

5 PRAYERS FOR THE BACK TO SCHOOL SEASON

Read Luke 2:51-52.

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Prayer 1: Treasure These Things

Ask God to help you treasure the moments you have with your children, and ask Him to help you trust Him with your children when you are not there.

Luke 2:51 *Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother kept all these things in her heart.*

Prayer 2: Wisdom

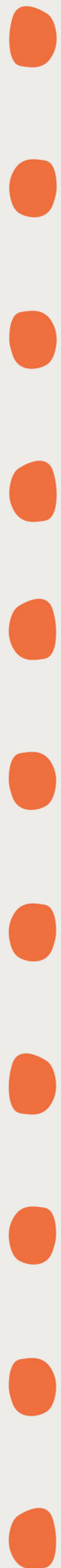
Ask the Lord to give your children the desire to learn new things. Pray for the teachers in your community, asking God to help them continue to teach with passion and clarity. Ask the Lord to give you wisdom during this season, and pray for your children to pursue God's wisdom throughout their lives.

James 1:5 *Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him.*

Prayer 3: Stature

Ask the Lord to help you be a living example of the things you desire for your children (love, joy, kindness, humility). Ask God to help you pursue godliness and become a reflection of Him because your children will be a reflection of you. Pray for good health for all.

Galatians 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.*



Prayer 4: Favor with God

Allow your heart to find rest in knowing and trusting God to care for your family. Pray that your children will become all that God has created them to be.

Proverbs 22:6 *Start a youth out on his way; even when he grows old he will not depart from it.*

Prayer 5: Favor with People

Pray for the people in your children's lives—pray for teachers, bus drivers, coaches, sitters, small group leaders. Pray for those who do not know Christ. Ask God to use people placed in your kids' lives to help them grow in wisdom and understanding of God, life skills, and academics.

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Response: Make cards to share with people at school or in your kids' lives, share an encouraging word, and consider including a gift card for teachers to buy school supplies or other items they may need.

