

# along the way

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Along The Way is a monthly resource for families to nurture faith by connecting church and home. The ideas shared are taken from the stories the kids are exploring at church on Sundays this month.



## BLESS

### Back to School Blessing

May God help you...  
meet new friends,  
listen to your teacher,  
open your mind to new things,  
show classmates God's love  
and remember God is with you.



## GO

### Shop for Snacks

You are invited to bring back-to-school snacks for immigrant and refugee students at East High School in Kansas City.

You can drop snacks at the kids check-in table any week in August.

Our goal is to make a tower of snacks as tall as the church.



## READ

### Wee Ones (1-3 yrs)

Read the story of God parting the Red Sea from Exodus 14:21-29 in a children's Bible.

### Loft (4-6 yrs)

Read the Exodus story in a children's Bible.

### Wonderground (1st-5th)

Acts 12  
Acts 13:1-12  
Acts 14  
Acts 17:16-34



## TALK

### Wee Ones (1-3 yrs)

God helped the people get across the water. What can God help us do?

### Loft (4-6 yrs)

God freed his people from Pharaoh and Egypt. Take some time to wonder why freedom is important to God.

### Wonderground (1st-5th)

I wonder what these stories tell us about God and the church? Where do you see God's power in these stories?



## PRAY

### Read Joshua 1:9

Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.

### Pray

God, will you help me to be strong and courageous as I start school?  
I will look for signs that you are there with me!



*jacob's well*  
a church in midtown

*These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.* DEUTERONOMY 6:6-8

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL SEND-OFF



Invite your child to pick out their outfit for the first day of school. Let them look up Colossians 3:12 and read it aloud. Ask them what it means. Then ask if you can pray this verse for them:

*God I ask that you clothe \_\_\_\_\_ with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*



Have your child write Colossians 3:14 on a notecard & stick it in their backpack. *“And over all these good things put on love.”*

Wonder what it would look like to ‘put on God’s love’ each school day along with their backpack. Invite your child to memorize this verse.



Read Galatians 5:22-23. Ask your child which fruit of the Spirit they would like God to especially help them with this semester. Pray together to ask for God’s help.



Kids put on their school shoes and go for a walk together around their school. As you walk, pray for your child, their teachers and their classmates.

# ROCKY RAILWAY VBS

We loved having 234 kiddos join us for VBS this year! Thank you to our incredible volunteers who made this week possible!



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