

Why we believe our coloring pages are a parents first step to becoming the spiritual leaders their children need.

The **first** step is always the hardest. The goal of Project Homeword is to make it easier ...as easy as sitting down in the evening or afternoon with a pack of crayons or colored markers and coloring **WITH** your children. Seeing our children as people we do things **with** instead of *for* is important. Doing almost anything **WITH** our children is a step in the right direction. Coloring scripture with them is especially important.

One coloring page a day allows you and your children to spend **TIME** with a verse allowing it to soak in. It is also the perfect beginning for the **habit** of a lifetime ... which is what God's word should be. If you just absolutely don't have even five minutes to spend with your children as you color together you need to rearrange your life...even if you are a father. The memory could last a lifetime!!!

If using a regular coloring page or greeting card (free at www.homeword.ws) the most important step is to pray after you finish coloring "Father God may your Holy Spirit help us understand what you are saying to us." Join hands as you pray or not. The point is that children need to understand that God's word without his presence is a poor bargain. We get his presence by asking for it.

If you are using the **mirror coloring pages** take turns holding your scripture up to a mirror And ask God to shine it into your heart. God has promised to do it. The best habit in the world is taking God's word back to him...each time we do he adds more of his presence and more of his power.

The final lesson is that God's word is for **SHARING**. Coloring scripture greeting cards or refrigerator art for friends and relatives gives your children **SOMETHING TO DO**...a great alternative to the network television muckathon. Coloring the same cards for people in your church, the sick, the lonely, missionaries and new members **makes children feel like they belong**.

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