

# Back to School in Victory!

## THE BASICS

### SCHEDULE

1. **Pre-Service**
  - Group playtime
2. **Warm Up**
  - Color page
3. **Pre-Large Group**
  - President
  - Pastor Mac & Lynne
  - Offering
  - LG Rules
4. **Large Group**
5. **Small Group**
  - Small Group Notes
  - Prayer
6. **Wrap Up**
  - Snack
7. **End of Service**
  - Parent pick up
  - Put on video-if needed

### HERE IS WHAT

#### I SAY!

Father God,  
Thank you for all  
the wonderful  
new things you  
are about to do  
in my life!

In Jesus' Name,  
Amen.

1. **BIBLE VERSE: Isaiah 41:10a** (ICB) - *"So don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you."*

2. **BOTTOM LINE: God is ready to do something new in you! Recognize it, receive it, and rejoice in it!**

3. **BIBLE STORY: (Isa. 41:10, 43:18-19; Lk 2:21-40; II Cor. 5:14-17)**

Going back to school can be kind of scary, especially if there are lots of new things that are happening. But God *always* wants to help you. Two thousand years ago, when people were scared, a Baby was born in a manger. Now, babies are nothing new, they are born every day! But this Baby *was* something new; He was to be the Savior of the world!

Eight days after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph took him to the temple in Jerusalem. At the temple were two people who refused to be afraid because they knew God had promised to help them. A man named Simeon was led by the Lord to go to the temple that day and was promised that he would see the Promised Child. When he saw the family, Simeon took the baby Jesus in his arms and worshipped God for showing him the Child who would become the Savior of the world! Simeon also turned to the parents and blessed them. A lady too, named Anna, also came in and thanked God for the Child, and then told everyone about Him!

**Point To Make:** Some people are afraid of new things of God because they like the old. But Simeon & Anna believed God's promises, so they were **ready** to **Recognize, Receive, & Rejoice** over the new thing God was doing!

## MAKE IT REAL

**Picture:** (*Runner in starting blocks; eyes wide open in recognition; child reaching out for a gift; child rejoicing with hands lifted high*)

- Get **ready**..., God is wanting to do something new in YOU!
- **Recognize**... just like Simeon and Anna, spend time with God so YOU can recognize what He is doing!
- **Receive**... from God all He has for YOU!
- **Rejoice**... for the wonderful things God is doing IN you and FOR you!

## QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. Where did Mary and Joseph take Jesus? (*To the temple*)
2. Who was waiting at the temple? (*Simeon and Anna*)
3. Does God always do things the same old way? (*No!*)
4. What are the 4 "R's"? (*Ready, Recognize, Receive, & Rejoice!*)

**Spiritual Exercise:** (*Lead the children in a confession for the new year, that they are ready for what God has for them, that they will recognize it, receive it, and rejoice in it!*)



**Kids**  
4 years–K

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Rejoice

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