

Dear Parent: Is your child lonely???

The best protection is parents who find the time to share love. Second best is probably friends and relatives. From all the research we have seen 2-3 *half days* of Christian Day Care a week is also a good thing for most children. Sadly there are times when children must do without these things. Even more sad is the child who feels lonely in the midst of the best of care. Whatever the situation any of us can turn to God for help with our FEELINGS.

I will not leave you comfortless I will come to you. John 14:18	he does not willingly bring affliction or grief. Lament. 3:33	The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:26	
We live by Faith. 2 Cor. 5:7	You are my help and my deliverer. Psalm 40:17	...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	the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives. 2 Corinthians 1:5	God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1	
The Lord is my shepherd...Psalm 23:1	Call him Immanuel which means God with us. Matt. 1:23	Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14	
through Christ our comfort overflows. 2 Corinthians 1:5	His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Psalm 91:9	I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have drawn you with loving kindness. Jeremiah 31:3	
We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19	...call, and the Lord will answer. Isaiah 58:9	He will give you another counselor to be with you forever. John 14:16	
The Lord your God is with you. Zephaniah 3:17	I will not leave you...I will come to you. John 14:18	When my father and mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up. Psalms 27:10	
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 angels 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	
Why have you forgotten me? Psalm 42:9	Cast all your anxiety on him for he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7	This is my command that you love one another. John 15:17	Never will I leave you. Hebrews 13:5

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 *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 and www.mypocketscriptures.com.