

Homeschooling Distractible Kids

Who Don't Like School

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To a distractible kid...
“baking cookies” is an opportunity to
“experiment”...



For a
distractible
kid, the failed
experiment is
more fun than
the successful
one...



If you're distractible, you must
try writing with your toes...



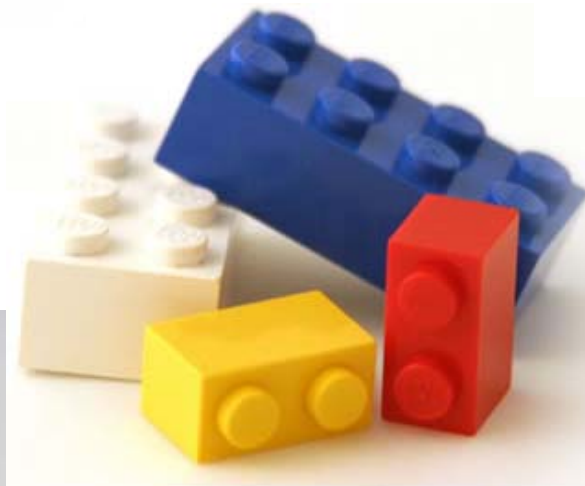
If you're distractible, you don't
just use paper mache.....



... you wear it.



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For a
distractible kid,
mud is not to be
avoided...

.....But
experienced...



Creative
writing, if
you're
distractible,
must involve
terror and
tragedy...



...and then must be acted
out – with catsup.

Practical ideas for school

1. Don't compare your situation with others

“Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.”

2 Corinthians 10:12

2. Work side-by-side

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men...” Col. 3:23

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you...” 1 Thess. 5:18

3. Don't dumb down

4. Allow energy escapes

5. Use large white board

It does not get better as they get
older!

Let's talk about bikes for a
minute...

Why ride your bike
on the ground,
when you can haul
it 15 feet into the
air and ride it
there?



...and fire is an essential
ingredient to all worthwhile
endeavors.



6. Give him time to answer

“Love is patient and kind...it does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable...”

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

7. Encourage your “reluctant reader”

- ✓ Read to them often
- ✓ Make these times special
- ✓ Use facial expression while reading
- ✓ Stop at the exciting parts
- ✓ Have him “tell back” what he has read
- ✓ Be an enthusiastic, expressive listener
- ✓ Be a reader yourself – model it
- ✓ Give them a reading lamp
- ✓ Stay up later for reading
- ✓ Be positive – delayed readers will catch up

It's not a matter of "if" a distractible kid will get injured, but "when."



This will not keep him down, however!



8. Be encouraging

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.”

1 Corinthians 13:1

The distractible child through the lens of our flesh...

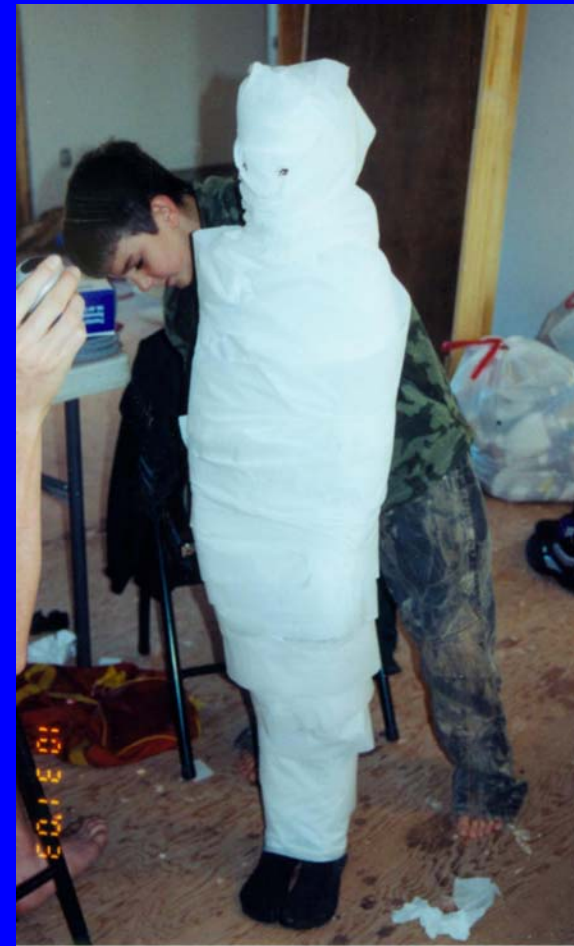
- Annoying
- A pest
- Foolish
- Lacking sense
- Dumb or stupid
- Slow
- Exasperating
- Irritating
- A thorn in the flesh
- Unmotivated

The distractible child through the lens of God's Word...

- Exuberant (Psalm 150)
- Creative (Prov. 31:13-22)
- Strong (Joshua 1:9)
- Brave (Joshua 1:9)
- Enthusiastic (Col. 3:23)
- Visionary (Proverb 29:18)
- Inquisitive (2 Tim. 2:15, Ecc. 12:12)
- A doer, not a hearer (James 1:22-25)
- Joyful (1 Thess. 5:16)
- A worshipper (Ps. 19:1)

9. Build relationship
(lots of love)

10. Throw out the
workbooks



11. Relax

12. Allow adventure



To a distractible kid, there are
more creative ways to use
shaving cream than just shaving!



