

## Dear Parent: A great second way to use cut ups

Each of our pocket scripture verses is incomplete. Children will wonder what the whole verse says, especially after they have carried it all day. At the end of the day or at the evening meal have the child look up the entire verse and read it out loud. Reading out loud should make them feel proud of themselves and help them get used to the feel of a Bible in their hands. Sometimes we get in too much of a hurry and start memorizing before a child is ready. Making scripture personal and daily is a foundation we cannot afford to skip. This weeks cut ups focus on fear. They go well with the bird feeder activity in week 14. "Look at the birds of the air" Matt. 6:25. Just log on to [www.homeword.ws](http://www.homeword.ws) and click on **scripture list**.

Do not be afraid... Luke 12:32	Have no fear of sudden disaster... Proverbs 3:25	For God did not give us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind... 2 Timothy 1:7	
When you lie down your sleep will be sweet. Proverbs 3:24	Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good 1 Peter 3:1`3	<b>I will fear no evil</b> for you are with me, your Rod and your staff they comfort me. Psalm 23:4	
And by him we cry, 'Abba , Father. Romans 8:15	Whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. Proverbs 29:25	God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1	
The Lord is my shepherd...Psalm 23:1	Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27	You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day...Psalm 91:4	
Do not worry. Matthew 6:31	His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Psalm 91:9	The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? Psalm 27:1	
<b>Whoever listens to me</b> will live in safety. Proverbs 1:33	The Lord hears the needy. Psalm 69:33	neither death nor life ...nor anything else in all creation , will be able to separate us from the love of God. Romans 8:37	
The Lord your God is with you. Zephaniah 3:17	I will not leave you...I will come to you. John 14:18	Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Joshua 1:9	
I will be a Father to you... 2 Corinthians 6:18	Then you will call and the Lord will answer you. .Isaih 58:9	Then they will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen...Jeremiah 29:12	
Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap. Matt. 6:26	Even the winds and the waves obey him. Matt. 8:27	He will command his anges concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Psalm 91:10	
Let the little children come to me. Matt. 19:14	Trust in the Lord and do good. Psalm 37:3	Seek first his kingdom and all these things will be given to you... Matt. 6::33	
Never have I seen the righteous forsaken. Psalm 37:25	Blessed is he who has regard for the weak. Psalm 41:1	In the day of my trouble I will call to you for you will answer me. Psalm 86:7	
<b>Why</b> have you forgotten me? Psalm 42:9	I cry out to the Most High. Psalm 57:2	This is my command that you love one another. John 15:17	Never will I leave you. Hebrews 13:5

# 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.

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](http://www.homeword.ws) and [www.mypocketscriptures.com](http://www.mypocketscriptures.com).