

Welcome to Day 3 of the Back to Homeschool Challenge!! Today, let's tackle the Subject Planning...

I don't know about you, but I really mull things over in the summer. I generally have tentative plans at the end of the year for the new school year, but given some time, I often change course slightly.

**Do you need to add in a different topic?** Last year in history, for example, we were going to jump right back into our studies of the [Middle Ages](#). Instead, we started with a general [overview of world facts & geography](#). And then, we did a unit on the [Causes of the American Revolution](#) because it had been quite a long time since we delved into that. Similarly, this year I was thinking we were going to continue on with the [Reformation](#) (Henry VIII, etc.), but then I decided we would instead do a unit on Slavery and the Civil War.

**Do you need to repeat units for your youngest child?** I also gave a lot of thought about where ED is and what she has covered. She is my youngest. We may have covered some of units several years ago, but she was too young to really remember the details in some of our units. So, I need to make sure I repeat certain units so that she's got some basic skills and knowledge. This fall, for instance, she'll do a unit on the States of Matter: Solid, Liquid, Gas at the start of the year. I might check in with my older two to be sure they remember all that (after all, do YOU remember what the term is for going from a gas straight to a solid?!! ... It's sublimation by the way!) too, but that unit will mainly be for her.

**Do you have everything set for the subjects you plan to cover?** Do you have your books? Worksheets? Planned activities? If you've been carrying all this in your head, you might want to jot things down.

As I wrote up this post, I went over and checked to make sure I had Write Source Skills book for ED (that's the grammar workbook we've been using for years). Turns out I needed to order that for her and I just placed that order this morning!

So that's your Back-to-Homeschool Challenge for Day 3: Using the pdf below, **jot down the topics, books & curriculum and extras you have planned for each subject**. What areas do you still need to work on?

If you're all set, Congratulations!!! You're a power-house homeschooler for sure!!

Below is a sample checklist you could use. One has subject areas filled in. The other is blank because you may be covering other subject areas not listed (phonics, typing, computer science or whatever!).

Good luck with your planning!! ~Liesl

## Homeschool Plans

Subject	First Topic of the Year	Books/Curriculum	Library Books Needed?	Worksheets/Printables	Hands-On Activities	How many times per week?
Math						
Logic/Critical Thinking Skills						
Reading						
Writing						
Spelling						
Grammar						
Handwriting						
Science						
History						
Foreign Language						
Art						
Music						

# Homeschool Plans

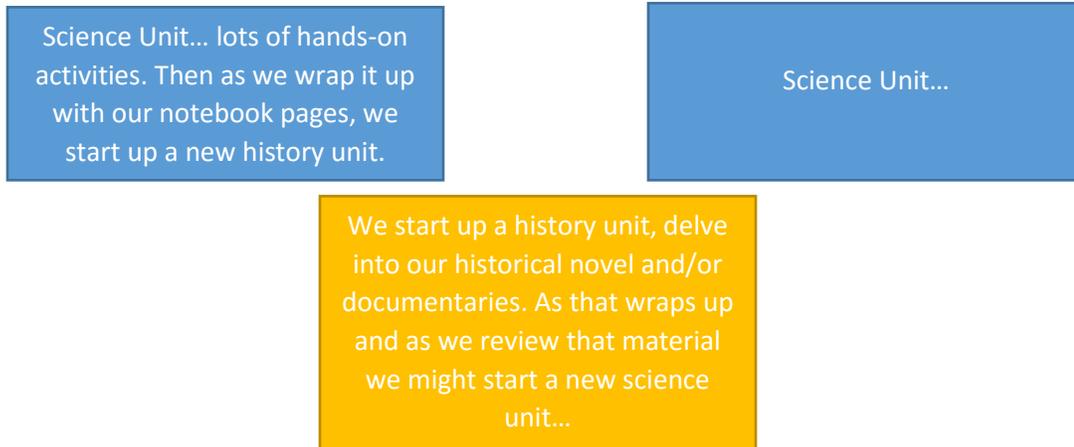
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# Curriculum Grid

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.	5.	5.
6.	6.	6.	6.	6.
7.	7.	7.	7.	7.
8.	8.	8.	8.	8.
9.	9.	9.	9.	9.
10.	10.	10.	10.	10.
11.	11.	11.	11.	11.
12.	12.	12.	12.	12.

