

EPISODE **48**

Give Your Child The World, Raising Globally Minded Kids One Book at a Time

Guest: Jamie Martin

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Meet Megan Francis



She is the author of several books, most recently *Give Your Child the World: Raising Globally Minded Kids One Book at a Time*.

Jamie is the editor at SimpleHomeschooling.net where homeschooling families find inspiration, confidence and freedom in educating their children at home. She lives with her family in Connecticut.

In This Episode

We hear more about Jamie Martin's brand new book! We get to hear about the whole project—from the beginning inspiration for creating a global version of *Honey for a Child's Heart* to the personal endorsement of the book that meant so much to Jamie. We get to hear more about her family and their favorite read-aloud as well as the power Jamie says stories hold to change our children into global citizens full of hope.

“I really want my kids to love the world so that on day, in their own unique and individual ways, they feel empowered to change and heal it however they're called to do that.” - Jamie Martin

The Listening Guide

Use this guide to skip to parts that most interest you, or listen to the entire podcast.

- 3:30 A little more about Jamie
- 5:30 Using the library without losing your mind
- 6:00 Jamie's love of adventure
- 8:15 Stories knit the family together
- 9:30 Giving your child a taste of the wider world from home
- 12:30 Celebrating different cultural traditions
- 16:10 The original idea for Give Your Child the World
- 18:00 The anguish behind the book
- 19:30 The soul of a classic
- 23:45 Raising globally minded kids
- 27:00 The logistics of Give Your Child the World
- 29:20 Living books to help you study history chronologically
- 30:00 The best endorsement
- 32:30 Jamie's family's favorite books
- 37:00 Read the World Summer Book Club
- 39:00 Let the kids speak

Quotes and Questions

* A 'miracle vaccine.'

"It's a miracle vaccine' that can boost our kids' immunity to the world's heaviness and that is the power of story. So I feel that through using stories we can connect our kids with people and places on the other side of the world and as they fall deeper in love with these stories, I think it helps them maintain that natural God-given wonder for the world they were born with.

Are your kids fully vaccinated with the miracle vaccine of good stories? Which stories have built up a sense of wonder in your kids?

* A perspective shift.

"It gives us a chance to become that sort of person. It changes our perspective. Our perspective changes everything because then it changes the way that we act, it changes our calling and what we feel led to do, what we feel capable of doing."

Books like Give Your Child the World really do enlarge our sense of the possible. And what a gift to give our children—a clearer sense of the world and their place in it. Of course, this change in perspective isn't only for our children! *How have you been changed through reading?*

* 'We can deepen our compassion.'

"So, when I talk in Give Your Child the World about our kids being world changers, I don't necessarily mean that they're going to be the next Nelson Mandela or something lofty like that. What I mean is that through our love for the world we can deepen our compassion which naturally leads us to act out of love and that naturally changes the world, so we all have the ability to be world changers and to raise world changers."

I have a friend who, instead of worrying over job prospects for her growing kids, prays for their vocations. The deepening compassion and love that Jamie mentions go hand in hand with those prayers. *How are your children being fitted and prepared for their vocations?*

Show Notes

Books from today's episode:

- [Give Your Child the World](#)
- [Steady Days](#)
- [Honey for a Child's Heart](#)
- [Boxes for Katje](#)
- [Children Just Like Me](#)
- [Listening for Lions](#)
- [Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters](#)
- [Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears](#)
- [The Story of the World](#)
- [Anna Hibiscus](#)
- [Rickshaw Girl](#)
- [Audrey of the Outback](#)

Other links from today's show:

- Learn more about [membership!](#)
- Jamie's site, [Simple Homeschool](#)
- Simple Homeschool on [Facebook](#)
- Jamie's husband's work - [Love 146](#)
- Jamie's other episode: [RAR #11 Using the Library Without Losing Your Mind](#)
- [RAR #03: Reading Aloud is Like Comfort Food, Tsh Oxenrider](#)
- [RAR #41: Navigating Fantasy \(A Guide for Christian Parents\), Carolyn Leiloglou](#)
- [Reading Rainbow's Skybrary](#)

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- [The RAR Booklist](#)

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