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BACK TO SCHOOL

TIME CAPSULE

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time as this

ACTIVITY KIT

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HAPPY NEW SCHOOL YEAR, MINNO FAMILY!

It's that time of year again—time to head back to school! You may be looking forward to school with lots of excitement, or you may be a little less than thrilled about the idea of backpacks, schoolwork, and school lunches. All of those feelings are completely normal! No matter how you are feeling, though, don't forget that God will be with you every minute of every day and He wants to use YOU to love and serve others—right now, right where you are!

Speaking of where you are . . . have you ever heard of a time capsule? A time capsule is a container that holds a bunch of objects that represent a specific point in time. People usually create a time capsule, bury it, then dig it up years later as a reminder of the past.

Do you want to create your own family time capsule to celebrate the start of a new school year? You can bury it or hide it away then revisit it again at the end of the school year!

We are so excited to come alongside you and your family as we all experience the growth God has for us this year. Are you ready to have some fun?!

LET'S GO!



HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- **A container** (a shoe box or any cardboard box will do)
- **This activity pack** (check!)
- **Pens, markers, crayons, etc.**

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Step 1: Read the family discussion guide together to learn about the story of brave queen Esther and how God used her to do something amazing at a very specific point in time.

Step 2: Think about ways God can use YOU—right now, right where you are.

Step 3: Find a cool container and decorate your time capsule.

Step 4: Complete the time capsule questionnaire to record your thoughts, feelings, hopes, and dreams for this new school year.

Step 5: Write a letter to yourself that you can read at the end of the year to reflect back on how far you've come! (Grownups, you can write a letter to your kids to put in the time capsule, too!)

Step 6: Gather everything together, including any fun extras you want to add (maybe a newspaper with the date) and put it in the time capsule.

Step 7: Bury or store your time capsule somewhere you'll remember to look for it later.

Step 8: Have a totally awesome, incredibly fun school year!

Step 9: (In about 9 or so months) Dig out your time capsule.

Step 10: Read and talk through everything together as a family. Thank God for all the ways you've grown, all the fun you've had, and even the challenges you've faced this year!

There are a few pages in the back of this pack that you can keep with you this year.

- **My School Lunch Menu** - keep this one in the kitchen so mom/dad know what you love!
 - **Back-to-School Bible Verses** - keep these close by so you can take God's truth with you wherever you go.
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FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ

The Story of Esther (You can read it on page 172 in the Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids)

KEY VERSE

And who knows but that you have come to your royal position **for such a time as this?**

Esther 4:14 NIV

THE BIG IDEA

When we follow God, we can do great things - right now, right where we are.

Queen Esther was a brave woman used by God to save the Jewish people. King Xerxes was looking for a new wife so Esther obeyed the leading of the Lord to present herself to the king. When Esther was chosen to be queen, she had no idea how God would use her new position. Then one of the king's men convinced him to get rid of all the Jewish people in the kingdom, and Esther knew she had to do something. Eventually, she helped change the king's mind. God used Queen Esther to save her people from the evil plot to destroy them. Even though she didn't understand the whole plan, Esther bravely obeyed God and learned she was given her position for a great purpose. Just like Esther, God can use YOU to help others . . . right now, right where you are.

THE BIG QUESTION

What is one way you can love and serve others this year?

MEMORY VERSE

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philippians 2:13 NIV

PRAY

Dear God, thank You for showing us day by day, ways we can love and help others . . . right now, right where we are. We want to bravely follow You so that we can be a part of Your story! In Jesus' name, Amen.

MY SCHOOL YEAR

TIME CAPSULE

Date: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Things I Am Excited About This Year: _____

