



INTENTIONAL CONVERSATIONS FOR FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS GOING

Back²School

"Live as people worthy of the call you received from God. Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love." - Ephesians 4:1b-2

Conversations about faith make a difference! Open the door to talk about this school year as an opportunity. God calls students to reflect Christ's love in their attitudes, actions, and words as they build relationships.

PACK

What's in Your Backpack?

Grab your backpack from last year and go through it together. Talk about anything weird or funny inside. Revisit why your students selected this backpack- a favorite color, animal, character, etc.

How are you feeling about going back to school? (nervous, excited, ready, reluctant, etc.)

What things will be familiar this year? What are you looking forward to the most?

What will make this school year different from last year? (new facility, teachers, locker, etc.)

What has changed about you since last year? (interests, skills, friends, etc.)

What will you pack in your backpack?

Name the usual items carried inside. Not everything we take to school gets zipped into a backpack.

What do we bring in addition to stuff? (attitudes, ideas, hopes, fears, questions, moods, faith, etc.)

God cares about who we are at school and how we treat others. Students will interact in classrooms, hallways, on the field, court, or stage. Students who follow Christ also represent him with their attitudes, actions, and words.

UNPACK

Discuss Ephesians 4:1-2 by inviting your students to think about how they show God's love to their friends and classmates.

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What does it mean to live in a worthwhile way as a student?

God calls students because God equips them. We live for God as we listen to God.



How would you describe the way Jesus related to others?

As you interact with your friends, practice humility, patience, and gentleness like Jesus. We conduct ourselves like Jesus when we follow in his steps.



Why does God love people that we find difficult?

When we see others as loved by God, we can be more accepting, even of those who may be hard to like.

PRAY

Say a prayer together for the new school year. Pray that your children can be patient and gentle, accepting each other as they meet new friends.



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