Let’s Make
Easy Booklets!

“And let the beauty and delightfulness and favor of the Lord our God be upon us; and confirm and establish the work of our hands—yes, the work of our hands, confirm and establish it.”
Psalm 90:17 (Amplified)
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Reprinted from *Homemade Books! YES! You Can Be a Writer Too!*  
Slightly edited and expanded for this book!

Although many of Matthew and Elisabeth's books are full size comb-bound books, MOST of their books through the years have been simple booklets that they have created along the way. It was easy for us to begin Lapbooking. We just had to compile our favorite booklets into our Lapbooks to wrap up our study. It was easy!

We have always loved making booklets. There was something about the simplicity of making a booklet that just seemed to be "do-able." My children would get a brainstorm about something that they were excited to learn and dig out supplies to make a mini-book about that topic. One might be about the "Birds in our Backyard" while another was about the "Books of the Bible." We have so many. They are precious! You can too! Well, let's see how easy it is to make booklets. Ready? Let's go step-by-step...

**Step-by-Step Making Easy Booklets...**

♥ **Decide on topic of booklet.** Choose any aspect of your study. You can use your booklet to copy vocabulary and their definitions...to display maps...to retell information from your study...to share information about the characters of the book...etc.

♥ **Gather resources from your study.** Library books, Internet information, Copywork, narrations, timeline, pictures of historical figures,
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 bais our supply list. You probably have all you need in your home already. For booklets, all you will need is paper (any kind—choose paper that coordinates with your study), markers/pencils, glue, and stapler (We use a long-arm stapler for all of our booklets—these are available at office supply stores.). We keep all of our book-making supplies together in our “Writer’s Nook” so our children always know where they are and that they are free to use them at any time. This helps more than anything with little booklets that they decide to make on the spur of the moment. Gather supplies and watch your young writers get addicted too!

Let your child find pictures, stickers, and neat information to add to the pages of the booklet. Photocopy or print out any neat pages that you may to cut and paste into the booklet. Let them hand-copy any information that they want to add into their booklets. Add any stickers that match your themes. Let the children loose to make their booklets all “THEIRS!” You will love to look back on these treasures!

Let your children add special touches to the booklet. The sky is the limit! Your child can add any special touches that they prefer to make their booklets special. They may want to add neat borders, sketches, or stickers. They may want to use their rubber stamps to adorn the pages. They may enjoy cutting the whole booklet in a special shape. Just let them enjoy!

Remember! Don’t rush! Don’t push! Don’t take over! Enjoy the process!
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Online Instruction on How to Make the Booklets/ Folders...

These websites are so well-done that my opinion is WHY REINVENT THE WHEEL??? If you have not made booklets or Lapbooks, these sites will help you with the step-by-step help. If you need some fresh new ideas for your Lapbooks, these sites will give you instructions on how to make very unique booklets! I think you will find yourself hooked!

How to Make the Different Folds for Your Booklets/Lapbooks...
http://www.makingbooks.com/projects.html

How To Make Pop-Up Books...
http://www.markhiner.co.uk/producing.htm
http://www.makersgallery.com/joanirvine
http://www.bydonovan.com/templates.html
http://www.projects.edtech.sandi.net/pershing/explorers/popup.htm
http://www.makersgallery.com/joanirvine/howto.html
http://www.edu.uleth.ca/currlab/handouts/popupbooks.html
http://www.projects.edtech.sandi.net/pershing/explorers
http://www.kizclub.com/animalcrafts.html
http://www.dickblick.com/lessonplans/castles/
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http://www.clarke.lexingtonma.org/teams/explorer/popup/popex.htm

Make Your Own Accordian Color Wheel Book...
http://members.cox.net/nlesberg/Painting/Color_Wheel_Accordion_Books/color_wheelAccordion_books.html

Accordian Book
http://jennysartspace.com/bookart/accordion.html
http://www.sandiegozoo.org/wildideas/kids/craft_2in1.html

How to Make Shape Books...
http://www.shapebooks.com/free.php
http://www.geocities.com/highland_heritage/Forms.htm
http://www.teacherview.com/WritingCenter/shapes_books
http://www.abcteach.com/directory/babysitting/shape
http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pond/4352/Worksheets.html
http://www.eduplace.com/rdg/hme/k_5/shapebook/toc.html
http://abcteach.com/Shape%20books/SHAPEmenu.htm
http://www.haskellrascals.com/teach/shapebooks/SHAPEmenu.htm
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Fun Ideas and Help Making Folded Books...
http://www.blewa.co.uk/project1/teachers/T1-5-1.htm

