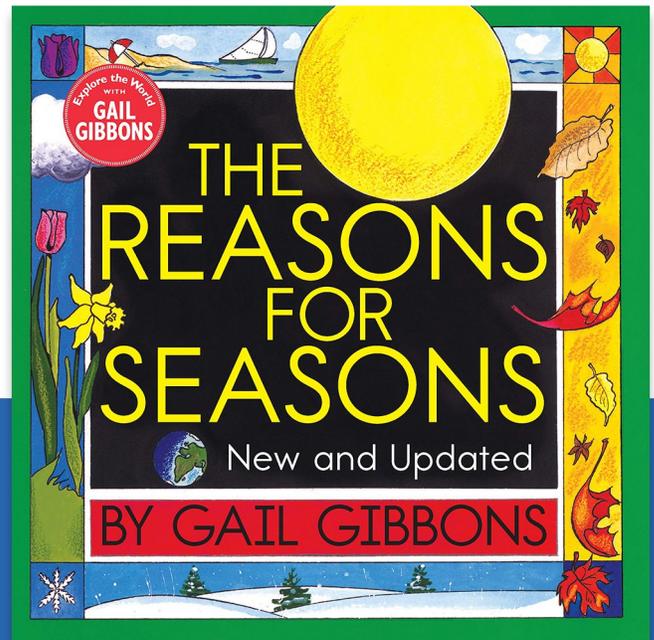
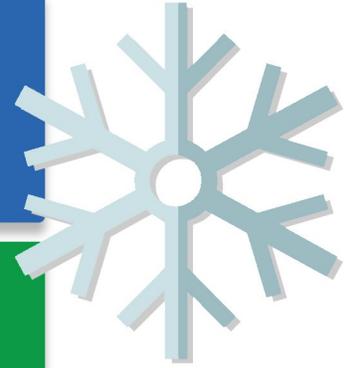


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The Reasons for Seasons by Gail Gibbons

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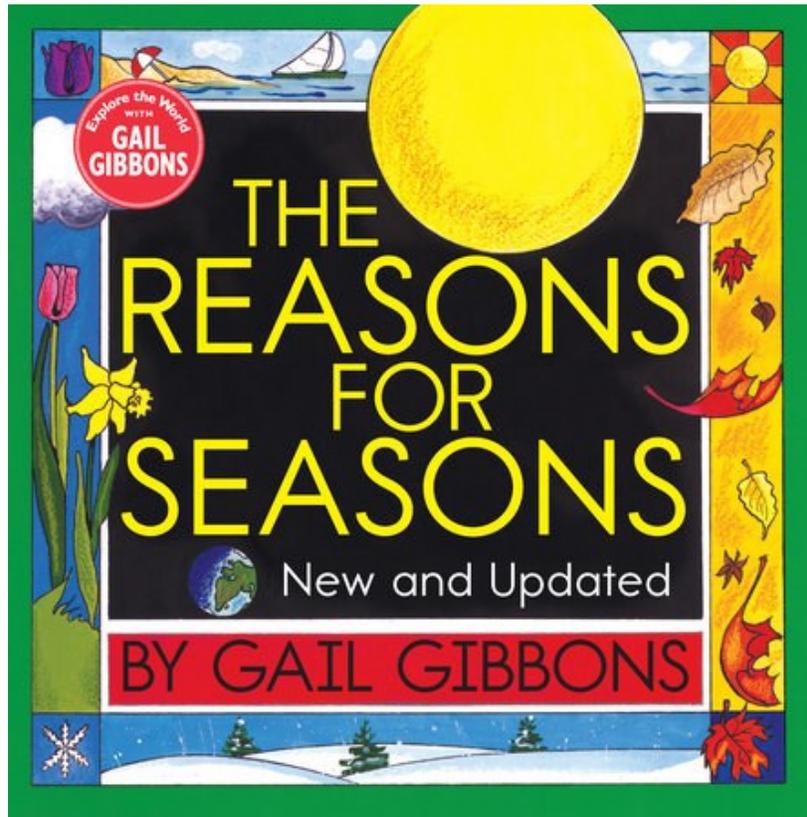
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Why is there winter in the Southern Hemisphere at the same time there is summer in the Northern Hemisphere? In summertime, why is it still light out in the evening? With simple language appropriate for young readers, non-fiction master Gail Gibbons introduces young readers to the four seasons and explains why they change throughout the year.

