

“Mom...Dad...Grandma... There is no shame in being a child but many children feel ashamed because of the abuse of other children (and adults). Even name calling can leave a lasting mark and make a child feel unwanted and unworthy. Jesus came so we could all feel worthy...worthy of his love. Make sure your child knows that when Jesus was on earth people called him names and hurt him but it did not make him unholy or unworthy. It was the ones who hurt him, the ones who called him names who were wrong. God made Jesus Lord of all the Universe and he wants all of us to sit beside him because he loves us.

He heals the brokenhearted. Psalm 147:3	We are hurt sometimes but we are not destroyed. 2 Cor. 4:9	Do not let your heart envy sinners. Proverbs 23:17	Christ in you the hope of glory. Col. 1:27
I am with you always. Matthew 28:20	Those with clean hands will grow stronger. Job 17:9	Encourage one another And build each other up. 1Thes. 5:11	We have troubles all around us... 2 Cor. 4:8
Sin when it is full grown gives birth to death. James 1:15	the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives. 2 Corinthians 1:5	Blessed is he who has regard for the poor. Psalm 41:1	Add to your faith goodness. 2Peter 1:5
The Lord is my shepherd...Psalm 23:1	Call him Immanuel which means God with us. Matt. 1:23	The old has gone, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17	God is Love. 1 John 4:16
through Christ our comfort overflows. 2 Corinthians 1:5	His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Psalm 91:9	The Lord helps the fallen and lifts up those ben beneath their loads. Psalm 145:14	
Forgive and you will be forgiven. Luke 6:38	And by him we cry, ‘Abba’, Father. Romans 8:15...	He heals the broken hearted, binding up their wounds. Psalm 147:3	
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	
The fruit of the spirit is... Galatians 5:22	Then you will call and the Lord will answer you. .Isaiah 58:9	Are any among you suffering? They should keep on praying about it. James 5:13	
Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap. Matt. 6:26	He has not ignored the suffering of the needy. Psalm 22:24	You keep track of all my sorrows. Psalm 56:8	The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:26
Be strong and take heart. Psalm 31:24	Trust in the Lord and do good. Psalm 37:3	When you walk through the fire of oppression you will not be burned up. Isaiah 43:2	
Never have I seen the righteous forsaken. Psalm 37:25	Blessed is he who has regard for the weak. Psalm 41:1	Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Psalm 23:4	
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	Do not repay evil with evil. 1 Peter 3:9

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.