



# 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](http://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](http://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.teachustopray.com](http://www.teachustopray.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](http://www.bibleparent.com) and make “Pocket Scriptures” a regular part of your child's daily life.*

**Mom/Dad:** In an ideal world Church and Friends should be one and the same. In either case your child should be a CONTRIBUTOR. You can't have a friendship or a church without contributing. A child's biggest contribution should always be love and TIME.

If your church is ENTERTAINING your children they are falling far short. If they are giving your child something to do...something to be a part of then you are in a fine fine church. The thing about entertaining kids is that Hollywood is better at it. All we can offer them is a place to belong. It is an offer no child is likely to refuse.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.  
Philippians 2:4

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.  
Ephesians 4:32

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.  
1 John 1:7

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body..  
Hebrews 13:3

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:  
Hebrews 10:24

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:  
1 Peter 3:8

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.  
Ephesians 4:25

They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage.  
Isaiah 41:6

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.  
Colossians 1:18

**But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.**

**2 Thessalonians 3:3**

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, **encourage your hearts and strengthen you** in every good deed and word.

**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

May he **strengthen your hearts** so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

**1 Thessalonians 3:13**

rooted and **built up in him**, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

**Colossians 2:7**

And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might

**Colossians 1:10-11**

**I can do everything through him who gives me strength.**

**Philippians 4:13**

**For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.**

**1 Corinthians 1:25**

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, **who has given me strength**, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.

**1 Timothy 1:12**

But **the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength**, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

**2 Timothy 4:17**

who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; **whose weakness was turned to strength**; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

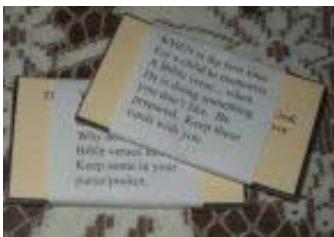
**Hebrews 11:33-34**

If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the **strength** God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**1 Peter 4:11**

I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. **I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word** and have not denied my name.

**Revelation 3:8**



**Dear Sunday School teacher.** Use a bit of tape to wrap these messages to parents around a set of bible verses or go to [www.bibleparent.com](http://www.bibleparent.com) and print a whole page of keepers with the same message.

For a little contrast print the keepers on colored paper or Textured stationary [www.bibleparent.com](http://www.bibleparent.com)

What does a child **most** need to know about prayer? ... To stick with it until he hears from God. Make a prayer jar. Visit [www.teachustopray.com](http://www.teachustopray.com)

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For inner beauty spend ten minutes a day at the Bible Salon and then go next door to the prayer spa. It will make you RADIANT.

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**Keep theses verses by the door and offer your childrens friends “One for the road.”**

**Verses on strength first thing in the morning will do your children more good than spinach.**

**Learning bible verses is at the top of the list of God's goals for his children.**  
Could you help your child learn just one verse a day??

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