Things I Am Unsure About This Year: _____

Friends I Will Spend Time With: _____

Goals For The Year: _____

I Think My Favorite Subject Will Be: _____

My Favorite After School Activity: _____

My Favorite Outfit: _____

My Favorite School Lunch: _____

My Favorite After-School Snack: _____

My Favorite Song: _____

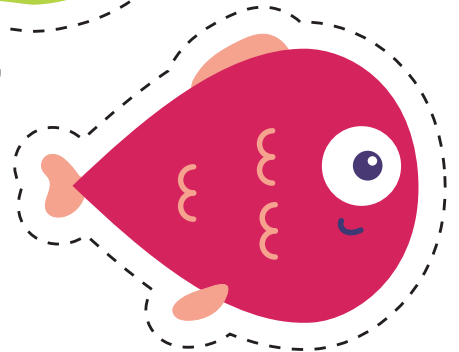
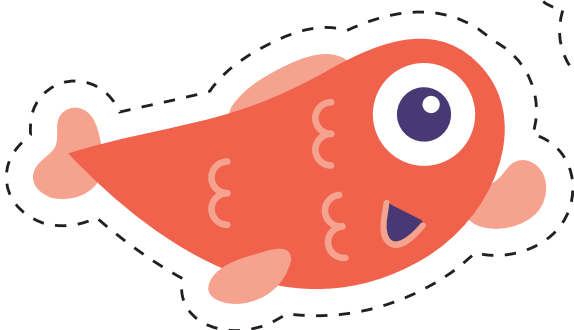
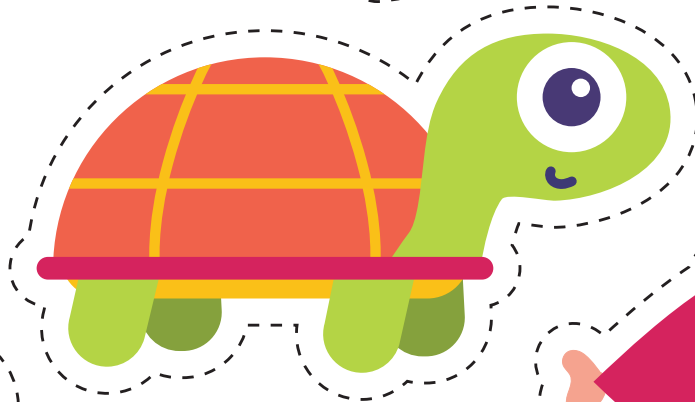
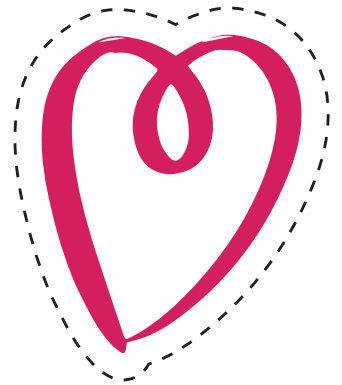
I'm Thankful For: _____

My Bible Verse For The Year: _____



TIME CAPSULE ELEMENTS

Cut out the designs on this page and use them to decorate your Time Capsule!



HANDPRINT

Trace your handprint and compare it later to see how much you've grown this year!



Name: _____ **Age:** _____



This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal red ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins or other markings on the paper.

The XOXO logo is rendered in a large, teal, hand-drawn style font. It consists of the letters 'X', 'O', 'X', and 'O' in sequence, with a small red square positioned above the final 'O'.

Love,

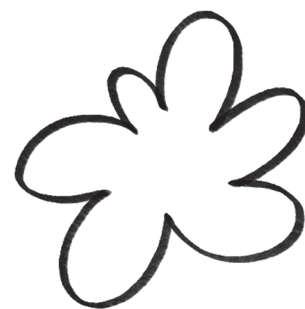


A LETTER TO MY END-OF-SCHOOL YEAR SELF . . .

Love,



BRAVE QUEEN ESTHER



FINISH THE DRAWING OF ESTHER'S BANQUET



MY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Create a menu and shopping list for your favorite school lunches!

FAVORITES

Entrée:

Side:

Fruit/Veggie:

Dessert:

SHOPPING LIST



JOSHUA 1:9 NLT

"Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."



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PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 ESV

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

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ZEPHANIAH 3:17 ESV

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

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1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 ESV

"Let all that you do be done in love."



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JOHN 15:12 ESV

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."



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GALATIANS 5:22-23 NLT

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. There is no law against these things!"

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PROVERBS 3:5-6 NLT

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do and he will show you which path to take."

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LUKE 6:31 ESV

"And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."



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COLOSSIANS 3:23 ESV

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men"



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COLOSSIANS 3:12 ESV

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

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