

*Helping Your Child Live Confidently
for Jesus in Public School*

BACKPACK FAITH



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Parents in my podcast community repeatedly ask for my support in merging their families' faith with their local public schools. Kori Pennypacker's *Backpack Faith* is the perfect answer. Every public-school parent should read this book! With powerful energy, Kori dispels common myths and misconceptions about public schools while equipping, inspiring, and empowering your family to live out your faith daily!

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FOREWORD

I was startled! I sat there as a college freshman in a class of about sixty students while my biology professor rolled her eyes when I admitted to being a Christian. She said out loud, “There’s always one.” She refused to acknowledge anything other than evolution and urged us not to express any religious views in her classroom.

How do I respond to that? Do I just keep my mouth shut? How should I live out my faith in a public school?

I’ll admit that at the time I didn’t know the legal rights and freedoms that are afforded to students. So my confidence was low as I tried to process the appropriate way to live out my faith. And honestly, that’s where many parents are today as they try to determine how to guide their children as they walk into public schools.

That’s why the book you’re reading is so needed and powerful. It will help you look at your priceless children and their education from a biblical perspective (along with a needed legal perspective).

I first met Kori Pennypacker in 2021, when I was introduced to released-time Bible programs and the laws that supported and allowed the Bible to be shared and taught in public-school settings. I kept asking myself, *How did I not know about this?* as she walked me through their Bible2School organization. It was an

eye-opening experience to see how many opportunities we have to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with thousands of public-school students in a loving and nurturing way and with the legal support of our Supreme Court and American laws.

Here's the bottom line: When you know your role and know the rules, you can move forward effectively and fruitfully. That's how ball teams win games and businesses grow. That's how relationships bloom and ministries expand. And that's how you and your children can confidently engage in conversations and programs in your local public schools that inspire others and share the beautiful light of our faith.

As you read this book, you will have dozens of questions answered about how to fruitfully interact with your schoolteachers and administrators along with how to help your own children live out their faith among their friends and classmates. Your mindset will grow beyond just protecting your sons and daughters to preparing them for school interactions and conversations regarding their faith, because most teachers and administrators aren't even fully aware of what the law says.

I encourage you to start with prayer and then make time to read this book from cover to cover. You'll be challenged and inspired while also getting the game plan for your family and children to make a difference in your educational arena. The Lord is raising up a generation who walks with Him and shares Him with others in a powerful way, so we invite you to jump in! You'll be glad you did.

Get ready to be salt and light, and may God richly bless you as you soak up these pages!

Alex Kendrick
pastor and filmmaker (*War Room*, *Fireproof*)

INTRODUCTION

THE POWER OF CONFIDENT FAITH

Has God been removed from public schools? We hear that message a lot. Perhaps it isn't so much that God has been taken out of schools as that many Christians have left Him at the front door.

Yes, it's true that public schools have become increasingly hostile to Christian beliefs. But no authority on earth has the power to keep God from being anyplace He wants to be. It's time for Christian parents to confront the misconceptions about the "separation of church and state." God is calling us to help our children confidently carry their faith with them as they face challenges at school and in life.

As a former public-school mom, I wrote this book to encourage and equip Christian parents who are asking the question I hear most often: "Can my children confidently live out their faith in a public school?" Lack of clarity is causing parents and children to respond with fear, complacency, and avoidance. We must quiet the fear to bring the truth to light. Our kids' spiritual development depends on it. Children *can* confidently bring their faith into the public school—and respectfully share and defend it.

Courage and confidence require preparation. This takes time

and a concerted effort on the part of parents, but the rewards of diligently training children to turn to the Lord in all matters, including education, will reap lifelong benefits.

I've heard many stories of children boldly reflecting God's love and truth in public schools, even when adults cower. Let me share one of those stories from Anna, an elementary school teacher:

Fear crackled through the classroom as twenty-five of my third-grade students crouched on their hands and knees against their lockers along the wall, out of sight of the hallway. They'd practiced active-shooter drills many times, but as far as we knew, this wasn't a drill. We thought there was a dangerous intruder in our building. Several girls cried and hiccupped to catch their breath. There was a wave of whispering as they hugged each other.

"I am so scared."

"Me too."

My mind raced. *How do I keep my kids safe?* The principal's voice boomed instructions over the loudspeaker. "Lock the windows. Close the blinds." I was on the edge of panic and couldn't think clearly.

