



*Delightful  
Planning*

A UNIT STUDY PLANNER  
FOR *Every Day* HOMESCHOOL

ISAIAH 54:13

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**Dedicated with love**  
to the joy of my heart,  
my son, Ben,  
who astounds me with his creativity,  
inspires me with his curiosity,  
and delights me with his unconditional love,  
and to the Author of creativity, curiosity,  
and unconditional love,  
our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ.

*All your children shall be taught by the LORD,  
and great shall be the peace of your children."*

*—Isaiah 54:13 (ESV)*

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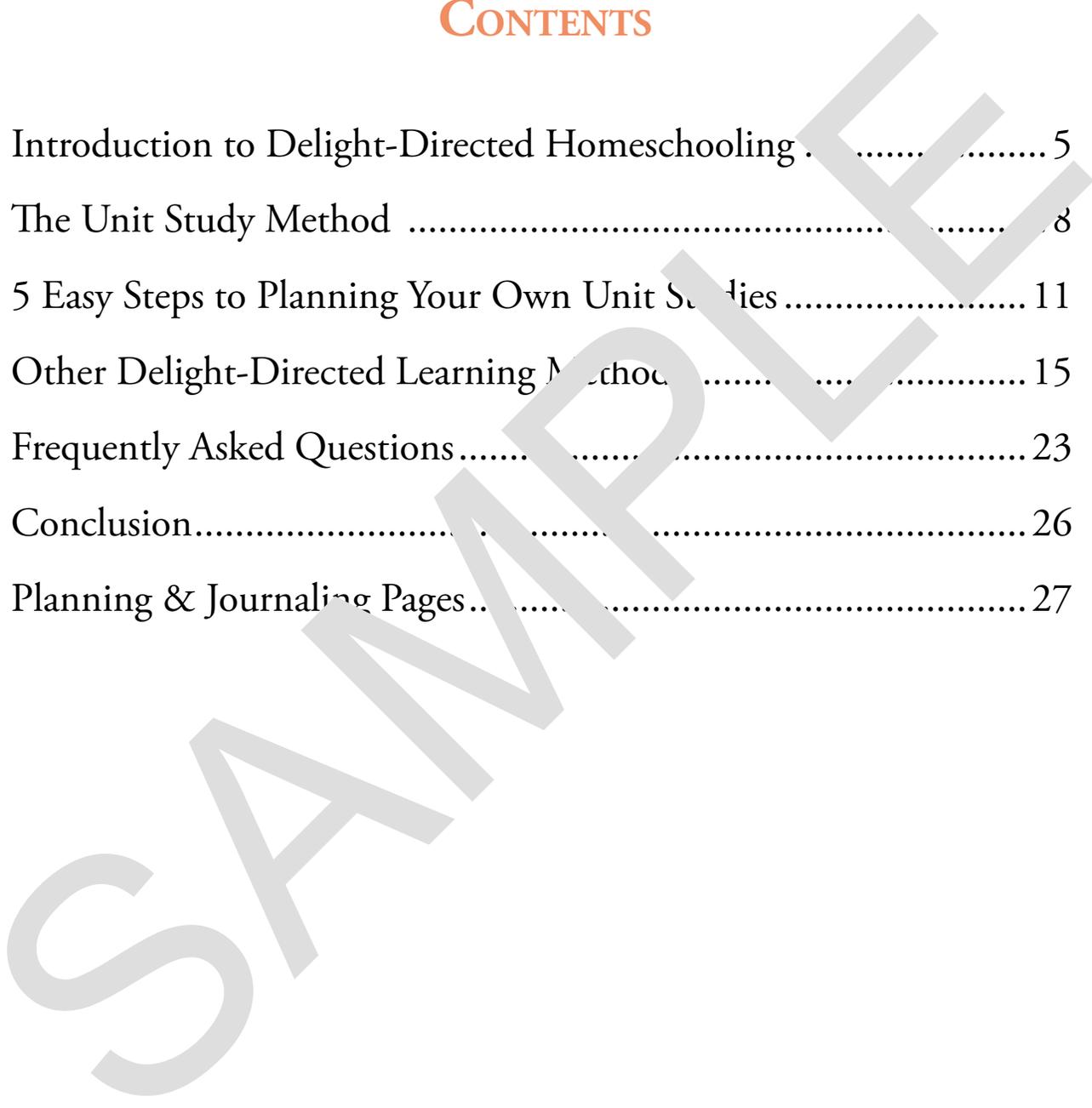
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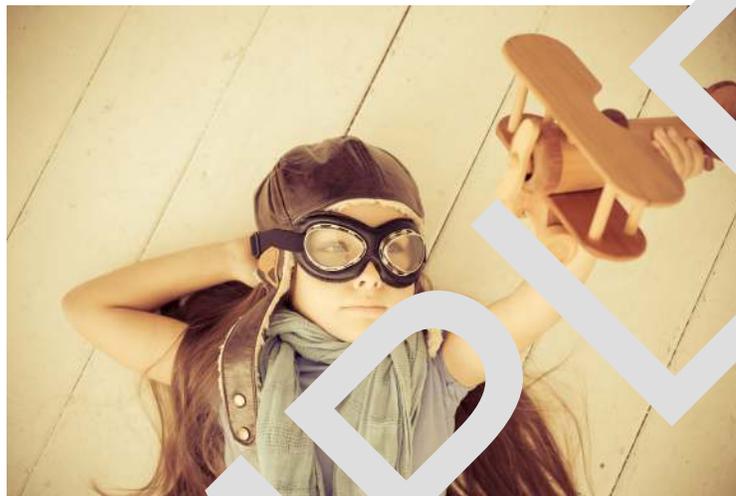
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## INTRODUCTION TO DELIGHT-DIRECTED HOMESCHOOLING



