

Dear Parents/Grand Parents. God is real and sickness is real. Putting these two things together has always been difficult. One thing we KNOW is that he has given us 111 healing scriptures in the New Testament alone. The parent or child who does not USE these bible verses for their own illness or the illness of their child is surely making a mistake. It would also be a mistake not to see a doctor.

The biggest mistake however would be to give up on God, on believing that he does care even when a child we love lives daily with a handicap, lingering illness, or constant pain. Jesus suffered. He knows our illness and our pain. He enters it WITH us. Invite him in.

the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick James 5:15	"Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me." Psalm 30:2	the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. James 5:16
by his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24	Daughter, your faith has healed you. Mark 5:34	"It wasn't any herb or ointment that healed them but your word alone, Lord, which heals everything." Solomon 16:12
"He sent out his word and healed them; Psalms 107:20	"He himself bore our sins in his body 1 Peter 2:24	"Worship the Lord your God, and ... I will take away sickness from among you." Exodus 23:25
heal me, for I have sinned Psalm 41:4	He heals the brokenhearted Psalm 147:3	"My son, give attention to my words; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh." - Proverbs 4:20
heal me, for my bones are troubled. Psalm 6:2	my God will supply every need Philippians 4:19	The LORD is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Psalms 34:18
He will wipe away every tear Revelation 21:4	power came out from him and healed them. Luke 6:19	Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

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.