

Our Family's Adventure

Anchored in Christ

September 2017

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Adventure

The school year is upon us again – for most of us this is both an exciting and disappointing time. The fun and relaxing times of summer are drawing to a close, but we will spend more time with friends all week long in class. And we also get back to learning new things and participating in music, sports, theater, FFA and so much more. For many of us “school year scheduling” is something that can cause anxiety. Spend some time mapping out some time...maybe it is the next month, or the fall semester, or even the whole year. Whatever works best for your family...here's what you can do: in addition to looking at where and when everyone needs to be for work, school and activities why don't you agree on a “Planned Family Time Date.” It can be every week, once a month or some other timeframe that works for you. But, if you take the time to plan out some fun time together as a family, you are more likely to make sure that you follow through and do it! Go bicycling (or sledding, once snow gets here. Brrr!) together; pop some popcorn and watch a movie; have a “most creative Lego building” contest; plan and act out a favorite scene from a movie...you can even make a mini-set and create props. The possibilities are endless!

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Read Proverbs 3:1-6. Discuss:

- What does it mean to “not forget [God's] teaching”? How is what God teaches us similar to what teachers in school teach us? How is God's manner of teaching different?
- What are some ways that we can “trust in the Lord with all [our] hearts”?
- Why are we reminded to NOT lean on our own understanding? Does this mean that our ability to understand things isn't important?

In Christ

Do you know someone who is a teacher? Maybe a friend or family member, or a neighbor, or even a favorite teacher from a previous year in school? Spend some time brainstorming how you can let that teacher know you are thinking of them as their schoolyear begins. You could create a greeting card and let them know you are praying for them; find out if there are any classroom items they need and surprise them with a “classroom warming” present; see if they need any help setting things up for the year; or something completely different.

Close in Prayer: Pray your own prayer, or use this one:

Dear God, thank you for the gift of teaching and learning. As the school year begins again, be with teachers and students everywhere. Help us to grow a love of learning in all that we do. Give us humble hearts that are able to admit when we don't know the answers. And remind us always to acknowledge your wisdom, Lord, in all that we do – and not leaning just on our own understanding but instead asking you to show us your ways so that our paths might be made straight. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

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