



## FESTIVAL OF SHARING CHILDREN'S SERMON

Did you know that children in many countries, including here in the United States don't have school supplies? In fact, in some countries, girls are not even allowed to go to school. But a good education is critical for boys, girls and their communities to build a strong future.

*Show the children an empty school bag.*

So every child needs basic items for their school day.

What is this item?

*Hold up a note book of paper. Let the children answer.*

What is this item?

*Hold up a pencil. Continue to ask the children the name of each item of the school kit contents.*

We can help these girls and boys have everything they need for the first day of school. Our church is collecting these items to make school kits for the Festival of Sharing. You and your family can bring in a couple items to children's time next week. Then together we will fill these empty bags with the pencils, paper and other supplies to make learning possible.

*Note: Churches have found success in dividing the total amount of kits they need and split the items evenly. Write the kit items on a note card, e.g. 6 new pencils with erasers, and distribute to each child.*

*Pass out note cards to the children.*

Bring in these note cards home and return next week with the items. With this, all of you would help children all around the world learn. Children helping other children. A great idea, don't you agree?

Let us pray. Dear God, open our hearts to be generous to our sisters and brothers in need, so each child can go to school prepared to learn. Thank you for all of the blessings you give us. Amen.