



Hi!

Thank you for downloading our Gathering placemats! I humbly hope they are a blessing to you.

Many hours of work have led to these Gathering placemats you just downloaded. Each little box of delight has been tended and tried 'til the wee hours. I stand back and marvel at how they came together! I know it is none of my doing, none of my work on display. Rather I have acted as curator for the marvelous riches I want my kids to see and know.

Along the way, I realized these may be a blessing for other families, other parents who just don't have the time to DO IT ALL!! For this reason, I decided to share them with you. There are many more sets in the works.

You will want to stay tuned. I also offer my subscribers links to Spotify playlists that correspond to our monthly Gathering placemats - just to make rounding out your family's Gathering even easier. Look for the playlist inside the Learn platform where these placemats were delivered.

Thanks again and blessings,  
Leah Hudson  
Simple.Home.Blessings.

## Instructions for Printing

The first page (page 2) is set up as the front of **ALL** the placemats. The subsequent 4 pages are the backs of the placemats, making for 4 different options to share with your kids.

Thus, print the four different options as separate front and back print jobs. Here are the print jobs:

1. page 2 & page 3;
2. page 2 & page 4;
3. page 2 & page 5;
4. page 2 & page 6.

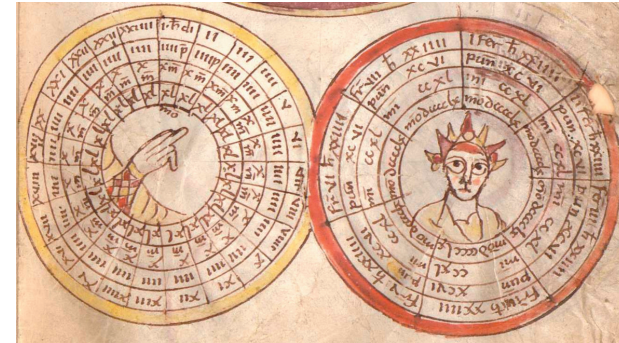
The Gathering placemats are best viewed in color. I laminate mine so they can be used easily, even at the Goop's dinner table.

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So He said, "Go forth and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but *the Lord was not in the wind*. And after the wind an earthquake, but *the Lord was not in the earthquake*. After the earthquake a fire, but *the Lord was not in the fire*; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

1 Kings 19: 11-13



**Carolingian Manuscript (c. 9th century)**

## Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

by John Greenleaf Whittier

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word,  
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all  
Our words and works that drown  
The tender whisper of Thy call,  
As noiseless let Thy blessing fall  
As fell Thy manna down.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

