## **Back to School Blessing**

## For Kids & Youth Ministry Workers and Volunteers

Active and All Knowing God, You are with us as we embark on new adventures, learn new things, and grow in our faith.

Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me." Remind us, O God, of this calling to serve our young people with openness, commitment and care for those you call your own!

Be with our students as they begin a new school year, learning and growing in new ways...and be with our children's and youth leaders as they guide, serve, and grow with our young ones throughout this school year ahead.

**God** is with you as you serve, may you grow in grace and wisdom."

Bless our children's ministry leaders, volunteers, staff and families,

That they may be adults who are filled with grace, joy, and passion for the work they do and the children they serve.

In the Sunday school rooms, nursery, sanctuary, and hallways, may the relationships they build and the lessons they teach create safe space for children's growth, care, and hope in You and in this community.

May they inspire faith and make church fun for all who join us in children's ministry!

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Bless our youth ministry leaders, volunteers, staff, and families,

That they may be adults who are filled with grace, joy, and passion for the work they do and the youth they serve.

May they fill the youth rooms, classroom, sanctuary and hallways with laughter and deep conversation, faith formation and fun, as they lead our youth in becoming the faithful disciples you call us all to be. May they inspire faith and make church fun for all who join us in youth ministry!

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As our new year begins, give our children's and youth leaders all that they need to plan, prepare and participate in the ministry that our young people need.

Give them patience and peace when they face a new challenge.

Give them grace and adaptability in moments of change.

Give them vision and wisdom to see the big picture of your love for all.

Give them diligence and hope as they meet the real needs of our young people and guide them to be your disciples.

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As this new school year begins, O God, help our whole church to support the children and youth of this congregation, saying "yes" when a need arises, and celebrating all that our children and youth bring to our church family.

As this new school year begins, O God, help our whole church to look for the ways that you are calling us to be your disciples and to support and serve these faithful leaders of our children's and youth ministries.

Remind us that you are with us as a church family and that you are calling us to "Let the little children come to me."

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