Not all homeschoolers cover all the subject areas mentioned above. Some cover topics more organically (like working on grammar during writing time).

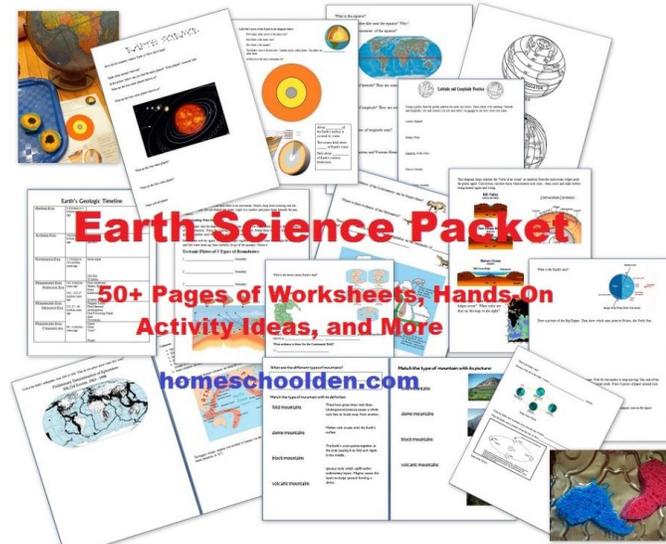
Some homeschoolers spend more time on some subjects for a few weeks... and then devote more time on another. We often do that for science and history because both are very time-intensive for us. The days/weeks we're doing a lot of hands-on science activities, we just don't have the time to also spend reading and doing activities in history. Our weeks tend to overlap a bit like this....



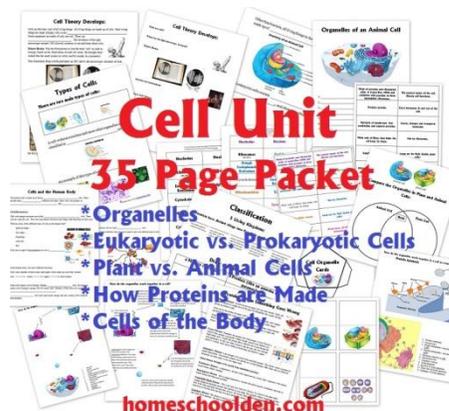
So while the checklists might make things look rigid, homeschooling can be as structured or flexible as works for your family!!

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[Earth Science Packet](#): Plate Movement, Earthquakes Volcanoes and more!



[A Study of Cells Packet](#)

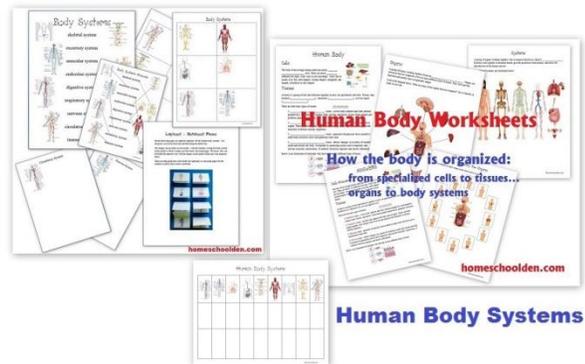


[Simple Machines Packet](#)

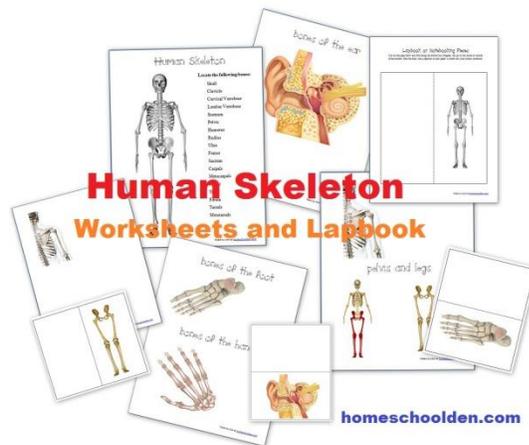


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## [Skeleton Lapbook and Notebook Pages](#)



