

Dear Parent/Grandparent: Moving from one home to another is hard on all of us. For children it is very near the TOP of the stress list. Only losing a parent to death or divorce ranks higher. Nearly as high as moving from one home to another is moving from one school to another. If you have a child or grandchild faced with this stress (making new friends) the following scriptures can be a big help. The best friends can often be found at a local church.

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| Look at those who are honest and good. Psalm 37:37 | All the believers were of one heart. Acts 4:32 | Where two or three gather together because they are mine, I am there among them. Matthew 18:20 | |
| Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10 | He who walks with the wise grows wise. Proverbs 13:20 | Our fellowship is with God the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:4 | |
| A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17 | You should not stay away from church meetings. Heb. 10:22 | We had a good friendship and walked together to God's Temple. Psalm 55:14 | |
| The Lord is my shepherd... Psalm 23:1 | Give all your worries to him, because he cares... 1 Peter 5:7 | By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 | |
| through Christ our comfort overflows. 2 Corinthians 1:5 | His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Psalm 91:9 | The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:26 | |
| 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 comfortless. John 14:18 | When my father and mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up. Psalms 27:10 | |
| I will be with you always... Matt. 28:20 | Then you will call and the Lord will answer you. Isaiah 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 | Call him Immanuel which means God with us. Matt. 1:23 | He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Psalm 91:10 | |
| And by him we cry, 'Abba', Father. Romans 8:15 | 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 | |
| You are my help and my deliverer. Psalm 40:17 | 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 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.