I am the blessed and busy mama of 8 kids from ages five to seventeen. We have been a part of Classical Conversations for five years and it is my deep heart's desire to encourage and equip homeschooling moms like myself. For that reason, I created these Morning Time plans to go along with Cycle 3. In order for this eBook to be the most useful for you, you must own a Foundations Guide where you will find the memory work and weekly plans for Cycle 3. It is also helpful, but not necessary, to be a subscriber to CC Connected as found at [www.ClassicalConversations.com](http://www.ClassicalConversations.com).

You will find that much of the methodology encouraged in this eBook comes from the Charlotte Mason method of education. It is my firm belief that Classical Conversations and Charlotte Mason principles work quite well together and offer both the educator and the students the best chance at a peaceful and Spirit inspired learning process. If you are unfamiliar with this method, please take some time to read this article:

<https://simplycharlottesmason.com/what-is-the-charlotte-mason-method/>

If Morning Time is a new concept for you, I recommend you start by reading the article found at this link: <https://edsnapshots.com/morning-time-and-how-it-can-change-your-homeschool/>. Our family has been using a version of Morning Time for many years now and I have compiled the resources in this eBook to help you have a peaceful and successful homeschool year of discipleship with your children. Feel free to add to what I offer here or simplify it according to the needs and desires of your family. While there are seven components to morning time in this eBook (Faith Study, History Read-Alouds, Poetry, Artist Picture Study, Math Games, Shakespeare, and Memory Work Review Games), you will not be doing all seven each day. You will notice there is a planning template for you to decide how to spread out the work to meet your family's needs. As a firm believer in the principle 'Multum non Multa' meaning much not many or less is more, I have intentionally made these plans very attainable for the average family. In addition to an hour-ish morning time, I have my kids spend 45 minutes on their Language program (Explode the code for kids under 9 and Essentials for kids over 9) and 45 minutes on their math program – THAT IS IT! The rest of our day is spent exploring learning in non-traditional ways such as individual reading, nature study, gatherings with friends, field trips, hand crafts, spending time with grandparents, etc. Of course my Challenge-aged students spend more time on school work than that but they are always welcome to join us for morning time, sometimes they do and sometimes they do not. My hope is that after a small investment of just a few hours of reading and printing this eBook, you will feel equipped and excited about the learning adventure that this new school year brings!

Blessings in Jesus,  
Andie Davidson





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## Printing Instructions

My first piece of advice for you regarding printing is to consider purchasing a HP Printer with and Instant Ink subscription. I can't believe I spend a decade as a homeschooler without this invaluable service! I pay a flat fee each month for 300 pages and ink cartridges are automatically shipped to me when the printer runs low. And best of all, color copies are the same cost as black and white! You can find out more here: <https://instantink.hpconnected.com/us/en/r>

Likely it is best to simply print out this whole eBook and create a Morning Time Binder to store it all in with the following dividers in this order: Weekly Plan, Faith Study, Picture Study, Poetry Plan, Math Activities, and Shakespeare. I also recommend that you laminate the prayer cards and the Artist pictures for your picture study. It is the best practice to have a copy of the paintings for each child as you will get the most out of the process this way. I know it may seem like a lot to print but trying to do a picture study while sharing the picture with multiple takes all the truth, beauty, and goodness right out of it! Trust me, I am speaking from experience ;)

You will notice that there is a simple weekly plan based on the 24 weeks of Cycle 3 as well as a blank template for you to create a more detailed weekly plan for your family if the simple version is too basic for you or if you wish to add in more elements to your morning time. If you wish to use the weekly plan template you should print out 24 copies, one for each week, it is found on page 58. Notice there is room to add any additional studies such as nature study, catechism, science, hymn study, scripture memory, math computation, Language Arts, Phonics, or Essentials work.

A note about presentations & printing...

Getting 8 kids ready for a CC Community day has proven to be one of the greatest tests of my sanctification yet! I can't tell you how many times a child asked me what they should do for their presentation as we are walking out the door - I am sure you have had a similar experience! Well, the content of this eBook will provide you countless ideas for community day presentations. They can do reports on the books you read aloud, they could recite a poem you learned, they could present a picture study on one of the artists, or they could retell a Shakespeare play you studied. Being generous with the printing can be helpful for presentations by giving your student their own copy of a poem, artist print, or a Shakespeare quote. Here's to a more peaceful year getting out the door on community day!

