

A 7-Day Foster Care Reading Pack

For foster carers at any stage — first placement, hard season, or a goodbye.

KJV scriptures for foster families — welcoming a child, loving through uncertainty, and the goodbye that may come.

How to use this pack

- One page a day, or one on the worst day of the week.
- Day six is for placements ending, which is most of them.
- Agencies and churches may reprint this pack for carer support groups.

The seven days

Day 1 — Pure religion · Psalm 68:5-6

Day 2 — A child's behaviour · James 1:27

Day 3 — Loving without guarantees · Matthew 18:5

Day 4 — Their birth family · Isaiah 1:17

Day 5 — Your own household · Deuteronomy 10:18

Day 6 — Goodbyes · 1 Corinthians 13:7

Day 7 — Endurance · Psalm 27:10

Foster care asks you to love a child fully while holding them loosely. That is a hard, holy assignment, and Scripture has more to say about it than most people expect. These King James verses speak to God's heart for children without a settled home, to the courage of the placement call, and to the grief of a reunification you prayed for and still feel.

Pure religion

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation. God setteth the solitary in families.

Psalm 68:5-6 (KJV)

God places children in families

Devotion prompt

To visit the fatherless in their affliction. What drew you into this, and what has it cost so far?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

A child's behaviour

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction.

James 1:27 (KJV)

Foster care as true religion

Devotion prompt

Behaviour is communication. What might this child be saying that they cannot put into words?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Loving without guarantees

And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

Matthew 18:5 (KJV)

Receiving a child is receiving Christ

Devotion prompt

How do you love fully knowing they may leave? Write your honest answer, not the training-course one.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Their birth family

Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Isaiah 1:17 (KJV)

Advocacy is part of the calling

Devotion prompt

How do you speak about their family in front of them, and what needs to change?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Your own household

*He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger,
in giving him food and raiment.*

Deuteronomy 10:18 (KJV)

God provides through willing hands

Devotion prompt

How are your other children, and your marriage, actually doing? Ask them today.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Goodbyes

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

1 Corinthians 13:7 (KJV)

The kind of love foster care requires

Devotion prompt

If this placement ends, what do you want the child to take with them — a book, a photo, a sentence they remember?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Endurance

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

Psalm 27:10 (KJV)

For the child's own story

Devotion prompt

Let us not be weary in well doing. What support do you need in place to still be doing this in two years?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

More verses for this season

Keep this page for cards, texts, and the days when you need different words.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Galatians 6:9 (KJV)

For placements that are hard and long

A prayer for this season

Father to the fatherless, give us patience for behaviour we did not cause, love that does not calculate the cost, and grace for the goodbyes. Amen.

Practical ways to use these verses

- Psalm 68:6 is the verse most foster families come back to — write it where you will see it on a placement day.
- 1 Corinthians 13:7 is worth reading aloud the week a reunification is announced.
- Pair Psalm 27:10 with a memory book you send with the child.

Notes and prayer requests

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