

BRINGING GOD TO SCHOOL

TEACH ME

Lesson

Kids have mixed emotions when it comes to going back to school. Excitement, fear, worry, and dread all come to mind. Children worry about new environments, making new friends, meeting new teachers, and dealing with homework, tests, and even bullies. As adults, we can forget the weight of these things and discount the effect they have on our kids. Their struggles may seem insignificant to us, yet they are a reality to our children, and they need guidance in learning how to deal with them in ways they can understand at their age.

Often we try to manage these issues with our adult wisdom. Our experiences can indeed help, but we must be careful not to separate our ordinary, daily life experiences from the sacred influence of God. Though homework, studying, and playground friendships may seem unspiritual, they become spiritual when we involve God in them. And the fact is, He is interested in those things even when we, as adults, are not. He is relational to each of us at the age and experience level we are at. So in your quest to guide your children through their school year, include God in the process. Give your counsel, but in the end, turn each moment into an opportunity to receive His counsel, together. You will build strong, spiritual foundations this way, and kids will see that God is truly interested in their lives.

SHOW ME

Activity

No materials needed for this activity.

Discuss some situations that your kids may encounter at school. This could include things like studying for a test, struggling with spelling words, making new friends, or dealing with someone who is mean. Give them opportunity to be honest in how they feel or what they would do. They need to have a safe environment to share what's on their heart, even if it's wrong. *(If you are in a group setting, you may even want to have them act out the scenario.)*

After discussing the situation, have them play, "If I were God..." In this game, the kids get to decide what they would do in that situation if they were God. This may create some humorous responses, but it will also reveal to you the level of their spiritual understanding of that situation. Provide them guidance after their responses, if needed. As kids start thinking from God's point of view, it will help them respond to their experiences in a better way. If time permits, conclude each scenario by praying for kids who have, or currently are, experiencing it for real.

TRAIN ME

Prayer Time

- *If you didn't have time to pray during the activity, pray about the topics you discussed now.*
- *Ask each child what current fears or struggles they are experiencing at school, and pray about each one, no matter how insignificant it may appear to you.*
- *Let the children share any needs their friends or teachers may be experiencing, and then pray about those things together.*



“Change is the end result of all true learning.”

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