

NEWHOUSE NEWS

Celebrating the Resurrection!

All the Newhouse children participated in the Easter musical, Jordan singing the whole thing and the others performing as




Bible characters. Even Nikolas, our ex-foster baby got to be in it since we were watching him all Easter week because his parents needed to go out of town for a family medical situation. You can see some video of the boys hugging Jesus in their scene [here on GodTube](#).

UPDATE ON 35 in 365

Moriah has completed 7 of her 35 goals. Remember to follow her on her blog! <http://riahsrr.wordpress.com/>

Web Alerts

[FREE 10 song sampler](#) with top artists such as Natalie Grant, Israel Houghton, Aaron Shust, Chris Sligh, Lecrae, Plumb and more.  [grouptune](#) is a site that launched earlier this month which features deals on top Christian tunes. **Redeem the free music by MAY 31 by clicking the link above!!!!**

VOTE FOR JORDAN:

She is one of 5 finalists in a national sewing contest, and needs you to [vote here](#), beginning June 6 (her 19th birthday!) to get to the top 3 and win great prizes.

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Celebrity Corner

From authors to artists to book characters, there were many celebrities at the [Tucson Festival of Books!](#)
The TFoB from Jordan's perspective:



After dressing 7 people, preparing lunch for said 7 people, and getting those same 7 people in the car, we're on our way.

Being 18 has its perks. Like being able to attend class after class in underground rooms while the rest of the family is above meeting authors and book characters.

First session: a panel of Caldecott award winning illustrators, inspiring me to get back to the drawing board (literally).

Lesson learned: get a seat early...or don't get a seat at all.
These speakers really are celebrities!



Head still spinning from hearing published authors tell me to "Finish That Book!" for two hours, I emerge into the light to find my family and head home. Chatter about acrobats, free books, puppets, stickers, and a real volcano accompany me the whole way.

At dinner, I point out that the Tucson Festival of Books is a two day event...



Pima County Fair

The girls have been getting first place ribbons for their sewing, art, and photography for years but this was the first year for the boys to enter and they, too, got blue ribbons for their entries. They participated in a homeschool preschool co-op this year and are pictured with their "Chicka-chicka-boom-boom" trees. Daniel also got a 1st place for his photo of ducks at the lake.

Book Nook by Moriah Newhouse

The [Wide Wide World](#) by Susan Warner

This was the first book by an American author to sell one million copies, and I can see why. Warner's way of writing makes you fall instantly in love with Ellen Montgomery. Through all the hardships she endures, she learns to become humble, cheerful, loving and most of all lean on her Heavenly Father for strength to reject wrongdoing. As she walks through many a trial and heartbreak she becomes closer and nearer to the One who loved her first.



Sew... What's up?

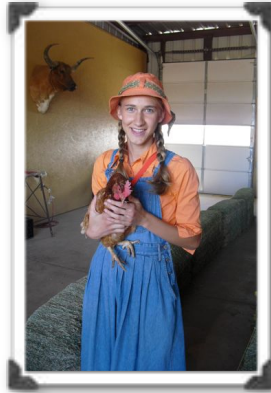
[VOTE FOR JORDAN!](#)

The ASG & Simplicity Creativity Contest has been going on annually for years. Jordan entered once before, and this year she is a national finalist! You can read more about the winning "Watercolor Jacket, Skirt and Pants set" on [her website here](#).

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OUR TRIP TO PHOENIX

The first stop: [Superstition farm!](#) The Newhouses got a tour of the dairy cows, fed



some of the animals and Moriah was able to catch one of the many chickens that

were running around. It was a great start for the trip!



Mark's cousin graciously opened her house up which soon got very full with their family of 8 and the Newhouse family of 7. There was never a quiet moment! Thankfully everyone was able to get some sleep; it was fun to be together!

Next stop was the [prayer garden](#). After a visit to the

Bethlehem

manger, visitors weave through a beautiful desert landscape to

view each station of the cross. Benches allow sitting and contemplating the readings and scriptures given that correlate to the statues and art depicting Christ's trial, death, and resurrection. A great place to sing and pray together.



Papa Ken won tickets for the [Musical Instruments Museum](#) where the boys enjoyed making a joyful noise and the girls enjoyed listening and browsing the huge collection of everything musical! An incredible museum--check it out if you are in Phoenix.



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Upcoming Events

[Used Book/Curriculum and Craft Sale](#)--June 4, Pantano Christian Church, 10am-2pm

Musical Boot Camp Musical--June 17, Christ Community Church (Bethany & Moriah performing; Jordan instructing)

Summer Arts Festival (SAF) July 9-15,
Bethany and the boys are going to be participating in this fun morning arts camp and the rest of the family will be teachers. ([Here is a link](#) to see what it was like last year)

[Arizona Families for Home Education](#) state convention in Phoenix--July 22-23

Caballero Construction



Want someone to take down your door? Or rip out your old countertop? Construction man Mr. Caballero will wreck it! (Don't worry; he will repair any damage made--he did a great job remodeling our kitchen and doing other projects around the house.)



DESERT

Dry
Everywhere,
Sunny
Everywhere,
Riverbeds
Thirst

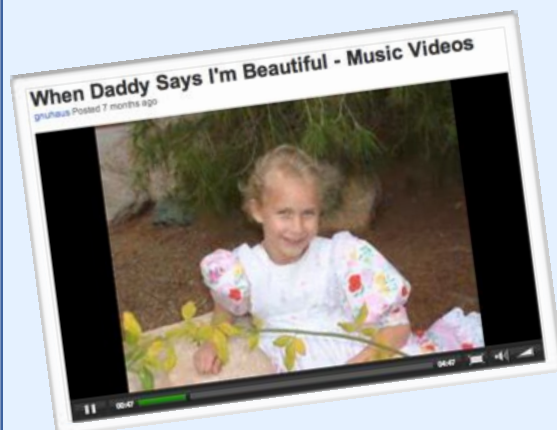
River of Words

Moriah's poem will be on display in various galleries this year as their art has been in the past.



APRIL FOOLS' DAY!

Kim fooled a few members of our buying club when she posted this picture along with a plug for the multi-colored popcorn that Azure Standard sells. It IS higher in antioxidants as she claimed, but it pops up white and you must doctor it with carmel and chocolate to get the tasty and pretty concoction that our friend Helen made us!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

Gather the family around and watch this fun and moving video made by our very talented Daddy! [Click here for link](#)

The Newhouse family were pleased to promote the fabulous movie [Soul Surfer](#) and sold over 120 group rate tickets. Their efforts earned them an iPod Nano in an online contest!

