

Time to start school! No doubt your little ones are excited ... and probably you are, too! Remember, you have 36 weeks to get everything done ... so don't burn yourself out early on by trying to do too much at the beginning of the year. It's better to start off slow and then add in extra activities and assignments as you get into a routine.

If you are following a traditional school year calendar, the back-to-school sales are on now. (Usually late July and August in the US.) Make up a list for each of your children of items that you know they will need this year and take them shopping. Perhaps each child could get a special

binder/organizer or a pencil box to keep their own pencils, a pencil sharpener, crayons, and other supplies in one place.

Celebrate the first day of school by printing out a sign for each child with his or her name and the date and "First Day of Kindergarten" (or "School"), and then take a picture of each one holding his sign. Talk about milestones and the importance of keeping records of special life events.



## Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

- *Egermeier's Bible Story Book*
  - Lessons 1-16 - <http://children.cccm.com/OTTableOfContents.pdf>
  - Creation felt board template - [www.dltk-bible.com/genesis/mfelt-creation.htm](http://www.dltk-bible.com/genesis/mfelt-creation.htm)
  - Creation - <http://biblestoryhour.blogspot.com/2009/03/unit-1-lesson-1-adam-and-eve.html>
  - Adam and Eve - <http://biblestoryhour.blogspot.com/2009/04/unit-1-lesson-1b-adam-and-eve.html>
  - Noah's Ark - <http://biblestoryhour.blogspot.com/2009/04/unit-1-lesson-2-noah.html>
  - Noah's Ark crafts - [www.dltk-bible.com/arks.htm](http://www.dltk-bible.com/arks.htm)
- *The Usborne Children's Encyclopedia*
  - Dinosaur activities - [www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/dinos.shtml](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/dinos.shtml)
- *Living Long Ago*
  - "Mammoth tusk necklace" craft, page 3
  - "Cave painting" activity, page 27
- *The Story About Ping*
  - Photos of the Yangtze River - [www.asahi-net.or.jp/~CU4W-KWSM/chin9601/fwb806.htm](http://www.asahi-net.or.jp/~CU4W-KWSM/chin9601/fwb806.htm)
  - Duck activities - [www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/duck.shtml](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/duck.shtml).
- *The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose*
  - "Old Mother Goose" rebus rhyme - [www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/mothergoose.shtml](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/mothergoose.shtml)
  - "Old Mother Goose" coloring sheet - [www.niteowl.org/kids/goose.html](http://www.niteowl.org/kids/goose.html)
  - "The Ten O'Clock Scholar" rebus rhyme - [www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Diller.shtml](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Diller.shtml)
  - "Mary's Canary" rebus rhyme - [www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/MarysCanary.shtml](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/MarysCanary.shtml)
  - "She Sells Sea Shells" rebus rhyme - [www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Shesells.shtml](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Shesells.shtml)