

FOR PRIMARY GRADES: New Year's Resolutions

First graders will need help with this exercise but second graders and older students should be able to locate these passages in the Bible (encourage use of the table of contents, if need be).

Ask students: Would you like to make some "godly" resolutions for this year? Here are some good ones to get you started. See if you can match each resolution on the left to the correct Bible verse on the right.



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| 1. "... Add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge ..." | _____ | a. Matthew 7:1 |
| 2. "... We should love one another." | _____ | b. Acts 5:29 |
| 3. "... Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." | _____ | c. Ephesians 6:1 |
| 4. "Do not judge, or you too will be judged." | _____ | d. 1 John 3:11 |
| 5. "... We must obey God rather than men." | _____ | e. Philippians 4:8 |
| 6. "Do not be anxious about anything ..." | _____ | f. Proverbs 4:27 |
| 7. Whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy—think out such things. | _____ | g. 2 Peter 1:5 |
| 8. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord." | _____ | h. 2 Timothy 1:8 |
| 9. "... Do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord ..." | _____ | i. Matthew 5:44 |
| 10. "Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil." | _____ | j. Philippians 4:6 |

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TEACHER REFLECTION: Seeing in the Dark

*The lights are off.
It's dark in my room.
And I am imagining
things.*

*I imagine I'm all alone
in a room full of eyes and
spies and beasts and bad
guys.*

*That's what I imagine.
But then I remember
my room is too full
for all that stuff.*

*It's full to the brim
with love.*

*That's what's nice about
the dark, God.*

*In the dark I cannot see
my daytime toys.*

*I need not see my nighttime
things*

*But in the dark at bedtime,
God,*

I see you.

**This was written for
children. But what are the
toys that clutter *your* mind?**

– Gently Lead
Polly Berends



