



Family Connection Mentoring

Sparks – The Fire for Inspiration

Sparks Articles

For those who want to know more about Sparks, how they present in children, and how recognizing them can help you connect with and encourage learning in your kids here is a list of helpful articles from both my websites:

Sparks Bring Learning to Life - <https://www.maryannjohnsoncoach.com/sparks-bring-learning-to-life/>

Can Children Love Learning? - <https://www.maryannjohnsoncoach.com/can-children-love-learning/>

School in Limbo. Here's Help - <https://www.maryannjohnsoncoach.com/school-in-limbo-heres-help/>

Do You HATE Legos? - <https://www.maryannjohnsoncoach.com/the-lego-dilemma/>

Sparks Lead to Joy - <https://home-school-coach.com/sparks-lead-to-joy/>

The Spencer Sparks - <https://home-school-coach.com/learning-style-in-children/>

Using the Spark Station More Effectively - <https://home-school-coach.com/spark-station-effectively/>

Spark Station Letters, How they work and some ideas - <https://home-school-coach.com/closet-letters/> & <https://home-school-coach.com/what-is-an-onomatopoeia-using-the-mail-to-inspire/> & <https://home-school-coach.com/closet-letter-nelson-mandela-invictus/>

Children Learn When Interest is High - <https://home-school-coach.com/children-learn-when-interest-is-high/>

The Sunday Box - <https://home-school-coach.com/closet-principle-sunday-box/>

All Adults Should Have Their Own Spark Station - <https://home-school-coach.com/resources-adultsparkstation/>

The Spark Station

Early on in my teaching career I created what is called the Spark Station. **It is a family connection tool**, and a family education tool. **It works for families** who public school, private school or home school. **It works for grandparents, aunts and uncles** who aren't doing any kind of school with the kids they love. **It is designed to get you and your kids together** in the same space in order to **have fun, connect and learn**.

You can access a **FREE video** that explains how to create a Sparks Station and how to use it. It also teaches **five principles which will bring you sweeter family relations and brighter inspirations**.



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This video was part of a 13-week course for home school parents. However, it is **applicable for every parent** and as you listen you will be able to see exactly how to use this tool **to have more consistent Present time with your children** in a very fun and low-key way. So, take a listen. If you home school great. If not just bypass that word and insert 'parenting' as you listen. <https://www.maryannjohnsoncoach.com/services-store/spark-station/>

Spark Station Activity Packet

At one time I created 24 packets to help families have fun together by following their kids Sparks. I picked topics that parents had told me their kids were interested in. You can access one FREE here - <https://home-school-coach.com/free-gift-spark-station/> – It is a downloadable PDF. If you are interested in these packets please contact me at the email at the bottom of the page.

FREE Chapter

You can access a **FREE chapter of my book** Becoming a Present Parent: How to connect with your children in five minutes or less at <https://www.becomingapresentparent.com/>

This chapter delves into eight Touchpoints, things that happen every day, that help you connect no matter how busy you are.

From the summary to Chapter Four - **Eating together, bedtime rituals, time in the car, chores and family work, and transitions give you plenty of opportunities to connect daily.** You needn't plan and carve out extra time. You can take advantage of these moments to be Present and build solid relationships with your children. Family night/meetings, reading together, and daily devotionals are touchpoints you can implement into your family without a large time commitment or a lot of preplanning. **Remember, you get to choose to have touchpoints in the daily affairs of life or points of contention.** It's always a choice. As you work on being Present in your **relationships with your kids, it will cease to be about what you do for them. It will become how you are when you're with them.** That's when your relationships will take off and soar.

Ways to Connect

I am a writer and a mentor who lives in a four-generation household. It is a very busy home! Writing keeps me in touch with mom's and dad's who want to connect with their kids in more consistent ways.

You can sign up for my weekly parenting article newsletter - <https://www.maryannjohnsoncoach.com/>

Listen to the Weekly Podcast - <https://gottalovefamily.libsyn.com/>

Join me on Facebook where I post something worth reading every day but Sunday. On that day my article publishes. <https://www.facebook.com/mary.a.johnson.908>, <https://www.facebook.com/majcoach>, <https://www.facebook.com/HomeSchoolCoach>



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<https://www.instagram.com/johnsonmaryann50/>

Thank you for attending the event,

Mary Ann Johnson

P.S. If you have questions please reach out.