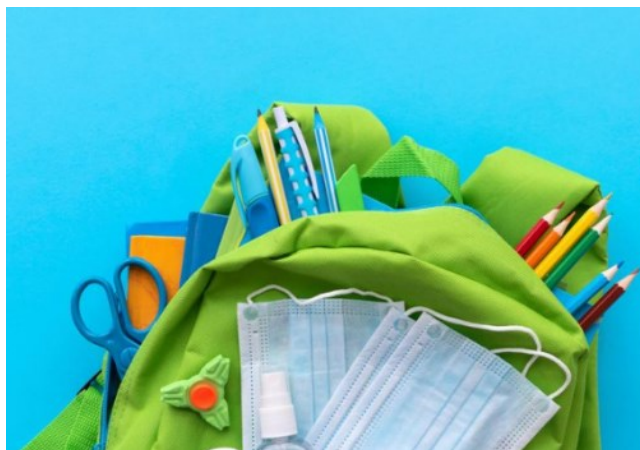


2 Minute

Back to School Devotions

FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Using School Supplies



The Pencil Devotion

Lesson: Show your kids a pencil . Look closely at the point and the pencil lead. *A pencil is all about the inside*

There is black lead inside the pencil. In the Bible (1 Samuel 16:7) there is a text that states that where people look at outward appearance, God looks at the core, the heart. He knows that our real purpose and talent lies on the inside, just like a pencil. God wants us to love him and to love others. Think of ways that we can do that at home and at school.

Activity Use sharpened pencils to copy the Bible verse on paper or draw big hearts that say LOVE GOD and LOVE OTHERS. Bible verse "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.' This is the first and most important command. And the second command is like the first: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-39 (ICB)

Just for Fun See how long each member in the family can balance a pencil on his/her nose.

The Glue Devotion

Lesson The Bible tells us over 365 times we do not need to be afraid because God is with us by His Holy Spirit. We find strength in Him.

Go outside and get some sticks. Try to build a house with the sticks. Then take the glue and glue the sticks together (in a very simple shape!!!) with the glue. Let it harden. Talk about the verse 2 Corinthians 12:10

For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Give example from your lives of when God helped you even when you felt weak or afraid.

Pray together for something at home or school that each of you feel like you need God to make you stronger.

Just for fun:

Build a bigger stick house together!!!

The Crayon Box Devotion

Lesson: Hold up a box of crayons. Ask your kids what it would be like if all of the colors in the box were brown? Or all beige? Or all orange? It wouldn't be very fun, would it? We need all of the different colors to create a beautiful picture. In the same way, God created everyone different. Some people are loud and funny, and some are quiet and shy. Some can sing and paint, and some are good with numbers and knowledge. Altogether we can make something beautiful! How can you help make a beautiful picture with the other crayons in the world?

Activity Draw a rainbow using one color. Draw another rainbow using all of the colors. Discuss which one looks better.

Bible Verse "God has shown you his grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other." 1 Peter 4:10

Just for Fun Have someone at the table pull crayons from the box one at a time and take turns coming up with new names for each crayon.

The Calculator Devotion

Lesson: Calculators help us count things. When we want to figure out how to add big numbers quickly, we can use a calculator. But God doesn't need a calculator. He just knows how many. For example, God knows how many hairs are on your head. He counts each one - and He can keep up with that number even when hairs fall out! God also counts the stars in the sky. Do you know how many stars there are? The number 1 with 24 zeros after it! Astronomers got that number by calculating the number of stars in a galaxy by the number of galaxies there are in the universe. And there are even more stars than that! Only God knows. He knows everything at all times - without any help. So when you feel worried that God won't take care of you, remember that if He knows how many stars are in the sky and how many hairs are on your head, He also knows how to take care of you!

Activity Try to count the hairs on your head using the calculator. When it gets too hard, think about how great God is that He knows!

Bible Verse "He counts the stars and calls them all by name." Psalm 147:4
"Yes, God even knows how many hairs you have on your head." Luke 12:7

Just for Fun Put these numbers into the calculator - 37818. Turn the calculator upside down. What does it say?

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