Make Your Own Mini books...
http://www.dltk-teach.com/minibooks/
http://www.rigby.com/kids/makebook.htm
http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/little_books.htm
http://www.makingbooks.com/projects.html

How to Make Layered Books...
http://www.techknowassociates.com/tips/layeredbook.htm
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Make a Life-cycle Wheel...
http://www.kizclub.com/lifecycle/lifecycle1.html

Even More Folds and Booklet Ideas!
http://www.sdmart.org/education-plans.html#book
http://www.blewa.co.uk/project1/teachers/T1-5-1.htm

How to Make an Accordian Book, a Hotdog Book, and an Accordian Puzzle Book.
http://www.drstamping.com/accordian1.html

Make a Tag Book!
http://www.drstamping.com/tagbook_ls.html

Book Projects...
http://www.makingbooks.com/projects.html

Make an Artist Book...
http://www.arts.ufl.edu/art/rt_room/sparkers/artist_book/artist_bk.html

Book Templates...
http://www.bydonovan.com/templates.html
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TONS of Great Links to Book Making Sites…
http://www.canby.com/hockmanchupp/student_folder_websites.html
http://www.papalongleg.com/Pages/Lapbooks.htm

Concertina Books…
http://www.lib.msu.edu/drewes/cncrtina.htm

Making Altered Books…
http://www.geocities.com/theartkids/msalteredbooks.html
http://www.geocities.com/theartkids/msalteredbooks2.html

Expandable Books…
http://www.wildwood.homestead.com/expandbook.html

Book Report Sandwiches…
http://www.easyfunschool.com/article1349.html

Making Ten Types of Books
http://www.library.thinkquest.org/J001156/makingbooks/makeown.htm
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Paper Bag Books...
http://www.arts.ufl.edu/art/rt_room

One Page Book!

Secret Message Book...
http://www.inkspirations.com/wovenmessage.html

Tons of Ideas!
http://www.bydonovan.com/templates.html

See Samples of Homemade Books on My Website!
http://www.cindyrushton.com/homemadebookspictures.html
"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest, [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.] Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls. For my yoke is wholesome (useful, good—not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light and easy to be borne."

Matthew 11: 28-30 (Amplified Bible)
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Online Pictures of Lapbooks...

Want to see some examples of Lapbooks? Want some fresh ideas? You will LOVE these links below!

Lapbooking E-mail Discussion List...

Check their files and pictures too! They are FANTASTIC!
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LapBooking/
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LapBookingUS/

Robin’s Website...

Check out my friend Robin’s website! This is my favorite website online for Lapbooking! This new website has it all! She has everything from simple how-to’s to great (and growing!) collection of clip-art to an awesome gallery of sample lap-books. Check it out! You will love it!
http://www.portfolder.com

Andrea’s Pictures...

Andrea is a new mommy pal! We met at our Family Camp last year. This chick has THE MOST incredible lapbooks ever! Take a look at some of them here:
http://pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/a_bzn_mom/my_photos

Hands of a Child--

Great Ideas and Help...
http://www.HandsofaChild.com
Lapbooking with Young Readers...
This website has an adorable display of a lapbook compiled while learning to read. TOO CUTE!
http://www.geocities.com/jessicavega_1437/LapbookProjects.html

Earth Lapbook
Check out this cute website for ideas for your books! Also, great ideas for creating lapbooks...
http://www.geocities.com/highland_heritage/earthlapbook.htm

Rain Cycle Flap Book

Mike Mulligan Lapbook
Pictures and Study Ideas...
http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/history/shannon_hydroelectric_scheme/steam_shovel_excavator.htm
http://www.rollag.com/pics/ Marion.jpg
http://www.chelanpud.org/relicense/LCphoto/
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Tammy’s Website...
Want to try a lapbook for an upcoming study? Tammy has wonderful step-by-step instructions AND cute samples of lapbooks on her site. You won’t want to miss it! Check it out today! OH! Also, Tammy’s business carries even more great resources that we highly recommend! So, check out her catalog as well!

