



# Dear Mom and Dad

Sunday School Teachers please see the instructions on the second page of this file.

Bible verses are not likely to affect your child's life if they are not a part of his daily experience. **How we pray you will put this little tub/jar of verses SOMEWHERE in your home so that it is easy for your children to grab a scripture and put it in their pocket each morning.** (Use our container or empty it into something of your own.) Having God's word in their pocket should give each child a sense of EXPECTATION that God will stand behind, ahead of and beside his word...another way of saying that to be protected by God is to surround

yourself and your children with his word. We invite you to START with this little jar/tub of pocket scriptures.

**Then** at the end of the day, sometime before bedtime help each child look up the second half of his/her verse and read it aloud. Family Devotions do not need to be long and boring. Short and sweet may actually work better. **If you do this there is one thing for sure** *"Your children will remember all their lives that God and his word were important to you."*





# Scripture Jars

A child's first experience of sharing God's word with others...a great craft for VBS or Sunday school...a gift any child will be proud to make and give. Also the best beginning for family devotions we know of.

**Teachers may find the Scripture jar a special tool in helping children understand some of the bigger words in scripture or in solving some of their own personal problems. Verses on multiple themes like fear, anger, loneliness, faith, hope, Jesus etc. are available free at [www.bibleparent.com](http://www.bibleparent.com)**

## Instructions

1) Collect enough plastic jars or tubs for each child in your class. (Yogurt or other plastic tubs work just fine or you may wish to pick up some small gift boxes at a local hobby store.) A little note in the Sunday Bulletin should bring you all the containers you need.

2) **Cut up one or more sheets of “Pocket Scriptures” from [www.bibleparent.com](http://www.bibleparent.com). Choose verses from a variety of great themes.**

3) Give each child a gummed label to Decorate. We like Avery #5162 but anything will do, even masking tape. Then decide whether the jar is for the child OR to be given as a gift (Christmas, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Valentines , Grandparents Day, Secretary’s Day, Teachers Day etc. ) Some sample messages for the side of your jar might be?

- a) Special promises for a special person.
- b) A scripture a day, the only way.
- c) For you MOM (or Dad or Grandmother)
- e) OR SOMETHING YOU MAKE UP YOURSELF.

A self sticking bow from a local department store might dress up the gift considerably.

4) Then fill the jar with pocket scriptures. If it is for the personal need of a child label it appropriately...Verses for fear...anger...hope...faith...comfort etc.

5) **Lastly make enough copies of the first page of these instructions to send HOME with each jar...motivation for PARENTS to follow through and make sure their children start each day with a scripture in their pocket.**

We would be blessed if you would share a copy of this activity with other teachers...even other churches and or missionaries. We would love to have them visit our website [www.bibleparent.com](http://www.bibleparent.com)