

MONTHLY CHECKLISTS

*the Organized
Homeschool Life*



**A WEEK-BY-WEEK GUIDE
TO HOMESCHOOL SANITY**

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January

1 DAILY DEVOTIONS CHALLENGE

- #1 Establish a time, place, and an approach to personal devotions
- #2 Establish a time, place, and an approach to couple devotions
- #3 Establish a time, place, and an approach to family devotions

2 DAILY ROUTINE CHALLENGE

- #1 You and older children track your routine or schedule
- #2 Keep tracking and choose one schedule change to try
- #3 Keep tracking and plan a time to evaluate your schedule change
- #4 Keep tracking and choose a schedule format

3 TO DO LIST CHALLENGE

- #1 Discuss task approaches and choose one to try
- #2 Acquire the materials you need and set them up
- #3 Add a small number of tasks to your list and work on them
- #4 Continue working on your tasks and discuss your likes and dislikes

4 MEMORY KEEPING CHALLENGE

- #1 Discuss and choose a method for organizing memories
- #2 Purchase materials & move memories to a safe place
- #3 Begin documenting the past year with help
- #4 Choose a top priority project and how to complete it

5 DECLUTTERING CHALLENGE

- #1 Make a list of all gifts received for Christmas
- #2 Collect items to declutter based on your gifts received list
- #3 Put unwanted books/curriculum aside or list for sale
- #4 Deliver unwanted items to charity, consignment, or the post office

February

6 ORGANIZED COMPUTER CHALLENGE

- #1 Create a safety plan
- #2 Maximize performance
- #3 Organize your desktop
- #4 Declutter unneeded files

7 MARRIAGE OF YOUR DREAMS CHALLENGE

- #1 Evaluate your marriage
- #2 Plan regular time together
- #3 Plan special time together
- #4 Speak your spouse's love language

8 CONFIDENT PARENT CHALLENGE

- #1 Have the kids evaluate you
- #2 Have a parent-teacher conference
- #3 Have a conference with each child
- #4 Plan special time for each child

9 EXTENDED FAMILY CHALLENGE

- #1 Discuss potential roles of extended family in school
- #2 Discuss ideas for serving extended family
- #3 Discuss ideas for connecting with family
- #4 Put one of your ideas into practice

March

10 BRING ON THE SPRING CHALLENGE

- #1 Research ideas
- #2 Make a bucket list
- #3 Add ideas to the calendar
- #4 Gather supplies

11 SPRING CLEANING CHALLENGE

- #1 Research and choose tasks
- #2 Add tasks to calendar
- #3 Teach one cleaning task
- #4 Decorate

12 ORGANIZED EASTER CHALLENGE

- #1 Plan Easter events
- #2 Plan spiritually
- #3 Plan outfits
- #4 Plan gifts and crafts

13 SERVE THE CHURCH CHALLENGE

- #1 Review your current church service
- #2 Consider time commitments of potential service opportunities
- #3 Consider your talents and interests when considering service opportunities
- #4 Consider your tithes

14 THE CHORE CHALLENGE

- #1 Determine the chores that have to be done each week
- #2 Assign chores to each child
- #3 Choose a chore management system and set it up
- #4 Teach at least one chore

April

15 ORGANIZE YOUR FINANCES CHALLENGE

- #1 Set a family goal
- #2 Identify wasteful spending
- #3 Identify ways to increase income
- #4 Create tracking systems

16 CURRICULUM CHALLENGE

- #1 Evaluate current curriculum
- #2 List next year's needs
- #3 Research new curriculum
- #4 Create a shopping list and buy if you're ready

17 FRIENDSHIP CHALLENGE

- #1 Plan activities with kids' friends
- #2 Discuss options for new friends
- #3 Plan mom activities
- #4 Plan a May Day surprise for friends

18 FAMILY CELEBRATION CHALLENGE

- #1 Review your calendar
- #2 Discuss preferences
- #3 Plan parties
- #4 Organize cards and gifts

May

19 ORGANIZED CLOTHING CHALLENGE

- #1 & #2 Sort & make shopping list for kids
- #3 Sort & make shopping list for yourself
- #4 Take clothing to consignment or charity

20 ORGANIZED VACATION CHALLENGE

- #1 Discuss plans with your spouse
- #2 Discuss activities with kids
- #3 Create packing lists
- #4 Purchase needed supplies

21 ORGANIZED SUMMER CHALLENGE

- #1 Discuss last summer's likes and dislikes
- #2 Complete a summer bucket list
- #3 Plan summer activities with others
- #4 Plan summer school

22 OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CHALLENGE

- #1 Inventory supplies for outdoor activities
- #2 Make a list of needed items
- #3 Organize sports and entertaining equipment
- #4 Purchase needed supplies

June

23 USED CURRICULUM CHALLENGE

- #1 Review dates and curriculum needs
- #2 Cull unwanted curriculum
- #3 Prepare material for sale or giveaway
- #4 Sell or buy used curriculum

24 HOMESCHOOL SPACE CHALLENGE

- #1 Declutter
- #2 Deep clean
- #3 Discuss problems with the space
- #4 Plan and shop for changes

25 GOAL SETTING CHALLENGE

- #1 Review the past year
- #2 Set school year goals
- #3 Discuss how to overcome obstacles
- #4 Find a way to keep them visible

26 HOMESCHOOL PLANNING

- #1 Discuss what you want in a planner or system
- #2 Research and purchase supplies
- #3 Set up system for materials
- #4 Set up system for records

July

27 BIBLE TIME CHALLENGE

- #1 Prep primary curriculum
- #2 Prep memory curriculum
- #3 Prep character curriculum
- #4 Prep personal reading

