Salvation Cut Up's For a child it can be very hard to understand salvation and what it means to be saved. The only one who can really explain it is God himself. Among other things it means being saved from the torment of fear and worry. It means being saved from loneliness, and suffering, from confusion and hopelessness. It also means being saved from sin and from living a life with no joy or meaning. In the final analysis being saved means being saved from everything...from ourselves and sin most of all. To help your children understand suggest they carry one of these scriptures in their pocket and each day ask God to help them understand a little more of what it means to be reborn (saved). One of the best explanations we have found is at www.homeword.ws . Just click on the scripture list and then Easter.

Repent and believe the good news. Mark 1:15	I know the plans I have for you Jeremiah 29:11	You must be born again. John 3:7	If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. 2 Corinthians 5:17
Flesh gives birth to flesh but the spirit gives birth to spirit. John 3:7	He forgave us all our sins. Colossians 2:13	He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:6	You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13
Christ in you the hope of glory. Col. 1:27	We have put our hope in the living God, 1 Timothy 4:9	Forgive and you will be forgiven. Luke 6:38	You are all children of God. Galatians 3:26
the old has gone, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:21	Let the word of Christ Dwell in you richly. Colossians 3:16	He rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6	grow up in your salvation. 1 peter 2:2
These are the scriptures that testify about me. John 5:39	He will give you another Counselor to be with you foreverJohn 14:16	Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7	Who trusts in him will never be put to shame. Romans 10:11
All scripture is God breathed. 2 Timothy 3:16	I will put my Spirit in you Ezekiel 36:27	Add to your faith goodness. 2Peter 1:5	The old has gone, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17
God is Love. 1 John 4:16	Sin when it is full grown gives birth to death. James 1:15	Seek first His kingdom Matt. 6:33	Man does not live by bread alone. Matt. 4:4
How much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit. Luke 11:13	A new command I give you: Love one another. John 13:34	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
the spirit helps us in our weakness. Romans 8:26	Since God so loved us we out to love one another. 1 John 4:11	He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1John 2:2	Whoever does not love does not know God. 1John 4:7
Love one another deeply, from the heart. 1 Peter 1:22	you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear. Romans 8:15	Give yourselves fully to the work of the lord. 1 Corinthians 15:59	Pray Continually. 1 Thes. 5:17

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 <u>there is never</u> <u>enough of you to go around to all the children.</u> 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.

We don't charge for downloading any of our pages We DO ask that you take this page to your churches 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 grace to trust God...with my **health**, with my attitude and with the healing of my soul.

Hope you might continue to pray for just six churches or individuals to pledge ten dollars a month to the support of this website. To date we do not have a single sponsor committed for 2005