Back-to-School FAMILY DEVOTION

A new school year will be here before you know it! Pop some popcorn and gather your family together to watch two videos on YouTube. You'll watch, then talk about the videos as a family.

And you'll see how words in the Bible can help you bravely begin a new school year.

Watch: <u>Amara's Story</u>

- Talk About: What worries do you have about a new school year?
 - Jesus helped Amara through a dog named Copper! How does Jesus help you when you feel worried or scared?
- Read: "Don't be afraid...take courage. I am here!" (Matthew 14:27)
 - Some people worry about making new friends at school.

 Watch another video to find out how you can help make new friends at your school!

Watch: The Buddy Bench

- Talk About: Tell about a time you made a new friend.
 - o The buddy bench helped kids find people who needed someone to play with.
- What words could you use to invite someone to play with you?
- Read: "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)
- Talk About: Name all the places you go throughout a typical school day.
 - o How does it help you to know that your friend Jesus is with you in all those places?
- Pray: Thank Jesus for his friendship, and ask Jesus to help you be strong and courageous as you make new friends and start a new school year.