## Prayer Guide

Prayer ought to be a vital part of your Morning Time with your children. There are many ways you can incorporate prayer in your homeschool day but I want to offer you three to consider;

1. Purchase a simple journal and begin the habit of writing down requests and the date. As you see God answering the prayers, highlight the request. Remembering the providences of the Lord increases our faith and the faith of our kids.
2. Print the following pages A.C.T.S. prayer pages and laminate. This is a simple way to remember the four vital elements to prayer. As you begin to pray, sit in a circle with your kids and place the first card (Adoration) on the floor in the middle and use the prayer helps listed on the card to offer short ‘popcorn’ prayers. After a couple minutes, switch to the next card (Confession), placing it on the floor in the middle and offering short prayers of confession and repentance. Move through the Thanksgiving and Supplication cards in the same way. It may take a few times to teach your kids to be comfortable with this type of variety in their prayer life but it will be well worth the effort!
3. Print out the Days of the Week Prayer guide as found on page 12. Let the topic for that day guide you in who you should be praying for when you use the supplication prayer card.

# Adoration

*"Praise be to God!" Psalms 68:35*

Tell God how much you appreciate Him. Express your love for Him. Praise His power and majesty.

*"How awesome are your deeds!"  
Psalms 66:3*

*God I appreciate you because \_\_\_\_\_*

*Lord I praise you because you are \_\_\_\_\_*

# Confession

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9*

Tell Him where you have fallen short.  
Be specific. Thank Him for the forgiveness you have in Christ.

Father I confess that I \_\_\_\_\_

Please forgive me when I \_\_\_\_\_

# Thanksgiving

*Always "glorify him with  
thanksgiving." Ps. 69:30*

You have plenty of reasons to be thankful. Thank God for His love, His faithfulness, His patience and a million other things. Express gratitude for what He's doing in your life.

Lord, I thank you because \_\_\_\_\_

Father I am thankful for \_\_\_\_\_

# Supplication

*"Make your requests known to God."  
Phil. 4:6*

Tell God what you want, no matter how small it seems to you. Pray for the needs of your family, friends, church leaders and nation.

Lord, please help \_\_\_\_\_  
Father, please protect or heal \_\_\_\_\_

## Days of the Week Prayer Guide:



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Monday: Missionaries

Tuesday: Teachers, Elders, & Pastors

Wednesday: Widows & Orphans

Thursday: Those Who Don't Know Jesus

Friday: Friends & Family

## Picture Study

This year we will focus on five artists: Rockwell, O’Keeffe, Grandma Moses, Lichtenstein, and Wyeth. Jim Davis is also an artist studied in Cycle 3 but due to the simplicity of his cartoon style, picture study was not included in this eBook. If you wish to incorporate his work into your picture study, feel free to add it. I have included four of these artists in our weekly plan, one for each 6 week quarter. If you wish to do the fifth, you could complete that picture study over Christmas break. There are 20 prints included in this eBook.

I recommend your picture study be done according to the Charlotte Mason style. For information on how to accomplish that, read the following article:

<https://simplycharlottemason.com/blog/how-we-do-picture-study-picture-study-part-2/>

Here are the basic principles you want to remember:

- Check out a book from the library on the life of that artist, read together
- Print one copy of the artwork for each child
- Only spend 10-15 minutes observing and discussing
- Use the ‘Picture Study Questions to Ask’ to encourage narrations
- Do not try to line up artists to perfectly match the Foundations Guide, trust the child to draw relational connections in their own time
- Only choose one picture to study each week, read a children’s biography on that artist the other two weeks
- Consider using the prints for a presentation on community day. Teach the child to lead a discussion with their classmates with the ‘Picture study questions to ask’ found on the next page.

## Picture Study Questions to Ask:

What kinds of things do you see in this painting? What else do you see?

What words would you use to describe this painting? What other words might we use?

How would you describe the lines in this picture? The shapes? The colors? What does this painting show?

Look at this painting for a moment. What observations can you make about it?

How would you describe this painting to a person who could not see it?

How would you describe the people in this picture? Are they like you or different?

How would you describe (the place depicted in) this painting?

What does this painting remind you of?

What things do you recognize in this painting? What things seem new to you?

How is this painting like the one we just saw? What are some important differences?

What do these two paintings have in common?

How is this picture different from real life?

What title would you give to this painting? What made you decide on that title?

What other titles could we give it?

What do you think is happening in this painting? What else could be happening?

What do you think is going on in this picture? How did you arrive at that idea?

What do you think this painting is about? How did you come up that idea?

Pretend you are inside this painting. What does it feel like?

Why do you suppose the artist made this painting? What makes you think that?

What do you think it would be like to live in this painting? What makes you think that?



Homecoming Marine by Rockwell