

# A 7-Day Starting College Reading Pack

For a student in the last week at home or the first week on campus.

Encouraging KJV scriptures for students heading to college and parents letting go.

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## How to use this pack

- Read one page a day through move-in week.
- Prompts are short enough to answer in a phone note.
- Send day four to a parent — it is the conversation they want to have.

## The seven days

Day 1 — Leaving home · Joshua 1:9

Day 2 — Fear of the unknown · Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 3 — Choosing friends · Jeremiah 29:11

Day 4 — Staying honest with home · Philippians 4:13

Day 5 — Faith without supervision · Deuteronomy 31:6

Day 6 — Study as stewardship · 2 Timothy 1:7

Day 7 — A verse for the dorm wall · Psalm 32:8

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Starting college is one of life's most exciting and nerve-wracking transitions. For the student, it means new freedoms, new challenges, and the formation of their adult identity. For the parent, it means letting go and trusting God with their child. These King James Bible verses offer courage to the student, peace to the parent, and the assurance that God goes before them both into this new chapter.

## Leaving home

*Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.*

### Joshua 1:9 (KJV)

*God is with you wherever you go*

## Devotion prompt

What are you most relieved to leave, and what will you miss more than you expect?

**Write your answer**

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

## Fear of the unknown

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

## Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

*Trust God with the unknown*

## Devotion prompt

Be strong and of a good courage was said to a man about to cross into unfamiliar ground. What is your Jordan this week?

**Write your answer**

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

## Choosing friends

*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*

### Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

*God's plans for your future*

## Devotion prompt

Evil communications corrupt good manners. What kind of friend do you want to become, and who will help you be it?

### Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

## Staying honest with home

*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

### Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

*Strength for hard classes and new challenges*

## Devotion prompt

What will you tell your family when things are hard, and what are you already planning to hide?

**Write your answer**

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

## Faith without supervision

*Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.*

### Deuteronomy 31:6 (KJV)

*God will not abandon you*

## Devotion prompt

Nobody is making you go to church now. What does your own Sunday look like by week three?

**Write your answer**

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

## Study as stewardship

*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

## 2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV)

*Power, love, and a sound mind*

## Devotion prompt

How do you work hard without letting grades become your worth?

**Write your answer**

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

## A verse for the dorm wall

*I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.*

### Psalm 32:8 (KJV)

*God guides your decisions*

## Devotion prompt

Choose one verse to put where you will see it every morning, and write why you need that one.

**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.

*And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.*

**Colossians 3:23 (KJV)**

*Study as unto the Lord*

*For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*

**Proverbs 2:6 (KJV)**

*True wisdom comes from God*

*But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

**Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)**

*Renewed energy for the journey*

## A prayer for this season

*Father, go with me into a place where nobody knows me. Give me good friends, honest habits, and a faith that is mine and not just my family's. Amen.*

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## Practical ways to use these verses

- Joshua 1:9 is the #1 verse parents write in a going-away card for college
- Colossians 3:23 is a powerful study motivation verse — print it for their desk
- Proverbs 3:5-6 is comforting for both the student and the parent
- 2 Timothy 1:7 is perfect for students feeling anxious about fitting in
- Frame Jeremiah 29:11 as a dorm room decoration

## Notes and prayer requests

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