

Cut ups for helping children understand sin. When I was in the Peace Corps I visited a very remote village where white men had never been seen before. They had all heard that white men were part God and they believed it. One morning I was showing off my swimming skills and swam a very wide river and then back. I could not understand why none of the young people in the village could swim and was just beginning to teach them when a very very old man hobbled down to the river to talk with me. He said “It must be wonderful to have magic white skin”. I assured him that white men were the same as he and that there was nothing magic about us. *He said “White skin must be magic, if a man with brown skin had swum in the river the crocodiles would have eaten him halfway across.* That experience taught me that swimming with crocodiles is a lot like sin. The water looks cool and inviting but in time Satan will find you and crunch your bones and eat you alive. Sin destroys your soul and leaves you dead inside. **It is my prayer that you tell this story to your children and explain that most old people warn you about sin not because they are against you living your own life but because they know about crocodiles and other bad decisions.** For another great help in teaching a child about sin visit www.homeword.ws and click on week seven of the scripture list.

Shall we go on sinning that grace may increase? Romans 6:1	Sin when it is full grown gives birth to death. James 1:15	For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. Romans 6:14
Lead us not into temptation. Matt. 6:13	count yourselves dead to sin. Romans 6:11	If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves. 1 John 1:8
No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. 1 John 3:6	Our old self was crucified with him. Romans 6:6	My dear children I write this to you so that you will not sin. 1 John 2:1
Whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. Proverbs 29:25	There is no one righteous, not even one. Romans 3:10	Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin and in this way death comes to all men. Romans 5:12
the way of the wicked will perish. Psalm 1:6	In your anger do not sin; Psalm 4:4	They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served created things rather than the creator. Romans 1:25
Do not drag me away with the wicked. Psalm 28:3	who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases. Psalm 103:3	Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners. Psalm 1:1
Surely I was sinful at birth. Psalm 51:5	Overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21	An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins. Proverbs 29:23
sinner will turn back to you. Psalm 51:13	Then you will call and the Lord will answer you. Isaiah 58:9	Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Psalm 32:1
Encourage the young men to be self controlled. Titus 2:6	count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God Romans 6:11	Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self controlled.... Titus 2:2

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.

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prayer chain.**

I continue to ask prayer for my mother Dorothy. The Doctors have finally found a blood pressure medicine that helps her during the day but during the night while she sleeps it still gets up to dangerous levels. Hope you might pray for her. This request means a great deal to me.

For myself this month's request is for patience and freedom from the irritability and bitterness that go with impatience. Some days this is a real struggle.

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