

Wonder-Beauty Loop

Hymn Study		Nature Study		Composer Study		Art Study/Project	
	All the Way My Savior Leads Me		Types of seeds		CMFD: Chapter 1	Listen: Prokofiev Peter & the Wolf	Art Study: Limbourg Brothers
	All the Way My Savior Leads Me		Trees		CMFD: Chapter 6 (Keyboard)	Suite from Harry Potter & Sorcerer's Stone	Limbourg Brothers - Book of Days
	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say		Plant parts		CMFD: Chapter 7 (Strings)	Beauty and the Beast	Art Study: Van Eyck
	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say		Flowers		CMFD: Chapter 8 (Woodwinds)	Flying Theme from E.T.	Van Eyck - Triptych Panel
	Power in the Blood		Snails		CMFD: Chapter 9 (Brass)	Star Wars Imperial March	Art Study: Masaccio
	Power in the Blood		Worms		CMFD: Chapter 10 (Percussion)	Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man	Masaccio - Profile Portrait
	My Jesus, I Love Thee		Spiders		CMFD: Chapter 11	Listen to Classical on Pandora	Art Study: Botticelli
	My Jesus, I Love Thee		Insects		CMFD: Chapter 11	Listen to Classical on Pandora	Botticelli - Art in the Round
	All Hail the Power of Jesus Name		Reptiles or Amphibians		CMFD: Chapter 11	Listen to Classical on Pandora	Art Study: Da Vinci
	All Hail the Power of Jesus Name		Fish		CMFD: Chapter 11	Listen to Classical on Pandora	Da Vinci - Drawing Things Apart
	King of Love my Shepherd Is		Birds		CMFD: Chapter 12	Listen to Classical on Pandora	Da Vinci - Da Vinci Invention
	King of Love my Shepherd Is		Mammals		CMFD: Chapter 12	Listen to Classical on Pandora	Create Great Artist Cards & Play Master Match
	Take My Life and Let It Be		Climate & Weather		CMFD: Chapter 2 (p 13-19)	Listen: Gregorian Chant	Art Study: Giotto
	Take My Life and Let It Be		Rocks		CMFD: Chapter 2 (p 19-21)	Listen: Vivaldi	Art study: Ghiberti
	Jesus I am Resting, Resting		Minerals		Listen: Vivaldi		Art study: Angelico
	Jesus I am Resting, Resting		Water forms		CMFD: Chapter 2 (p 21-24)	Play CD (p.138-129)	Art study: Durer
	Jesus Shall Reign		Wind and Atmosphere		Listen: Handel		Art study: Michelangelo
	Jesus Shall Reign		Animals		CMFD: Chapter 2 (p 24-26)	Play CD (p. 139-141)	Art study: El Greco
	On Christ the Solid Rock		Clouds		Listen: Bach		Art Study: Raphael
	On Christ the Solid Rock		Soil		CMFD: Chapter 2 (p 27-29)	Listen: Haydn	Raphael - Mother and Baby
	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee		Budding Plants		Listen: Haydn		Art study: Rubens
	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee		Animals		CMFD: Chapter 2 (p 29-33)	Play CD (p. 141-145)	Rubens - Chalk Light Face
	Little Is Much When God Is In It		Clouds		Listen: Mozart		Create Great Artist Cards & Play Master Match
	Little Is Much When God Is In It		Night Sky		Review Baroque		Play Masters Match and/or create Great Time Line

What is a Wonder-Beauty Loop?

The above list includes special activities that bring joy, wonder, and beauty into our school days. Because reality often derails our school plans (e.g., illness, urgent errands, unexpected visitors, etc.), we started implementing a loop schedule for these types of things a couple of years ago. A loop schedule gives us the freedom to pick up where we left off when our plans have gone awry due to reality. I've included a place to check-the-box to keep track of where we are on the schedule. The intention for this loop is to cycle through Nature Study, Hymn Study, Orchestra/Composer Study, and Art Study/Projects.

Books we are using for this loop schedule:

Hymn Study: Then Sings My Soul by Robert Morgan

Nature Study: We have a wide range of books we're using - some picture books, some reference books. A free ebook that may be used for Nature Study is Anna Botsford Comstock's Handbook of Nature Study.

(See <https://www.halfahundredacrewood.com/handbook-of-nature-study/> for a link to download the free version if you have trouble finding it.) Although we include some suggestions for nature study, this will largely depend on climate and location. Feel free to follow your child's lead as you take nature walks and explore the wonders God has hidden within nature.

Composer Study: Classical Music for Dummies (CMFD)

Art Study: Discovering Great Artists by MaryAnn Kohl (art projects and mini-bios) and wikiart.org (for art study); Please preview links to WikiArt, as the artists' work may contain nudity.

Journaling:

Although it's not mentioned in the plan, we'll set aside about 15 minutes daily to record thoughts (e.g., discoveries from our nature walk, copy the poetry we have memorized, thoughts about a hymn, or even just the weather!). We will only journal one item per day, so not everything will have a journal entry. This idea came about as we traveled across the U.S. and saw the many journal entries of pioneers, inventors, and trailblazers (like Lewis & Clark). It's a special keepsake I hope will mean much as the years go by.