Then I looked up and saw a small group of children huddled together and praying aloud to God for the safety of our class and our school. In an instant, their faith encouraged me. I was reminded that Jesus never leaves us. That moment of clarity helped me get myself together to comfort and lead my students.

This group of children had been attending a new Bible program that came to our school last year, and their lives have not been the same since. Although this intruder

alert thankfully ended up being a false alarm, the faithful example of these precious praying children led me to the God they knew was with them. To Him be the glory!

Facing darkness, these third-grade children let the light of their faith shine brightly in a dangerous situation. They prayed for the safety of their classmates and everyone else in the school. These children radiated confidence and peace, helping their frightened teacher recognize that God is always near. Their actions inspired her to stay calm and care for her students. She saw God working through her students as they lived out their faith in a public-school setting.

I think most parents want their children to have this confidence and peace of mind. Whether you're concerned about school curriculum, peer pressure, or the persecution of your child's faith, I pray this book will equip and empower you to embrace your role in discipling and preparing your children to live out their faith.

If you would like your child's faith to grow and flourish in a public-school setting, read on. This book is filled with stories of children whose faith thrived in public school, truths about expressing faith at school, ideas for equipping your child, and ways to graciously respond when your family's freedoms are violated. We'll also fill your child's backpack with the supplies they need to thrive. And when we're done, you'll feel much more equipped, inspired, and confident to act.

Can your children confidently live out their faith in public school?

Yes, they can!

And I can't wait to show you how.

PART ONE

Knowing Your Role and the Rules



YOU'RE THE STARTER



“Where is he? Do you see number 3?”

My husband and I scanned the grassy field lined with chalk-white numbers, lines, and dashes, and now dotted with little red-and-blue helmets. Craning our necks to see around the heads of other eager parents looking for their sons, we were excited for our son's debut on the opening day of youth-football season. We had been waiting for this day for a long time. The blinding sun bounced off the shiny metal bleachers into our eyes, making the task of locating our son's red jersey nearly impossible. One interesting thing about the first day of football season with young elementary schoolers is that you are never quite prepared for how small the kids are or how different they look with their full pads and helmets on—puffed up and almost unrecognizable. We laughed to ourselves, as some players were nearly as wide as they were tall, wobbling across the field under all the padding. *How do they stay upright?*

We finally spotted our boy standing on the sidelines in a huddle of players listening to the coach's instructions. The kickoff and the first play got underway, and our son stayed on the sidelines. Then the second play, the third, and the fourth progressed—still, number 3 didn't trot onto the field. We were a bit confused. Our son had been proud that he had been picked as a starter for his position, but he remained on the sidelines. What was happening down there?

My husband and I tried to guess what was going on. Maybe the coach was upset with our kid. Or maybe our son hadn't understood the coach's expectations and instructions. Did our son not understand some rules? Was he intimidated by the other players?

On the car ride home, we asked him why he hadn't taken the field for a single play in his long-awaited, first-ever youth-football game. He had been so excited. With wide, innocent eyes, he explained to us that he would have played, but every time he was ready to run onto the field, another player who shared his position told him loudly and confidently, "You stay here. It's my turn!"

CHEERING FROM THE BLEACHERS

Like my husband and I at our son's football game, many Christian parents find themselves watching their children's faith journeys from the bleachers and wondering why their kids aren't in the game. Confronted with the staggering statistics of kids abandoning the Christian faith,¹ everyone is looking for answers, searching for sure footing in an unstable world. Parents are concerned not only about the changing culture but also about how it is influencing the education of their children.

According to a yearly Gallup poll, as of 2024, almost 80 percent of Christian parents in our nation chose to send their children

to public school.² The reasons for choosing public schools vary as much as the families themselves. While many might want a private Christian education for their kids, the cost is often prohibitive. Others reason, "I went to public school and turned out okay. Won't they?"

Whatever their reasons, many Christian parents don't know how to equip their kids to live out their faith in public school. Much like my son in his first game of youth football, parents and kids are often confused, timid, and fearful that their faith will be consumed by an education system they feel powerless to control and don't fully understand.

When it comes to our kids living out their faith, we don't just want them to get in the game; we want them to flourish. Jesus is not only "the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6); He is the foundation for life itself.

If you're holding this book in your hands, you are likely already certain what you would like the outcome of your child's faith to be: a dynamic relationship with the Lord. You want your child to grow into a young adult who will not only stand courageously for Jesus but will also share Him confidently with peers.

