



## A Blessing for Children Returning to School From Living Grace Lutheran Church



**As children prepare to leave for their first day of classes, have them gather with their school supplies.**

Invite a child to read the following verses from Psalm 25:

*Show me the right path, O Lord;*

*point out the road for me to follow.*

*Lead me by your truth and teach me,*

*for you are the God who saves me.*

**A parent (or parents) then says the following blessing:**

God our teacher, I [we] thank you for the gift of [this child, these children] that you have entrusted to me [us].

Bless [add name or names] as [he, she, they] leave[s] for school and begin[s] a new year of learning and study.

Help [him, her, them] to be good listeners, to show respect to the teachers, staff, and classmates at their school.

Protect [him, her, them] throughout the day during times of learning, study and play.

May [he, she, they] always know that they are loved and valued by [me, us] and by you, God, as well. Amen.

**Then, make the sign of the cross on each child's forehead and say:**

[I, we] bless you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Go now in peace, my child[ren].