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FEATURE ARTICLE



BJ HomeSat: The Convenience of DVDs

BJ HomeSat delivers exciting lessons designed just for homeschoolers, taught by competent teachers, and drawn from the best Christian educational materials.

Ten years ago, BJ HomeSat began offering video content. Satellite technology has allowed us to provide high quality yet economical educational content for homeschool families. That is, we desire to meet homeschool families' needs in the most convenient and cost-conscious way.

For many customers, receiving classes via satellite has been the best method. Satellite is especially appealing to customers homeschooling several children—

one subscription gives them access to all BJ HomeSat content. Families can record as much or as little material as they like and use it as they see fit.

But what about customers who prefer not to do their own recording of programs? And what about customers who, because of their location, are unable to receive BJ HomeSat's satellite transmissions? Or what about families, such as missionaries on deputation or furlough, who travel a great deal?



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***“Our children are very
enthusiastic . . . and
getting top grades.”***

—A.J. (Davie, FL)

For a number of years we sought for a solution to this problem that would be convenient and economical for homeschooling families. The advent and growing popularity of DVDs has made it possible for families

in the situations described above to receive BJ HomeSat programming.

**How does BJ HomeSat’s
DVD program work?**

DVDs are leased to the user and returned to BJ HomeSat when the student is through with them.

On the elementary level, programming is packaged by grade, although customers can substitute two courses from another grade to allow the flexibility in education that is such a vital part of homeschooling.

For example, let’s say you

***“I can easily learn right along with my child.
We grow both closer and wiser.”***

—L.G. (Portland, OR)

have a fourth-grade daughter who excels in reading but struggles in math. You could purchase all the fourth-grade materials except reading and math, choosing instead to purchase fifth-grade reading and third-grade math. (High school materials—from grade seven on up—are

“Excellent teachers and materials. Great explanations. Makes life a lot easier for me.”

—C.J. (Victoria, TX)

“We love the teachers. We are encouraged by their commitment to the Lord. I see a servant’s spirit . . . which encourages me!”

—M.C. (Houston, TX)

packaged by subject area, not grade, allowing even further flexibility.)

Unlike the satellite program, BJ HomeSat’s DVD program includes all of the required texts, which are yours to keep at no extra cost. And all BJ HomeSat courses—from kindergarten through

twelfth grade—are available.

Remember, too, that all BJ HomeSat instruction is one-on-one—the teacher, via the camera, is talking directly “to” your child, incorporating appropriate, interesting activities and even field trips! The setting is not a “camera in the back of the classroom” approach.

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Courses Available from BJ HomeSat

Elementary

K4	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Foundations	Bible Heritage Studies/ Science Math Phonics/Reading Spelling	Bible English Handwriting Heritage Studies/ Science Math Reading Spelling	Bible English Handwriting Heritage Studies/ Science Math Reading Spelling	Bible English Handwriting Heritage Studies/ Science Math Reading Spelling	Bible English Handwriting Heritage Studies/ Science Math Reading Spelling	Bible English Handwriting Heritage Studies (one semester) Science Math Reading Spelling
K5						
Beginnings Bible Truths Math						

Secondary

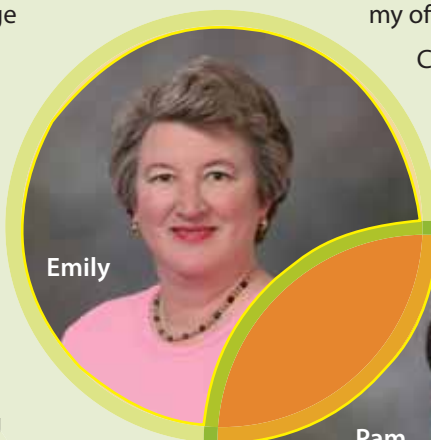
Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Foreign Languages
English Fundamentals of Math Life Science World Studies	American Republic Space and Earth Science English Pre-Algebra	Bible English Geography Algebra 1 Physical Science	Bible English Biology Geometry World History	Bible English Algebra 2 Chemistry United States History	Bible English Economics/ American Government Physics Precalculus	French 1 French 2 French 3 Spanish 1 Spanish 2 Spanish 3

