

<p>Mom/Dad: After divorce or hurt of any kind a child's tendency is to want things to be the way they were...to hold on to the past. One way to help is to give the child a dollar bill and tell him if he will put it in his hand and make a fist tight enough that you can't get it open he can keep the dollar. Then when he starts to squeeze as tight as he can take out a \$5 bill and tell him you will give it to him if he opens his hand and gives you his dollar.</p> <p>Explain that God is SOMETIMES like that. He doesn't cause us to lose good things but if we open our hands and hearts he gives us something better.</p> <p>A second good thing to do is memorize these scriptures on renewal.</p>	<p>For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, Jeremiah 30:17</p>	<p>But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31</p>
<p>Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:18-20</p>	<p>And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; Ephesians 4:23</p>	<p>And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Colossians 3:10</p>
<p>Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Titus 3:5</p>	<p>He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:3</p>	<p>and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. Isaiah 58:11-13</p>



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

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According to Dr. Ross Campbell, winner of The Presidents Award in Pediatrics and author of “Kids Have Feelings Too” (and many other fine books), the greatest danger children face in life are their own emotions; anger, fear, loneliness and for the children of divorce loss. Failing to comfort our children is probably an even bigger mistake than failing to correct them.

Faced with our own problems; earning a living, maintaining a marriage, dealing with OUR feelings/addictions can loom so large in our eyes that we fail to recognize just how much pain our children are in. Even when we do SEE our children’s pain we often turn away because seeing it makes our own pain worse. It is easier to turn on the TV and pretend everything is OK...but we know in our hearts that sooner or later the child’s suppressed pain will erupt, maybe as violence, maybe as a relationship or addiction that destroys their entire precious/fragile life.

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