

Encouraging Giftbag for Back-to-School

Gather the following items, print out the list and verses, and pack into a lunch bag, lunch box, or backpack!

(Child's Name), the things in this bag may help you remember how much we love you as you return to school this year. Most important are the Scripture verses that go with each item, because "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," (Proverbs 9:10a).

CHOCOLATE HUGS

To remind you that we love you, and so does God!

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God -- God remains in him and he in God. And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us." 1 John 4:15-16

TISSUE

To remind you to comfort someone else when they are sad or hurt

"A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17a

HAPPY FACE STICKERS

To remind you that a smile helps you make friends

"A joyful heart makes a face cheerful...." Proverbs 15:13a

MIRROR

To remind you that you have been uniquely created by God with many special gifts and talents to develop and use in God's service

"I will praise You because I have been remarkably and wonderfully made...." Psalm 139:14a

RUBBER BAND

To remind you that you have to stretch yourself to learn

"There is profit in all hard work." Proverbs 14:23a

TOOTHPICK

To remind you to pick your friends wisely.

“The one who walks with the wise will become wise, but a companion of fools will suffer harm.” Proverbs 13:20

BAND-AID

To remind you to heal hurt feelings in your friends and yourself

“The tongue that heals is a tree of life.” Proverbs 15:4a

“Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the taste and health to the body.” Proverbs 16:24

ERASER

To remind you that when you make mistakes, God forgives you and helps you learn from them

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

“Listen to council and receive instruction so that you may be wise later in life.”

Proverbs 19:20

GUM

To remind you to stick with it even when things are hard

“Commit your activities to the Lord, and your plans will be achieved.” Proverbs 16:3

“But as for you, [Child’s name], continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, and you know that from childhood you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 3:14-15

We hope you have a wonderful year! Don’t forget we love you and are praying for you!