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Title: Back to School

Theme: It is essential to learn how to read, and the most important book you can read is the Bible.

Object: Sixth grade science book *Science by Design*, and Bible.

Text: 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

How many go to school?

How many go to a Christian school?

How many like the Christian school they’re going to?

Are you glad to be back in school again? Are you glad to see your teachers and friends again?

And we have one that is just starting kindergarten…How do you like school Eli?

How many went back-to-school shopping? What did you buy?

What grade are you in this year and who’s your teacher?

When did school start? Did you get any homework to do?

How many have their Bible verse memorized for Monday?

Let me ask you a question about school.

You go to school to learn things, right? What is the most important thing you can learn in school?

I’d like to suggest this morning that the most important thing you can learn in school is how to read.

When you know how to read, you can learn anything by getting a book about it and reading it.

That’s why we have books in school that we read and learn from.

Books contain all kinds of information, but in order to understand it you have to be able to read.

Once you are able to read, there is no limit to the things you can learn.

So reading and writing and spelling and vocabulary definitions are all very important in being able to read, and understand, and tell others what we have learned.

So if you’re in school, learn to read really well, so that you can read fast and remember what you read.

Now I brought a book from school with me today.

One of the subjects we teach at the Amesbury SDA School is Science, and this is Bella’s science book for 6th grade.

I love science because science is the study of nature.

It is the study of the world around us and how it behaves and how it works.

So science for a Christian is trying to figure out how God designed everything and how it works.

I have to teach what’s in this book because I’m going to be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays at the school.

How could I teach what’s in this book unless I was able to read it, and understand it, and tell it to my students.

Now I have another book here that’s even more important than this science book.

It’s the Bible.

This is the most important book in the world.

Science might tell us about creation, but the Bible tells us about salvation.

Science might be able to show us how God made people, but the Bible tells us how God saves people.

Science might tell us that all living things die, but the Bible tells us that Jesus can give us eternal life.

And in order for you to know for yourself what the Bible says, you need to be able to read it and understand what it says.

As you go to school, I hope your reading skills will improve and that you will use them to read the Bible.

And not only read it, but study it.

Remember what Paul wrote to Timothy in our Bible verse today:

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV - 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

God wants us to study His word so that we will rightly understand it and trust Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

How many want to learn to read really well so they can read and understand the Bible, and grow to love Jesus more and more?

You know, kids, I graduated from school many years ago, so I don’t study school books anymore.

But there is one book I will always keep studying: the Bible.

There is no book that is more important.