



10 Ways to Know Your Child Is Really Learning

A Parent's Quick Guide to Recognizing and Supporting Real Learning at Home

Introduction:

Whether you're a homeschool mom or simply an involved parent, you may wonder at times: *Is my child actually learning—or just going through the motions?*

This short guide offers 10 practical ways to recognize real learning—and gives you confidence in your vital role as your child's most attentive and loving teacher.

✓ 1. Watch for Curiosity, Not Just Completion

Real learning sparks questions. If your child begins asking *why* or wants to explore more, that's a sign something is truly clicking.

✓ 2. Listen for Retelling

When your child can explain something in their own words—even imperfectly—they're processing and internalizing the material.

✓ 3. Notice Independent Application

If your child uses a new concept in daily life (like measuring while baking or quoting a Bible verse appropriately), that shows understanding.

✓ 4. Don't Be Afraid of "I Don't Know"

Admitting confusion or asking for help shows they're engaging, not avoiding. Learning often begins where answers stop.

✓ 5. Pay Attention to Body Language

Do they light up during certain subjects? Fidget with others? These signs help you adjust teaching methods to support focus and interest.

✅ 6. Embrace Mistakes as Progress

Errors are opportunities. If your child corrects their own mistake or tries again, learning is underway.

✅ 7. Check for Real-World Connections

Does your child connect schoolwork to books, media, family conversations, or nature? That's deep learning in action.

✅ 8. Give Time to Reflect

Short pauses or journaling moments give kids a chance to process ideas. Learning takes root in quiet spaces too.

✅ 9. Vary Your Approach

If something isn't clicking, try changing how you teach it. Real learning is often about *how* we present, not just *what* we say.

✅ 10. Keep Perspective: Learning Is a Journey

Some seasons feel slow. Others take off. Stay faithful. God has equipped *you*—not just curriculum—to guide your child.

Encouragement for You:

Dr. Paul D. Lindstrom once reminded us that a mother knows her child best. You are not just *able* to help your child learn—you're uniquely called and gifted to do it.

Let this guide be a simple reminder:

🎓 *You are your child's most attentive, most flexible, and most loving teacher.*

🌿 Bonus Scripture for the Parent-Teacher:

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
—Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)