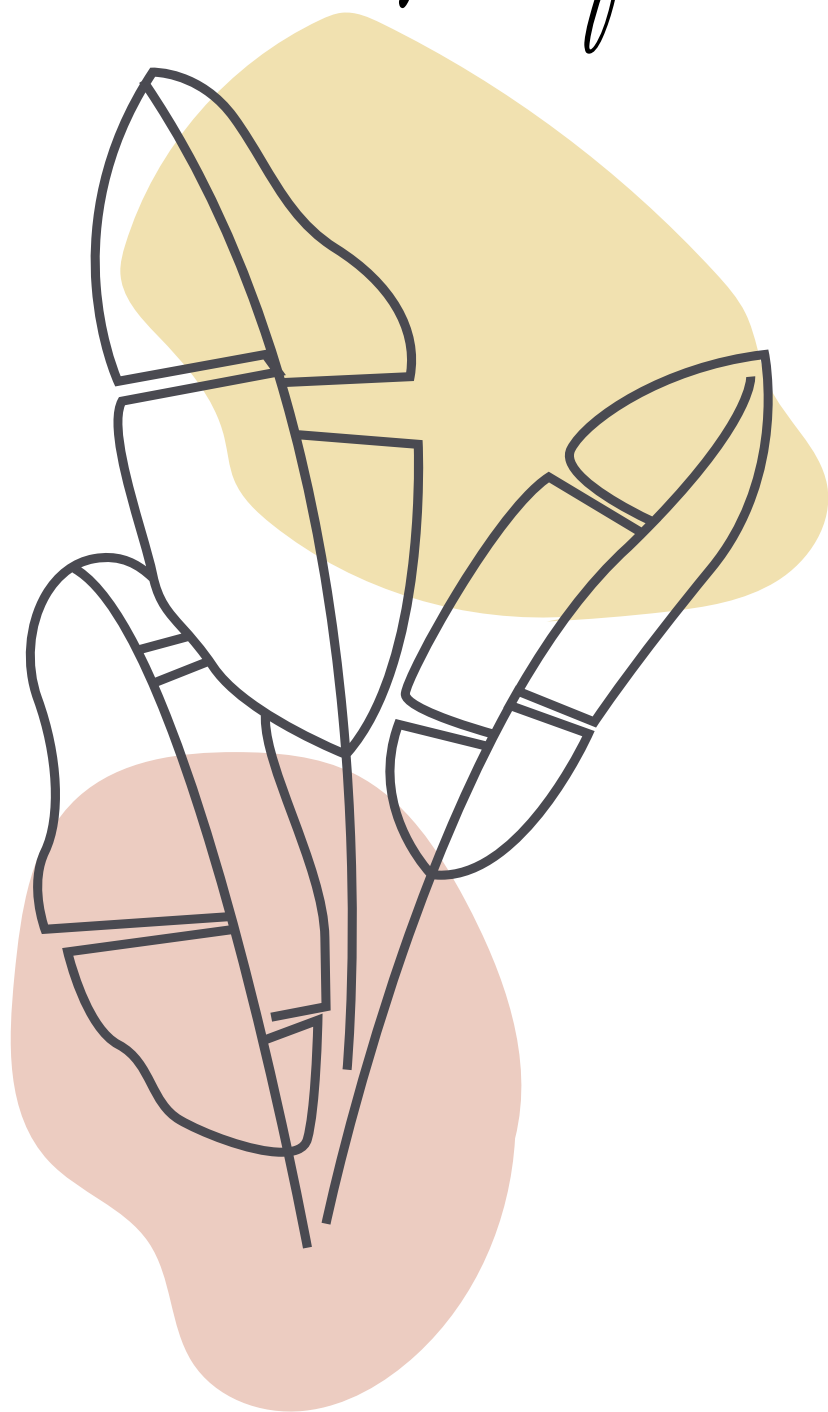# Seasonal Reflections

1. First, think back to the first term and move through your memory bank. Write down some of the hilarious moments you experienced. They may not have seemed very funny at the time, but often our most catastrophic or chaotic day will end up being one of our fondest memories in the future.

