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# Saxon Math 5/4 Homeschool: Complete Kit 3rd Edition



## Synopsis

Saxon Math 5/4 is made up of five instructional components: Warm up Activities including Facts Practice, Mental Math, and Problem Solving, Daily Lesson, Lesson Practice, Cumulative Practice, and Cumulative Tests. The new edition includes: word problems, arithmetic algorithms, geometry and measurement, elapsed time, fractions, decimals and percents, negative numbers, powers and roots, estimation, patterns and sequences, statistics and probability. The Homeschool Kit includes the student textbook, a tests and worksheets booklet, and a solutions manual. Grade 4.

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Grade Level: 4 and up

## Customer Reviews

I LOVE Saxon Math Homeschool 5/4. I HATE the confusing way they label, package, and market their books. Contrary to other opinions, you do not NEED to buy the kit. The kit is composed of 3 books, the student workbook, the solutions manual, and the tests and worksheets. I personally only use the student workbook and in the future that is all I will purchase. Some parents may find the other manuals helpful but I bought them and they just sit on the shelf. There are a small number of "activity sheets" that are included in the "tests" book that in my opinion more properly belong in the workbook. I believe they were included in the tests book to induce you to purchase the kit. In any case, you can successfully teach the program just using the workbook. Also, what's up with the numbering scheme? Does anyone know why they don't just call the books 4th grade, 5th grade, etc...? I find that confusing as well.

We homeschooled our kids over a period of years, and Saxon Math, including Math 54, was always our choice for math texts. I also teach in a classical Christian school where we use Saxon Math as well. I find that for most students, if they will take the time to read the lesson well, do all of the problems, and then rework any problems they miss then they will achieve a high degree of mastery of the material at hand. The greatest advantage of Saxon Math is that each lesson provides practice not only for the new problems but also built-in review for every kind of problem the student has previously encountered. Math 54 is no exception to the rule that Saxon Math texts help students learn math well. After Math 54, all of my kids who have taken it were definitely ready to move on to the next level. In general, Saxon Math, including Math 54, is highly recommended. It is especially ideal for homeschooling families. This homeschooling kit has all that you need. But don't worry about getting overwhelmed: for the most part, Saxon is easy to use.

This is my 4th year teaching math using Saxon Math. I am VERY pleased with the curriculum in general. Specifically, I like Saxon Math 5/4 for my 4th grade son because it has transitioned him from being a student who completely relies on me to walk him through each day's lessons to him doing most of it on his own. It is written in a very easy to understand format. I also feel like it moves at just the right pace. I am already planning on purchasing Saxon Math again for next year.

First of all, nothing beats Saxon Math. It's so gradual and digestible. Plenty of review for the students so they really absorb and memorize previous levels. One of the very best ways to learn Math. One note about this edition - it is set up very differently than the Saxon 1, 2, and 3 workbooks. The worksheets are all very basic review - and even the first 80-90 pages of the text are mostly review. Saxon 5/4 does not just pick up where Saxon 3 left off - which threw us off a good bit. Since we do math pretty much 365 days a year so the kids have just a bit to do each day, are never overwhelmed, and never get a chance to forget what they learned, the lack of continuation from Saxon 3 was awkward. Our daughter was ready to just continue on, but got saddled with a lot of review. Anyway, long live Saxon Math! The solution to America's math problems.

Great math program for my son. Love the reviewing process. My child never forgets what he learned in previous lessons, making the tests much easier for him.

We have purchased this for our 4th grader as it came highly recommended by our Classical

Conversations community. I was a bit discouraged when I was browsing the web - it seemed confusing and hard to find the placement test and sample pages.. I finally just asked a friend for a direct link to purchase what I need (our kids are the same level).At first I was very dissapointed. We used Horizons Math before and loved it! I saw the reviews for Saxon stressed the frequent repetition of old topics as an advantage, and we got plenty of that with Horizons too. Horizons also was a lot more colorful (it was important for my child) and she could write directly in the book. Not with this book - you need to have a seperate note book where your student will copy the problems and write the answers. On top of that it looked like my girl (after finishing 3rd grade with Horizons) was WAY advanced for this textbook. She literally laughed out loud when she saw Roman numerals introduced AT THE END of her new book.Well, we took a leap of faith anyway and started with the new curriculum. I did have her do 2 lessons in one day (I marked only half the problems for her to do, making sure she does all the important ones ;)). Lo and behold we are both in love - she gets a great boost of confidence because she is familiar with a lot of concepts and the fact that she can zip through the book so fast, doing 2 lessons at a time, she also gets an awesome review of the basics AND her mental math skills are just super improved!After about 3 weeks into it though I am feeling the need to slow down and keep it to a lesson a day and that's good too ;)I am optimistic about this math now, even though we both still miss Horizons :)

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