

Bible Object Lesson: Back to School Supplies

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Back to school is just right around the corner. One of my favorite things about going back to school is the supplies. The smell of new crayons, the sharpness of the new pencils, and the feel of new notepads full of paper. I just love it.

Kids use school supplies in order to do their best in their school work. Those same supplies that are used for Math, English, and Spelling, can be reminders of their faith. They can be used to help the student themselves or even be used as a tool to share the gospel with others.

Put together a Back To School Backpack full of the following supplies to use as a visual for the kids as they head back to school. Simply put all of the supplies inside of the backpack, take one out at a time, and discuss the following with your kids. You could even have kids take turns taking items out of the backpack to help get them involved in the lesson. Start with the backpack, but then the order doesn't really matter.

Backpack – You can carry God's Word with you.

"Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You."

Psalm 119:11

Pencil & Paper – You can write out Bible verses to remind you of God's love.

"Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart."

Proverbs 7:3

Eraser – God’s forgiveness erases my mistakes.

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”
Ephesians 4:32

Crayons – God created this wonderful world in color for us to enjoy. He also gave us the rainbow to remind us of His promise to us.

“When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” Genesis 9:16

Tape – Tape helps to bind a ripped page just like we as the Word of God can bind hurts.

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.”

Isaiah 61:1

Water Bottle – Water is refreshing can quenches your thirst. Jesus is the living water that is eternal.

“Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” John 4:13-14

Books – God’s Word is THE most important book we have. Math and English are important, but they are not eternal.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Teacher (picture of or doll dressed like one) – Our teachers in school guide our learning just like our teachers at church (Sunday School teachers, preachers, etc.) guide our understanding of what the Bible says.

*“Train up a child in the way he should go,
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

Proverbs 22:6

Friends (pictures of or dolls) – Everyone wants to have friends, but we need to make sure we choose wisely.

“Do not be deceived: Bad company ruins good morals.”

1 Corinthians 15:33

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.”

Proverbs 12:15

Lunchbox – A lunchbox carries our lunch. It can remind us of the fruit of the spirit that we can carry with us at all times.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22-23

Clothes – Getting new clothes is an exciting time for most kids. We need to clothe ourselves with Christ. Just remember, WWJD (What What Jesus Do?).

“Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.”

Romans 13:14

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