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BACK TO SCHOOL

Props: *Backpack with these items inside: ruler, school glue, eraser, pencil and crayons in the colors of brown, black, red, orange, green, blue, purple, yellow and white*

It is that time of year; time to say those three little words that mothers love to hear – “Back to School!” You know what I’m talking about. It’s the time of year when summer activities do not stir up excitement in your child any more. “There’s nothing to do,” becomes the saying of the day – every day! The kids are anxious to see their friends and move on to new things. Whether they admit it or not, they are ready for school to begin. So you dust off the backpacks and start filling them up with school supplies. What a great opportunity you have to share your faith with your children.

Visual aids are a great teaching tool. Who says they have to be limited to the classroom? Take a good look at what is in this backpack. It is full of object lessons. Here are some bible verses to keep in mind. You might want to write one of these verses or a portion on the ruler or crayon box. You might also wish to write a message for the backpack or lunch box – you can write on a banana or a napkin!

Ruler *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! ... You made him (man) ruler over all the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet (Psalm 8:1,6). **Let Christ rule your life.***

School Glue *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good (Romans 12:9).
Stick to God like glue.*

Eraser *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9).
God erases our sins with His righteousness.*

Crayons *I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. (Genesis 9:13).
The rainbow reminds us of God’s promise.*

These simple crayons can also remind us of our relationship with God, our heavenly Father:

Brown Man was created by God from the dirt of the ground.
Black Man fell into sin by his disobedience.
Red God sacrificed His own Son who shed His blood and died in our place.
Orange The Easter sunrise reminds us of Christ’s resurrection.
Green God offers eternal life for all who believe in Christ as their Savior.
Purple This color of royalty reminds us that we should live to honor and serve our King each day.
Yellow Some day we will see the streets of Paradise paved with gold.

White We will receive our robe of righteousness and live with Christ forever because of His love for us.

Pencil *These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up...Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates (Deuteronomy 6:6,7,9).*

God's message is the same to parents of today. Use whatever opportunities God gives you to share your faith with your child. Religious teaching is not something that happens only on Sunday morning. Religious training is a matter of sharing faith twenty-four hours a day. You may spend a small fortune on back-to-school supplies and clothes for your children. Add to that investment some Biblical application. It will start you and your children off to a great start for the school year.

Prayer: Dear Lord, We praise You for the gift of children. Help us to remember the many examples you have used to teach the truth. Help us to be mindful of the daily opportunities we have to teach our children and share with others the Good News of life eternal because of Your sacrifice. We thank You for the gift of faith that will allow us to dwell with You eternally. Amen.

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