

Bible Memorization for Children



5 Simple Solutions to Memorizing God's Word!



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Introduction – Food for Thought...

Can you tell me the 10 Commandments are – right now, without looking them up? What about the Fruit of the Spirit, the Armor of Faith, or the Beatitudes?

Can you tell me how God says we should walk wisely, how to love others, how to train our tongue? How are we as Christians supposed to live, how do we please God?

You will find that the answer to every situation we face in life is found in the Bible.

But let me ask you a question, if you don't know what the Bible says, then how will you know how to live?

If your child doesn't know the Bible, how will they know what to do when faced with temptation?

I'd like to offer a few ways to make Scripture memorization easier for you and your child. Ready to memorize?

Let's Go!

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Let's Say It Again

Are you aware that you were teaching your child memorization verbally from the time they were an infant? Before you laugh, you did! ☺

Think back; remember all of those "Momma" and "Dada" repetitions? Over and over you would repeat those words to your child, and one day – they could say it!

Well, I believe you'll find that the same method can produce wonderful results now that they are older; results as the memorize Scripture.

Let's try a little experiment:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Okay, you can now repeat this a few times and quote it back, correct? Hmm... probably not. I won't say that everyone can't do that, but for most it's a little too much to bite off at one time, especially children.

One trick that I use is to memorize one small section at a time. Take the first phrase, "For God so loved the world", and repeat this over and over until you can quote it from memory.

Now take just the second phrase, "that He gave His only begotten Son". Once you can quote this phrase, add the two together – first reading them aloud several times slowly, and then beginning to quote them aloud from memory.

Written Repetition

Some children seem to commit to memory things that they read and then write down. As it goes into their eyes, their brain seems to absorb the material as it's then passed down to their hands and out onto the paper – where they will likely read it again as they write.

I believe children will find it easier to write smaller passages of Scripture vs. larger ones, and retain them better.

As I mentioned in the last page, take one small section of the verse and write it over and over. Encourage your child to speak the words aloud as they write, which engrains it even deeper into their hearts and minds.

Still others might find it easier to write the entire passage, and hang it in a visible place where they can read it each time they pass by.

You can also encourage them to write it once a day, for as long as it takes to get it correct.

Putting the Pieces Together

One activity that we use in our home, and teach in Sonbeams preschool guides, is to make puzzles of what you are trying to learn.

For instance, with John 3:16, you cut a piece of poster board lengthwise, and write the verse on the strip (which should be 3 to 4 inches wide).

With little ones, I read the verse from the Bible, and as I'm reading each word, they are watching me write it on the strip. This is a wonderful to introduce reading skills!

In our guides, we learn 1 verse a week. So each Monday, a new verse should be written on strips of paper and read aloud several times together.

While young children aren't able to read yet, they are memorizing what they hear you repeating, and are also beginning to recognize the words on the strips.

On Tuesday, you could divide this passage into 4 sections – cutting the strips. Place the strips back in order, and read aloud the correct strips – pointing to each word as you say it.

After doing this a couple of times, scramble up the pieces and ask you child if they can help you put the verse back together in the right order.

Do this each day, cutting the verse strip a little more each day – and you'll find that by Friday the verse is more than likely memorized!

Talking It Through

Have you ever tried to learn or memorize something that you just plain out didn't understand, or have a clue what it was about? It makes it pretty difficult!

For women – try memorizing part of a mechanic's guide. For men – try memorizing a recipe! When the material we are trying to learn doesn't seem to make sense to us, it's not as easily absorbed into our minds.

The same holds true for children. In our home, we especially like to read and memorize the King James Version Bible. It's not likely that any of our children are around anyone that speaks this way anymore, so can you imagine how confusing these words must be to little ears?

Let's approach things this way:

"For God so loved the world" – this means that God loved the world and everyone in it SO much.

"that He gave His only begotten Son" – Jesus is God's only Son, and God gave Him to those of us living on Earth as the way to eternal life with Him.