Why be satisfied with a mere sled, when you can travel through snow like this...





And to a distractible kid, cars
must be loud and fast....

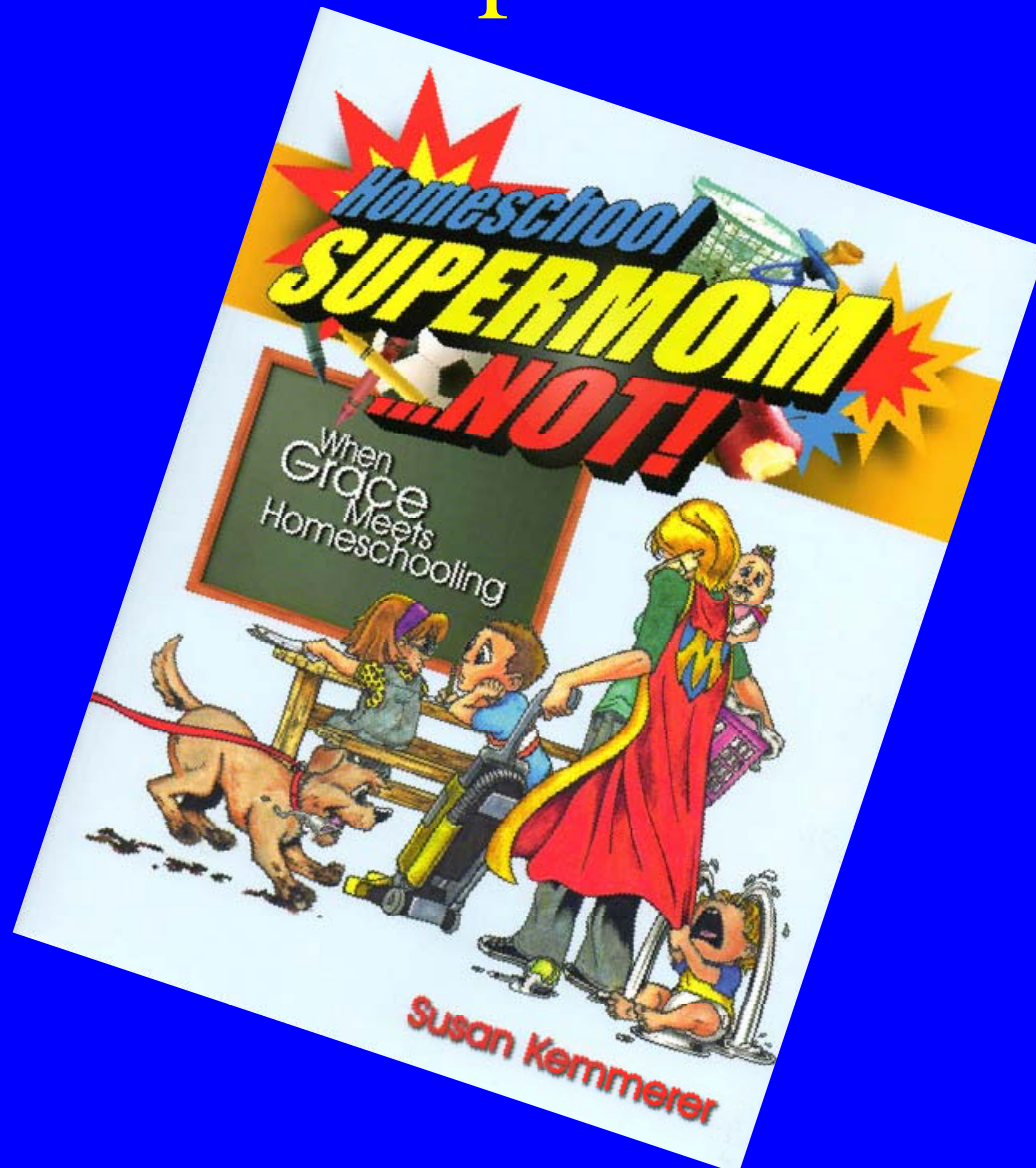


...Wait until he comes riding
home on one of these!

The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness;
He will quiet you by his love;
He will exult over you with loud
singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

Homeschool Supermom...NOT!



Book List

- Anything by Frank Peretti (“Monster,” “The Oath,” “Cooper Kids Adventures,” “Hangman’s Curse,” etc.
- Little Britches series
- Wally McDoogie Series
- Anything by Ted Dekker (“Black,” “Red,” “White,” etc.
- Sign of the Beaver
- My Side of the Mountain
- Farmer Boy (Little House on the Prairie)
- Light in the Forest
- Left Behind series (kids/adults)
- Hardy Boys
- Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe series
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach (Roald Dahl)
- Lord of the Rings series