



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 take the time to put this little tub/jar of verses SOMEWHERE in your home that it is easy for your children to grab a scripture and put it in their pocket each morning.** 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 hope you 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."*

NOT to use God's word in the rearing of a child is to raise a Godless Child.
A. anonymous.



Scripture Jars

A great craft for VBS or Sunday school. **Also the best beginning for family devotions we know of.** *Imagine* if each child in your class started each day with a scripture in his or her pocket.

- 1) Collect enough peanut butter jars for each child in your class. (Yogurt or other plastic tubs work just fine but there is something about an empty peanut butter jar that warms my soul) A little note in the Sunday Bulletin should bring you all the jars you need.
- 2) **Cut up one or more sheets of “Pocket Scriptures” from www.mypocketscriptures.com**
- 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) From Jesus to Me
 - b) A scripture a day, the only way.
 - c) For you MOM (or Dad or Grandmother)
 - d) Good for your health
 - e) OR SOMETHING YOU MAKE UP YOURSELF.A circle of cloth or nylon tulle place on the jar before screwing on the lid can dress it up a lot.
- 4) Then fill the jar with pocket scriptures. If it is for the personal need of a child label it appropriately... Verses for fear, verses for anger 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 one activity with other teachers...even other churches. We would love to have them visit our website www.mypocketscriptures.com