**How to Personalize Your Graduate’s Gift Bible**

**Write a personal note at the beginning of the Bible**

* Perhaps you make it personal about how you admire their faith walk and see God working in their lives and future.
* Perhaps you refer to a special blessing you have spoken over them or a verse you have blessed them with.
* Perhaps you write about the importance of God’s Word and taking time for it. Some references include:

**Write special notes in the margins for your child to later discover**

* Mark any special verses to you and make notation: confirmation verse, wedding verse, favorite verse.
* Mark any special verses of relatives or close friends. Call them and ask what they are.
* Mark verses that are helpful at various times or write this guide in the back page.

**Write a few suggestions for applying God’s word in time of need**

* When in sorrow, read John 14.
* When men fail you, read Psalm 27.
* When you have sinned, read Psalm 51.
* When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34.
* When you are I danger, read Psalm 91.
* When you have the blues, read Psalm 34.
* When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.
* If you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.
* If you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.
* If you feel down and out, read Romans 8:39.
* When you want courage for your task, read Joshua 1.
* When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90.
* When you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11:25-30.
* When leaving home for labor or travel, read Psalm 127:107:23-31.
* If you get bitter or critical, read 1 Corinthians 13.
* If thinking of investments and returns, read Mark 10:17-31.
* For a great invitation – a great opportunity, read Isaiah 5.