Listening Ears and Compassionate Hearts

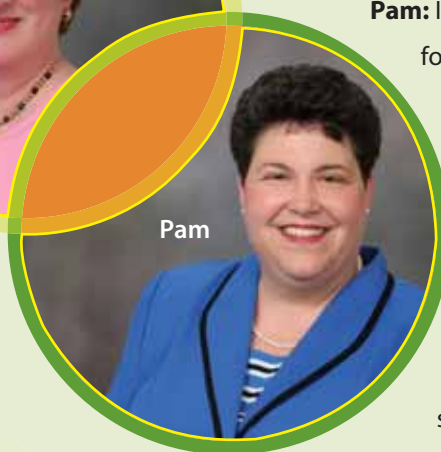
Emily Largent and Pam Levan (with a combined twenty-five years of homeschooling experience) serve as homeschool consultants with BJU Press. In a recent interview, *Home School Helper* learned what makes these women tick!

Home School Helper: Tell us about your children, Emily.

Emily: I have seven children, three boys and four girls. They range from the oldest son—who is married and the father of two—to the youngest daughter, a fifth grader. In between are two sons and a daughter in college: one—along with his wife—majoring in Missions, one in Criminal Justice, and the third in Nursing. A twelfth-grade daughter and an eighth-grade daughter round out our family.



families, to answer any questions about their homeschooling needs. Most of my consultations are on the phone, but I also meet families in my office. During the recent Homeschool Conference at BJU, I met with many parents on an individual basis, to help guide them through their homeschooling experience.



Pam: I interpret test results for both homeschoolers and the Academy of Home Education. I answer questions regarding curriculum choices for special needs students and help moms (and even some dads) get started into homeschooling. If some parents have specific questions

HSH: How did the Lord lead you to BJU Press, Pam?

Pam: Because I have both undergrad and graduate degrees in teaching from BJU, I was very familiar with BJU Press. I used BJU Press materials while homeschooling. The Lord led through the opening of a Special Needs Consultant position, where I can use both my graduate degree in Special Education and my homeschool experience.

about certain lessons in our curriculum, I can help find those answers. Some parents just want assistance in making decisions such as determining grade placement.

HSH: What services does each of you offer?

Emily: My main service is to be available for

HSH: Do people have to be BJU Press customers to call in?

Pam: No, we help all homeschool families. Since I had experience in Christian education, I am familiar with other curriculums. If I am not familiar with

another company's material, I will try to find out more about it so that I can answer questions.

HSH: What do you like most about your job as homeschool consultant?

Emily: I love talking to homeschool families, from the parents down to the children. I laugh with them, sometimes cry with them, advise them, encourage them, and pray with and for them. I try to let them know I am always there for them, no matter how many times they need to talk with me. It is a shot in my arm to hear their different stories and learn how homeschooling has molded and shaped their families.

Home educators can reach Emily or Pam by calling 1-800-845-5731 and asking for a homeschool consultant. They may e-mail Emily or Pam at hsconsult@bjupress.com. Mail should be addressed to Emily Largent, Home School Consultant, or Pam Levan, Special Needs Consultant, 1700 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville, SC 29614. 📧

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“We are able to continue homeschooling because your staff is supplying the tough classes.”

—S.A. (Beavertown, MI)

“State-of-the-art coursework. Christian perspective.”

—P.J. (DelRio, TN)

Can any video program take the place of the parent in the family's educational setting? Absolutely not, nor is that our desire. The parent still chooses what courses are obtained, when instruction takes place, and monitors the children's progress. BJ HomeSat materials, whether on satellite or DVD, are there to come alongside to help. 📺

For more information or to order, call toll-free 1.888.406.4040.

