

## CREATIVE IDEAS FOR MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD



Parents, which Scriptures do you want your children to truly know and understand?  
Which do you believe are the vital, life-giving Scriptures?  
Which ones are important to their salvation?  
Which Scriptures are relevant to what your child is presently experiencing or how they are being challenged?  
Which Scriptures have personal meaning to you, and you would like to pass them along?

Ask Grandparents: "Which Scriptures have been your 'life verse(s)'? Will you teach them to your grandchildren and tell them your story?"

Write songs to memorize Scripture. Does anyone play an instrument? If so, add them. If not, no worries! Anyone can write songs by using a familiar melody (such as the ABC song) and using the words from Scripture as lyrics. This works especially well with the Proverbs!

Create a game show, drill, or contest. Each family member must memorize certain Scriptures by a certain date. Make your own rules! Afterwards, treat yourselves to a favorite restaurant or event. (This can be something fun and simple or something more elaborate.)

"Shower crayons" can also be fun! Write blessings, prayers, or Bible verses on the tile. Add questions and comments for one another about what was written, etc.

Choose the verse you want to memorize and then write one word of the text per index card or piece of paper. Children can then put the words (cards) in the correct order to review the Scripture. Remember to include the reference!

Memorize by cheering, shouting, dramatizing, echoing or chanting. Stress certain words. Get your whole body involved! Make up actions to coincide with the text; use physical props.

Write verses on index cards and put them in conspicuous places around the house as constant reminders - in pockets, mirrors, dashboard, desk, shower, etc. Read or quote it aloud each time you see it.

Put copies of the Scriptures you're memorizing in surprising places like lunch boxes, under pillows, on plates at meal time, etc.

Choose a Bible story (Mark has the shortest stories of Jesus). Each person memorizes one verse from the story. Then quote/tell the story, verse by verse; use verbal and physical expression, and practice telling the story, one person after another, until it flows. Props are helpful, as well!