

SCRIPTURES FOR PARENTS of Elementary Children

(Scripture is from NIV; if italicized, it is from CEV)

I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble. *I (God) have shown you the way that makes sense; I have guided you along the right path. Your road won't be blocked, and you won't stumble when you run.* (Proverbs 4:11, 12)

Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. *My child, if you listen and obey my (God's) teachings, you will live a long time.* (Proverbs 4:10)

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. *Teach your children right from wrong, and when they are grown they will still do right.* (Proverbs 22:6)

Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. (Ephesians 5:33)

AFRAID

Even when I am afraid, I keep on trusting You (God). (Psalm 56:3-4)

ANGER

Our tongues are small and yet they brag about big things. It takes only a spark to start a forest fire. (James 3:5)

Controlling your temper is better than being a hero who captures a city. (Proverbs 16:32)

ARGUING

Fools have no desire to learn; they would much rather give their own opinion. (Proverbs 18:2)

Stay away from stupid and senseless arguments. These only lead to trouble. (2 Timothy 2:23-24)

ATTITUDE

If you are cheerful, you feel good; if you are sad, you hurt all over. (Proverbs 17:22)

BAD LANGUAGE

Stop all your dirty talk. Say the right thing at the right time and help others by what you say. (Ephesians 4:29)

CHEATING

Anyone who can be trusted with little matters can also be trusted in important matters. But anyone who is dishonest in little matters will be dishonest in important matters. (Luke 6:10)

COMPLAINING

Do everything without grumbling or arguing. Then you will be pure and innocent children of God. (Philippians 2:14-15)

DEFYING/REBELLING

If you don't do what you know is right, you have sinned. (James 4:17)

DISCIPLINE

It is never fun to be corrected. In fact, at the time it is always painful. But if we learn to obey by being corrected, we will do right and live at peace. (Hebrews 12:11)

FRIENDSHIPS

Wise friends make you wise, but you hurt yourself by going around with fools. (Proverbs 13:20)

GOSSIP

A gossip tells everything, but a true friend will keep a secret. (Proverbs 11:13)

GREED

Don't be greedy! Owning a lot of things won't make your life safe. (Luke 12:15)

JEALOUSY

Don't be conceited or make others jealous by claiming to be better than they are. (Galatians 5:26)

Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the log in your own eye? (Matthew 7:3)

KINDNESS

Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don't yell at one another or curse each other or be rude. (Ephesians 4:31, 32)

LAZINESS

Laziness leads to poverty; hard work makes you rich. (Proverbs 10:4)

LYING

Truth will last forever; lies are soon found out. (Proverbs 12:19)

The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful. (Proverbs 12:22)

Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another. (Leviticus 19:11)

MANNERS

When you eat or drink or do anything else, always do it to honor God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

The good or bad that children do shows what they are like. (Proverbs 20:11)

OBEDIENCE

Children, you belong to the Lord, and you do the right thing when you obey your parents. (Ephesians 6:1)

Children with good sense accept correction from their parents (Proverbs 13:1)

PATIENCE

We hope for something we have not yet seen, and we patiently wait for it. (Romans 8:25)

PEER PRESSURE

Dear friend, don't copy the evil deeds of others! Follow the example of people who do kind deeds. (3 John 1:11)

SELF-CONTROL

Losing self-control leaves you as helpless as a city without a wall. (Proverbs 25:28)

SIBLING RIVALRY

Love each other as brothers and sisters and honor others more than you do yourself. (Romans 12:10)

I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you. (Matthew 5:44)

SPEAKING UNKINDLY

Sharp words cut like a sword, but words of wisdom heal. (Proverbs 12:18)

TEASING

Like a madman shooting firebrands or deadly arrows is a man who deceives his neighbor and says, 'I was only joking!' (Proverbs 26:18-19)