Newly revised and vetted by experts, this updated edition of *The Reasons for Seasons* introduces the solstices, the equinoxes, and the tilt in Earth's axis that causes them, and gives examples of what each season is like across the globe from pole to pole. Clear, simple diagrams of the earth's orbit are labeled with important vocabulary, explained and reinforced with accessible explanations.

Learning About Weather and Natural Disasters

Help your students learn more about what causes the many types of weather in our world with the Learning About Weather and Natural Disasters Notebook Companion™ Set. Your kids can learn from age-appropriate text and bright, colorful illustrations that teach them about the seasons, tornadoes, hurricanes, rain, and many different weather-related terms such as air pressure, frost, dew, sleet, various types of clouds, and much more. Along the way, they'll develop notebooking skills that can help them for years to come in every grade and subject.

Each book in this series features beautiful illustrations of the topics being explored, such as how tornadoes form, what causes hurricanes, how to stay safe in an emergency, how air pressure is connected to our weather, and more. Each Notebook Companion™ gives your kids room to answer questions, write about what they've learned, and draw and sketch each example. They can also enjoy bonus coloring pages featuring some of the amazing things they've discovered. Come explore the many different parts of weather with these five publisher-approved Notebook Companions.

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NOTEBOOKING

A Creative Kid's Favorite Way to Homeschool

Notebooking is a great way to learn that incorporates many different elements, such as open-ended questions, written narration, drawing and sketching, labeling diagrams, drawing maps, and more – all in the student's own words.

Notebooking allows creative students to excel and provides an opportunity to **document learned material in a customizable way**. Notebooking is a creative kid's favorite way to homeschool!

What is Notebooking?

Notebooking is basically journaling. Your student's notebook will have a **written element and a visual component** and will be a compilation of important things in the form of **written narrations, sketches, and more** that document what has been learned.

Customizable & Creative Individual Notebooks

When you are teaching multiple children of different ages, it's easy to use the notebook approach in your homeschool. All you need are good living books, someone to read them to your children (yourself or an older child), and a Notebook Companion™ or blank notebooking pages.

There are all sorts of **creative ways to customize a student's notebooking journal**. If you are using a three-ringed binder, it's easy to insert extras. Here are some examples of things you can add to your student's notebook: written narration, artwork, maps, timelines, field trip notes and pictures, creative writing assignments, graphic organizers, magazine clippings, paper crafts, brochures, essays and research papers (as they get older), book reports, copywork, vocabulary journal pages, poetry, charts and diagrams, photographs, and more!

Notebooking with Beginners

If your child can draw and orally narrate back to you what they have learned, you can start notebooking with them. You may need to ask your child questions and write down what they say if they don't have the ability to write it for themselves. They will have a blast drawing what they see in their minds, and their notebooking journals will be treasured keepsakes for years to come.

As younger students progress with writing abilities, notebooking will be a familiar form of learning for them, and they will know what to do. You could also use a Notebook Companion™ specifically for younger children. We have Beginner's Notebook Companions™ for grades K-3 that incorporate drawing and narration as well as other activities such as coloring and matching when possible.

There's No Right or Wrong Way to Notebook

Unlike worksheets and tests, notebooking doesn't have an answer key. There's no right or wrong way to do it. Since notebooking encourages creativity and individuality, your children may record totally different facts on their own pages, even after reading the same book.

Notebooking encourages out-of-the-box thinking, and you'll want to steer clear of requiring specific things to be detailed if you are using a blank notebook template or a sheet of blank paper. If you would like to use question prompts and boxes that provide space to draw specific things from the text, consider our Notebook Companions™, which are a great transition from worksheets to notebooking.