## Trust

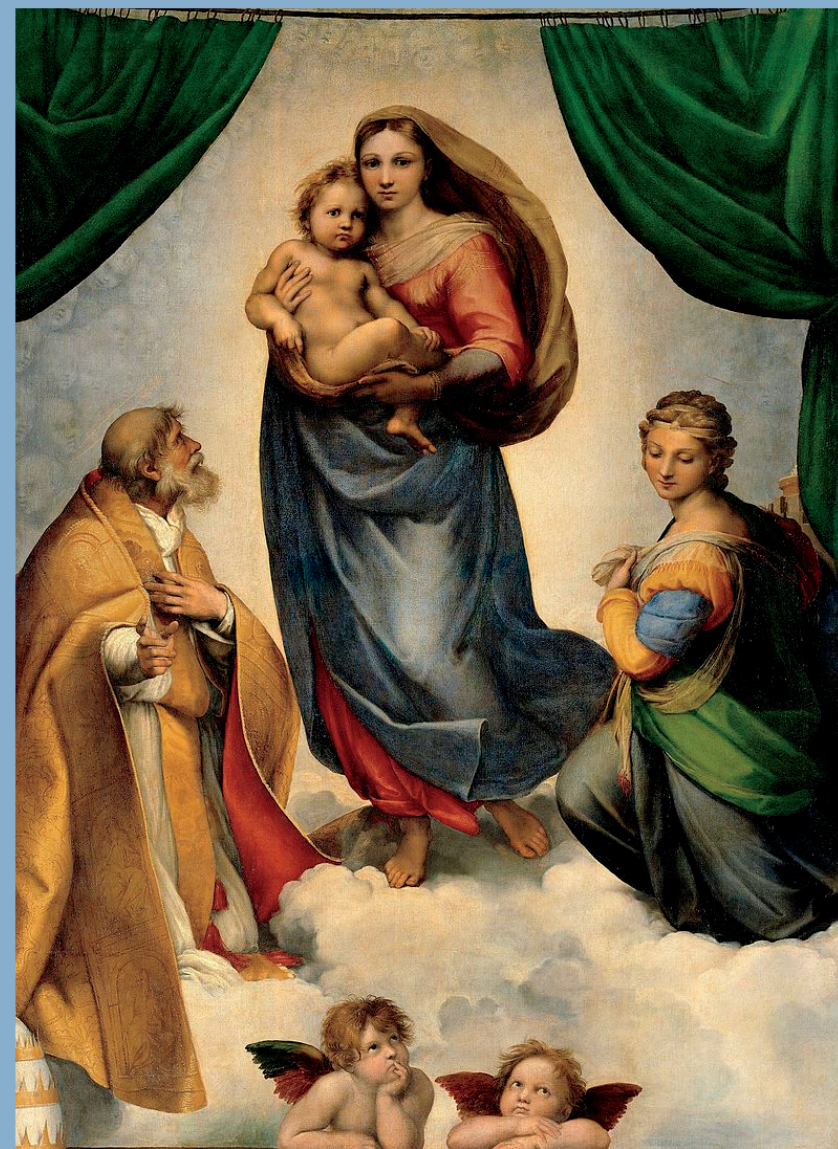
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The same old baffling questions! O my friend,  
I cannot answer them. In vain I send  
My soul into the dark, where never burn  
The lamps of science, nor the natural light  
Of Reason's sun and stars! I cannot learn  
Their great and solemn meanings, nor discern  
The awful secrets of the eyes which turn  
Evermore on us through the day and night  
With silent challenge and a dumb demand,  
Proffering the riddles of the dread unknown.

Like the calm Sphinxes, with their eyes of stone,  
Questioning the centuries from their veils of sand!  
I have no answer for myself or thee,  
Save that I learned beside my mother's knee;  
'*All is of God that is, and is to be;*  
*And God is good!*' Let this suffice us still,  
Resting in childlike trust upon His will  
Who moves to His great ends unthwarted by the ill.



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**Sistine Madonna**

Raphael - 1512-1514

## Who's Who?

You probably recognize Mary (the mother of Jesus) and the baby she is holding, but who are the other people in the *Sistine Madonna*?

**Saint Barbara** - one of the 14 Holy Helpers, the patron saint of workers in imminent danger, and math.

**Pope Sixtus II** - bishop of Rome (257-258), martyr, named in the Canon of the Mass

**putti** - chubby male figures which came to symbolize the omnipresence of God (look closely to see how many you can identify)

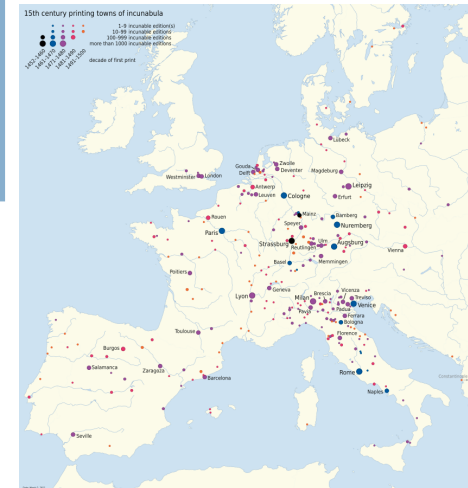
**Challenge:** Now that you know the characters, why do you think they were included here?

## Aquatic Biomes

ponds & lakes  
streams & rivers  
wetlands & estuaries  
oceans & seas

## Who Am I?

No one can hold me in his palms or sight;  
I scatter sudden clatter far and wide.  
I want to hammer oaks with mournful might;  
Yes, I strike sky and scour countryside.  
Who am I?



## The Printing Revolution

Before Gutenberg's invention of the printing press, books and pamphlets were either written by hand or woodcut. The woodcut books became known as block books or "*incunabula*." The word *incunabula* comes from the Latin word for "swaddling clothes" or "cradle." The spread, first of incunabula, then of the printing press, led to massive political, social, and religious changes throughout Europe in the 16th century.

