

Children's Ministries Message—September 2018

BACK TO SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL FOR FAMILIES

School can be scary, you are learning new things and becoming familiar with new ideas. There will be new students in your class, you will have a new teacher, and the material will be more challenging than the year before. So why go back?

God wants us to be full of wisdom. Do you know what wisdom means? Wisdom is having quality in what you know, it is having the best of the best knowledge. Let's see what the Bible says about wisdom.

Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:5-7)

Let's break this down, the first sentence is explaining that we should increase what we are learning, we should ask God for more wisdom and more guidance so that we can understand.

The second sentence says, "the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge." Do you think this means that we should be scared of God? Of course, we should not be scared of God, what this sentence means is that we should honor God. Those who honor God have wisdom, but those who do not choose to honor God are fools.

We should always desire to learn and grow in wisdom, but above all of our classes and above all of our studies, we should desire to learn who God is first! A Bible is the most important book you will ever own. Keep your Bible in your backpack at school so that you can always take it out and study God's Word so that you can grow in wisdom.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you that we get to go back to school and be filled with knowledge and wisdom. We pray that our hearts can always be yours, and as we learn our reading and math, let us also learn to study your Word. We love you and we honor you! Amen

Yours in Christ,

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