

A 7-Day First Day of School Reading Pack

For parents and children in the week before school starts.

KJV scriptures to pray over a child on the first day of school — courage, kindness, wisdom, and God's presence in the classroom.

How to use this pack

- Read one page at breakfast or bedtime — keep it short.
- Let the child answer out loud; the parent writes it down.
- Read day seven together on the morning of the first day.

The seven days

Day 1 — God goes with you · Joshua 1:9

Day 2 — Nervous is allowed · Proverbs 1:7

Day 3 — Being kind first · Philippians 4:13

Day 4 — When it goes wrong · Psalm 56:3

Day 5 — Doing your best · Colossians 3:23

Day 6 — A parent's letting go · Ephesians 4:32

Day 7 — A morning blessing · James 1:5

The first day of school is a small sending. Whether it is kindergarten, a new school, or the first day back after a hard year, these King James verses give you something better than "you'll be fine" to say at the door. Use them in a lunchbox note, on a bedroom wall, or as a one-line prayer in the car.

The classic first-day verse

Nervous is allowed

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.

Proverbs 1:7 (KJV)

Where real learning starts

Devotion prompt

What are you nervous about? Say the real thing, not the polite thing.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Being kind first

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

For the anxious child

Devotion prompt

Who might be sitting alone this week? What could you do about it?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

When it goes wrong

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

Psalm 56:3 (KJV)

Short enough for a young child to memorise

Devotion prompt

What will you do if you have a bad day and nobody notices? Who do you tell?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Schoolwork as worship

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A parent's letting go

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.

Ephesians 4:32 (KJV)

Friendship and the playground

Devotion prompt

Parents: what are you handing to God this term because you cannot be in the room?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

A morning blessing

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally.

James 1:5 (KJV)

Wisdom for a new year

Devotion prompt

Choose the verse you will say at the door each morning. Say it today for practice.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

More verses for this season

Keep this page for cards, texts, and the days when you need different words.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee.

Isaiah 41:10 (KJV)

For the child starting somewhere new

A prayer for this season

Lord, go into that classroom ahead of my child. Give courage for the first day, kindness for the hard ones, and friends who are good to them. Amen.

Practical ways to use these verses

- Write Psalm 56:3 on a lunchbox note for a nervous younger child — six words they can hold onto.
- Pray Joshua 1:9 aloud in the car before drop-off; it becomes a family tradition quickly.
- Colossians 3:23 is the verse for a teenager who has stopped caring about the work.

Notes and prayer requests

Read the full collection, with every verse in context, at biblesundays.com/life-events/first-day-of-school-verses — free KJV verse collections, printables, and reading plans for every season of life. Free to print and share; please keep this page attached.