

Assets and Scripture

It may be helpful to refer to Scripture to emphasize the importance of each of the 40 developmental assets. Here are some Old and New Testament passages that relate to each asset.

Asset	Old Testament Reference	New Testament Reference
Asset #1: Family Support	Psalms 103:13-14 The Lord has compassion for his children	Ephesians 5:1-2 Be imitators of God as beloved children...
Asset #2: Positive Family Communication	Proverbs 15:1-4 A soft answer turns away wrath...	Ephesians 4:15-16 Grow up in every way... Ephesians 6:4 Do not provoke to anger...
Asset #3: Other Adult Relationships	2 Kings 2 Elijah and Elisha	2 Timothy 1:1-14 Hold to standards of good teaching
Asset #4: Caring Neighborhood	Leviticus 19:18, 33-34 Love your neighbor as you love yourself	Mark 12:31-33 Jesus: Love your neighbor as yourself
Asset #5: Caring School Climate	Ezekiel 34:11-15 God is the true shepherd	Mark 9:37 Jesus: Whoever welcomes the child, welcomes me
Asset #6: Parent Involvement in Schooling	Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child...	Luke 2:41-52 Jesus the boy in the Temple
Asset #7: Community Values Youth	Jeremiah 1:5-8 Call of Jeremiah	Luke 15:1-10 Parables of the lost sheep and coin Matthew 19:13-15 Jesus blesses the children
Asset #8: Youth as Resources	1 Samuel 16 David anointed as king	1 Timothy 4:12 Let no one despise your youth..
Asset #9: Service to Others	Isaiah 6 Vision of God in the Temple	Romans 12:9-13 Marks of a Christian
Asset #10: Safety	Psalms 12:6-8 Protection of the Lord	Luke 15:1-7 The lost sheep
Asset #11: Family Boundaries	Exodus 20:12 Fourth Commandment Proverbs 29:17 Discipline	Hebrews 12:5-13 Do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord... Ephesians 6:1-4 Honor your father and mother...
Asset #12: School Boundaries	Psalms 7:7-8 Judgement	Titus 3:1-2 Be subject to rulers and authorities...
Asset #13: Neighborhood Boundaries	Leviticus 19:15-18 Do not render an unjust judgment	Ephesians 4:25-28 Speak truth to our neighbors...
Asset #14: Adult Role Models	1 Samuel 3 Call of Samuel	Matthew 1:18-25 Joseph and the angel Hebrews 11, 13:7 Examples of faith

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Asset #15: Positive Peer Influence	1 Samuel 20 Jonathon and David	Philemon 1:7 Encouragement from friends
Asset #16: High Expectations	Exodus 3-4 God calls Moses	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Warning against idleness
Asset #17: Creative Activities	Psalms 148-150 All creation praises the Lord	Ephesians 5:19-20 Sings psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...
Asset #18: Youth Programs	Ecclesiastes 3:1, 17 There is a time and season for all things	2 Corinthians 10:15-18 Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord
Asset #19: Religious Community	Isaiah 35:1-10 Return of the redeemed to Zion	Romans 12:4-8 One body, many members...
Asset #20: Time at Home	Ruth 1:16-18 Ruth and Naomi; where you go I will go...	Luke 15:11-32 The Prodigal Son
Asset #21: Achievement Motivation	Nehemiah 2:11-18 Restoring the walls of Jerusalem	Hebrews 12:1-2 Run the race set before you
Asset #22: School Engagement	Exodus 31:1-5 Bezalel and Oholiab	Colossians 3:23-24 Do your tasks for the Lord
Asset #23: Homework	Ezra 7:8-10 Ezra studies the Law	John 7:14-16 Jesus teaches in the Temple
Asset #24: Bonding to School	Psalms 27:11 Teach me your way, O Lord	Romans 13:1-3 Being subject to authorities
Asset #25: Reading for Pleasure	Jeremiah 36:1-10 Reading the scrolls in the Temple	Acts 15:22-35 Letter to Antioch
Asset #26: Caring	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 Healing of Namaan	Luke 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan
Asset #27: Equality and Social Justice	Amos 5:24 Let justice roll down...	Luke 16:19-31 Rich Man and Lazarus Matthew 25:34-36 The Ten Bridesmaids
Asset #28: Integrity	Micah 6:8 What does the Lord require...	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Being chosen as first fruits of salvation; stand firm...
Asset #29: Honesty	Proverbs 16:13; 24:26 Righteous lips...	Luke 23:33-43 Jesus and the two criminals
Asset #30: Responsibility	Ezekiel 18:1-9 Individual retribution	Luke 16:1-13 The Dishonest Manager
Asset #31: Restraint	Numbers 25:1-5 Do not worship Baal	1 Thessalonians 4:3
Asset #32: Planning and Decision Making	Isaiah 1:1-5 Vision of Isaiah	Luke 14:28-33 Counting the cost
Asset #33: Interpersonal Skills	Proverbs 18:16 Gifts open door	1 Timothy 6:18 The good fight of faith

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Asset #34: Cultural Competence	Isaiah 11:1-10 The peaceful kingdom	Romans 15:4-13 Live in harmony with each other
Asset #35: Resistance Skills	Proverbs 28:4-5 Those who keep the Law struggle against the wicked	1 Corinthians 10:13 We won't be tested beyond our strength
Asset #36: Peaceful Conflict Resolution	Isaiah 2:1-5 A peaceful future	Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers
Asset #37: Personal Power	1 Kings 17:7-16 Elijah feeds the widow and her son	Romans 12:1-8 New life in Christ...be not conformed to this world
Asset #38: Self-esteem	Psalms 139:13 The Lord has formed us	John 8:31-36 Truth will set you free
Asset #39: Sense of Purpose	Isaiah 43:1-7 The Lord restores those called by name	2 Timothy 4:5-11 Paul's charge to Timothy
Asset #40: Positive View of Personal Future	Jeremiah 29:11-12 I know the plans I have for you... a future with hope	Luke 6:20-31 The Beatitudes