2. We always think we will remember the cute things our children say, the delightful play we spied when they didn't know we were watching. Remember now. Write them down so you won't lose those treasures. If you have any photos from a hiking day, or craft day, or recital, print them and put them in your book. Write captions for them of some of the things you remember from those events.
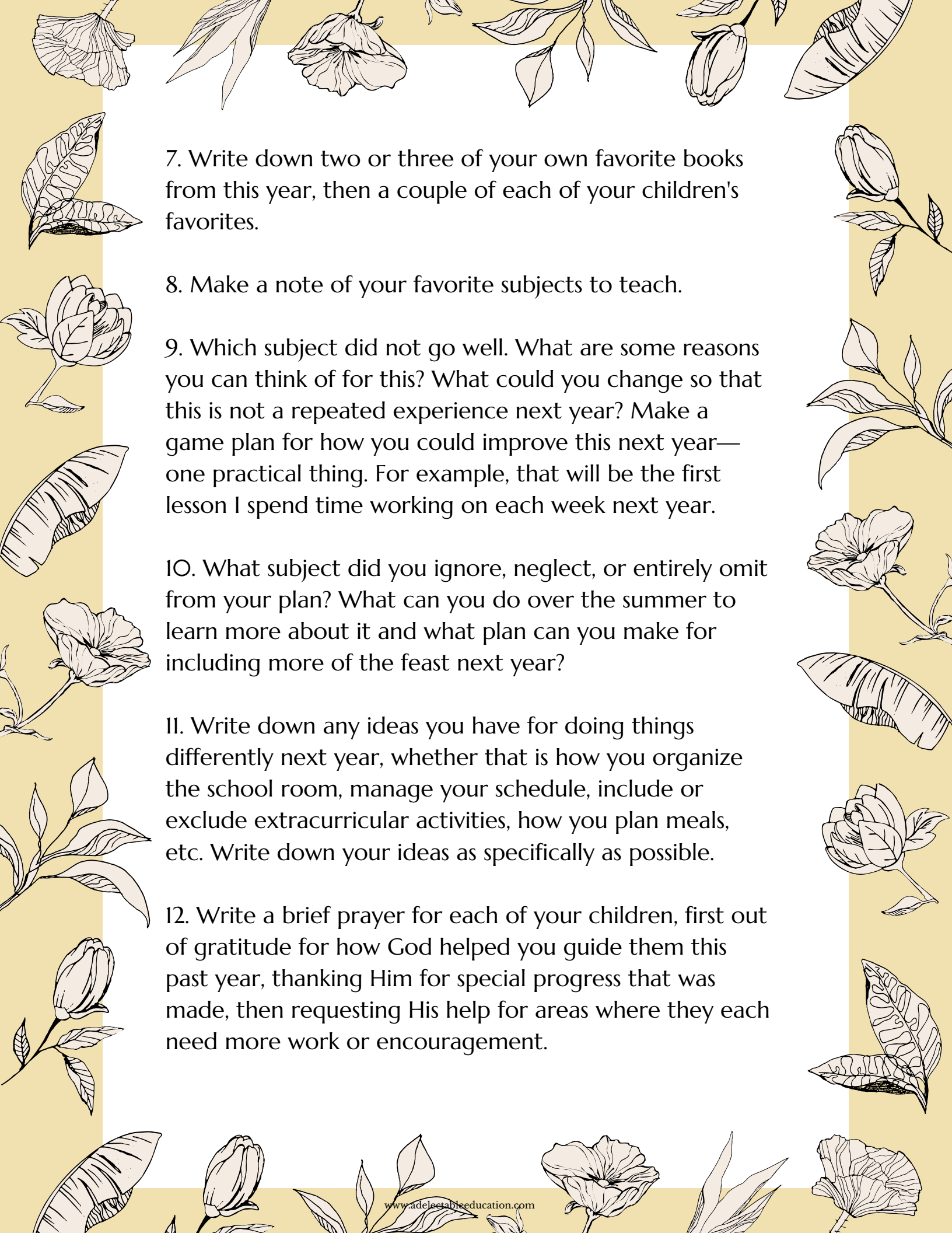
3. For each child, write out their favorite subjects from this past year.

4. Write for each some memorable moment when the "lightbulb came on," or that child had a breakthrough in something difficult.

5. One child at a time, think over the progress each has experienced over this past year. Look at some of their September work, and some of their May work. Note the positive changes. Even if it's a stretch, encourage yourself by writing them down.

6. Look through your curriculum plan. What subject was surprisingly better than you expected. What happened? Why did it turn out better than you thought it would? Make some notes.

7. Write down two or three of your own favorite books from this year, then a couple of each of your children's favorites.

8. Make a note of your favorite subjects to teach.

9. Which subject did not go well. What are some reasons you can think of for this? What could you change so that this is not a repeated experience next year? Make a game plan for how you could improve this next year—one practical thing. For example, that will be the first lesson I spend time working on each week next year.

10. What subject did you ignore, neglect, or entirely omit from your plan? What can you do over the summer to learn more about it and what plan can you make for including more of the feast next year?

11. Write down any ideas you have for doing things differently next year, whether that is how you organize the school room, manage your schedule, include or exclude extracurricular activities, how you plan meals, etc. Write down your ideas as specifically as possible.

12. Write a brief prayer for each of your children, first out of gratitude for how God helped you guide them this past year, thanking Him for special progress that was made, then requesting His help for areas where they each need more work or encouragement.