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Home Educators meet new friends and heroes at Spring Harvest

The Vendée in France was the unusual setting for British families who educate their children at home, to meet up and share their experiences.

Friends and Heroes - creators of the award-winning animated Bible adventure stories for children, and Spring Harvest Holidays organised a week of spiritual refreshment, relaxation, fun and learning that was thoroughly enjoyed by families who all had one thing in common - they educate their children at home. The week's programme was also a showcase for the Friends and Heroes' new Home Education resource which launches in the UK and Europe this month.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to gain a new perspective on home education in a relaxed environment, whether at the pool, a barbeque, or just chatting over a coffee in our chalets and tents" said Jo Dunn, event leader. "One of the great joys of the week was just meeting like-minded people, and sharing our experiences of teaching our children. I was greatly encouraged."

Special sessions for parents included: 'Understanding the Seasons of Home Educating', 'Juggling Priorities' and 'The Home Educating Dad'.

One 15 year old participant said, *"I really enjoyed meeting new people and having a great holiday, but I especially liked being in an environment where I didn't have to explain about being home educated."*

Friends and Heroes Home Education packs are a British cross-curricular resource for children aged 7 to 11, providing a wealth of materials that are easy-to-use, hands-on and fun! The packs cover subjects including: History/Geography, Science, Creative Writing, Bible study, Crafts and Discipleship. The material is highly adaptable and may be easily incorporated with other home education activities to provide at least two weeks of learning. Each Project Pack includes Friends and Heroes animated adventures on DVD. Cost £20 per pack, usually two packs per Friends and Heroes DVD. For more information go to www.friendsandheroes.com/home-ed

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