

Finding Christ in the Midst of the School Year



I've been really excited about starting the next school year, haven't you? School supply shopping, looking forward to meeting up with friends, and being very enthusiastic about subjects that you love can all seem like a blur until you finally start. Right now, I'm moving up to middle school. I have realized that it is going to take a lot more time than it did in sixth grade. Yes, I didn't have homework, but that can be expected of being homeschoolers. Plus, I have to get braces! I heard so many stories about how much it hurts the first week, and it's terrifying! What would we do without God? Just right now, I feel like the girl on the lower right hand corner!

I've started reading the Bible every day when I wake up, and then praying after I do that. It has really blessed me just being able to have time to do that. I personally, like to get things done, and

I'm an early bird. So, I do it first thing in the morning. But, you could also do it at night, at lunch, although I am not sure you would have enough time to do that in school.

What my point is, though, is that we need to strive to read God's word and pray to Him. If you ask Him to help you on a test, He will! I've asked Him to help me have an overall good day in school, and He has given me one! All we have to do is trust in Him.

If any of you like to read, I would encourage you to get these books.

- Elsie Dinsmore (it's a series)
- Chronicles of Narnia (also a series)
- Heroes of the Faith (series)
- The Royal Diaries (series)



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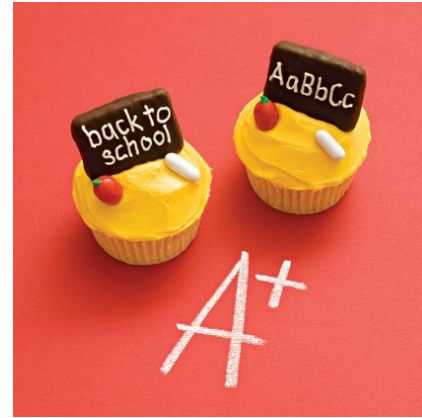
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Special points of interest:

- A lesson on finding time for Christ
- Cute cupcakes for a back to school party!
- An awesome craft for books

Blackboard Cupcakes ~ spoonful.com

- Yellow, green, and white frosting
- Cupcakes
- Red Skittles or M&M's
- Small plastic bag
- Rubber band or twist tie
- Chocolate-covered graham crackers
- White Good & Plenty candies



Cover the cupcakes with yellow frosting and allow them to sit for an hour before decorating. Dab each red Skittle or M&M with a bit of green frosting for the apple's leaf, then set them aside. Put a tablespoon or two of white frosting into a small plastic bag for piping. Cut a very small hole in a corner of the bag, twist the top of the bag closed, and secure it with a rubber band or twist tie. Piping the frosting gently out of the hole, write messages on the chocolate-covered graham crackers. Leave space at the bottom of the cookie, where it'll be stuck into the cupcake. Cut a groove in the cupcake's frosting with a knife, then fit a blackboard into the groove. Add one Skittle or M&M apple and a piece of Good & Plenty chalk, as shown.

G.M.M. Trying to reach out to people in our daily life

On the web at www.anchoredresources.org/wp/articles/girls-mini-ministries/

Button Bookmarks ~ tidymom.com

- Fabric scraps
- Covered button kit (make sure you get the kind with “no tools are needed” on it)
- Blank bookmark clips
- Glue gun
- Needle nose pliers



Remove the shank (the metal piece inside the top button piece) with needle nose pliers. On the back of the covered button package, there will be a template for you to follow to cut out the fabric. Wrap the fabric around the top button piece making sure to catch it on the teeth. Snap the shank back on the bottom of the button. Hot glue the button onto the blank bookmark clip. Let dry. Enjoy!

