

MEMORY VERSES – LEARNING FOR LIFE!

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Helping your children to learn scripture verses plants the seeds of God's Word into their minds forever.

MAKE LEARNING A BIBLE VERSE EASY AND ENJOYABLE!

- Write a Bible verse on a rectangle of stiff card. Colour the card with designs that match the verse. Cut the card up into a jigsaw and then let your child put it back together again.
- Buy some alphabet pasta shapes (try a continental food store) and put the shapes into a bowl on the table. Write a Bible verse clearly on a piece of paper. Work together to find the right letter shapes, and arrange them to spell out the whole verse. Some pasta shapes do not have all the letters in the English language, so be ready to substitute other letters. If you can't find alphabet pasta shapes, write the letters onto small squares of card, or use the letters from a purchased word game.
- Make secret code texts by writing out the first letter of each word in the text onto a small card. Give each child a card, after they have become familiar with the text. They can carry their card in their pocket and use the initial letters as a prompt to help them remember the whole text. For example: 'For God so loved the world' would be written 'FGSLTD'.
- Draw around your feet and cut out lots of paper feet shapes. Write the words of the verse to be learned on separate feet. Then let your children jump from one paper foot to the next, reading the words for the text as they go. As they begin to learn the words, turn some of the feet over so the word no longer shows. Do this until all the feet are turned over and the verse has been learned. Take care, and make sure that the children won't slip on the paper feet and hurt themselves if they fall.
- Make up actions for a Bible verse to suit the words, and act the verse out as it is said. Let the children make up actions for themselves.
- Set the words of the verse to a well-known tune and make it into a song. Some Bible verses are already songs, and you could learn these with your family.
- Use the words of the Bible verse to create a word search or crossword puzzle for your children to do.
- Rebus puzzles have little pictures that replace some of the words. Write out the verse using simple pictures instead of some of the words. Younger children who can't read can use the picture clues to help them learn the verse.
- Stand in a circle and throw a ball from one person to another across the middle of the circle, so know one quite knows who will catch the ball next. When the ball is caught, the catcher has to say the next word in the verse, before throwing the ball to the next person. See how quickly you can go! Stand further apart for a bigger challenge.
- Write the memory verse on a piece of paper and stick it where everyone will see it often, such as on a mirror or door.
- Make the Bible verse into an attractive poster. Or illustrate some of the Proverbs with cartoons.