



Theme: Starting School

Theme exploration:

Frog loves his log, so when a storm washes it away, he tries everything to hang on to it. He drifts downstream and refuses help because he doesn't want to change and have a new log. But finally, when frog has to abandon his log, he finds another or so it seems.

In this story we see a frog who doesn't want things to change, he likes his log as it is and does everything he can to keep things the same way and hang on to his log. Sometimes we can feel like this. Starting school is a huge step in a little child's life for both the child and parents. The Bible tells us that God is always with us, no matter where we go or what we do he is there to help and guide us. The Bible also says that God loves us and will guide us through changes. This is comforting.

In the end of the story, frog has to change his log and when he does, he finds that it's not as bad as he thought and he even makes a new friend. Christians believe that God will help us through times of change even though we are feeling anxious and would rather stay the same. As parents we know how difficult such a huge change can be. We also know how much fun and what special memories there are to be made whilst a child is at school.

Biblical Reference:

Psalm 139:9-10

"If I flew away beyond the east or lived in the farthest place in the west, you would be there to lead me, you would be there to help me".

Things for you to try:

- If your child is feeling anxious draw a small heart on the inside your hand and their hand. If they are feeling anxious, they can press the heart and know that you are giving them a hug.
- Read a story about starting school
- Paint a picture for your new teacher.
- Walk to your new school and talk about what you can see on the way.
- Look at the 'Transition Activities' on the Twinkl website.

Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

 <https://youtu.be/idg7epuuUl>

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We believe in the power of prayer

A prayer for you to pray for your family:

*Loving God, thank you for our time at preschool and for all the special memories we have. Be with our child/ren as they start school. Help them to know you are always with them.
Amen.*

A prayer we pray for you as parents:

Lord, we pray for peace for these parents as they help their child settle into their new school. Help them to feel you with them and guide them through this new journey in life. Amen