

## Teaching Multiple Grades

1. Try to combine subjects where you can. For instance, things like Bible time, music, artist studies, even things like science with the addition of some more challenging assignments for older children.
2. If they are close enough in age, consider putting them in the same grade. I did this with my older children who were 11 ½ months apart with the idea that if my younger child ever seemed like he was falling behind, I would reevaluate. Not all kids can do this, but if you can, it can make your life a bit easier.
3. Choose a curriculum that makes it easier. For example, My Father's World allows you to combine grades and has extension activities for older children.
4. Consider a split schedule. Have older children work independently while you are actively teaching the younger ones and then switch.
5. Consider an online curriculum. This can be a great option for your children to work independently, though may not be ideal if you are concerned about too much screentime.
6. Be flexible. It may take some time to figure things out, and sometimes you may have to switch things up entirely if you find your plan isn't working or isn't working anymore. Needs of your children may change. The needs of your family may change. Just remember not to be too rigid in how you schedule your school days.