

Handout 9

Developmental Assets™ and Scripture

The Scripture passages on this page can serve as a springboard for reflecting on the potential connections between biblical themes and texts and the individual assets.

Asset	Old Testament	New Testament
Support		
1. Family support	Psalms 103:13-14	Ephesians 5:1-2
2. Positive family communication	Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 15:1-4	Ephesians 4:15-16; Ephesians 6:4
3. Other adult relationships	2 Samuel 9:1-13; 2 Kings 2	2 Timothy 1:1-14
4. Caring neighborhood	Leviticus 19:18, 33-34	Mark 12:31-33
5. Caring school climate	Ezekiel 34:11-15	Mark 9:37
6. Parent involvement in schooling	Proverbs 22:6	Luke 2:41-52
Empowerment		
7. Community values youth	Jeremiah 1:5-8	Luke 15:1-10; Matthew 19:13-15
8. Youth as resources	1 Samuel 16	1 Timothy 4:12; Romans 12:4-8
9. Service to others	Isaiah 6	Romans 12:9-13
10. Safety	Psalms 12:6-8	Luke 15:1-7
Boundaries and Expectations		
11. Family boundaries	Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 29:17	Hebrews 12:5-13; Ephesians 6:1-4
12. School boundaries	Proverbs 13:13	Titus 3:1-2
13. Neighborhood boundaries	Leviticus 19:15-18	Ephesians 4:25-28
14. Adult role models	1 Samuel 3	Matthew 1:18-25; Hebrews 11, 13:7
15. Positive peer influence	1 Samuel 20	Philippians 2:1-5
16. High expectations	Exodus 3-4	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Constructive Use of Time		
17. Creative activities	Psalms 148-150	Ephesians 5:19-20
18. Youth programs	Ecclesiastes 3:1, 17	2 Corinthians 10:15-18
19. Religious community	Isaiah 35:1-10	Acts 2:46-47
20. Time at home	Ruth 1:16-18	Luke 15:11-32
Commitment to Learning		
21. Achievement motivation	Nehemiah 2:11-18	Hebrews 12:1-2
22. School engagement	Exodus 31:1-5; Psalm 119:33-40	Colossians 3:23-24
23. Homework	Ezra 7:8-10	Luke 19:11-27
24. Bonding to school	Psalms 27:11	Romans 13:1-3
25. Reading for pleasure	Jeremiah 36:1-10	Acts 15:22-35
Positive Values		
26. Caring	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15	Luke 10:25-37
27. Equality and social justice	Isaiah 42:6-7; Amos 5:24	Luke 16:19-31; Matthew 25:34-36
28. Integrity	Micah 6:8	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
29. Honesty	Proverbs 16:13; 24:26	Luke 23:33-43
30. Responsibility	Ezekiel 18:1-9	Luke 16:1-13; Ephesians 4:1-6
31. Restraint	Numbers 25:1-5	1 Thessalonians 4:3

Social Competencies		
32. Planning and decision making	Isaiah 1:1-5	Luke 14:28-33
33. Interpersonal skills	1 Samuel 20:1-17	Galatians 5:13; 1 Timothy 6:18
34. Cultural competence	Isaiah 11:1-10	Romans 15:4-13
35. Resistance skills	Proverbs 28:4-5	1 Corinthians 10:13
36. Peaceful conflict resolution	Isaiah 2:1-5	Matthew 5:9
Positive Identity		
37. Personal power	1 Kings 17:7-16	Romans 12:1-8
38. Self-esteem	Psalms 139:13-14	John 8:31-36
39. Sense of purpose	Isaiah 43:1-7	2 Timothy 4:5-11
40. Positive view of personal future	Jeremiah 29:11-12	Luke 6:20-31

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