For years, I have walked alongside parents and students living out their faith in a public-school environment. Here are just a few of the questions they've asked on this journey:

- "Can my children walk through the doors of a public school without having their faith destroyed?"
- "What can I do if my children's faith and freedoms are violated?"
- "Are my kids being stifled at school if they want to talk about their faith?"

- “Do my children have the freedom to read their Bibles in school? Can they pray?”
- “Exactly what can and can’t my kids do when it comes to expressing their faith in a public school?”
- “What can and can’t public-school teachers do about kids expressing their faith?”

To complicate matters, the rules and expectations for expressing religious beliefs in public schools have become increasingly unclear. Not only is it unclear to students and parents, but unfortunately, many misinformed teachers and administrators often overstep the rules when it comes to students’ religious or speech rights. When facts aren’t clear, the loudest or most confident voices rule the day. But the loudest and most politically or culturally correct answers aren’t always true.

Kids are often told to check their faith at the front door of public school. But if they can express their faith at home, why should it be any different at school? Is there some law that forbids this? Did our Founding Fathers really say that our kids can’t express their spiritual side in our public schools? Why would we ever ask our kids to leave such an important part of themselves at home?

Sadly, without answers to these questions, many Christian parents continue watching from the bleachers while their kids stand on the sidelines and never get in the game. A potentially bold witness remains a light hidden under a basket, and our kids’ faith development suffers because of it. Some kids even wander from their faith because a pattern has been established that keeps their spiritual lives separate from their school lives.

If you’re a confused, fearful, or timid parent of children who

attend public school, I pray that our journey together will equip and inspire you to get off the bleachers and take an active role in helping your children navigate their public-school years.

GET OFF THE BLEACHERS

As a parent, you're the first-string discipler in your children's faith journeys. From the moment they're born till the day they leave the nest, God has given you the privilege and responsibility to teach them about Him and help them grow their faith in every environment. That's not just my observation. It's a fact, and it's a command from God.

In the Old Testament book of Exodus, the Israelites found themselves entrenched as slaves in Egypt. For four hundred years, generation upon generation lived and died under slavery. Can you imagine? Israelite parents were Egyptian slaves, so their children, then their children's children, then their children's children's children knew no other way of life except the horrors and burden of oppression. Enter Moses, a man God raised up to lead His people to freedom. In answer to their prayers and cries for help, God unleashed a series of plagues and wonders, as only He could do, and delivered His people from Pharaoh's hand. It was an epic rescue that included God parting the Red Sea for His people! When Pharaoh's army pursued them into the sea, the wall of water came crashing down on top of the soldiers and their horses, drowning them all. The account of God's deliverance concludes with these words: "Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses" (Exodus 14:30-31).

Undoubtedly, freedom was sweet, but a problem loomed large. Though the Israelites had been set free from slavery, they didn't know how to live as free men and women. So God gave Moses some instructions, including a set of rules known as the Ten Commandments, to guide His people into a right relationship with Him and with one another. The Israelites needed to know how to pass on their faith to the next generation. So the Lord gave them this command: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise" (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).

To further emphasize the importance of God's command to tell their children about Him and help them live out their faith, Moses explained to the Israelites,

"When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?' then you shall say to your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD

our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day.”

DEUTERONOMY 6:20-24

It wasn't a priest's job to pass faith to the next generation; it was the parents' responsibility. This hasn't changed. It's essential that we teach our kids who God is, what He has done for us, and that He is always faithful.

As parents, we're responsible for the daily discipleship of our children. We must connect God to every part of our children's lives twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. When our children are babies, we help them experience God in what they see, hear, taste, touch, and smell. When they are toddlers, we introduce God to them in every situation, every experience, every challenge. When they are young children, we invite them to trust Jesus throughout their daily challenges. When they are preteens, we help anchor them in Christ so that He might direct every relationship, hope, and dream they have. When they are teens and young adults, we teach and model for them the importance of taking Him everywhere we go—in every situation that requires His wisdom, strength, direction, and provision.

Faith at school starts with faith at home. Honoring this God-given responsibility to our children is essential, regardless of their schooling. While a Christian school may point your children to Jesus, you can't reassign their discipleship. And with the unique challenges kids face in public school, a commitment to the work of discipleship is crucial.

There is no plan B. There is no second-string discipler to nurture your children's faith.

THE “WRONG” ANSWER

One December afternoon, my curly-haired son came barreling through the front door after school, with his coat and backpack flying. My “middle-child blessing,” as I call him, was always in motion. Like many other parents, I found snack time around the kitchen table the perfect opportunity to gather information about his day. While he was temporarily sitting still and eating his snack, every day followed a similar routine:

“How was your day?” I’d ask.

