

“Mom...Dad...Grandma...could you help your child cut up these Bible verses and put them in a bowl somewhere in your home so that each morning everyone in the family puts one in their pocket before beginning their day? Carrying a scripture through the day should help your child feel safe, and help him understand that God cares about each of us very very much. Could you join in the spirit of things and put one in your pocket too. Try it for just one week and it is almost certain to become a new family tradition. Offering a scripture to your children’s friends is a great way to influence the whole group. Thank you very VERY much for your help.

Call him Immanuel which means God with us. Matt. 1:23	Let the word of Christ Dwell in you richly. Colossians 3:16	He rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6	Your word is sweet to my taste... Psalm 119:103
I am with you always. Matthew 28:20	Encourage one another And build each other up. 1Thes. 5:11	I know the plans I have for you... Jeremiah 29:11	Pray Continually. 1 Thes. 5:17
Call him Immanuel which means God with us. Matt. 1:23	Let the word of Christ Dwell in you richly. 1 Thes, 3:16	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
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:26	The nature of God is made clear in the things he has made. Romans 1:20	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
I will be joyful. Habakuk 3:18	Do not repay evil with evil. 1 Peter 3:9	Do not be quickly provoked. Ecclesiastes 7:9	Look at the birds of the air. Matt. 6:25
You will eat the fruit of your labor. Psalm 128:2	A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold. Proverbs 25:11	Be strong and take heart. Psalm 31:24	Let those who love the Lord hate evil. Psalm 97:10
Faith is being sure... Hebrews 11:1	I will put my spirit in you. Eaeziel 36:27	We live by Faith. 2 Cor. 5:7	You are all children of God. Galatians 3:26
Christ in you the hope of glory. Col. 1:27	I will instruct you and teach you... Psalm 32:8	Forgive and you will be forgiven. Luke 6:38	Better a patient man than a warrior. Proverbs 16:32
Whoever does not love does not know God. 1 John 4:8	The fruit of the spirit is... Galatians 5:22	The Lord is my shepherd... Psalm 23:1	I will be a father to you. 2 Corinthians 6:18
Those with clean hands will grow stronger. Job 17:9	Do not let your heart envy sinners. Proverbs 23:17	Blessed is he who has regard for the poor. Psalm 41:1	The spirit helps us. Romans 8:26

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 and www.mypocketscriptures.com.