28 SPECIAL STUDY PREP CHALLENGE

- #1 Set up system of organization
- #2 Research
- # 3 Plan
- #4 Shop / List Materials

29 EXTRA-CURRICULAR CHALLENGE

- #1 Discuss potential activities
- #2 Research
- #3 Register
- #4 Shop

30 CORE CURRICULUM PREP CHALLENGE

- #1 Set up system of organization
- #2 Research
- #3 Plan
- #4 Shop / List Materials

31 ELECTIVE CURRICULUM PREP CHALLENGE

- #1 Set up system of organization
- #2 Research
- #3 Plan
- #4 Shop / List materials

August

32 BACK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

- #1 Create a school schedule
- #2 Plan activities to make the first day special
- #3 Check school supplies
- #4 Shop

33 FALL BUCKET LIST CHALLENGE

- #1 Discuss last fall
- #2 Research ideas
- #3 Complete bucket list
- #4 Add ideas to the calendar and shop

34 ORGANIZED BEDROOM CHALLENGE

- #1 Declutter toys and treasures
- #2 Sort seasonal clothing
- #3 Organize a reading or study space
- #4 Make a shopping list

35 CLEAN OUT THE PANTRY CHALLENGE

- #1 Clean pantry
- #2 List items in pantry and freezer
- #3 Find recipes
- #4 Make shopping list & shop

September

36 MEAL PLANNING CHALLENGE

- #1 List favorite dinners plus one new recipe
- #2 List favorite lunches plus one new recipe
- #3 List favorite breakfasts plus one new recipe
- #4 List favorite snacks or desserts plus one new recipe

37 GROCERY SHOPPING CHALLENGE

- #1 Get the lay-out lists for the grocery stores you shop in
- #2 Create a master shopping list
- #3 Finish creating shopping list
- #4 Shop and put items away

38 ORGANIZED KITCHEN CHALLENGE

- #1 Organize dishes and cups
- #2 Set up snack centers
- #3 Move seldom-used items
- #4 Organize for kid cooking

39 FREEZER COOKING CHALLENGE

- #1 Decide on an approach
- #2 Choose recipes and create a shopping list
- #3 Shop and prep
- #4 Assemble your recipes

October

40 HOSPITALITY CHALLENGE

- #1 Study the importance of hospitality
- #2 Evaluate your home as a guest
- #3 Inventory your home for entertaining items and list needs
- #4 Organize and shop

41 BLOG OR BUSINESS CHALLENGE

- #1 Pray about your purpose
- #2 Identify the 20%
- #3 Identify time savers
- #4 Time block

42 HOBBY CHALLENGE

- #1 Identify your priorities
- #2 Declutter
- #3 Organize
- #4 Time block

43 CHARITY CHALLENGE

- #1 Discuss options and pray
- #2 Research
- #3 Use your calendar and reminders
- #4 Organize

44 THANKSGIVING CHALLENGE

- #1 Discuss last year
- #2 Plan the meal
- #3 Research gratitude ideas
- #4 Shop

November

45 CHRISTMAS PLAN CHALLENGE

- #1 Discuss last Christmas
- #2 Set up planner
- #3 Add events to calendar
- #4 Plan ideas for making it meaningful

46 CHRISTMAS DECORATING CHALLENGE

- #1 Get out decorations and sort
- #2 Research ideas
- #3 Shop for pre-made decorations and craft supplies
- #4 Make homemade decorations

47 CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CHALLENGE

- #1 Make gift shopping list
- #2 Make clothing & other shopping list
- #3 Research flyers & sites
- #4 Add sale dates to calendar

48 HOME EC CHALLENGE

- #1 Find books or videos that teach cooking
- #2 Involve kids in table setting and cooking
- #3 Thanksgiving
- #4 Put Thanksgiving items away

December

49 HOT SPOT CHALLENGE

- #1 List all hot spots; identify the worst
- #2 Clear a hot spot & prevent it from heating up again
- #3 Clear another hot spot & prevent it from heating up again
- #4 Clear another hot spot & prevent it from heating up again

50 CURRICULUM REVIEW CHALLENGE

- #1 Review all curricula for satisfaction
- #2 Discuss changes for what doesn't work
- #3 Research options
- #4 Purchase / List items

51 COMPANY CLEAN CHALLENGE

- #1 List rooms that require extra cleaning
- #2 Declutter
- #3 Team Clean
- #4 Team Clean

52 PEACE AND JOY CHALLENGE

- #1 Discuss stress and God's peace
- #2 Christmas Eve
- #3 Christmas Day
- #4 Discuss the joys of the season
- Bonus Mission: Review the past year and set new goals

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My Daily Routine

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
5	12	5
6	1	6
7	2	7
8	3	8
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Week # _____

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MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS 20__ MEMORIES











1-Thing Productivity

What's the one thing you can do this month, this week, and today that will make everything else easier or unnecessary?

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Student Evaluation of Homeschool Parent/Teacher Form

Circle 😊 for most of the time, 😐 for some of the time, ☹️ for not usually

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| My parent is organized and prepared for school time. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent is organized and neat outside of school time. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent manages time well. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent plans activities that make school interesting. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent has clear and reasonable expectations of me. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent allows me to ask questions and give my opinion. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent is willing to learn from me. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent helps me when I ask for help. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent is respectful of other family members' needs. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent follows through on what he/she says. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent is willing to accept responsibility for mistakes. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent is fun to be with. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent is consistent and fair in discipline. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent tries to model what he/she expects of me. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent spends time with me. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |
| My parent loves me and approves of me. | ☹️ | 😊 | 😊 |

What is one thing your parent does well?

What is one thing that you can suggest to help your parent improve?



Spring Bucket List



What We're Eating Form

	Breakfast	Lunch	Snack	Dinner	Dessert
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