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## Biome Worksheets and Picture Cards



8 x 11 Printable Photos of the 9 Biomes  
(or print 4-per-page for smaller cards)

Part of our 70-page  
Biology Packet

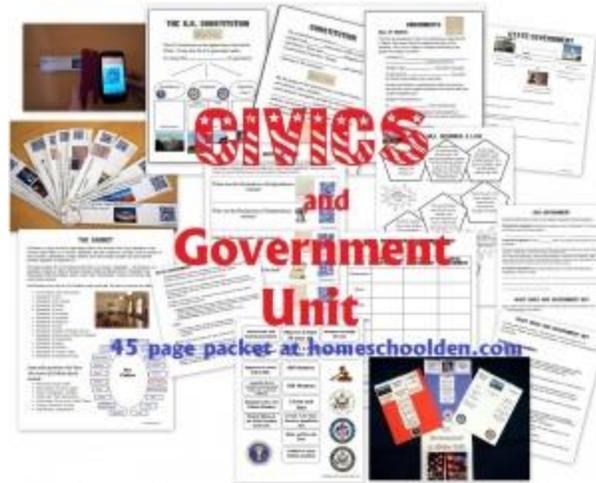
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## Ocean Unit

We did a very thorough study of the hydrosphere — ie. the ocean. We talked about the various marine habitats, the features of the ocean floor, salinity, tides and currents, ocean navigation, ocean life: Special Body Features, Fish Body Shape and Movement, Biological Interactions: Mutualism and Commensalism in the Ocean, Deep Sea Life – Bioluminescence, Anglerfish

**Ocean Packet**  
**65+ Pages**  
**Marine Habitats, Ocean Navigation,  
 Features of the Ocean Floor, Salinity,  
 Ocean Tides and Currents, Ocean Life,  
 Bioluminescence, and More**  
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Civics and Government Packet:



American Revolution Packet (A Study of the causes of and events leading to the American Revolution such as the French & Indian War, Sugar & Molasses Acts, Stamp Act, Boston Massacre, Townshend Acts, Boston Tea Party, Lexington & Concord and more)



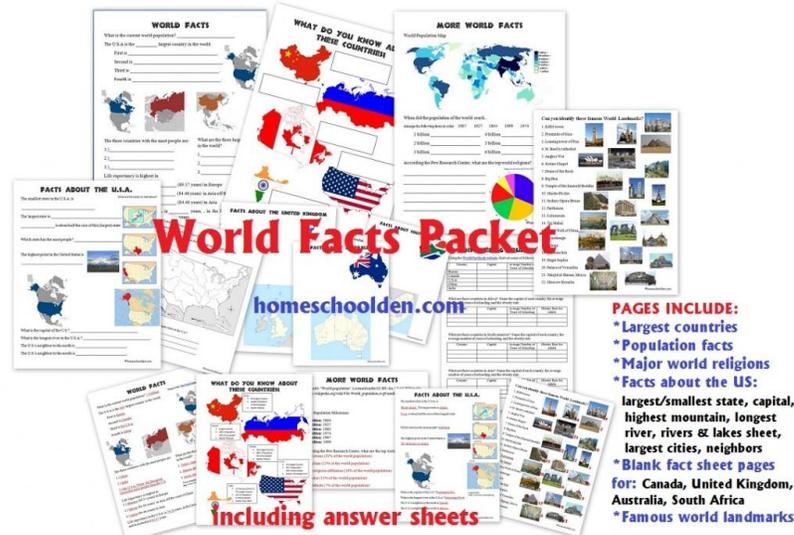
Highlighting: **30-Page Packet**

- The French and Indian War
- Albany Plan
- Sugar and Molasses Acts
- Pontiac's Rebellion
- Proclamation of 1763
- Stamp Act
- Sons of Liberty
- Noxious Men of Boston
- Townshend Acts
- Tea Act
- Boston Tea Party
- Intolerable Acts
- First Continental Congress
- Battles of Lexington and Concord

