

SCRIPTURES FOR PARENTS of Preschoolers

(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

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

ATTITUDE

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

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)

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)

LYING

Do not steal. Do not lie. (Leviticus 19:11)

MANNERS

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)

SIBLING RIVALRY

Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. (Romans 12:18)

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)