

Scriptures for the children of divorce Many years ago an 82 year old man told me the story his mother had told him. When he was only two his father had abandoned them both in an unheated shack at 30 degrees below zero in the middle of a North Dakota winter with the intent that they would freeze to death. Fortunately his Mother's father found them in time BUT even at the age of 82 he said "I am still cold, the cold of knowing that my father abandoned me and the only thing that warms me are the first two words of The Lord's Prayer...Our Father...which he changed to ...My Father. Whatever the circumstances divorce always leaves the children cold. The following scriptures can warm them and heal their hurts. Please feel free to visit our sister site www.teachustoprayer.ws for hundreds of ways to help make prayer real to your children. Please pray for God's grace to complete our website www.childrenafterdivorce.com for the children of divorce and their parents.

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| He took the children in his arms...and blessed them. Mark 10:16 | Our Father Who art in Heaven, Matt. 6:9 | A cheerful heart is a good medicine. Proverbs 17:22 | Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you. Hebrews 13:5 |
| I am with you always. Matthew 28:20 | Encourage one another And build each other up. 1Thes. 5:11 | I know the plans I have for you... Jeremiah 29:11 | Cast your cares on the Lord. Psalm 55:22 |
| Love is patient, love is kind...it keeps no record of wrongs. 1Corinthians 13:4-5 | God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help... Psalm 46: | Though I walk in the midst to trouble, you preserve my life. Psalm 138:7 | the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives. 2 Corinthians 1:5 |
| God is Love. 1 John 4:16 | he does not willingly bring affliction or grief. Lament. 3:33 | He cares for those who trust in him. Nahum 1:7 | Let the word of Christ Dwell in you richly. Colossians 3:16 |
| The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:26 | The nature of God is made clear in the things he has made. Romans 1:20 | Give yourselves fully to the work of the lord. 1 Corinthians 15:59 | Who trusts in him will never be put to shame. Romans 10:11 |
| I will be joyful. Habakuk 3:18 | Do not repay evil with evil. 1 Peter 3:9 | Do not be quickly provoked. Ecclesiastes 7:9 | Look at the birds of the air. Matt. 6:25 |
| He rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6 | Your word is sweet to my taste... Psalm 119:103 | Be strong and take heart. Psalm 31:24 | Let those who love the Lord hate evil. Psalm 97:10 |
| Faith is being sure... Hebrews 11:1 | I will put my spirit in you. Ezechiel 36:27 | We live by Faith. 2 Cor. 5:7 | You are all children of God. Galatians 3:26 |
| Christ in you the hope of glory. Col. 1:27 | I will instruct you and teach you... Psalm 32:8 | Forgive and you will be forgiven. Luke 6:38 | Better a patient man than a warrior. Proverbs 16:32 |

WHY WE BELIVE 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.