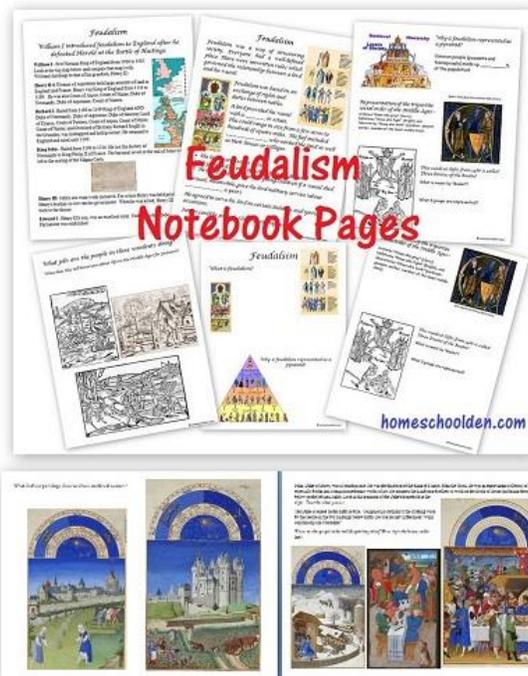
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# World Facts Packet:

- \*Largest countries
- \*Population facts
- \*Major world religions
- \*Facts about the World: longest river, largest desert, wettest and driest places on Earth, tallest mountain, deepest spot in the ocean, etc.
- \*Facts about the US: largest/smallest state, capital, highest mountain, longest river, rivers & lakes sheet, largest cities, neighbors
- \*Blank fact sheet pages for: Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa
- \*Famous world landmarks



# Feudalism, Medieval Art



# Middle Ages Unit Feudalism Activities

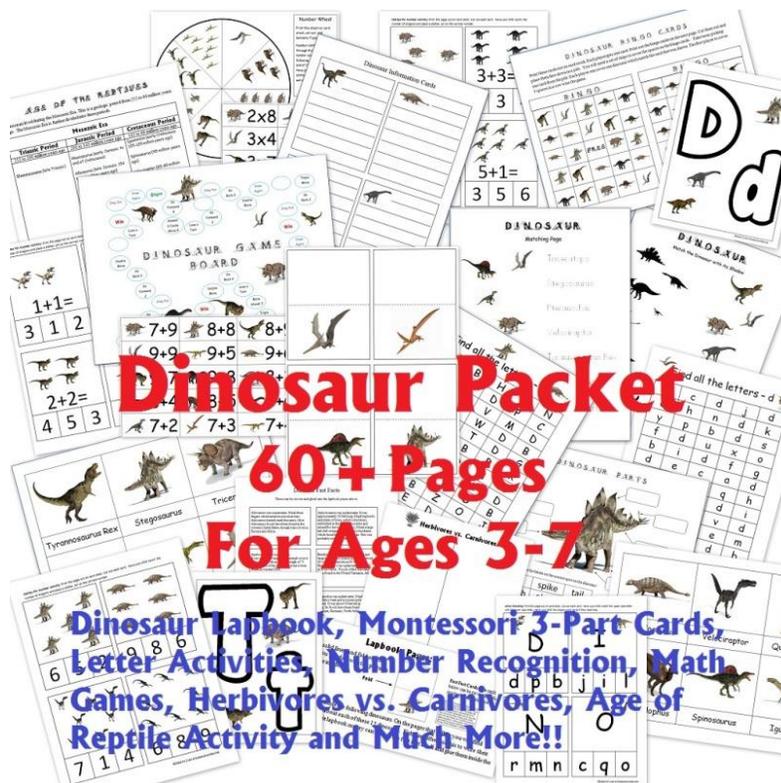


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[Rocks and Mineral Packet](#)

