

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

- ✂ **CAN A YOUNGER CHILD DO ALL THE CRAFTS IN THIS BOOK?** Yes. All of the crafts can be made simple enough for a young child by pre-cutting pieces and helping them. Make sure, however, that you let the children do as much as they can or want to. Remember, it's *the child's* craft. It doesn't have to be perfect. It's more meaningful and pretty to them if it's their own creation. They also learn more by doing it themselves than by watching someone else.
- ✂ **WHAT IF I WANT TO TEACH A DIFFERENT VERSION OF A VERSE?** If you prefer a different version of the Bible, most of the verses will adapt. Just type or write out the words and tape them over the printed words (or white out words and write directly onto page).
- ✂ **HOW MUCH TIME DO THE CRAFTS TAKE?** Most of the activities in this book can take as much or as little time as you want them to. If you have limited time, you can do some steps ahead of time, such as pre-cutting pieces. Another way to save class time is to let the kids finish at home: either do the project in class and let them color them at home, or color in class and let them do the craft at home. For classroom use, *always do the craft ahead of time*, so you will have a model of the finished craft, to give you an idea of how much time to allow, and to answer any questions about how to do the craft.
- ✂ **DO I ALWAYS HAVE TO GIVE REWARDS?** No. Rewards provide incentive, but they don't have to be given every time a verse is said. My 4-year-old now often asks if she can say her verses, "not for candy ... just because I want to." She also enjoys looking through her *Scripture by Picture* notebook and "reading her Bible" by herself. Other ways to expose them to verses without always using rewards is by saying verses as you do household chores and by playing tapes of scripture songs. (See page 11, How to Teach Memory Verses to Kids, "Use Scripture Songs..." for recommendations.)
- ✂ **HOW CAN A 2-YEAR-OLD LEARN VERSES?** My 2-year-old learned all his verses from hearing the **songs** on Steve Green's Hide 'em in Your Heart tapes and video and from the **repetition** of hearing his big sister say her verses. I never made a special effort to teach him. He just started surprising us by blurting out verses when Cassandra was saying hers to earn treats, or by suddenly going around the house "singing" a scripture song over and over. He often goes over the tape player and says "Play music" and then jumps and dances around the room. He's never interested in trying to learn a verse, but through the **frequent exposure** to it, he keeps picking up new ones. Now when he says verses to earn treats, I say the first few words to get him started, and he finishes it. A friend of mine also taught her 2-year-old Bible verses by saying verses, over and over, in rhythm, as she pushed her child back and forth on the swing. She would also say them as they clapped or played pat-a-cake games, emphasizing certain words, in rhythm. Again, **repetition is the key**. You can't program a specific time for most 2-year-olds to learn verses; you have to look for teachable moments, and take advantage of those opportunities when he/she expresses an interest. Making it fun for you, your family or an older sibling will help generate his/her interest and enthusiasm.