Help For Homeschool Moms

Felice Gerwitz · Spark the Fire: When Your Child Would Rather Do Anything Else

Remember: Reluctant is not the same as lazy.

1. What is the Problem? Define

- Wrong book — too hard, too easy, or no reason to care
- Body — hungry, tired, needs to move, embarrassed
- Heart — waiting mom out, screen-trained, real disrespect

Today this looks like: _____

2. Three checks

- Book: have they had a win in this subject this week?
- Body: sleep, food, movement before the hard thing
- Burden: school + extras + the attitude in the house

3. Two Solutions

- Shrink the start. Finishable piece first — one set, one paragraph, one page.
- Change the action plan, not the standard. Oral book report, assignment, walk-and-talk, you write, they teach a sibling.

Mom doesn't have to entertain. Boredom is allowed. Disrespecting the work is not.

4. What I will try tomorrow

Subject: _____ Finishable piece: _____

Action Plan change: _____

Sentence I will say: _____

5. If it is disrespect

- Deal with respect apart from the lesson when you can.
- Do not lecture in front of the other kids. No character assassination.
- Come back to the work. The work is non-negotiable.

6. Scripture

"Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you." — 2 Timothy 1:6, RSVCE

Specific encouragement:

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