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2016 Consulting and Speaking Topics

Restful Teaching, Restful Learning: Unshakable Peace for the Homeschooling Mom
Anxiety riddles even the most intentional homeschooling mom. We let the curriculum and the checklist dictate our priorities, and we let comparison bog us down. In this session, we’ll talk about what it takes for a homeschooling mom to grab hold of unshakable peace. You’ll come away with inspiration to focus on what really matters and will learn how to teach from a state of rest while gaining practical strategies for simplifying both the curriculum and the schedule. Peace comes from focusing on what really matters, from remembering Who you’re really working for, and from bringing your best and letting God work the miracle. A blend of the practical and the poetic, this is Sarah’s signature session.

Beauty in the Ordinary, Chaotic Homeschool
Finding ways to infuse our homeschool day with beauty seems like a decadent luxury real homeschool moms don’t have time to bother with. Why should we even try? In this session, we’ll explore how beauty is a gateway to God and how it is also the most accessible way to order our children’s affections and cultivate truth and goodness in their souls. This isn’t complicated and it doesn’t require that we comb through overwhelming ideas on Pinterest or spend a bunch of money. We’ll brainstorm simple ways homeschooling parents can infuse their ordinary, chaotic days with beauty and so inform their children’s affections. No matter where you are on your homeschooling journey, you’ll be inspired to incorporate simple acts of beauty into your homeschool routines.

The Secret to Great Discussions with Your Kids
We know we ought to read and discuss great books with our kids, but what if we don’t know which questions to ask? If we didn’t receive an excellent literary education ourselves, how can we possibly pass one on to our own children? It turns out there are a handful of tips and practices that make meaningful, engaging discussions possible for all homeschool parents.
regardless of the kind of education they received themselves. Discover the questions any homeschooling parent can ask to have deep, meaningful conversations with their kids about the books they are reading together or alone.

**Read-Aloud Revival: Build a Family Culture Around Books**
You’ve heard it said that you should read to your kids every day. That sounds quaint and lovely, but there are stacks of dishes, piles of laundry, and endless rounds of soccer practice and doctors’ appointments to get to! How do busy, overwhelmed parents make time to read aloud every day, and why should they even try? This workshop will inspire you to make reading aloud a top priority and will give you a set of practical tips for making it happen on a regular basis. We’ll troubleshoot common struggles, such as what to do with toddlers running amok, what to do when you’re short on time, and where to start if you don’t know which books to read. By the end of the session, you’ll have the motivation and the tools you need to make reading aloud a part of your family culture.

**Cultivated Mama: You Were Made to Flourish**
It’s time to love the homeschool mama in the mirror. You don’t have to be a superstar to teach well—you just need to be a good you. In this inspiring talk, Sarah shares ideas for cultivating yourself intellectually and creatively, working refreshment into your busy routine, and growing as a teacher. Learn why it’s so important to model delight, nurture your mind, and order your loves. Teaching is the art of being imitated, and in this talk, Sarah gives ideas for making yourself worthy of imitation and why it’s so important to do so. Designed for the overwhelmed and overworked mama, this talk will leave you inspired and refreshed.

**All Jazzed Up: Homeschooling with Passion and Purpose**
We jump in to homeschooling with energy and enthusiasm, but something happens along the way. The days are long, the kids are bickering, and we get bogged down and burned out. How do we awaken our passions so we can homeschool with a deep sense of purpose and peace? If education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire, how do we kindle the flame? Homeschool mama, you are the chief visionary of your school. Spark curiosity and learn to do your best work every day. In this talk, get inspired to be the radiant leader of your home, and gain strategies for rousing passion, building healthy and helpful habits, and fostering wonder and curiosity in yourself, the homeschooling mother.

**When You’re In Survival Mode**
Sometimes you’re hanging on by the skin of your teeth. Maybe there’s a new baby in the house, money is unusually tight, or you’re battling chronic illness. Every homeschooler goes through survival seasons, and you can flourish all the way through them with some simple strategies to keep you on the right track. Sarah discusses how to know you’re in a season of survival, how to keep first things first, and where to pare down in order to keep your peace and do your best work every day. While homeschooling three older children, Sarah
had three more babies in less than two years—she knows the struggles overtired and over-
whelmed moms face when they are trying to get through a rough patch. Survival seasons
don’t have to drown you. Learn some basic strategies for setting priorities, creating boundar-
ies, and thriving even when the storm is raging around you.

**Custom Topics Upon Request**

**Bio:**
Sarah Mackenzie is a smitten wife, a homeschooling mother of six (including twins), and
the author of *Teaching from Rest: A Homeschooler’s Guide to Unshakable Peace*, published by
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On her popular podcast called The Read-Aloud Revival, Sarah interviews inspiring leaders
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Sarah lives in the northwest and you can usually find her sipping (another!) cup of coffee,
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