

Twenty-Five Ways to Cultivate Curiosity

1. cook up a [recipe](#) from another country
2. go on a hike with binoculars
3. tackle a [Kids Who Think](#) challenge
4. watch a play or attend an orchestra concert
5. [make suet](#) or hang up bird feeders
6. create a [famous-artist-inspired art project](#)
7. tour a historic site (a battle site, an underground railroad house, the birthplace of a famous person, a boat ride on a famous river)
8. [build a solar oven](#)
9. purchase a [butterfly garden](#), a [ladybug land](#), or an [ant hill](#)
10. play in a creek or walk the seashore
11. offer to house a critter your child finds (praying mantis, frog, beetle, crawdad, walking stick, spider); observe it for a few days before releasing it back into the wild
12. visit a pet shop, zoo, or farm (ask your child which one she'd like to go to)
13. buy a [pocket microscope](#)
14. network with other homeschoolers and find a pen pal for your student
15. encourage your student to start a collection
16. make an [inventions box](#) for your student to investigate
17. start a [container garden](#) and let your children decide what to grow
18. entice your student to compose mathematical word problems for you to solve
19. try something new (an art lesson, knitting, horse-back riding, the possibilities are endless!)
20. spend the day with someone who loves what they do or interview someone who has had an interesting life (grandparent, local artist, soldier, neighbor, family friend)
21. dissect something (a flower, a bug, an old telephone)
22. go star gazing (and borrow a telescope!)
23. conduct some [science experiments](#)
25. read great books together

