



Lost in the Wilderness

How do people get lost in the wilderness in real life? Often it's because they weren't prepared with these two essential basics: a compass and a map.

Here's a way to evaluate your situation.



Compass (Goals)

A compass gives a clue as to where you are and which direction you need to travel in order to reach your destination. A compass is of little use if you don't have a specific destination, or goal. So for our purposes, the compass represents the necessity of goals to work towards. You're likely to feel lost if you don't know where you're going!

Your goals: Thoughts to consider:

- Have you set specific goals? By subject? For each child? Within a time limit?
- Have your goals changed since you first started?
- Have you forgotten about your goals? 😊



Map (Curriculum)

Once you have a destination (goal), you will need a map. You'll need to follow the map in order to reach your goal. In homeschooling, your map is your curriculum (or plan of study).

Your curriculum: Thoughts to consider:

- Will your curriculum lead the way to accomplishing your goals? (See first column)
- Is your curriculum something you can manage? Is it too difficult or complex? Too time consuming?
- Does your curriculum work for your children? Does it fit their learning styles? Can they grasp the concepts you are attempting to teach?
- Is your curriculum too simple to be effective?
- Is your curriculum a good fit but you just need to embrace it?
- Do you need to explore different curriculum options?

Use the space below to jot down ideas about your goals and your curriculum. Maybe it will help you understand why you feel lost - and help you formulate a plan where you'll feel confident in what you are doing.



Be sure to see my notes on the "Lost in the Wilderness" page of the website!