



A PARENTS GUIDE TO **Using** Scripture for Character

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Teaching a child right from wrong is absolutely critical. The problem is they walk out the front door and suddenly fitting in with their friends is more important than anything they know or believe. They lack the character skills to stand up for anything.

This ability to stand up for what is right in the face of their friends (Character Growth) is just as important as knowing right from wrong and it is much harder to teach. At www.bibleparent.com we offer a number of Bible memory cards that can help.

First are the verses on strength and beauty. These verses appeal to children, most of whom want to be strong and or beautiful. 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 himself, 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.

Next are the verses 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 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 your children 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 verses. A combination of both will give your child the strength to stand for what you have taught him 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 bible memory cards a regular part of your child's life.*