



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

<p>Mom/Dad: (same message as beauty) Remember the Don't BEE and the DO BEE? Don't BEE like that Do BEE like this? We are not really in favor of cute insects but the IDEA is a very deep truth for parents. ANY TIME you say Don't BEE it MUST be followed by a DO BEE. Getting rid of the bad never works We have to find ways to help the child fill himself with good so there is no ROOM for anything else.</p> <p><b>Strength</b> is one of those things. Every boy longs for. It is important. Next birthday or when your child is going out for sports give him one of our little packs of cards.</p>	<p>That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Cor. 12:10</p>	<p>By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was <b>made strong</b>. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. Acts 3:16</p>
<p>One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done. Psalm 62:11</p>	<p>Jesus replied, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? Mark 12:24</p>	<p>each helps the other and says to his brother, "Be strong!" Isaiah 41:6</p>
<p>And the child grew and became <b>strong in spirit</b>; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel. Luke 1:80</p>	<p>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.. Ephesians 6:10-11</p>	<p>Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weakling say, "I am strong!" Joel 3:10</p> <p>I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— Romans 1:11</p>

<p><b>But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.</b>  <b>2 Thessalonians 3:3</b></p>	<p>May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, <b>encourage your hearts and strengthen you</b> in every good deed and word.  2 Thessalonians 2:16-17</p>	<p>May he <b>strengthen your hearts</b> 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</p>
<p>rooted and <b>built up in him</b>, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.  Colossians 2:7</p>	<p>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, <b>being strengthened</b> with all power according to his glorious might  Colossians 1:10-11</p>	<p><b>I can do everything through him who gives me strength.</b>  <b>Philippians 4:13</b></p>
<p><b>For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.</b>  <b>1 Corinthians 1:25</b></p>	<p>I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, <b>who has given me strength</b>, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.  1 Timothy 1:12</p>	<p><b>But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength</b>, 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</p>
<p>who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; <b>whose weakness was turned to strength</b>; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.  Hebrews 11:33-34</p>	<p>If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the <b>strength</b> 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</p>	<p>I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. <b>I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word</b> and have not denied my name.  Revelation 3:8</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](http://www.bibleparent.com) and print a whole page of keepers with the same message.

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