

# Will you teach two or more children this year?

## Here's how you can use one Core, Science and Electives program to teach multiple children.

Math and Language Arts tend to be highly grade-oriented: one grade's content builds directly on what came before. However, when it comes to History, Science, Bible, Art, Music, and other subjects, the same content is "perfect" for a whole range of grades and ages.

So consider: What are your children's ages and abilities? Use the "Usually Used By" slider bar to determine the most appropriate Core and Science program for your children by age or grade (Figures 1 and 2).

Unless one or more of your children has a unique learning capability, children within a 3-year age range should be able to use the same materials with few modifications.

**Tip:** make your own simple chart, like the two examples shown below, to see how teaching your children in a group could work over the next few years.

### You can plan around any one of your children, and easily adjust for the rest:

Yes, there are Sonlighters who tell us they teach—very successfully—using multiple Core programs at once. But we rarely recommend that you use more than one or possibly two Sonlight Core or Science programs at one time, especially for elementary aged children. (Older—high school—students may work independently enough that you can more readily handle the workload of an additional program.) But if you can combine even two children, we believe your homeschool experience will be much more rewarding from the start. In addition to saving time and money, your children will enjoy the camaraderie and teamwork of a group.

Are your children separated by more than 3 years? Even then, it is often possible to select one program and adjust or supplement it up or down to meet all of their needs.

Here are some pointers past customers have used to help adjust one program for use by more than one child.

- Choose your Core program with the focus on either your **oldest, middle, or younger** child. For instance, the Family A example shows the Newcomer package that is appropriate for both Tim and Linda. Jonelle can "listen in" until she is ready to start her own studies—using materials previously purchased for the older children.
- Then choose the appropriate Readers, Math and Language Arts for the other students. You can see in the Family B example we started with the middle child, Bill. Then added the grade appropriate readers for Sue and Tom. These students can continue to enjoy the same Core (history, read alouds, and bible) and simply add the appropriate readers, language arts and math as they progress.

If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to speak with a Sonlight Curriculum Advisor who can help you consider your options and make the choice that's best for your family. Visit [www.Sonlight.com/SCA.html](http://www.Sonlight.com/SCA.html) to use the "LiveCall" and "LiveChat" features on our website, or email [advisor@sonlight.com](mailto:advisor@sonlight.com), or phone 303-730-6292. Or visit the Sonlighters Club Forums community ([www.sonlight-forums.com](http://www.sonlight-forums.com)) where you can interact with thousands of moms and dads who are already using a single Core to teach multiple children. ■

Figure 1



A "Usually Used By" slider bar like this appears with each complete Sonlight program in this catalog. Select a program with an age range that includes most of the children who will use it. Note: You can include a child one year above or below the recommended range. You will simply need to adapt the program for your younger(s) and acquire appropriate supplements for the older(s). For suggestions, please contact an advisor at 303-730-6292 or email [advisor@sonlight.com](mailto:advisor@sonlight.com).

Use the "Usually Used By" slider bar in the science section (pages 106-114) to select one science program for students within 2-4 years in age.

Figure 2



Save Time & Money!  
The "Usually Used By" slider bar (see Figures 1 and 2), can help you to determine the most appropriate Core (and science) program(s) for your children. Below you can see that Tim and Linda will be able to learn together, while in a couple of years, Jonelle can re-use Cores originally purchased for Tim and Linda.

Family A Example

YEARS	Tim		Linda		Jonelle	
	Age	Curriculum	Age	Curriculum	Age	Curriculum
2008-2009	5 yrs	Newcomer P4/5	4 yrs	Newcomer P4/5	2 yrs	listen in!
2009-2010	6 yrs	Core K	5 yrs	Core K	3 yrs	listen in!
2010-2011	7 yrs	Core 1	6 yrs	Core 1	4 yrs	Newcomer P4/5
2011-2012	8 yrs	Core 2	7 yrs	Core 2	5 yrs	Core K
2012-2013	9 yrs	Core 3	8 yrs	Core 3	6 yrs	Core 1

Jonelle can study P 4/5, K and 1, which were previously purchased for Tim and Linda.

Family B Example

YEARS	Sue		Bill		Tom	
	Age	Curriculum	Age	Curriculum	Age	Curriculum
2008-2009	8 yrs	Newcomer 1 + Readers 2	6 yrs	Newcomer 1 (includes Readers 1)	5 yrs	Newcomer 1 + Readers K
2009-2010	9 yrs	Core 2 with Readers 2 Intermediate	7 yrs	Core 2 (reuse Readers 2)	6 yrs	Core 2 (reuse Readers 1)
2010-2011	10 yrs	Core 3 + Advanced Readers	8 yrs	Core 3	7 yrs	Core 3 (reuse Readers 2)
2011-2012	11 yrs	Core 4	9 yrs	Core 4	8 yrs	Core 4
2012-2013	12 yrs	Core 5	10 yrs	Core 5	9 yrs	Core 5

Add grade appropriate Languages Arts and Math for each child. See package descriptions on pages 16-125.