How Do I Grade a Notebook Page?

You may be wondering if you need to correct or grade a student's notebook pages. A notebook page is not an essay or a research paper, and you don't want to mark it all up with a red pen. The idea is to encourage students to learn a ton, record facts they have learned, and allow them to ENJOY it! You can save grading papers and critiquing writing skills for when they are doing a composition assignment or a grammar lesson. Notebooking success is simply watching your students enjoy learning!

How to Use This Notebook Companion™

All our Notebook Companions are self-paced. You simply use the Notebook Companion™ alongside the book it accompanies, and students complete the notebooking pages as you read through the book together or independently.

Learning About the Seasons

Notebook Companion™ for *The Reasons for Seasons*

We've designed *Learning About the Seasons* to be used with younger elementary students as well as older students as desired. The format of *The Reasons for Seasons* is very appealing to young students, but the vocabulary in some parts is more than many young readers can read on their own. With that in mind, we suggest that you read the book aloud to your younger students and dictate the questions for them to answer. If they are unable to write their answers, you can record the answers for them.

This is a great way to introduce them to the idea and practice of notebooking, and you can customize it as much as you wish. For example, for the youngest students, you may wish to read the passages, ask them a few of the questions (but not all), record their answers, and have them draw the examples. For older students, you might ask them to complete all the questions and draw all of the examples.

Note to Parents

On page 24, *The Reasons for Seasons* mentions how in early times, the first day of winter was celebrated as a festival to honor light and keep away darkness. On page 32, seasonal festivals are mentioned, but religious connections associated with these festivals are not mentioned. You may wish to review these pages before sharing them with your students.

The Seasons

How many seasons are there?

What are the names of the seasons?

Draw a picture showing each of the seasons.

Spring	Summer
Autumn	Winter

Learning About the Seasons

How long does it take Earth to make one trip around the sun?

Since different parts of Earth are closer to the sun at different times of the year, what does this affect?

Draw a picture of Earth revolving around the sun.



Learning About the Seasons

What is the part of Earth that is the most north?

What is the part of Earth that is the most south?

What is the imaginary line that goes through Earth and connects the North Pole and the South Pole?

Is Earth straight on its axis, or is it just a little tipped?

Learning About the Seasons

How long does it take Earth to turn, or rotate, on its axis?

Draw a picture of Earth tipped on its axis. Draw the axis, and label the North Pole and South Pole.



Learning About the Seasons

What is the imaginary line around the middle of Earth that divides the northern half from the southern half?

What is the part of Earth that is north of the equator?

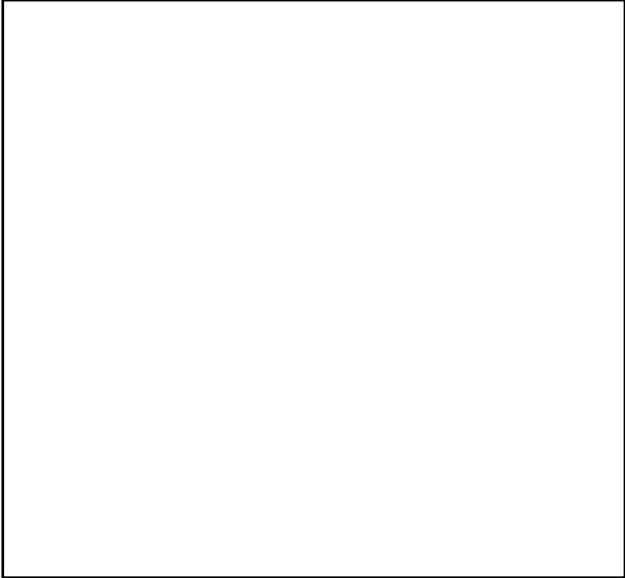
What is the part of Earth that is south of the equator?

What season is it in the Northern Hemisphere when it is tipped toward the sun?

Interesting Facts About the Seasons

Draw a picture representing each fact and describe it on the lines.

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Ancient Egypt's Three Seasons

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