

SCRIPTURE AND ASSETS

Asset building is important in youth ministry, not because it's new, but because it gives a fresh perspective for examining and reclaiming truths central to who kids are and their faith commitment. By exploring and tapping the connections between faith and asset building, you will enrich your ministries with children, youth, families, and communities. The Scripture passages below can serve as a springboard for reflecting on the potential connections between biblical texts and the 40 developmental assets:

Asset	Old Testament	New Testament
Support 1. Family support 2. Positive family communication 3. Other adult relationships 4. Caring neighborhood 5. Caring school climate 6. Parent involvement in schooling	Psalm 103:13-14 Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 15:1-4 2 Samuel 9:1-13; 2 Kings 2 Leviticus 19:18, 33-34 Ezekiel 34:11-15 Proverbs 22:6	Ephesians 5:1-2 Ephesians 4:15-16; Ephesians 6:4 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Mark 12:31-33 Mark 9:37 Luke 2:41-52
Empowerment 7. Community values youth 8. Youth as resources 9. Service to others 10. Safety	Jeremiah 1:5-8 1 Samuel 16 Isaiah 6 Psalm 12:6-8	Luke 15:1-10; Matthew 19:13-15 1 Timothy 4:12; Romans 12:4-8 Romans 12:9-13 Luke 15:1-7
Boundaries and Expectations 11. Family boundaries 12. School boundaries 13. Neighborhood boundaries 14. Adult role models 15. Positive peer influence 16. High expectations	Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 29:17 Proverbs 13:13 Leviticus 19:15-18 1 Samuel 3 1 Samuel 20 Exodus 3-4	Hebrews 12:5-13; Ephesians 6:1-4 Titus 3:1-2 Ephesians 4:25-28 Matthew 1:18-25; Hebrews 11, 13:7 Philippians 2:1-5 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Constructive Use of Time 17. Creative activities 18. Youth programs 19. Religious community 20. Time at home	Psalm 148-150 Ecclesiastes 3:1, 17 Isaiah 35:1-10 Ruth 1:16-18	Ephesians 5:19-20 2 Corinthians 10:15-18 Acts 2:46-47 Luke 15:11-32
Commitment to Learning 21. Achievement motivation 22. School engagement 23. Homework 24. Bonding to school 25. Reading for pleasure	Nehemiah 2:11-18 Exodus 31:1-5; Psalm 119:33-40 Ezra 7:8-10 Psalm 27:11 Jeremiah 36:1-10	Hebrews 12:1-2 Colossians 3:23-24 Luke 19:11-27 Romans 13:1-3 Acts 15:22-35
Positive Values 26. Caring 27. Equality and social justice 28. Integrity 29. Honesty 30. Responsibility 31. Restraint	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 Isaiah 42:6-7; Amos 5:24 Micah 6:8 Proverbs 16:13; 24:26 Ezekiel 18:1-9 Numbers 25:1-5	Luke 10:25-37 Luke 16:19-31; Matthew 25:34-36 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 23:33-43 Luke 16:1-13; Ephesians 4:1-6 1 Thessalonians 4:3
Social Competencies 32. Planning and decision making 33. Interpersonal skills 34. Cultural competence 35. Resistance skills 36. Peaceful conflict resolution	Isaiah 1:1-5 1 Samuel 20:1-17 Isaiah 11:1-10 Proverbs 28:4-5 Isaiah 2:1-5	Luke 14:28-33 Galatians 5:13; 1 Timothy 6:18 Romans 15:4-13 1 Corinthians 10:13 Matthew 5:9
Positive Identity 37. Personal power 38. Self-esteem 39. Sense of purpose 40. Positive view of personal future	1 Kings 17:7-16 Psalm 139:13-14 Isaiah 43:1-7 Jeremiah 29:11-12	Romans 12:1-8 John 8:31-36 2 Timothy 4:5-11 Luke 6:20-31