

# Back-to-School Blessing

*Invite all students to hold their backpacks/school bags up high, and the rest of the congregation to hold up their arms in a posture of blessing*

God, bless these backpacks and bags and everything that will be in them:  
the pens and pencils for creating new things,  
the erasers that remind us that it's okay to make mistakes,  
the notebooks and folders and laptops waiting to be filled with all there is to learn,  
and the lunches that are full of love and strength for each day.  
And God bless these students and all the teachers  
with curiosity and safety and joy and peace and love.  
Always.  
Amen.

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