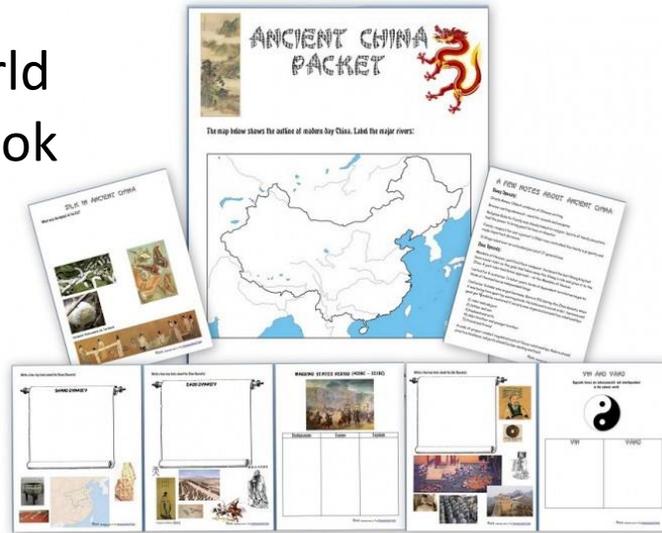


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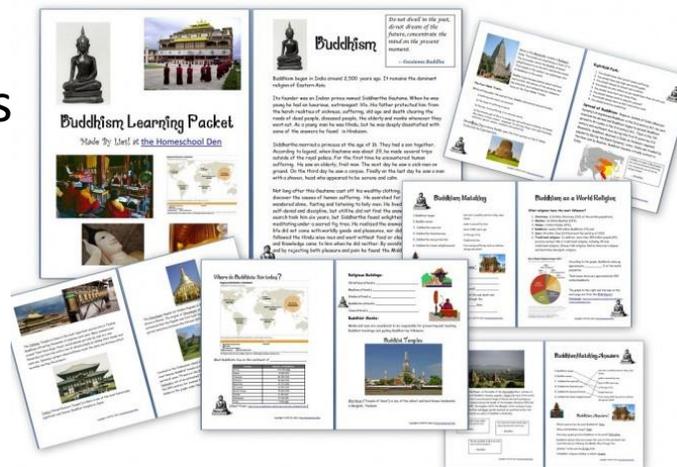
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History and World  
Cultures Notebook  
Pages

