



BACK TO SCHOOL MINISTRY RESOURCES

BOOKS

- Prayers for Faithful Families by Traci Smith
- Little Prayers for Everyday Life by Traci Smith
- Every Season Sacred by Kayla Craig

WEBSITES

- www.illustratedministry.com - Illustrated Ministry is a wonderful resource for Backpack Tags with liturgy included.
- dandelion-marketplace.com - Dandelion Marketplace has many Backpack Blessing options to choose from.



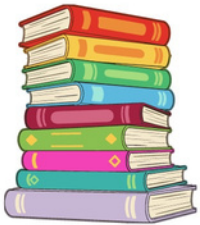
INTENTIONAL CONVERSATIONS FOR FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS GOING

Back²School

Conversations about faith make a difference! Talk about this school year as an opportunity. God calls students to reflect Christ's love in their attitudes, actions, and words as they build relationships.

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PACK



- How are you feeling about going back to school?
- When you think about school starting, what do you feel first? - (happy, worried, curious, etc.)
- What are you most excited about as the school year starts? Who are you most looking forward to seeing? (New classes, seeing friends again, joining a new team or club)
- Is there something from last year that you hope will be different this year? (Nicer classmates, easier classes, better grades)
- What will you pack in your backpack?
Name things that you normally carry in your backpack. (Books, pencils, paper, snacks, etc.)
- What do we bring in addition to stuff?
(Attitudes, actions, words, thoughts, feelings, ideas)
- In this new school year, you may have new classes, new teachers, and new classmates.
What are your thoughts and attitudes about all the things this new year will bring?

UNPACK

Discuss Romans 12:2, inviting your students to think about how they might be transformed or changed when they let God guide their thoughts and actions toward themselves, their classmates, and their teachers.

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- When your day feels hard or stressful at school, what is one way you can pause and "reset" or "renew" your mind?
Take a deep breath; ask God to be with me; try again and choose better thoughts or actions.
- What is one way God might help you grow or change this year in how you act, think, or treat others?
I can be more patient, kinder, and braver. I can make small changes that help me act and live more like Jesus.
- When you make a mistake or have a tough day, what do you want to remember about God and about yourself? God loves me no matter what; God is helping me learn and grow; Just because I made a mistake today doesn't mean I can't try again tomorrow.

PRAY

Say a prayer together for the new school year. Pray that students will do their best to see each day as a new start, and that they will work to see others and the world the same way that God does.



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