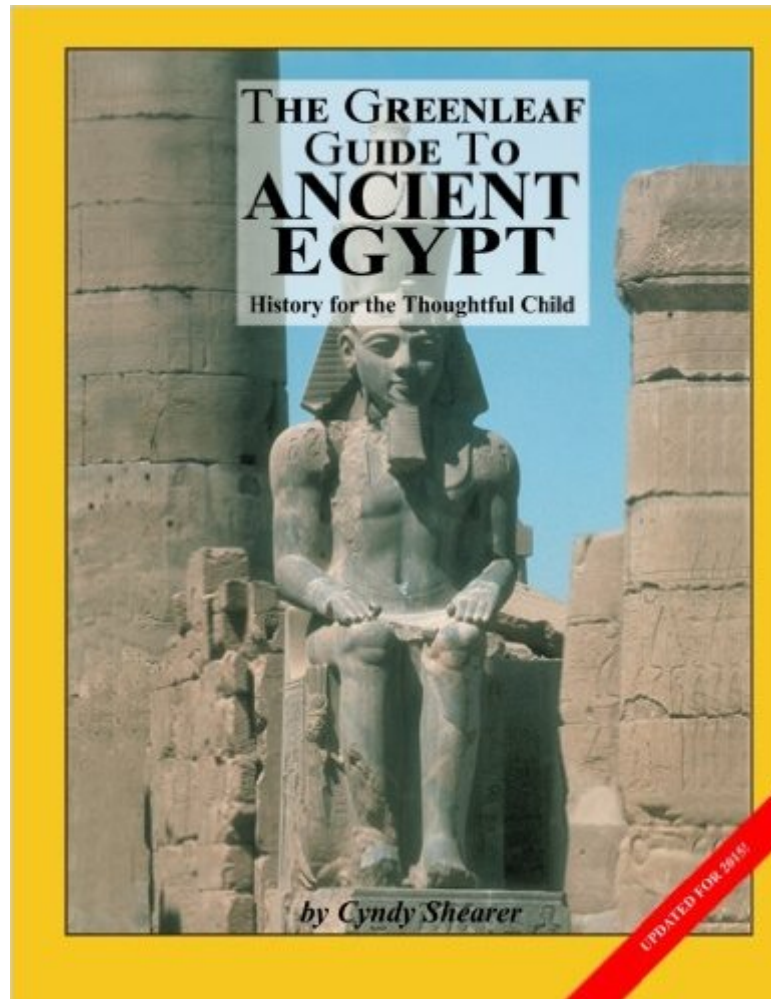


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# The Greenleaf Guide To Ancient Egypt (Greenleaf Guides)



## Synopsis

Ever wonder how biblical history and ancient Egyptian history fit together? Why was God so angry with Pharaoh, anyway? These were questions we asked when we began our study of Ancient Egypt. We wanted to start our study of Western history by beginning at the beginning. After reading through the Old Testament (which is history, after all) we study ancient Egypt. The Greenleaf Guide to Ancient Egypt presents ten lesson plans, using the six books listed below. Included are vocabulary lists and discussion questions drawn from the reading. Also included are directions for playing a checkerslike game found in Tut's tomb, directions for building a model shaduf (irrigate like the Egyptians!), as well as suggestions for how to adapt your study to fit grades 2-7. Home school tested. Excellent for Konos or Unit studies. Average duration is about 15 weeks. "An absolutely enthralling introduction to this time period." - Mary Pride

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Age Range: 7 - 11 years

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## Customer Reviews

This book is a hoot. I read a review not long ago by a reader who bought it thinking it was a history text. What it's really meant to do is help you organize your children's study of Egypt utilizing other resources. And this it does very effectively. The Greenleaf Guide to Ancient Egypt makes use of four primary texts (Elizabeth Payne's The Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt, Tony Allan's Time Traveller Book of Pharaohs and Pyramids, Angela Wilkes' Deserts, and David Macaulay's classic book, Pyramid).

The Guide helps the parent/teacher assign and coordinate the children's reading, suggests additional resources and describes various hands-on projects. My kids' favorite activity came during Lesson One-The Geography of Egypt, when each of them made a colored salt map of Egypt. The instructions were clear and flexible (trust me--a boon to busy homeschool parents!). The children also enjoyed making a giant backyard shaduf (you'll have to read the book to know what that is). Last night, as I was re-acquainting myself with these materials, my 12-year-old daughter said, "Dad, can you find any more fun stuff like that for our history?" What more can a teacher and parent wish for?

As a history teacher and homeschooling mom, I always look for ideas to give my students to enhance their study of the era or place. This is a wonderful supplement to any study of Egypt for all students. The Christian emphasis provides an added dimension and allows the students to incorporate the study of the Biblical accounts of Egypt into the study. This is highly recommended for a well-rounded approach. The guide also includes wonderful supplemental readings.

We enjoyed using this guide in our home school. There are a few Bible references included, as well as mentions of Bible stories. The "extras" alone would be worth the price of the book: projects, such as a model of a shaduf, the game of Senet; timelines and extensive vocabulary lists, and the bibliography .

I started using this for a homeschool study of Egypt for my K and 1st graders, but after a month have put it aside. I love the Christian perspective and how it is incorporated into the discussion, and I think this guide is great to help put together a unit study, but it does require a lot of teacher time for preparation. The guide has suggestions for vocabulary, activities, discussion questions, and other resources. My biggest difficulty is that a main supplemental book, *Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt* by Payne, is too advanced for my young students. I would read it (I like it!) and paraphrase, but my kids were not interested. And as a read aloud, no way - it's above them. Many of the other suggested resources are very good, but too much of this study relies on *Pharaohs*. In short, I would recommend this for a homeschooled student anywhere grade 4 or up, provided you have time for preparation and time for projects. If you're willing to put in that effort, I'm sure this guide would be great.

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