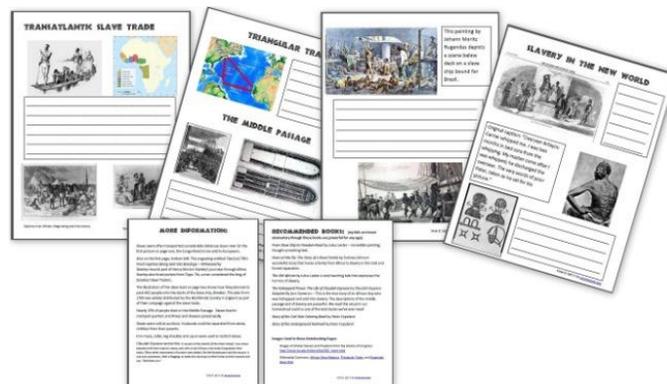


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World Religions



Slave Trade

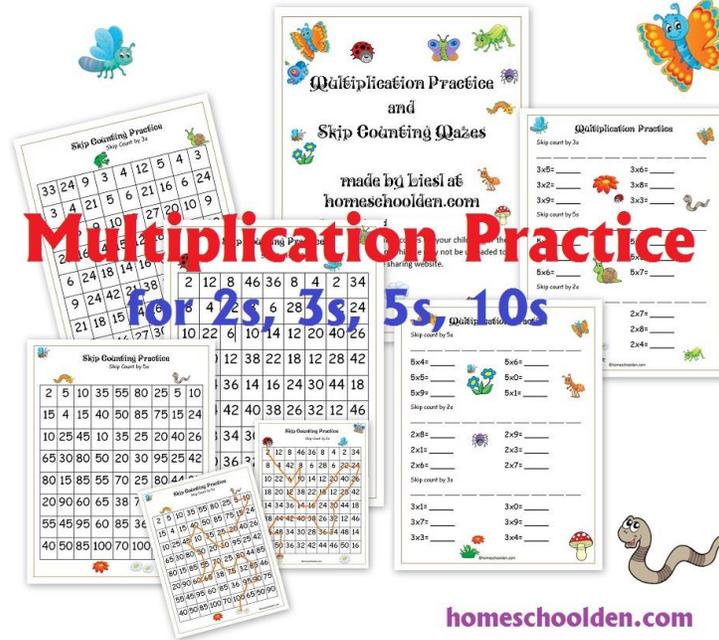


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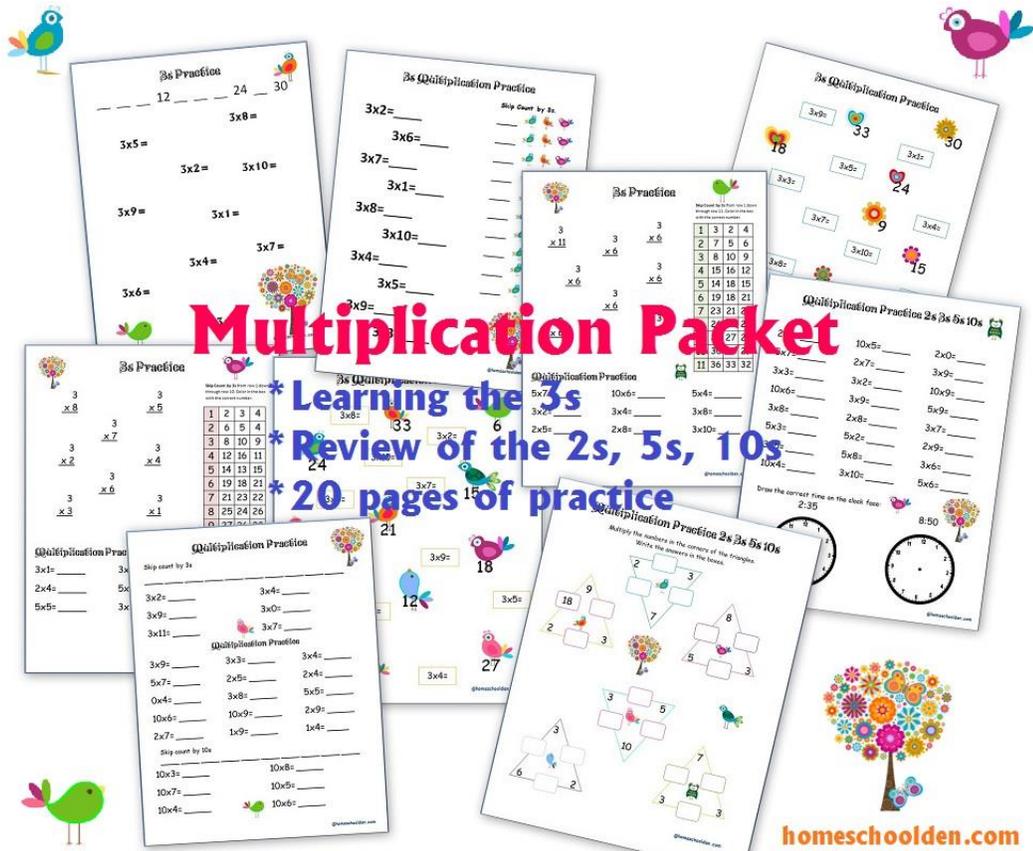


We have a big collection of fun Multiplication Packets:

Bugs, Butterfly and Flowers Theme: 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s.



Multiplication Packet: Learn the 3s, Practice the 2s, 5s, 10s



# Multiplication by 4s and 9s Packets

**Multiplication by 4s Animal Packet**  
25 pages

**Multiplication by 9s Worksheet Packet Animal Theme**

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**Multiplication by 8s Packet:** 25 pages of worksheets, Lizard Races for the 4s, 6s, 7s, 8s and 9s

**Multiplication by 8s Lizard Pack!**

Skip Counting Song for the 8s  
In our family the kids sang the 8s to the tune of the bear went over the mountain  
8, 16, 24  
32, 40 do more  
48, 56, 64  
72, 80 No more!!

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