

Scriptures for helping children with anger;

Of all our emotions anger is the one that most often draws children into sin. It is also the one feeling that we do not talk about or share with others. As a result our anger can set us against the people we love the most, the very ones who love us the most. None of us can escape anger but we can learn to talk about it and allow our struggle to draw us closer to others instead of separating us. In addition to visiting week 15 at www.homeword.ws I would like to recommend a sister site that we maintain for secular school teachers. It is www.ddiggs.ws and children will enjoy drawing pictures to illustrate our little story...D. Diggs is angry, angry...angry. There is one set of pages for boys and one for girls.

Better a patient man than a warrior. Proverbs 16:32	Overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21	Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other... Ephesians 4:32
A quick tempered man does foolish things. Proverbs 14:17	Do not be quickly provoked. Ecclesiastes 7:9	Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Ephesians 4:31
A patient man calms a quarrel. Proverbs 15:18	A man's wisdom gives him patience. Proverbs 19:11	Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:45
Whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. Proverbs 29:25	Do not say: "I will pay you back for this wrong" Proverbs 20:22	When you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:13
Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. 1 Peter 4:9	His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Psalm 91:9	Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge and to knowledge self control ... 2 Peter 1:5
stirring up anger produces strife. Proverbs 30:33	The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace...self control. Galatians 5:22	When they hurled their insults at him he did not retaliate...He entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 1 Peter 2:22
Do not be quickly provoked. Ecclesiastes 7:9	I will not leave you...I will come to you. John 14:18	An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins. Proverbs 29:23
I will be a Father to you... 2 Corinthians 6:18	Then you will call and the Lord will answer you. Isaiah 58:9	Then they will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen...Jeremiah 29:12
In your anger do not sin. Psalm 4:4	Lead us not into temptation. Matt. 6:13	Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self controlled.... Titus 2:2
Forgive and you will be forgiven. Luke 6:37	Encourage the young men to be self controlled. Titus 2:6	Seek first his kingdom and all these things will be given to you... Matt. 6:33
Never have I seen the righteous forsaken. Psalm 37:25	Father forgive them for they know not what they do. Luke 23:34	In the day of my trouble I will call to you for you will answer me. Psalm 86:7

WHY WE BELIEVE OUR COLORING PAGES AND POCKET SCRIPTURES COULD CHANGE YOUR CHURCH THE NATION AND THE WORLD OVERNIGHT!!!

*Carrying a scripture with them increases a child's sense of **EXPECTATION** that God will make it real. No amount of pure memorization can accomplish this.

*The first thing anyone who works with children learns is that *there is never enough of you to go around to all the children*. When faced with this inevitable problem...a child in need of personal attention...we can give them a sheet of pocket scriptures fitted to their **FELT NEED**: fear, anger, loneliness etc. and we trust God will stand by his word.

*For children, especially the children of divorce, the pocket scriptures also provide a sense of **IDENTITY**...even a sense of group identity if they know all the children in their church are also carrying a pocket scripture each day of the week.

*Point number four is that our pocket scriptures are rarely if ever a complete verse. We ask the parents to help the children look up the second half of the verse. It gives a child *the FEEL of a Bible* in their hands. It gives parents a **starting place** in their role as spiritual leaders. Taking two minutes a day to look up just one bible verse is something almost any parent can handle. Such a simple thing can have **BIG** results because God does all the heavy lifting. This humble beginning is something local pastors can build on, a way to **INVOLVE** parents.

*It is God's command in Deut. 11:19, 'Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds: tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to you children when you sit at home...*so that your days and the days of your children will be many*.' These words were written 3,000 years BP (before pockets). They are an old idea, God's idea. They make me think of the children in my first class of preschoolers especially the four who died before the age of 18. I have no way of knowing if a scripture in their pocket would have saved their lives but I believe with all my heart that: **Pocket Scriptures are the least we can do...THE VERY VERY VERY LEAST.**

*Putting our coloring pages out in doctors offices and auto repair waiting rooms with an invitation to visit your church could be an open door to church growth.

How we pray you will share our dream with others. Could you email the links to a friend or sister church. The links are www.homeword.ws and www.mypocketscriptures.com.