



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.*

<p>Mom/Dad: It is not always easy to help a child find the life God has planned for him. Scripture is filled with GENERAL Guidance that is critical for all children. It is also filled with WARNINGS about the traps along the way. What is missing is individual guidance for individual children.</p> <p>A good rule of thumb is to encourage the children in the things they seem to enjoy OR the things they are good at.</p> <p>The best source of guidance for a life plan or career however is prayer. God has promised to answer. No matter what SPECIAL plans God may have for our child we can't neglect the GENERAL guidance needed by all.</p>	<p>For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. 1 Thessalonians 1:3</p>	<p>He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:3</p>
<p>I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: Revelation 2:2</p>	<p>And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. Isaiah 42:16</p>	<p>That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Timothy 3:17</p>
<p>Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; 1 Thessalonians 1:3</p>	<p>To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. John 10:3</p>	<p>O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. Psalm 43:3</p>



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 and print a whole page of keepers with the same message.

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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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