



Grace in Homeschool 008
10 Reasons You Can Homeschool
Reason 8: Safety
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(Opening Intro Music)

Amy: Hi, friends, and welcome. I'm your host AmyElizSmith. I'm a homeschool mom of three and have homeschooled each from the start. While I have a Master's in Elementary Ed, I want to teach other mamas that you don't need a fancy degree to have the passion and knowledge to educate your children from home successfully.

I hope to encourage you to jump in and start your homeschool journey and provide my absolute best recommendations to help you begin your homeschool journey. Thanks for joining us for this crazy, messy, grace-filled homeschool ride.

Amy: Hi, friends, and welcome back. We're going to continue our discussion of the "Top 10 Reasons Why You Can Homeschool." Let's talk today about the safety of our children. We absolutely want our children to be physically safe. And children deserve to grow up in a fearless environment. It is our job to keep them safe.

So they are cautious of strangers. So they look both ways when they cross the street, but they don't need to know about every danger that lurks around the corner. As adults, it's our burden to bear. We know about horrific things like child trafficking or the horrors of school violence and severe bullying. Still, our children don't need to know about these things yet because we don't want their little minds to be filled with worry.



School violence, unfortunately, is a factor in our world today. Every school is now required to have a crisis plan, and most have children performing live or active shooter drills many times a year. This can produce great fear in our little ones, and I know I want to protect them from those very, very sad realities.

Severe bullying is also a massive problem in schools today. According to the CDC, about one in five high school students will experience bullying on school property, and one in six high school students will be electronically bullied. Bullying victims are at least three times more likely than others to feel, and I would say be unsafe, at school.

These statistics are so devastating, and even with schools' strong anti-bullying measures, bullying is still rampant in our schools. Isaiah 1:17 says, "Learn to do right. Seek justice, and defend the oppressed." And these poor children who are experiencing these terrible times with bullying, my prayer for them is that they will have a defender, and truly the defender is you, parent. You were the one who fiercely loves them the most. So I would implore you that if your child is experiencing anything like the bullying offense, you will pull them out of school. And I know that's a strong statement, but I don't believe things could get better because it is such a prevalent thing in our society.

You can't control the actions of another student or another parent, but you can control your response. Psalm 12:5 says, "'Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will now arise,' says the Lord. 'I will protect them from those whom align them.'" So know that God is with you, and he is here with you in this moment.

Suppose this is a moment when you have to take that child out of school and begin homeschooling. In that case, you can do that, and I talk about that in the ***first episode*** of this series of *Reasons You Can Homeschool*. We believe that we believe in you, that it's possible. You don't have to have a plan yet. You can take them out, read good books, and spend time in nature together before you form a



formal plan, which we can help you with those things as well when it comes to curriculum choices. But, just do it.

2 Timothy 1:7 says, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of love and power and a sound mind." This verse has been so important to me when I have had experiences in my own life with family members that I am fearful. But God didn't put a spirit of fear in me. Instead, He gave me one of power, love, and a sound mind, and He wants us to keep our eyes on Him and cast all our anxiety on Him because He cares for you, 1 Peter 5:7.

There's another thing that I wanna touch on about the safety of our children. Unfortunately, in several states, schools can keep medical or psychological health and mental health information from parents. As a result, these decisions, such as gender health and well-being, are being questioned.

Schools are now legally allowed to keep information from parents. This is happening in states like Michigan, Minnesota, California, and I'm sure others. And they're even allowed to withhold information such as a child changing their gender identity or being administered chemically altering or sterilizing hormones.

They're allowed to do those things without parental knowledge. So it's essential to know the laws of your state and be open and honest with your child. I would like to take them out of the government schools that are trying to influence them. We are called to keep our children safe.

Psalms 82, the Psalmist wrote, "Defend the weak in the fatherless. Uphold the cause of the poor in the oppressed. Rescue the weak in the needy, deliver them from the hand of the wicked." And Jesus said in Matthew 19, "Let the little children come to me. Do not hinder them, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."



Our children deserve to be morally safe in our corrupt society. Instead, they're being pulled every which way from our societal norms and government schools. There are many things taught today that I can't align with. We can be proud of many things as Christians, and say in a loving way that we believe in biblical marriage. We believe that God made us as individuals, and our individuality matters.

Many cultural phenomena are infiltrating schools today, and we can protect them from them. However, schools are taking a step forward, which is familiar in the educational system. Still, they're taking these steps forward to define groups of people. Whether it's via race lines, gender lines, socioeconomic lines, or parent versus child, they seek to create equity and equal outcomes rather than equal opportunities.

And for many children, I would argue most or if not all children, this is gonna be to their detriment. But Revelation 7:9-10 can be our battle cry. It can be our reminder that we were not made for this world. "After this, I looked and behold a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Standing before the throne and before the lamb clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands and crying out with a loud voice. Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the lamb."

So all of us will glorify God together if you are in Him. Our society says those things aren't possible without massive government programs or one group incessantly never-ending apologizing to another group through silence or through monetary means. Still, these things are simply false, and we must command that.

We have to say it aloud for our children to be protected from these mentalities so they can live proudly in Christ. They can live in love, grow and listen, and be taught as children. "Let the little children come to me, said our Lord and Savior.



He wants our children to live freely and be physically and morally safe from these traps.

And you can go to *episode three* to hear more about the history of public schools, but they are not for us. They are not culturally or spiritually or religiously, or morally what we espouse and what we want our children to learn. So if your children are there, I do want to encourage you to be brave and to see where I want my child here at the end when all nations, tribes, and tongues are glorifying God before His throne. I want my children to be influenced by the word of God and by me as the parent rather than the schools and their desire and influence. So thanks for having that conversation with me today. We will see you next time.

Thanks for joining us, Friends.