http://www.tobinslab.com

Others You CAN'T MISS!
Oh! These websites are FULL of even MORE great samples. Check them out!

http://www.unitstudies.com/books/index.cfm
http://www.handsofachild.com
http://www.papalongleg.com/Pages/Lapbooks.htm
http://www.portfolder.com/lapbookinggallery.htm
http://www.canby.com/hockmanchupp/student_folder_websites.html
http://library.thinkquest.org/J001156/makingbooks/makeown.htm?tskip1=1&tqtime=0715
http://www.windows.ucar.edu/tour/link=/teacher_resources/flipbooks/flipbook_main.html
http://www.geocities.com/highland_heritage/shutterbooks.htm
http://www.familyclassroom.net/hsboys/articles/21.html
http://www.geocities.com/mamabrown_1122/lapbooks.htm
http://www.photos.yahoo.com/bc/kayla_m_miller/lst?.dir=/Lapbooks&.view=t
http://www.canby.com/hockmanchupp/student_folder_websites.html
http://www.geocities.com/gibsevengang/lapbooks.html
http://www.waldsfe.org/Snap%20Shots/brazil_flapbooks.htm
http://www.server48.hypermart.net/livinglovingathome/lapbooks.htm
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http://www.geocities.com/highland_heritage/shutterbooks.htm
http://www.geocities.com/gibsevengang/lapbooks.html
http://www.canby.com/hockmanchupp/portfolder_instr.html
http://www.canby.com/hockmanchupp/portfolder_why.html
Websites with Information for Your Studies!

Got a topic you want to pursue? Wondering where you can find good, dependable information—and FREE? Check out these sites! 😊

All About Art History…
Art history, 60-second artist profiles, printable art prints (spectacular!), plus much, MUCH more!
http://arthistory.about.com/

Airplane Printable Pages…
http://www.bonus.com/applets/bigpic/bigpic.cgi?
REQUEST=start&MASTERDIR=planes

American Indians…
http://www.mce.k12tn.net/indians/index.htm

American Museum of Natural History…
http://www.amnh.org/nationalcenter/online_field_journal/index.html
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Ancient Egypt!
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/pyramid/
http://www.geocities.com/sseagraves/ancientegyptlessonplans.htm
http://www.iwebquest.com/egypt/ancientegypt.htm
http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/menu.html
http://www.coreknowledge.org/CKproto2/resrcs/lessons/5_97_AztecIncaMaya.pdf

Artcyclopedia...
Art history, picture studies, artists studies, museums? Whatever you art needs, this is your online source!
http://www.artcyclopedia.com/

Biographies of Christian Leaders...
http://www.justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/biochron.html

Fun Stuff to Create...
http://edweb.sdsu.edu/courses/edtec670/cardboard/CardboardCognition.html

Famous French Artists...
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Biographies of Famous Leaders...
http://www.gardenofpraise.com/leaders.htm

Castles...
Check out these INCREDIBLE sites! All you need to know about castles and castle life! PLUS! You can “tour” castles around the world
http://www.civilwarinteractive.com
http://www.dickblick.com/lessonplans/castles/

Civil War Interactive...
http://www.civilwarinteractive.com

Color Worm Explains Colors...
http://php.iupui.edu/~pellison/colorworm/home.html
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**Color Wheel Accordion Book...**
http://members.cox.net/nlesberg/Painting/Color_Wheel_Accordion_Books/color_wheel_accordion_books.html

**Comet Facts**
http://deepimpact.jpl.nasa.gov/educ/CometFacts.htm

**Construction—Pages for Your Young builders!**

**Country Stamps for your "Passports" for Studies of Different Countries...**
http://www.stampimages.com

**Create Your Own Flashcards, Bingo Games, Quizzes, Word Scrambles, etc.**
http://www.educationalpress.org/educationalpress/

**Discovery Channel Lesson Ideas and Resources...**
http://www.school.discovery.com/
Early America…
OH! You will love this one! Everything from original source documents to maps to films and audio! You will LOVE this site!
Http://www.earlyamerica.com

Ed-helper…
Unit Studies, printables, puzzles, more!
http://www.edhelper.com/

Hands of a Child--Great Ideas and Help…
http://www.HandsofaChild.com

Heroes From History…
http://www.heroesofhistory.com/

History Central…
Talk about an incredible site! You can find TONS of help here on this site for your history studies! Everything from source documents to biographies to maps to timeline help to lesson plans to links! Check it out!
http://www.historycentral.com/