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DVD or Satellite? The Advantages of Each



DVD

Most economical for customers with one or two homeschooled children

Packaged by grade (elementary) or subject area (secondary)

Cost of textbooks included in fee

All classes, kindergarten through grade twelve, are available

Convenient; high-quality; gives you time-management freedom



Satellite

Most economical for customers with several homeschooled children

All materials on all levels are available for one price

Content, once recorded, is yours to keep for as long as you are a subscriber

All classes, kindergarten through grade twelve, are available as are special programs and BJ LINC live

Convenient; high-quality; gives you time-management freedom



Loving with Unfeigned Love

Gregory D. Blake, Chief Encouragement Officer for PepWorks International, has a biblically based seminar called P.L.A.S.M.A.—Lifeblood Lessons for Serving Others in the Workplace. He gives six Bible principles that specify how to be a servant and love others. The following principles were condensed from his outline and notes taken at one of his lectures:

Put Your Priorities in Order

Matthew 6:33—Put God first and people second!

People are more important than things. Be alert and prepared for opportunities to share the gospel. Extend your circle of friends. Love abounding is a vital part of a successful person in all areas of life.

Listen to Others Empathetically

Philippians 2:7—Compassionate servant.

Hear, understand, and meet the real needs of others. If there is an immediate need with which you can give help, humbly render assistance in loving service. Others' greatest need is to hear the message of salvation in Christ by grace through faith only, without any works that man can do to earn it.

Acept and Embrace the Changes of Life

Philippians 2:15—God's timing.

Many changes are constantly occurring in our bodies, health, energy levels and stamina, family, workplace, and relationships. World conditions, politics, and weather are in a constant flux. Change is a part of life, and how we adjust to it reveals our character. The only things that never change are life principles and core values that are based on Bible truth and the eternal words of Jesus Christ. Christians can depend on the unchanging Christ (the same yesterday, today, and forever) and the eternal truths of God found in the Bible to give stability in our journey through life.

Share Your Heart and Head with Others

Philippians 4:7—Loving sacrifice.

Meet the real needs of others by sharing information, praying about their concerns, and helping them to be more efficient. This kind of practical help paves the way for a gospel witness.

Make Somebody's Day with Praise

Philippians 2:3—Bless individuals.

Praise instead of blame. Use public and private praise appropriately. There is usually some character trait, good deed, or something about the person that you can appreciate and praise. Rejoice with him over a promotion or some honor or success in his life. Make sure the praise is specific and genuine and not perceived as just flattery to gain some advantage.

Attitude of Forgiveness

1 John 1:9—Choose a positive attitude every day with a clear conscience, minus any remembered guilt or revenge feelings.

Remembering past occurrences of snide remarks, snubs, rejections, and outright hatred is depressing and causes revenge feelings to predominate. Forgiving includes forgetting and not rehashing verbally or mentally incidents that caused emotional distress or anger. Confess negative revenge and hate thoughts to God. Ask for grace to handle the situation the next time you come in contact with the individual or group. Make a conscious effort to bestow acts of kindness and show love to those who treat you badly. 😊

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BIBLE STUDIES



***A Woman of Prayer* by Betty Henderson**—Using Scripture, personal testimony, and testimony from great prayer warriors of the past, *A Woman of Prayer* is a personal study for those in search of the God Who hears.

(240648, \$6.95)



***Alone with God: A Practical Plan for Dynamic Devotions* by Jason Janz**—

Daily private worship has as its basis the building of an intimate relationship with the Lord. Janz's book combined with the *Alone with God Daily Journal* offers a practical, interactive approach and includes directions for reading, prayer, and praise.

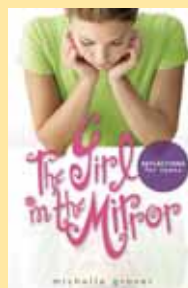
(237321, \$14.95)

Alone with God Daily Journal (238881, \$9.95)



***What Do I Know About My God?* by Mardi Collier**—Part Bible study method and part powerful testimony, this book shows women how knowing the Lord and keeping a record of answered prayer are keys to victorious living.

(239343, \$8.95)



***The Girl in the Mirror* by Michelle Grover**—

This Bible study will help you sort out what is worthy of a godly girl from what is unworthy, with timeless advice you can count on.

(231423, \$7.49)