



Blessing of the Backpacks

A reminder to students of their baptism every day

Objectives: To encourage students of all ages to remember they are a beloved child of God and to live out their baptism on a daily basis.

Audience: Students of all ages

Duration: 5 minutes

Materials/Preparation Needed:

- Backpack tags—see example
- Plastic sleeves available online
- Backpack blessing—see below

Lesson/Event:

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

(Invite students of ALL ages to come forward in worship or during another gathering with their backpacks, bags, briefcases, etc.)

P: Let us pray. God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools, classrooms and offices and for the teachers, students, and workers who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. Today we give you thanks for these your beloved children (and adults), and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed us his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen.

L: On behalf of all of us at _____, we present you with these tags for you to attach to your backpacks and bags. This way, you can look at it

throughout the year, remember this blessing and be reminded of God's presence with you at all times and in all places. May you share that love with others, caring for and helping those you meet.

(Present bag tags to each person before returning to their seats)

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