

# Speeches by Scott Somerville

## Biblical and Classical Education

Length: 50 minutes  
Type: Workshop  
Topic: Education  
Audience: Parents

During the Industrial Revolution, people analyzed the steps of traditional craftsmanship and built factories that could churn out mountains of products on an assembly line. America's public schools use this industrial model. Schools segregate children into "grades," break time up into "periods," and divide education into "subjects." The goal of academic mass production is a secular citizen who can work, pay taxes, and vote. This method of education is cheaper than older ways of teaching, but there is no evidence that it is better. In this session, Scott and Marcia Somerville explain how homeschoolers can take advantage of the biblical and classical models of education.

## Charter Schools: The Price Is Too High

Length: 50 minutes  
Type: General Session, Workshop  
Topic: Education, Legal, Political  
Audience: All

Christian homeschoolers try to teach their children to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. This is hard work, especially for parents with one income and many children. Many states now have "virtual charter schools" that offer tax-funded instruction over the Internet. Come find out why many state constitutions prohibit Christian parents from using charter schools to disciple their children in their homes.

## Generation Joshua

Length: 50 minutes  
Type: General Session, Workshop  
Topic: Political  
Audience: Teens

God told Moses to lead his people out of Egypt. Moses told Pharaoh to "Let my people go!" That generation of Hebrew slaves made it out of Egypt and into the desert, but it took a new generation with a new attitude to take the promised land. Homeschooling parents have taken back their children; now it's time for homeschooled children to take back America.

## Gifted and Special Education

Length: 50 minutes  
Type: Workshop  
Topic: Education  
Audience: Parents

The special education laws are paved with good intentions, but they do not always lead families where they want to go. Scott Somerville has been advising homeschool families with exceptional children since 1992. In this workshop, he explains the history and logic of the federal special education laws, and helps families find their way through the maze.

## The Hidden Treasure in Your Home

Length: 50 minutes  
Type: General Session  
Topic: Motivational  
Audience: Parents

Jesus said the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. There is treasure hidden in your home, and homeschoolers have given up almost everything to be able to take hold of it. Scott Somerville puts the sacrifices and rewards of homeschooling into eternal perspective.

## The History and Future of American Education

Length: 50 minutes  
Type: Workshop  
Topic: Education, History  
Audience: All

The Massachusetts Puritans enacted the first compulsory school law in 1647 to make sure that every citizen of their new commonwealth could read the Scriptures. Today, second-graders in public schools can't do a book report on a Bible story. How did we get here from there? Where do we go tomorrow?

## The Homeschool Father

Length: 50 minutes  
Type: Workshop  
Topic: Parenting  
Audience: Fathers

The father's role in a Christian homeschool is unlike any job in a secular educational setting. In this workshop, Scott teaches fathers how to serve their families better through loving, knowing, speaking, and leading biblically.

## Homeschooling Grows Up

Length: 50 minutes  
Type: General Session  
Topic: Encouragement  
Audience: All

Every homeschooler knows the question, "But what about socialization?" Every homeschooler knows the answer, too: "No problem here!" But critics demand proof. Today, the first generation of homeschoolers has grown up, and there are enough graduates to begin to see how they are doing in real life. In 2003, HSLDA commissioned Dr. Brian Ray to conduct the world's largest survey of adults who were taught at home. This workshop discusses the encouraging results of this research.

## How to Lead Teens

Length: 50 minutes  
Type: Workshop  
Topic: Parenting  
Audience: Parents

The word “teenager” is not in the Bible—so where do Christian parents get the wisdom (and patience!) they need to raise their teenaged sons and daughters? In this encouraging workshop, Scott brings biblical truth and his own experience to bear on the task of raising teens.

## Precision Parenting

Length: 45 minutes  
Type: General Session, Workshop  
Topic: Encouragement, Spiritual  
Audience: Mothers, Parents

The Bible tells us to admonish the unruly, help the weak, encourage the fainthearted, and be patient with them all (1 Thessalonians 5:14). As parents, we sometimes fall into the trap of admonishing when we should be encouraging, and then we get frustrated because it doesn't work. It is easier to be patient when we remember which is which! In this talk, Scott Somerville turns to the Gospel of Luke to show how Jesus patiently admonished, helped, and encouraged the people He met. Every parent can benefit from this practical, biblical talk.

## Principles for Principals

Length: 50 minutes  
Type: Workshop  
Topic: Parenting, Spiritual  
Audience: All, Fathers, Parents

Fathers love to see their children thrive in the homeschool environment, but they often reap what others (their wives) have sown. Nobody knows this better than Scott Somerville, whose wife has taught their six children “forever.” Come hear Scott share the principles that have changed him from a homeschooling couch potato to a real principal.

## What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew about Homeschooling

Length: 50 minutes  
Type: Workshop  
Topic: Encouragement, Marriage, Motivational, Parenting, Spiritual  
Audience: Fathers, Parents

Scott Somerville dared to ask 100 homeschool moms for their personal “wish lists,” and was relieved to discover there is hope for homeschool husbands! These women weren't asking the impossible, nor were they looking for a whole new man; instead, they wanted their husbands to show their love in some practical, pastoral, and personal ways. Scott combines information with motivation for life-changing results!

## Your Home Is Your Castle

Length: 50 minutes  
Type: Workshop  
Topic: Dealing with Social Workers, Legal  
Audience: All

Under the English common law, “a man's home is his castle.” Our Founders wrote this into the Bill of Rights in the Fourth Amendment, which says, “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated.” Police respect the Fourth Amendment rights of criminal defendants, but most social workers think the Fourth Amendment doesn't apply to them. The Constitution really does protect your home, and HSLDA has won a number of cases where social workers violated homeschoolers' rights. In this workshop, HSLDA attorney Scott Somerville explains your rights under the Constitution.

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