



As you kick off your fall ministry, here at Sparkhouse, we'd like to offer you some blessings for a great year filled with God's guidance and protection as you spark faith in your communities. Following are four blessings to share with your ministry leaders and community as you look forward to kicking off your ministry program year. Feel free to print these pages as you bless your ministry.

Sunday school supply space

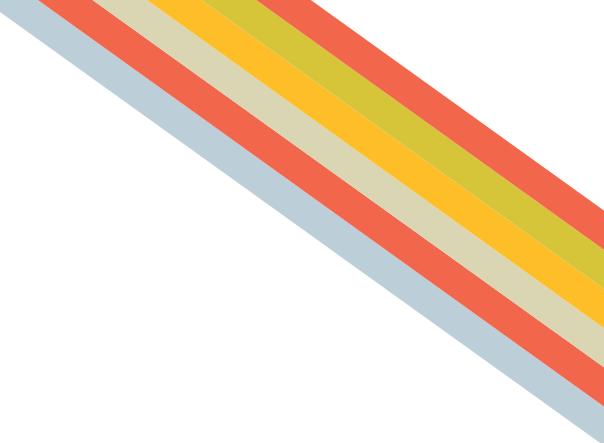
Dear Lord,

Bless this Sunday school space.

Out of it flows markers and paper, scissors and supplies. It represents the generosity of your people in its abundance and the challenge of this ministry in its lack.

Bless it so that it may be like the widow's jar of oil and sack of flour.

May it always flow with the resources and ideas and creativity that inspires both fun and faith in our kids. May it never be too messy, or even too clean, to be of any use! May it a busy, active, place of that inspires wonderment and engagement.



Your copy machine

Dear Lord,

Bless this printer. We already know it's going to jam or run out of toner at the absolutely wrong time ... wrong, wrong, WRONG time!

In my desire to replicate Christ followers, may my spirit of joy never be stolen by this machine. It may test me, but I pray that it will not break my resolve to serve you.

*When it's working great – move me to thanksgiving.
When I'm reaching into its rollers to extract a jam –
move me to thanksgiving. May it move me to go as the
Spirit leads, even if it's with crumpled copies.*



The parking lot

Dear Lord,

Bless these parking spaces.

We ask you to fill them. But, more than that we ask that the families who use them might arrive eager to learn and leave eager to apply Your Word.

Grant safety in our families' journeys to church. Use moments in the car to bring our families closer together and closer to You. Please still the traffic of their lives, so that this space might be more than just a space for a vehicle.

May it be a space for You, God.



Your church

Dear Lord,

Bless everyone in our community who are concerned about the wellbeing of our children.

Help our community collaborate effectively for the holistic good of our kids.

Rather than being despondent about soccer games, homework, and things that seem to erode our efforts, move us to impassioned service for the sake of the Gospel.

Move our community to champion the wellness of the whole child – body, mind and spirit. May our church schools be blessed and celebrated as well for all the good that we do in Jesus' name!