

Christian Life Notes

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Back to School



September is traditionally thought of as the beginning of a new school year. Parents celebrate the routine that a school schedule creates and most people find themselves moving from summer to fall activities and commitments of one kind or another. Backpacks seem to be an essential item for school kids these days. If you are filling a pack or just purchasing supplies to be sent to school, you may want to use some items as a way to give spiritual significance to some of the items and share your faith.

For example

Ruler: Let Christ rule your life.

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)

School Glue: Stick to God like glue.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. (Romans 12:9)

Pencil: Write God's word on our heart.

These commandments that I give to 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)

Eraser: God erases our sins with His righteousness.

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)

Crayons: The rainbow colors reminds us of God's promise to be our God. 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)

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Markers: The marks in Jesus' side and hands are proof of His death and resurrection.

Jesus said to Thomas, put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe. (John 20:27)

Calculator: Count the cost of discipleship.

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? (Luke 14:27-28)

Tissues: To wipe away our tears.

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth. (Isaiah 25:8)

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more. (Revelation 21:4)

And perhaps the most important item: Not a book, but The Book. **The Bible** lays out the foundation for our faith and this is God's true word for our life.

Are we ready to go? Is your backpack ready for hiking or camping? What necessities of life might be added to a survival backpack? Water, food, matches, etc. These can all point us to Christ our provider and Savior. What can you use to speak of God's love each and every day?

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Oregon District LWML Retreat
September 29-October 1, 2017
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