## Art Study

Galatea was a sea-nymph. In the works of both Homer and Hesiod, she is called the "fairest" and most "beloved of the Nereids." Ovid's *Metamorphoses* tells us she was the beloved of Acis, a mortal shepherd. When a jealous rival, the Cyclops Polyphemus, killed him with a pillar, Galatea turned his blood into the Sicilian River Acis. *The Triumph of Galatea* is unique among Raphael's works as the only one based on Greek mythology.

1. What sorts of strange creatures do you see in this painting?
2. Why do you think Raphael's used the word "triumph" in his description of this painting?
3. Can you tell a story about what is going on in this painting?

## Literature of the Middle Ages

Beowulf  
(Germany)

Canterbury Tales  
(England)

Divine Comedy  
(Italy)

Mabinogion  
(Wales)

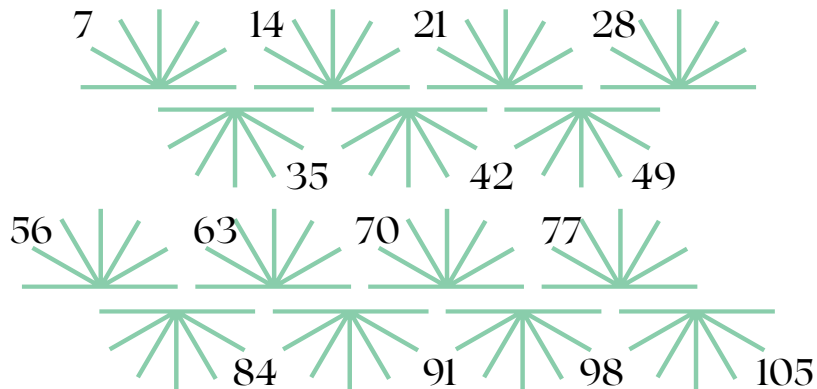
Nibelungenlied  
(Germany)

Song of Roland  
(France)



**The Triumph of Galatea**  
Raphael - 1512

## Skip Counting 7s





**Vision of a Knight - The Dream of Scipio**

Raphael - 1503-1504

The Study of philosophy is not that we may know what men have thought, but what the truth of things is.

- Thomas Aquinas

## Ten Commandments of Chivalry

1. Thou shalt believe all that the Church teaches and thou shalt observe all its directions.
2. Thou shalt defend the Church.
3. Thou shalt respect all weaknesses, and shalt constitute thyself the defender of them.
4. Thou shalt love the country in which thou wast born.
5. Thou shalt not recoil before thine enemy.
6. Thou shalt make war against the infidel without cessation and without mercy.
7. Thou shalt perform scrupulously thy feudal duties if they be not contrary to the laws of God.
8. Thou shalt never lie and shalt remain faithful to thy pledged word.
9. Thou shalt be generous and give largesse to everyone.
10. Thou shalt be everywhere and always the champion of the Right and the Good against Injustice and Evil.

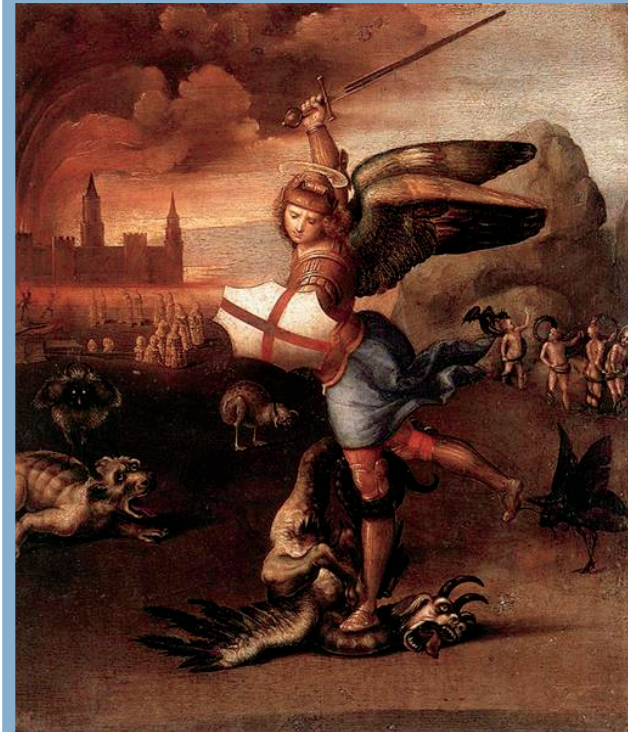
## Nursery Rhyme

Sing a song of sixpence a pocket full of rye,  
Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie.  
When the pie was opened the birds began to sing,  
Oh wasn't that a dainty dish to set before the king?



