



15 Character Building Verses for Your Kids



Use Scripture to leave an imprint of character on your child's heart - because character still counts!

1. **Respect for Authority**– *“Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority.” Romans 13:7 (NLT)*
2. **Honesty** – *“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.” Luke 16:10 (NIV)*
3. **Trustworthy** - *“An honest witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies.” Proverbs 14:5(NIV)*
4. **Never Compromise** – *“But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank...” Daniel 2:8*
5. **Refraining from Sex Before Marriage** – *“Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.” 1 Cor 6:18 (ESV)*

6. **The Power of Bad Friendships** – *“Do not associate with a man given to anger; Or go with a hot tempered man, or you will learn his ways and find a snare for yourself.” Proverbs 22:24-25 (NASB)*
7. **The Power of Good Friendships** – *“Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17 (NASB)*
8. **Avoiding Laziness** – *“I went by the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; and there it was, all overgrown with thorns; its surface was covered with nettles; its stone wall was broken down.” Proverbs 24:30-31 (NKJV)*
9. **Wisdom, Honor and Humility** – *“If you are wise and understand God’s ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.” James 3:13*
10. **Diligence** – *“The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor.” Proverbs 12:24 (ESV)*
11. **Refraining from Crude Speech** – *“And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak.” Matthew 12:26 (NLT)*
12. **Avoiding Gossip** – *“Do not spread slanderous gossip among your people.” Leviticus 19:15*
13. **Serving Others** – *“And whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:44-45 (ESV)*
14. **Loving the Unlovable** – *“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those*

who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that.” Matthew 5:43-47 (NLT)

15. What the Lord Hates – *“There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.” Proverbs 6:16-19 (NIV)*



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