“Good,” he’d answer quickly, practically dismissing the question.

“Well, what was good about it?” I would say. And that’s when the stories came out.

One of my sweet third grader’s stories surprised me.

“My teacher said my answer on my paper was wrong,” he told me, looking confused. “But it wasn’t.”

“What was the question?” I asked.

“Write something that describes Christmas,” he replied. “I wrote ‘Jesus’ birthday.’ My teacher said that Jesus might be the reason for the season, but we can’t talk about Him in school.”

What a gut punch. As my son finished his snack, several emotions flew through my mind. First, I was confused. It made no sense to me. Public schools allow children and teachers to talk about Martin Luther King Jr., a famous civil rights leader and a proclaimed Christian, on a national holiday honoring *his* birthday, don’t they? Why couldn’t a child talk about Jesus in relation to Christmas, the national holiday that honors *His* birthday? Then my momma-bear instinct kicked in, and I became quite angry. With one simple answer, my son’s religious freedom was violated. But I was also sad that this kind, loving teacher’s response (perhaps unknowingly) hurt my child and her entire class.

I hear many similar stories from parents of teachers who are seemingly misinformed about how to treat expressions of the Christian faith. Their ignorant responses chip away and erode our children's faith and freedom. I wondered, *How could this possibly have happened at my child's public school?*

INACCURATE INFORMATION

As in the case of my son's teacher, one of the biggest threats to our children's religious freedom is the fear spawned from inaccurate information. This lethal combination keeps parents in the bleachers and kids on the sidelines. Whether teachers lack information or dole out the wrong information, the results are the same: Kids' religious liberties in the public-school environment are shut down.

What Are Religious Liberties?

You may not use the term *religious liberties* in your everyday vocabulary, but it's an important concept that appears throughout this book, so I want to take a moment to define it. *In simple terms, religious liberties are specific freedoms that describe your legal right to hold and freely exercise religious beliefs without unwarranted interference by the government.* The First Amendment to the US Constitution further defines and legally protects our religious liberties: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."³

These liberties are intended to keep the government neutral, neither helping nor hurting religion but allowing people to practice their religion, or to practice no religion.

My son's teacher had embraced inaccurate information and shut down his freedom to talk not only about his faith but about Jesus as well, likely because she was afraid of getting in trouble. Her words silenced and confused my son. She caused him to believe that it was wrong to describe Christmas as Jesus' birthday.

At the time, I didn't know all I know now about religious freedom. Still, I knew *something* wasn't right. Doesn't the Constitution allow for children to express their personal faith in classwork and homework, provided it fits the context of the assignment?

I had a choice to make. Would I stay quiet or stand up to protect the rights of my son?

I decided to get in the game. I scheduled a time to meet with his teacher and began praying for courage, kindness, and the wisdom to say the right words that would correct this wrong.

When I met the teacher, I approached her with humble curiosity and genuine concern. I thanked her for meeting with me and for her investment in my son and his class. I kindly asked, "Can you please help me understand why you told my son that his description of Christmas as Jesus' birthday was not allowed?"

She was a caring woman and explained that there were children in the classroom who followed a different religion, and she didn't want to offend them. She said she had no idea her response to my son was against any law or policy.

Our Constitution does not recognize the possibility of offending someone as a reason to stifle a child's expression of faith anywhere in the public square, including school. In fact, fear of offense shuts down the freedom of speech and freedom of religion for *all* children in a public school.

This teacher had inaccurate information. Although she was

a terrific teacher and a kind person, she unknowingly presented this misinformation as fact not only to my son and me but to all the families who had children in her classroom as well. After she understood her error, she apologized to both my son and me.

Looking back, I recognize the bravery it took for me to approach that teacher, but it was worth it. My son and I both learned a lesson that day. Getting in the game *works*.

THREE COMMON FEARS

Situations like the one I faced with my son's teacher often create fear and confusion for parents about what to do when our children's religious liberties are violated. We wonder whether it's wrong for our children to mention God in school, or for us to speak up when the teacher is just trying to do his or her job. Questions like these linger in our minds:

- *If I tell my child that his rights were violated, will it steer him down the wrong path?*
- *Will the school and the community label me a "difficult parent" if I say something?*
- *Will my child face repercussions if I intervene?*

These questions reflect three common fears that can keep parents from stepping up to defend their children's religious liberties and discourage kids from expressing a faith that honors God.