Delight is such a lovely word, isn't it? According to Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary, delight is described as "a high degree of pleasure or satisfaction of mind; joy."

What else could we ask for from our educational approach than for our students to have a satisfaction of mind and joy? And when it comes to education, a high degree of pleasure isn't a bad thing either.

The delight-directed learning method has been the joy of our homeschooling for several years. Are you familiar with the term? We happened upon it purely by accident when my son was in third grade and we kept falling off our well-organized lesson plan.

### HAS THAT EVER HAPPENED TO YOU?

It might look something like this:

The next lesson in your geography curriculum takes you on a tour of Canada. After spending a wonderful day learning all about the winter climate, the lesson plan leads you on a trip down a stream in British Columbia, where you discover the architect of the animal world -- the beaver. Suddenly your child is obsessed with beavers. He wants to find books at the library, watch videos, draw and paint beavers, and spends much of the day building beaver dams and

lodges out of Lincoln logs. At lunchtime, you find him gnawing a raw carrot the way a beaver would gnaw a tree trunk.

The next day, when you are ready to move on to the next country, your curious and creative child just wants more time learning about beavers.

## WHAT'S A HOMESCHOOL MOM TO DO?

You could just tell him how sorry you are that there is no more time for learning about beavers because South America is next on the lesson plan. Or, you could put the lesson plan away for a few days and enjoy the delight your child has found in this interesting creature.

The above is a true account from our own homeschool. In this case, we moved on to the next thing on the lesson plan, but when it happened again a few weeks later (this time with Mexico and butterflies), I took notice. In fact, after we finished our intense study of the Monarch butterfly, we went back to Canada and the beaver.

*“We were lucky enough to grow up in an environment where there was always much encouragement to children to pursue intellectual interests; to investigate what ever aroused curiosity.”*

*—Orville Wright*

## OUR HOMESCHOOL HAS NEVER BEEN THE SAME.

Perhaps you can relate. You might be the homeschool mom who just moved on. Or maybe you are the one who stopped and relished in your child's curiosity for a day or two (or ten). There is not a thing wrong with either option, but I want to take some time to help you see

the possibilities that can occur when adding delight-directed learning to any homeschool. To YOUR homeschool.

*Delightful Planning* gives you simple tools and methods of observation you can use to just let loose and allow the interests and passions of your children dictate what they learn, for that is the basic definition of delight-directed learning. It may be something with which you will completely fall in love and want to do all the time (that is exactly what happened to us), or perhaps you will use this learning method as a break from your usual routine. However you decided to add delight-directed learning to your homeschool, I believe you will find it immensely enjoyable, and I know your students will be thrilled.

In the next few pages, you will learn how to integrate delight-directed unit studies into any homeschool, along with a few other fun delight-directed learning suggestions.