The king was in his counting house counting out his money,  
The queen was in the parlour eating bread and honey  
The maid was in the garden hanging out the clothes,  
When down came a blackbird and pecked off her nose!

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**St. Michael**

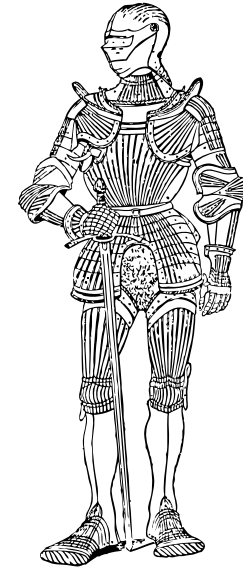
Raphael - 1503-1505



**St. George and the Dragon**

Raphael - 1503

## Virtues of a Knight



Faith  
Charity  
Justice  
Sagacity  
Prudence  
Temperance  
Resolution  
Truth  
Liberality  
Diligence  
Hope  
Valor

## Simply Silly

1. Why do dragons sleep during the day?
2. Who is strong enough to move a castle?
3. What types of dragon stories are knights famous for?
4. What do you call a vampire in a metal suit?

## The Great Schism

The Church split in 1054, resulting in two distinct churches, guided by differing views regarding the church, Christ, and worship. Here are some of the ways the Eastern and Western Churches split:

### Western - Roman Catholic

under one infallible head - the Pope  
the Trinity is a unified "quintessence"  
uses unleavened bread in Communion  
speaks Latin, kneels for worship

### Eastern Orthodox

a "first among equals" leader- the Patriarch of Constantinople  
the Trinity is composed of 3 distinct people  
uses leavened bread in Eucharist  
speaks Greek, stands for worship

# SPECIAL OFFER



Bring *truth, goodness, and beauty* to your homeschool every day!

If you are like me, homeschool mama friend, you have labored to create in reality the mental picture you had of homeschooling. When I started with homeschooling, I had this idea of beautiful, lolling days of obedient, immobile children hanging on my every word. Reading aloud for hours with only minor interruptions, from children who ever so politely excused themselves and requested food or drink. Long afternoons laying in the sun, reciting poetry to one another and discussing the high-minded studies of the day.

When I pictured my homeschool, I never saw a cross-wise glance, nor heard a discouraging word. And the skies were not cloudy all day. Then we started homeschool and quickly discovered:

Homeschool is not “Home on the Range.”

## Enter our Gathering Placemats.

I found a simple, effortless way to bring all the truth, goodness, and beauty I wanted to show my kids to our everyday lives!

## Simply print, laminate, and place.

The kids start reading and engaging with the material naturally. They start noticing, attending, inspecting, investigating, and searching.



Get Gathering with your family!  
*A special offer for just for you:*

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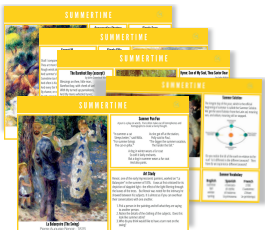
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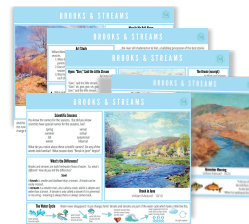
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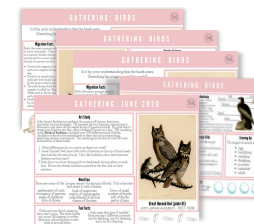
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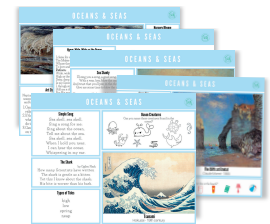
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