

Dear Parent: The one thing that can't be force is joy. On the other hand it is the one thing that can push the darker feelings out of our soul. Finding joy is entirely a matter of focusing on what we have and who loves us instead of what we don't have and don't feel. The one thing that is ALWAYS a joy is Jesus....everything else passes.

I bring you good tidings of great joy... Luke 2:10	the fruit of the spirit is love... joy.... Galatians 5:22	I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15:11
you will find delight in the almighty. Job 22:26	Gladness and joy will overtake them... Isaiah 51:11	Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. Psalm 126:5
I will rejoice in the lord. Habakkuk 3:18	your sorrow shall be turned into joy. John 16:17	Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Psalm 97:11
My soul rejoices in my God. Isaiah 61:10	the joy of the lord is your strength.. Nehemiah 8:10	No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him. 1 Corinthians 2:9
You will go out in joy... Isaiah 55:12	Everlasting joy will crown their heads. Isaiah 51:11	Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous. Psalm 118:15
no one will take away your joy. John 16:22	Let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them. Psalms 5:11	You will rejoice in the Lord and glory in the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 41:16
The Lord your God is with you. Zephaniah 3:17	This is the day the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalms 118:24	Thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. Luke 1:14
I will be joyful in God my savior. Habakkuk 3:18	a merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: Proverbs 15:13	He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces. Isaiah 25:8
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
I will lift up my hands in they name. Psalms 63:4	My mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips... Psalms 63:5	Seek first his kingdom and all these things will be given to you... Matt. 6:33
The Lord is my strength and song... Psalms 118;14	I will sing unto thee among the nations. Psalms 57:9	For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Romans 14:17
In the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.. Psalms 63:1	Rejoice in as much as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings...1 Peter 4:13	Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Psalms 51:19

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.