Enjoy the journey!



## PLANNING & JOURNALING PAGES



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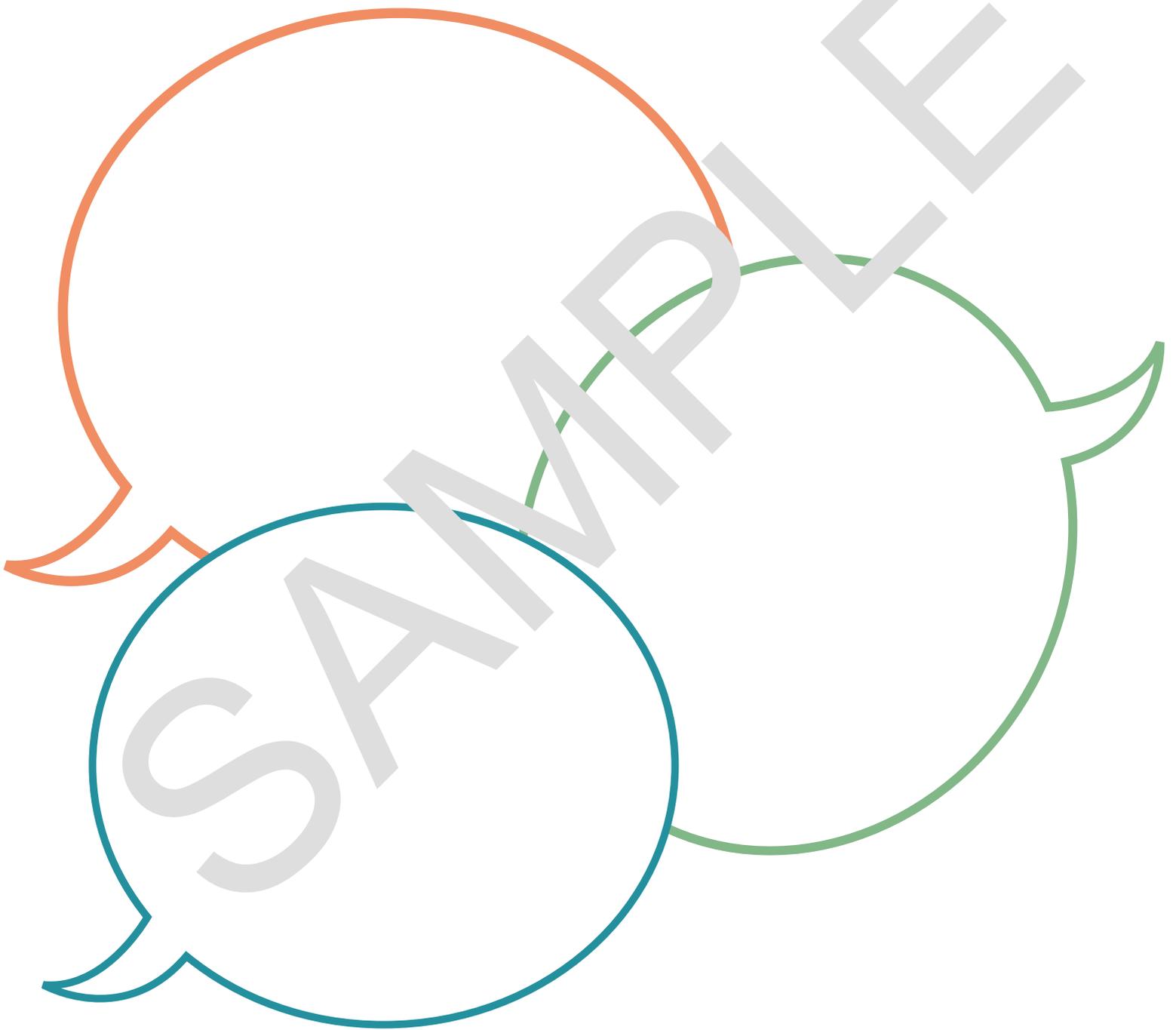
**LAPBOOKING & NOTEBOOKING RESOURCES**

**LAPBOOKING SUPPLY LIST**

# Unit Study Ideas

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





# Monthly Calendar

Month: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Study Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

SAMPLE

# Reading Log

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Fun School Jar Ideas




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