You are God's Masterpiece!



New beginnings can be exciting but they can also feel scary - and the start of a new school year is no exception!

New beginnings can be a great opportunity to reflect and remember that we are each fearfully and wonderfully made. As Ephesians 2:10 reminds us - we are God's Masterpiece! Through His Spirit at work in each of us, God has given us skills and talents and strengths that can help us face the new challenges that lie ahead.

The things is - while we are often very aware of what we perceive our faults and failings to be - we are not always so great at noticing the wonder of God's masterpiece - the wonder that we each are! Taking time to reflect with others about the 'wonder' that they see in us can make space for God to give us a glimpse of the way He sees us - fearfully and wonderfully made - His great Masterpiece that He delights in! ... to allow Him to overwrite some of the lies that we can sometimes tell ourselves with the truth that God speaks about us!

And when we allow God to use all that He has placed in us - and we remember that we walk with Jesus - incredible things can happen!

Family Devotion Activity

(You will need 1 copy of the activity sheet for each person)

- Read Ephesians 2:10
- Spend a few moments writing on each others pages the strengths you see and the aspects of their character that you love
- Regroup and reflect Is there anything you are worried about as you prepare to start this new school year? How might the strengths that others have noticed about you be helpful with the things you are worried about?
- Pray! Philippians 4:6 reminds us that talking to God can shape our worries into prayer. Spend a few moments telling God about the things that you are worried about.
- Read God's promise in Joshua 1:9 and thank God that He is always with you.

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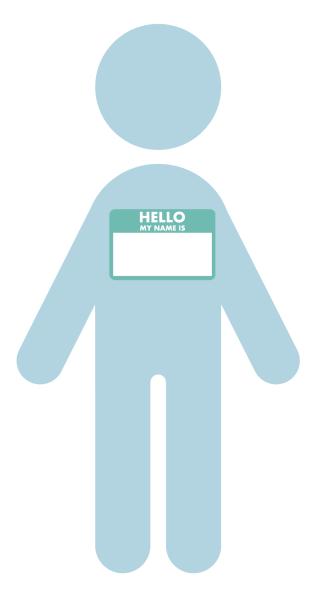
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