



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 monthly email with links to add one thing more to your Gathering and get the answers to the hard questions on the placemats (wink).

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.



Let's Away with Study

Let's away with study,
Folly's sweet.
Treasure all the pleasure
Of our youth:
Time enough for age
To think on truth.
*So short a day,
And life so quickly hastening,
And in study wasting
Youth that would be gay!*

'Tis our spring that slipping,
Winter draweth near,
Life itself we're losing,
And this sorry cheer
Dries the blood and cheers
the heart,
Shrivels all delight.
Age and all its crowd of ills
terrifies our sight.
*So short a day,
And life so quickly hastening,
And in study wasting
Youth that would be gay!*

Let us as the gods so,
'Tis the wiser part:
Leisure and love's pleasure
Seek the young in heart
Follow the old fashion,
Down into the street!
Down among the maidens,
And the dancing feet!
*So short a day,
And life so quickly hastening,
And in study wasting
Youth that would be gay!*

12th c. Goliard poem

There for the seeing
Is all loveliness,
White limbs moving
Light in wantonness.
Gay go the dancers,
I stand and see,
Gaze, till their glances
Steal myself from me.
*So short a day,
And life so quickly hastening,
And in study wasting
Youth that would be gay!*

Hymn: He Leadeth Me

by Joseph Gilmore

He leadeth me, O blessèd thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, over troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

Lord, I would place my hand in Thine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

-Psalm 23



Adoration of the Shepherds

Raphael - 1508



The Separation of the Waters
Raphael - 1518-1519



Creation of the Animals
Raphael - 1518-1519

Creation

- 1 earth, space, time, light
- 2 atmosphere
- 3 dry land, plants
- 4 sun, moon, stars
- 5 fish, sea creatures, birds
- 6 land animals, Adam/Eve
- 7 rest

Catechism

Q: Who made you?
A: God made me.

Q: What else did God make?
A: God made all things.

Q: Why did God make you and all things?
A: For His own glory.

Q: How can you glorify God?
A: By loving Him and doing what He commands.

Who Am I?

I have skin, but I'm not a person.
I can be peeled, but I'm not a potato.
I'm a fruit, but I'm not an orange.
I grow on trees, but I'm not a banana.
I'm usually red or green, but I'm not a grape.

Who am I?

Table Talk: On which day of the week did God begin creation?
Can you find Bible verses to support your answer?

And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. -Genesis 1:31a



Prime Mover

Raphael - 1509-1511

Philosophy Primer

The Prime Mover, or the Unmoved Mover (Latin: *primum movens*), is a philosophical concept first introduced by Aristotle in his work *Metaphysics*. He posited "the unmoved mover moves other things, but is not itself moved by any prior action." Toward the end of *Metaphysics*, Aristotle questioned if it were possible for there to be multiple prime movers, and if so, how many there could be. He concluded his work with the quote below.

1. What do you think of Aristotle's Prime Mover concept?
2. How many Prime Movers do you think there may be?

Latin & Greek Counting

	Latin	Greek
1	I	ένα (éna)
2	II	δύο (dýo)
3	III	τρία (tría)
4	IV	τέσσερα (téssera)
5	V	πέντε (pénte)
6	VI	έξι (éxi)
7	VII	επτά (eptá)
8	VIII	οκτώ (októ)
9	IX	εννέα (ennéa)
10	X	δέκα (déka)
11	XI	έντεκα (endeka)
12	XII	δώδεκα (dódeka)

Do you notice some of the Greek numbers sound like names of shapes? Can you identify them?

"The rule of many is not good; one ruler let there be."

- Homer's Iliad

Newton's Laws of Motion

1 An object at rest tends to remain at rest and an object in motion tends to continue moving in a straight line unless an outside force acts upon it.

2 Force equals mass times acceleration.

3 For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.



Medieval Brain Bender

There is a staircase that has 100 steps. One pigeon sat on the first step, two pigeons on the second, three on the third, four on the fourth, five on the fifth, and so on up to the hundredth step.

How many pigeons were there in all?

Art Study

Raphael's "Coronation of Charlemagne" depicts when Pope Leo III crowned the French king Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day, 800 AD.

1. Can you locate the pope and the king? What clues did Raphael hide in the painting to point them out?
2. Do you notice anything odd about the room they are in?
3. What sorts of persons are present at this coronation?



Coronation of Charlemagne

Raphael - 1516-1517

A French Dynasty

Charlemagne was the descendant of a line of French kings, beginning in the 7th century AD. They are the Carolingians. Even today, most European monarchs can trace their lineage back to Charlemagne. Charlemagne's grandfather, Charles Martel, was the first to consolidate various French provinces under his rule. His father, Pepin the Short ruled for ten years before his death during a campaign. He named Charlemagne and his brother, Carloman as his co-successors. However, Carloman died, leaving the kingdom and legacy to Charlemagne.

Nursery Rhyme

For want of a nail the shoe was lost.
For want of a shoe the horse was lost.
For want of a horse the rider was lost.
For want of a rider the battle was lost.
For want of a battle the kingdom was lost.
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.





The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father the only-begotten; that is, of the essence of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; by whom all things were made, both in heaven and on earth;

Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down and was incarnate and was made man; He suffered, and the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. And in the Holy Ghost.

But those who say: 'There was a time when he was not;' and 'He was not before he was made;' and 'He was made out of nothing,' or 'He is of another substance' or 'essence,' or 'The Son of God is created,' or 'changeable,' or 'alterable'— they are condemned by the holy catholic and apostolic Church.



The Baptism of Constantine

Raphael - 1520, completed by Gianfrancesco Penni

Simply Silly

1. What is Adam's favorite time of day?
2. Why did Adam and Eve do math every day?
3. Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?
4. Who was the smartest man in the Bible?

1. Eve-ning; 2. They were told to be fruitful and multiply; 3. Because he knew there was something fishy; 4. Abraham, he knew a lot

Nouns with Body Parts

Can you identify the parts of these objects which are also parts of the body?

clock	chair	pants	shoe
river	socks	storm	saw

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.



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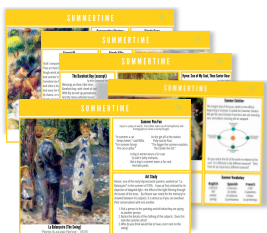
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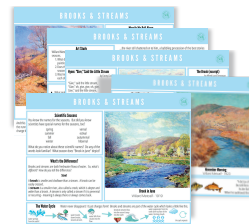
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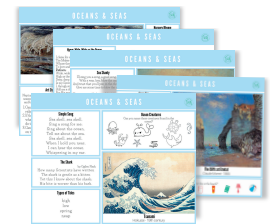
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