

A CONVERSATION STARTER

FOR FAMILIES WITH TEENS HEADED

Back2School



Conversations about faith are important! Here are four questions for a conversation about faith with your student- don't worry about getting it all correct! Just have fun talking and thinking together.

- 1** **What's in Your Backpack?** Grab your backpack from last school year and go through it together. What's the funniest or weirdest thing you found in it?
- 2** **How are you feeling about going back to school?** (Excited? Nervous? Disappointed summer is over? Ready for class and extracurricular activities?) What are some things that will be familiar? What are some things that you are looking forward to?
- 3** **In what ways will school be different for you this year?** (New school building, new teachers, new locker, being upperclassmen)
- 4** **Which fruit of the spirit will you pack in your backpack?**
Read Galatians 5:22-23. It says: **"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."**

These are nine things that the family of God are known for! Just like you need school supplies each year, there are other things that you might pack as well. Which Fruits of the Spirit would you choose to take to school this year? For example, do you need to take some kindness with you this year.



If your teenager received a button from your church, then discuss how the button being placed on their backpack can remind them of the "fruit" they can take with them each day. Pray together about what they have chosen to take with them back to school.

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1

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2

How much have you grown since last year? Compare your child's current height to a mark from last year or have them try on last year's shoes to see if they fit. You have also grown inside—you are smarter, stronger, better at solving problems, and more determined. What are some other ways you have grown?

3

How are you feeling about going back to school? (Excited? Nervous? Something else?) What are some things that will be new? What are some things that will be familiar?

4

Which fruit of the spirit will you pack in your backpack?

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