History of the Mayflower…
http://www.mayflowerhistory.com/

Horses! What Child DOESN'T Love To Study Horses? Check These Out!
http://www.horses-and-horse-information.com/
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http://horseracing.about.com/library/kids/blcolor.htm?once=true&
http://www.abcteach.com/search.php?q=Horses
http://www.ext.vt.edu//resources/4h/virtualfarm/equine/equine.html
http://www.equinfinitiy.com/history.html
http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/mammals/horse/
    Horseprintouts.shtml
http://www.gallopaloozaderby.com/
http://www.pasofinouusa.homestead.com/
http://www.tripplebmodels.net/
http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mhorse.html
http://www.angelfire.com/tw2/kidshorses/breeds.html
http://www.first-school.ws/theme/animals/cp_farm/cp_horse.htm
http://www.coloring-pages.org/horse/
    http://horsefun.com/
http://www.tripplebmodels.net/Old%20Friends.html

How to Plan a Unit Study...
http://www.geocities.com/highland_heritage/unitstudy.htm
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How to Address an Envelope...

Human Body...
http://www.kizclub.com/body.html
http://atozteacherstuff.com/printables/cat_body.shtml

Kings of the Bible (Plus, pictures for every book in the Bible!)
http://biblia.com/jesusm/

Links to Unit Studies Online...Wonderful List!
http://www.homeschooling.about.com/od/unitstudies/index_a.htm

Maps...
http://www.davidrumsey.com
http://www.worldatlas.com

Map of the Nile River...
http://homepages.tcp.co.uk/~nicholson/egypt/nilemap.html
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Mike Mulligan Lapbook Pictures and Study Ideas...
http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/history/shannon_hydroelectric_scheme/team_shovel_excavator.htm
http://www.rollag.com/pics/Marion.jpg
http://www.chelanpud.org/relicense/LCphoto/Historical/Powerhouse/4688.jpg
http://travel.howstuffworks.com/steam.htm
http://www.fiveinarow.com/ubb/Forum22/HTML/000013.html
http://www.fiveinarow.com/fiar/language.html

National Gallery of Art...
http://www.nga.gov

Online Nature Journal...
http://www.amnh.org/nationalcenter/online_field_journal/index.html

Presidents and Elections...
http://www.cindyrushton.com/pdfs/PresidentsUS.pdf
http://www.oklahomahomeschool.com/PresElec.html

Rain Cycle Flap Book
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Solar Flares, Solar Eruptions, Northern Lights...
http://www.windows.ucar.edu/tour/link

State coloring pages...

Teacher-Created Studies...
http://www.teachercreated.com/free/
http://www.ilovethatteachingidea.com/

Telling Time...Cute Game and Coloring Pages!

The National Archives...
Source documents/printables/federal records.
http://www.archives.gov

Unit Study Directory...
http://www.thefourwheelers.com/units/
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**World Atlas...**
Flags, maps, currency, exchange rates, MORE!
http://www.worldatlas.com/aatlas/world.htm

**World Map...**
http://www.geographyiq.com

**World War 1...**
http://www.worldwar1.com/

**1776 American Dream...**
See source documents and pictures (great for your books!), read information that you can’t find anywhere else, and watch fireworks over the Statue of Liberty! Neat, neat site!
http://www.1776ameicandream.com
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Adding Games to Your Lapbooks...

Oh! Making a Lapbook? You MUST add games to your Lapbook! Nothing will help your children in reviewing all of their information from their study like having a game to pull them back into their Lapbooks! Then, they cannot resist opening all of those booklets yet again! 😊

Adding Games to Your Lapbooks...

The other day I ran across a dear friend's blog that was FULL of adorable ideas for making “folder” games. These are simply adorable! Check it out today! 😊

http://www.homeschoolblogger.com/eclecticchaos

Online Games...

http://www.primarygames.co.uk/

Help Making Your Own Games Online!

http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/learning_games.htm
http://www.PrimaryGames.com
http://www.waterfordpress.com/game1.html
http://208.183.128.3/tutorials/gameboard.htm
http://www.waterfordpress.com/game1.html