1. *The fear of doing something wrong.* Many of us have a healthy fear of breaking the law or violating public-school policies. We want to make sure we know the rules so our

kids can steer clear of getting in trouble with teachers and school staff, which can lead to unpleasant consequences. As Christian parents, we are right in guiding our children to respect authority and seek to follow the rules that teachers establish in their classrooms. But should this fear of breaking rules override the importance of ensuring those rules align with the Constitution? And what if adhering to school rules requires disobeying God and His Word?

2. *The fear of rocking the boat.* Should we intentionally engage in conflict with school administrators? Most parents, including me, don't enjoy conflict, especially with the people we trust with our children's well-being for eight hours a day. We may also be reasonably concerned that pushing back against a school policy might make life more difficult for our kids.

Whether school administrators and teachers are genuinely mistaken or have a clear anti-Christian agenda, it's never easy to present an opposing view. In the chapters ahead, we'll discuss how best to approach school teachers and administrators. But for now, know that it's worth the effort to seek a fruitful conversation with school staff to nurture your child's faith at school as well as at home.

3. *The fear of not being liked.* The fear of a negative social response—of not being liked—can also hinder us from helping our children live out their faith in public school. We know that friends and neighbors in our school community are watching us, so we may hesitate to take a stand when faced with challenges to our faith. We all want others to like and respect us. So we wonder, *What will others in*

our school community think of me if I take this risk? Will I be categorized as a troublemaker? Will my child be made fun of? Will I be criticized?

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

With these common fears in mind, we must weigh what's at stake for our children when expressions of faith are prohibited at school. In 2003, the Commission on Children at Risk conducted a groundbreaking study on what they called "the crisis of American childhood." It was cosponsored by the YMCA of the USA, the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth (Dartmouth Medical School), and the Institute for American Values. The published report, titled *Hardwired to Connect*, stated that "children's brains are hardwired for a certain level of social and spiritual connectedness. . . . Today's society is lacking in fostering this connectedness, and therefore today's children are suffering. This suffering is linked to an increase in rates of depression, anxiety, attention deficit, conduct disorders, suicidal thoughts, and other serious mental, emotional, and behavioral problems."⁴

The study concluded that children need two kinds of connectedness: "close connections to other people and connections to moral and spiritual meaning."⁵ That was quite a revelation in the early 2000s. How much more is it true today? Consider that "16.5% of U.S. youth aged 6–17 experienced a mental health disorder in 2016. This represents more than 1 in 7 youth."⁶ Reports of loneliness and suicide rates continue to increase, leading many experts to conclude that youth in the United States are experiencing an unprecedented mental-health crisis. According to Dr. George Barna, director of research at the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University, eighteen- to twenty-four-year-olds

today are experiencing severe mental-health problems primarily because they have rejected a biblical worldview and embraced a distorted view of the world.⁷

Based on the results of the *Hardwired to Connect* study, we can conclude that social and spiritual connectedness matter to children. So the benefits of ensuring your children bring their whole selves to school, not needing to compartmentalize their beliefs and values, allow their brains to fire on all cylinders and make deeper connections academically, socially, emotionally, and, yes, *spiritually*. It's imperative that we nurture this need so our kids can flourish at home and at school.

God's Word encourages believers to "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). The apostle Paul further develops this theme in Romans 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Children who feel free to express their faith develop conviction in what they believe and gain the confidence to discuss and defend their faith. Providing them with opportunities to develop their spiritual health and express their faith with continuity wherever they go may be one of the best gifts we, as parents, can give them.

Maybe you're feeling the same way my sidelined football player felt during his first game—intimidated and ill-equipped. Maybe, like my son's teacher, you simply don't know the rules. Perhaps you, like scores of others, feel intimidated by the establishment or the loudest and most confident voices, even though these voices don't necessarily have accurate information. Maybe you, like many parents, long to know the well-defined structure, rules, and

guidelines protecting the expression of our children's faith and the best approach for communicating with school administrators when faith and school collide.

Well, don't worry. By the end of our time together, you'll have the tools you need to boldly embrace your role as first-string discipler in your children's faith journeys. It's time to get off the bleachers and help your kids get in the game!

"Leave It!"

A mom was surprised to find a Bible in her son's backpack as he was getting ready for school one morning. Thinking the pack was already heavy enough with the other stuff he needed to take to school, she started to take out the Bible. "No, leave it!" her son responded. "I'm going to read it during my twenty-minute reading time today in class."