

Welcome to Week Four of
Equipping Parents to be spiritual leaders in their own homes.

Pocket Scriptures

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A verse a day, the only way.

Jesus carried a Bible verse with him every day of his life. Matthew 4:4 is very clear: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” And yet over 99 percent of us fail to give our children their *minimum daily spiritual requirement*...A verse a day, the only way. We are starving our children and they are leaving the church, 70-86% of them shortly before or after their 18th birthday.

Even more clear is Deut. 6:6-9, the second half of the greatest commandment...God's commands to parents: **(Deut 6:6-7 commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way,** But in today's busy world none of us has time for commitment, for wholeheartedly or diligently. We want easy. We want quick. Which brings us to the second half of verse seven: **when you lie down and when you get up. Having a simple Bible calendar by your bed allows both you and your child to begin and end each day with a Bible verse, praying that God help move it from your head to your heart. Cost?? Around 12\$ to feed your children for an entire year.**

Deut 6:8 Tie them as reminders on your forearm *Tucking a Bible verse in your child's pocket each morning is something he or she will remember all their lives...* especially if you pray with them for God to move the verse from their head to their hearts. SADLY God's word in child friendly form is virtually extinct. All thirty of our nation's leading denominations quit printing these little Bible Memory Cards over ten years ago. Five years ago even Billy Graham gave up offering his wife's cards "Ruth's Scripture Treasures". Very very few Christian book stores carry the cards or can even order them. Those who have the time to download FREE cards should visit www.bibleparent.com. Having a verse in his or her pocket gives a child the feeling that God is with them, a **REMINDER** of his presence and his love.

When the children return home or last thing at night have them pray again for God to move the verse from their head to their heart and put it in a bowl to share with others, maybe their Sunday School class.

This weeks Homework:

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Forward the emails to your children's Sunday School Teachers.