"that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish" – God is saying here that WHOEVER believes on Jesus doesn't have to die and go to hell, they can have eternal life with God in heaven!..... which is our next section

"but have everlasting life" – life that never ends, we will never be sick or die in heaven.

Now the verse makes a little more sense, and is like a story – and most all children can tell you their favorite stories!

Melodious Memorizing

Call me silly, but I can learn anything put to music! Music is in my blood, and even if there's nothing but silence, I often find myself singing or humming something.

As a parent, I find myself making up silly little songs with my children – songs about how much I love them, teaching them how to spell their names, learning our address and telephone number.

As we began homeschool preschool, I picked out verses for each letter of the alphabet. Without thinking, the verses somehow quickly had a melody attached to them.

Of course, what's funny now is that I can only sing certain Scriptures vs. quoting them alone! ☺

But what a blessing it has been in my own life to have God bring these verse songs to my mind and heart at times when I really need them. This is a blessing because God's Word is ALIVE, and it speaks so deeply to our hearts!

What a greater blessing it is to hear my children also singing Scripture! For each song, we talk about what the verse means (Talking It Through", and even do some hands on activities that make it even more real to them.

Are you skeptical? Quiz – without grabbing a hymnal, what is the first verse of Amazing Grace? You just sang the entire verse, didn't you?

I've found this one of my absolute favorite ways to memorize God's Word, while singing His praises and Word back to Him!

Keep Them As Frontlets

Deuteronomy 6:8 tells us, “And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.”

There is a Jewish practice of wearing frontlets between their eyes, which in plain speaking means have a small box strapped to their foreheads. Inside of this box are Scriptures.

God doesn't say to wear them between their eyes literally, but says for us to keep them before our eyes continually, AS frontlets.

For children, explain that this means God wants our main focus to be on Him and His Word – not the computer game or television show – GOD.

As a way to keep His Word first and foremost in our lives, place the Scripture passage you are memorizing all over your home. While washing dishes, you can read and meditate on the verse hanging before you.

While getting dressed, you see them on your dresser mirror. When grabbing a quick bite to eat, you see them taped to the front of the fridge! Get the idea? ☺

We currently have the 10 Commandments on our piano, and it reminds me to share them once more with my children.

If our children never hear God's Word, never read it, and never memorize, how then will they live by it? Keep God's Word constantly before you eyes, and in the foremost part of your thoughts.

Scripture Passages For Children

I recently experienced a medical situation that made me question what exactly I am teaching my children about the Lord. Should something be seriously wrong and I would be leaving this world, what do my children know about their Creator, Saviour, and God?

Thankfully, nothing was that serious – but the scare was a blessing. We are never granted another day, and we as parents will be held accountable to God for how we have raised our children – HIS children.

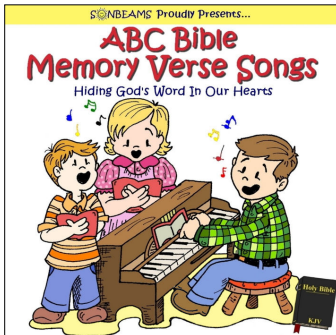
Below are some of my favorite passages that I believe apply to/ and are understood well by children. They are also my favorite “Live By” verses. ☺

- The Ten Commandments – God's law given to Moses, Exodus 20:2-17
- The Fruit of the Spirit – Fruit evident in our lives if we follow God, Galatians 5:22-23
- The Beatitudes – Teaching character / receiving God's favor as we follow Him, Matthew 5:3-12
- The Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:9-13
- Psalms 1
- Psalms 23
- Psalms 100
- Psalms 121
- James 1 – Several great sections, esp. verse 19
- The Armor of God – Godly armor to fight the Spiritual battle, Ephesians 6:10-18
- Service unto the Lord, Colossians 3:23

There are so many, many more! I pray this e-booklet opens new doors of Scripture memorization for you and your family!

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