



4 WEEK FAMILY BIBLE STUDY FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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As we approach the Fall season anticipation begins to grow for what the new school year will hold! We excitedly gather supplies, curriculum, and get ready to start a new routine as August and September come nearer.

A new year is a new chance to grow, learn, and explore this great world God has made! It also can be a little scary to meet new teachers, start new classes, and begin your sports practices again.

The best way to handle our anxiety is to go to God's Word and bring our concerns to Him through prayer. God's great book always points us back to the good and beautiful truth that he has created. He knows you and is with you through every new season. Let's take time to remember Him as we begin our new year of learning!



WEEK 1: GOD PROTECTS ME LIKE A SHIELD

Psalm 5:12

Our Lord, you bless those who live right, and you shield them with your kindness.

As our routines change and we all prepare for new classes, books, assignments, friends, and more it's pretty normal to feel a little anxious. It can be scary to walk into a brand new place having to figure out what our teacher may be like or what friends we have to sit next to in class.

The good news that helps us be brave and bold is that the Bible tells us that we are never alone. When you walk into that class with your fresh school supplies and start a new year of learning you have a faithful friend who goes along with you. It's the Holy Spirit! God's spirit protects us like a shield. God is kind to us and blesses all that we do. We are never separated from him and his loving kindness. So head back to school feeling brave and confident knowing that God's Spirit is always with you.

Listen to [All Who Love Your Name - Psalm 5:11-12](#) to help this scripture truth resonate in your home this week.



WEEK 1 CONTINUED: GOD PROTECTS ME LIKE A SHIELD

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Prayer

God be with me as I head back to school. Protect me with your shield of kindness. Bless my work, my teachers, my friends, and my new year of learning. I give you all my worries about what is to come. I thank you for going with me and never leaving me alone. I trust you have good plans for me this year and can't wait to see what is to come. Amen.



WEEK 2: SHINE A LIGHT FOR JESUS

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

One of the great joys we have as Christians is to be a light in our world. Through our actions and love, we get to show others what Jesus looks like. God is a friend, and part of that friendship means we get to work with him to see his great Kingdom at work in our world.

As you prepare to start a new year of learning, ask God to show you how to shine your light everywhere you go. How can you be a better friend to your classmates? What does it look like to shine a light as a student? What good works can you be a part of on your sports teams? Remember, when people ask what makes you so kind, happy, or friendly, that's your chance to tell them about Jesus. He is the reason we can live with joy, peace, and love, and he is how we are able to be lights in our world. Listen to [Shine by Chapel Kids](#) this week as you discuss how to be a light in your community.



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God, I thank you that you are my friend and one thing we get to do together is shine your light into this world. Help me to live with the fruits of the Spirit which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. Let me commit to living your way, bless and inspire others around me. Help me to be a faithful friend, a diligent student, and a patient athlete. Help my light shine this school year! Amen.



WEEK 3: YOU CAN TRUST GOD

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Life can be unpredictable! Sometimes we have to change plans and change is often hard. Maybe this year things are changing for you or maybe your school year will not be what you hoped for. These kinds of circumstances can leave us feeling sad but God invites us to do something kind of crazy when life feels unpredictable. We are called to trust him! He makes our path, even when it feels wild and crazy, straight. Even when we can't see how things will turn out we can live with peace knowing that God has our best interest in mind. He is always working in our lives and we can always trust him.

Check out the Slugs and Bugs song Trust in the Lord this week as you meditate on how God is always working things out for our good.

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God we know life is not always predictable and that oftentimes feels really challenging. Remind us when we feel sad, disappointed, or unsure how things are going to turn out that you are trustworthy. You take all the crazy things that happen to us and weave it altogether for our good. We ask that you will make our path straight this year. Amen.

WEEK 4: *BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS*

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Sometimes going back to school can mean having to navigate a lot more temptation. If we are around friends that don't know Jesus, what they think is okay may not be what we've been taught the Bible says is okay. When those hard moments arise, where we are tempted to be mean to a friend, be lazy about doing our school work, watch something online we know is wrong, or say a bad word, remember that God commands us to be strong and courageous! We don't have to be afraid to live God's way because he is with you wherever you go. It may feel scary in the moment to be bold but God's got you and he will provide the friends you need when you need them as you grow up.

Seeds Kids Worship's song [Be Strong and Courageous](#) is a wonderful song to listen to as you remember that God is with you this week!

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Jesus remind me as I go through this school year that I am yours. That you give me the strength I need to say no to temptation. Give me wisdom about which friends to spend time with. Show me clearly what is good and right so I don't end up doing things that go against you. Provide for me kind friends that love you and love me well. Amen.

