

## Poems & Verses

Post each one by kitchen table for month. Enjoy, say together, memorize, use for copywork (L only).  
2014-2015

Say/sing at lunch and/or circle time each day. Also at extra times listed.

August	Caterpillar, Christina Rosetti	Butterfly watercolor, try to raise a caterpillar & watch become a butterfly (order cat. Online)
September	Time to Rise, Robert Louis Stevenson	Say when waking children
October	Take My Life, Frances R. Havergal With motions	Sing as we work at home
November	The Moon, Robert Louis Stevenson	Say if on a moon walk when see moon
December	Long, Long Ago, author unknown	Say when setting up nativity or pointing to parts of nativity
January	Falling Snow, Caitlyn Turner	Say when it snows
February	Happy Family Song, Michelle Duggar	Sing around house or on way to church
March	For the Beauty of the Earth, Folliot S. Pierpoint	Sing outside
April	Pippa's Song, Robert Browning	Say outside in spring

## AUGUST

### Caterpillar

Christina Rossetti

Brown and furry  
Caterpillar in a hurry,  
Take your walk  
To the shady leaf, or stalk,  
Or what not,  
Which may be the chosen spot.  
No toad spy you,  
Hovering bird of prey pass by you;  
Spin and die,  
To live again a butterfly.

2 Cor 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

art/handcraft – use a coffee filter & clothespin or pipecleaner to make butterfly. Paint with watercolors.



# SEPTEMBER

## Time to Rise

Robert Louis Stevenson

A birdie with a yellow bill  
Hopped upon my window sill,  
Cocked his shining eye and said:  
"Ain't you 'shamed, you sleepy-head!"

\*I change this to "Ain't you sweet" when I'm saying to the children in the mornings.

Habit: Rising cheerfully, spending time with God in the morning

"Oh God, you are my God, early will I seek you."  
Psalm 63:1

# OCTOBER

## **Take My Life**

Frances F. Havergal

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing,  
Always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.

Habit/Character Quality: Kind and Gentle Words, encouraging words

“The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.”

Proverbs 15:4

“Encourage one another and build each other up,” I Thess 5:11

## **November**

### **The Moon**

**Robert Louis Stevenson**

The moon has a face like the clock in the hall;  
She shines on thieves on the garden wall,  
On streets and fields and harbour quays,  
And birdies asleep in the forks of the trees.

The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse,  
The howling dog by the door of the house,  
The bat that lies in bed at noon,  
All love to be out by the light of the moon.

But all of the things that belong to the day  
Cuddle to sleep to be out of her way;  
And flowers and children close their eyes  
Till up in the morning the sun shall arise.

Habit/Character: Compassion/tenderheartedness (not related to poem)

“Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers (and sisters), be tenderhearted, be courteous.” 1 Peter 3:8

## Long, Long Ago

author unknown

Winds thro' the olive trees  
Softly did blow,  
Round little Bethlehem  
Long, long ago.

Sheep on the hillside lay  
Whiter than snow;  
Shepherds were watching them,  
Long, long ago.

Then from the happy sky,  
Angels bent low,  
Singing their songs of joy,  
Long, long ago.

For in a manger bed,  
Cradled we know,  
Christ came to Bethlehem,  
Long, long ago.

Pick other verses and habits as needed each month. Whatever God puts on your heart for you & your children.

# JANUARY

## FALLING SNOW

*Caitlyn Turner*

See the pretty snowflakes,  
Falling from the sky;  
On the wall and housetops,  
Soft and thick they lie.

On the window ledges,  
On the branches bare;  
Now how fast they gather,  
Filling all the air.

Look into the garden,  
Where the grass was green;  
Covered by the snowflakes,  
Not a blade is seen.

Now the bare black bushes,  
All look soft and white,  
Every twig is laden,  
What a pretty sight!

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Happy Family Song** **Michelle Duggar**

We are a family, a happy happy family  
We serve each other every day  
We are a family, a happy happy family  
We are building character God's way.  
God designed the family  
He's given us principles to follow faithfully  
If we do as He commands,  
We will honor God, and stand.

## MARCH

### FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> stanzas, hymn.

Folliott S. Pierpoint

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

Refrain::

Christ our Lord, to Thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild

## APRIL

### **Pippa's Song**

Robert Browning

THE year's at the spring,  
And day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven;  
The hill-side's dew-pearl'd;  
The lark's on the wing;  
The snail's on the thorn;  
God's in His heaven—  
All's right with the world!