

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.

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
<u>Support</u>		
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
<u>Empowerment</u>		
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
<u>Boundaries and Expectations</u>		
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
<u>Constructive Use of Time</u>		
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
<u>Commitment to Learning</u>		
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
<u>Positive Values</u>		
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
<u>Social Competencies</u>		
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
<u>Positive Identity</u>		
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