



Back to School Part II

Welcome to our MBI Children and Family Ministry Newsletter!
We seek to support Children and Family Ministry by providing free or inexpensive resources that inspire and educate faith in Jesus.

"Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, 'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?" Matthew 21:16

BIBLE LESSONS

[Finding-and Keeping-Good Friends](#)

With school now in session, children are making new friends and reconnecting with old ones. Whether your child's friends are believers or not, how can you encourage your child to bring their friends closer to Jesus? This lesson gives children a powerful example of friendship from Luke 5. After the lesson, there are discussion questions to help your child consider ways they can lead their friends to Jesus. Access this lesson [here](#).

[God is Stronger than My Fear](#)

Many children may feel afraid or anxious about going back to school, especially with regards to the new regulations surrounding COVID-19. This Bible lesson discusses how to address fear with Scriptures from both the Old and New Testaments. This lesson reminds us that no matter how big our fear is, God is bigger and able to bring comfort and security to any situation. This lesson includes a parent devotional and a family activity. You can access this lesson when you visit [here](#).

TAKE A TECHNOLOGY BREAK

[Encourage Your Kids to Play Outside](#)

Globally, many families are transitioning from going to school to homeschooling. This new schedule affects a child's social interactions and may limit the time they have with their friends. This change requires parents to create safe opportunities for their children to engage with others. How can they do this? Visit [here](#) to find out.

[Reading is Fun, not Frustrating](#)

After a long day of learning online, it can be beneficial to end your child's day by encouraging them to sit down with a tangible book in their hands and read. However, encouraging your child to read is not always easy. You can find simple tips to make reading for your child fun, and not frustrating [here](#).

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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

[Parenting Advice to Build Communication Skills](#)

Are there days when communicating with your child doesn't go well? Even the best of parents experience challenges in talking with their children. This article gives advice to parents on how to build communication skills with their child. Check it out [here](#).

[10 Trauma Principles to Practice During COVID-19](#)

We have all experienced some level of trauma during COVID-19. It is important to be aware of the effects trauma has had on our families. Here is a list of ten trauma informed principles to keep in mind as we foster a non-anxious presence in our homes. To access, click [here](#).



HOMESCHOOLING

[How To \(and How Not To\) Homeschool During COVID-19](#)

Education looks different this year for every family. Navigating how to help their children learn effectively amidst all the change is a challenge every family faces. This article offers ideas for parents as they educate their children in new ways. Read the article [here](#).

[7 Steps to Beginning Homeschooling](#)

Beginning to homeschool your children can be a daunting and overwhelming task. This article gives you the first steps to take as you transition into homeschooling. This organization is also a great resource for your entire homeschooling journey. Find out more [here](#).



ARTS & CRAFTS

[School Supply Scavenger Hunt](#)

This free scavenger hunt list makes preparation for school into a fun activity for children. This game will not only help your child prepare for their school day, but do so in a way that is engaging and fun. Access this resource [here](#).

[Back to School Prayer Bracelet](#)

This free prayer bracelet coloring page is perfect for younger children (age 6-9). Children can make their own bracelet to serve as an encouragement and reminder to pray for their teachers, friends, or school. Find out more about this resource [here](#).

“WE CAN STAND AFFLICTION BETTER THAN WE CAN PROSPERITY,
FOR IN PROSPERITY WE FORGET GOD.”

— DWIGHT L. MOODY