



Through the years, I have asked God to guide and show me what we should be studying. He has been so faithful to lead me to the perfect materials and resour-

ces! He brings the right person at the perfect time to share an idea or to tell me about a certain curriculum. At other times, He has led me to change something that I would not have otherwise changed. This has been an exciting part of my walk with God. I have seen His faithfulness in big and little ways through this.

I would like to share a story with you to encourage you to trust in God to lead and guide you as you choose curriculum. We had studied Ancient History for one year and we had begun the next year of world history. I wanted to use the classical approach (in history) and do world history in 4 years, but as we began the second year of this, our children were asking questions about Canada and I realized how little they knew about their own country and how interested they were to learn about it. I do not like to quit things and I asked the Lord to show me what we should do.

Again, God was faithful to lead me and we decided to study Canada. We used *Canada, My Country* and then *Courage and Conquest*. Our children each made a "pizza book" about Canada. The older children included more information about their country while the youngest, who was three at the time, printed the name of each province and territory in her book and glued in pictures from travel guides which we had ordered. They are still so proud of their books!

Our wonderful facilitator lent us Canadian history novels which brought history alive! We also watched the CBC series *Canada, A People's History* (you may want to preview these). I had many Canada books available for our children to read as well. We built a model of an Iroquois village with a palisade made from toothpicks. The children used salt dough to make baskets and other items for the village. The longhouses were from a project in *Native Peoples from the Discovering Canada* series. We had so much fun and learned so much!

Our sons became especially fascinated with the War of 1812 and General Brock because of the exciting novels we read. We enjoyed an excellent book about Laura Secord and learned of her role in the War of 1812. Our children still dress up and relive Canadian history because these stories fascinated them so much!

The most exciting part, though, came the next summer when we received a free holiday where we were able to visit places we had studied! Our family of seven was flown out to Ontario for three weeks. We visited a living Huron village and were able to

walk into real longhouses! There we cooked bannock over a fire and dipped candles and saw where Father Jean de Brebeuf was buried. We toured Queenston Heights where General Brock died. Our sons were so excited to visit Fort Henry and Fort George. We saw Laura Secord's house. We milked cows and rode on a horse-drawn boat at Upper Canada Village. The majestic Niagara Falls took our breath away. We felt so privileged to see Parliament Hill and tour the beautiful buildings there. We saw Canada's first capital, Kingston. These were just some of the wonderful things we were able to experience.

I was so grateful to God that He had led us to study Canada before we were blessed with this holiday where Canadian history came alive for our family. He knew what was best for us. He knows what is best for your family as well. He wants this home education journey to be an exciting walk with Him!