



Dear Mom and Dad

Sunday School Teachers will enjoy the instructions on second page of this file.

Bible verses are not likely to affect your child's life if they are not a part of his daily experience. **How we pray you will take the time to put this little tub/jar of verses SOMEWHERE that it is easy for him to grab one and put it in his pocket each morning..** Having God's word in his pocket should remind him that God goes wherever he goes.

Then at the end of the day, sometime before bedtime help each child look up the second half of his/her verse and read it aloud. Family Devotions do not need to be long and boring. Short and sweet may actually work better. **If you do this there is one thing for sure** *"Your children will remember all their lives that God and his word were important to you."*



Scripture Jars

A great craft for VBS, or Sunday school. **Also the best beginning for family devotions we know of.** *Imagine* if each child in your class started each day with a scripture in his or her pocket.

- 1) Collect enough peanut butter jars for each child in your class. (Yogurt or other plastic tubs work just fine but there is something about an empty peanut butter jar that warms my soul) A little note in the Sunday Bulletin should bring you all the jars you need.
- 2) Cut up one or more sheets of “Pocket Scriptures” from www.mypocketscriptures.com
- 3) Give each child a gummed label to Decorate. We like Avery #5162 but anything will do. Depending on whether the jar is for the child or to be given as a gift the label might say:
 - a) From Jesus to Me
 - b) A scripture a day, the only way.
 - c) For you MOM (or Dad or Grandmother)
 - d) Good for your health
 - e) OR SOMETHING YOU MAKE UP YOURSELF.
- 4) Then fill the jar. A circle of cloth or nylon tulle place on the jar before screwing on the lid can dress it up a lot.
- 5) **Lastly make enough copies of the second page of these instructions to send HOME with each jar.**

EACH MORNING THE CHILD TAKES A SCRIPTURE OUT OF THE JAR AND PUTS IT IN HIS POCKET...expecting God to make it real. **The BEAUTY of the jar is that each night they sit down with their parents and look up the rest of the verse...a short SWEET first step to family devotions...or...keep some by the door and influence your child’s peers by offering them “one for the road”.**

We would be blessed if you would share a copy of this one activity with other teachers...even other churches. We would love to have them visit our website www.mypocketscriptures.com