

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## A Family Faith Moment



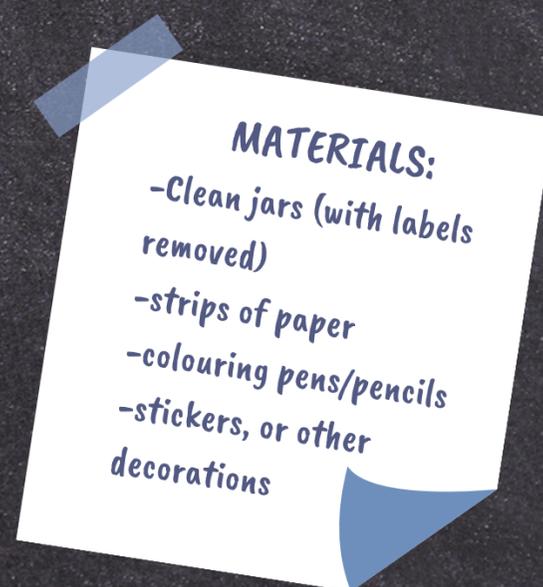
As your Whānau prepare to start the new school year, there may be a mix of emotions! Together, chat about these! What are you excited about? What are you nervous about? What do you hope to achieve this year?

### SUNBLOCK BLESSING:

As you put sunblock on your child before school each morning, make the sign of the cross, and say this blessing:

"You are a child of God,  
precious in God's sight.

Go with God, and know that Jesus is  
with you wherever you go.



### MATERIALS:

- Clean jars (with labels removed)
- strips of paper
- colouring pens/pencils
- stickers, or other decorations



### BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER JAR

Decorate an old jar (you may choose to do one together as a family, or one each!) On strips of paper, draw or write the things that you are excited, nervous, anxious or hopeful for.

You may also choose to write the names of teachers or friends to pray blessings over. As you screw the lid on, say "God, we give all of these into your care!"