

## Holiday Lesson Series

# Back to School

### Bible Verse:

Study to show thyself approved unto God ~ 2 Timothy 2:15

### Why We Celebrate This Holiday:

While heading back to school after a great summer is not a real “holiday,” it is a great reason to celebrate. Back to school means that kids are growing up, heading off for new adventures and learning more. Having a back to school party is a great idea, especially for kids that are going to school for the very first time or moving to a new school. Throw a Back to School party for your kids and show them how fun school can be.

### Lesson Ideas:

1. As We Grow: Back to school means that kids are growing up. If you have had the kids in your class for awhile, then make a class book about how they have grown and changed through the year. Include a picture of them from the beginning of the year and one at the end of the year. You can also compare their ideas, thoughts and even handwriting samples.
2. What We Will Learn: Talk to the children about what they think they will learn in the upcoming school year. Ask them what they are looking forward to and what they think will be difficult.
3. Learning at the Feet of Jesus: Jesus taught many lessons and continues to teach us lessons through the Bible. Talk about the teachings of Jesus and how it affects us on a daily basis.

### Decorations:

1. Set school related items out in the classroom such as apples, rulers and pictures of a schoolhouse.
2. Make school bus out of a large cardboard box. This makes a great place for the kids to play and practice school bus safety.
3. Chalkboard-Bring a large chalkboard into the room and let the kids have fun writing and drawing on it. Have colored chalk and an eraser for more fun. You can even play a game of hang man using school words.

### Craft:

Apple Book Mark: Cut a small apple out of red craft foam as well as two small green leaves. Glue the leaves to the top of the apple. Take a six-inch ribbon and glue it to the back of the apple. This makes a great bookmark for the kids to take to school for them.

### Snacks:

1. Apple Dips: Cut apples into small slices and give the kids a choice of dips, such as flavored yogurt, peanut butter (watch for allergies) or caramel.
2. Brown Bag Snack: Fill a brown lunch bag with fruit snacks, juice box, and alphabet cookies. You can even have the children decorate their bags before filling them.

**Game:**

Back to School Scavenger Hunt: Gather several different school supplies and hide them around the room. Give the kids a backpack and a school supply list (list the items that are hidden in the room) and let them search for the school supplies.

**Gift Idea:**

School supplies: Give each child a small bag of inexpensive school supplies. Some ideas include a pencil and eraser, a glue stick and a ruler.