



A PARENTS GUIDE TO **Using** “Pocket Scriptures” for Character Support

Even if we succeed in teaching our children right from wrong they are likely to walk out the front door and find that fitting in with their friends is more important than God or parents. They lack the personal strength (character skills) to stand up for what they personally believe.

At www.bibleparent.com we offer parents and churches free daily printable Bible verses (Pocket Scriptures) that can help a child walk out what they have been taught is right. Parents who have very young children are invited to visit www.biblehome.org for hundreds of free printable Coloring pages...Bible verses for the very young.

Another important set of character strengthening "Pocket Scriptures" focus on strength and beauty because these verses appeal to almost all children. They **want** to be strong and or beautiful (appreciated). As they learn the verses they learn that what matters most is who they want to be not what the crowd wants them to be. Verses on strength and beauty help a child focus on personal growth and God...not the crowd. The best time for a child to memorize a verse on strength or beauty is when he/she is leaving the house... leaving your influence.

The next set of verses focus on church and family. Scripture is clear. God does not expect us, child or adult, to stand alone. His plan is to surround each of his children with family and fellowship with other believers. In addition to memorizing the verses having your children's friends into your home AT LEAST once a month is critical. Keeping a little basket of bible memory cards "Pocket Scriptures" by the door makes it easy to offer their friends "One for the Road". The idea is to influence their friends before they influence your children.

Last on our list of character building verses are the verses on prayer, praying in the morning before you fall into temptation **and** a habit of praying with others...the one thing most likely to connect a child to the church for life. We hope you will visit www.teachustoprayer.com and make prayer a habit in your home. No one can understand a bible verse without prayer and you can't pray rightly without the Bible. A combination of both will give your child the strength to stand for what you have taught them is right and the courage to turn away from what is wrong. Knowing the difference just isn't enough. A habit of prayer is a key part of raising children with character. *We hope you will visit www.bibleparent.com and make "Pocket Scriptures" a regular part of your child's daily life.*