

## Ideas to Help Kids Memorize

1. Illustrate the Bible verse. Have your children write the Bible verse, skipping space between lines. Have them draw pictures to stand for some words represented.
2. Have your children say the Bible verse with another family member. One partner says one word and the other partner says the next.
3. Write the Bible verse on a white board, mirror, or window (using a dry erase marker). Erase one word at a time, replacing it with a line. Then say the verse and include the missing word(s).
4. Write the Bible verse in a place you see often. Use a white board, mirror, window, or sticky note.
5. Throw a soft ball back and forth with a family member or two. When a partner catches the ball, she should say the next word in the Bible verse. Or a stuffed animal or something easy to toss back and forth.
6. Use hand motions to act out the Bible verse.
7. Write the Bible verse and use a different colored marker for each word.
8. Stand up and kneel or sit down, saying one word of the verse as you stand and the next as you kneel or sit.
9. Write the Bible verse in a straight line and cut the words apart. Mix up the words and put them back together to make the Bible verse.
10. Build a fort out of couch cushions and blankets, then get inside with a flashlight to memorize verses.
11. Write the phrases of the verses on balloons, then pop them when they can say it without looking.
12. Write the words of the verses on small slips of paper, then flip them over when they know the word.
13. Write the verse with sidewalk chalk outside really big. Let them hop on the words as they say it.
14. Go on a “park 2 practice” adventure. At the park, have the child say the verse on the swing, slide, etc.
15. Bury slips of paper in the sandbox with a phrase on them. When the child finds them, put them in order.
16. Play “Cavemen” and draw pictures of stick figures and silly drawings that represent each word or idea.
17. Take pictures with your child that represent what the verse or phrase and then put them together. This method works exceptionally well, and offers a high rate of recall because of the mental tag created by the photo.
18. Stand on a chair and blow bubbles as high as you can, and have the child complete the verse before the last bubble hits the ground.
19. Write out the verse on a sheet of paper, then cut it into puzzle pieces and let the child put it together.
20. Whenever they memorize a verse, let them write it out neatly, then add stickers, or other decorations and put it in a scrapbook, so they can keep track of their progress.

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21. Make a chart with references on it that they can check off when they've completed a verse.
22. Write out the words to the verse on a piece of printer paper, then cut each word apart. Tape the words in order, but at least 12 inches apart from each other, all around the room. Then turn off all the lights and stand in the middle of the room with a flashlight. If you need to remember a word, shine your light on it.
23. If you have more than one child, make a competition night where you have something like a spelling bee. The questions can be in one of seven forms.
  1. I say the verse, you say the reference.
  2. I say the reference, you say the verse.
  3. I say the verse, you tell me if it is correct, or incorrect.
  4. I say a verse with one word wrong, you correct it.
  5. I start the verse, you finish it.
  6. I finish the verse, you tell me how it starts.
  7. Tell me any verse and reference that you can quote by memory.
24. If your cell phone or ipod has video capabilities, write out the verse, hold it behind the camera and video your child reading it (like a cue card). Then let them watch it whenever they've got free time in the car or wherever. It's even more fun if they are doing something cool when you video them, like hanging upside-down on the monkey bars. Of course then you've got to hold the cue card upside down too.
25. Buy an inexpensive dry erase board. Write out the verse, then erase each word when your child knows it, till they're all gone.
26. Write a little song using the exact words of the verse. It doesn't have to be perfect just something to help them remember and make it fun. If you're not into making up your own tune. Try out different tunes you already know and see which one works best with the verse you're working on. Here's a list to get you started thinking;  
  
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star  
Row, Row, Row your boat  
Mary had a Little Lamb  
Ring around the Rosie
27. Write out the verse on a piece of printer paper in large print. Put small candy like M&M's or Skittles on the main words that need to be remembered. They can eat the piece of candy when they know the word well enough to recall the word after it is covered with a small piece of paper.
28. Go into another room and use your cell phone to call your home phone or another cell phone and ask your child to recite the verse to over the phone. It makes it fun and if they can recite it correctly to you, let them call Grandma, or another loved one and recite it to them.
29. Help your child "pay it forward" by taking a video of them quoting or reading their verse in a creative way then send it to family members
30. Write out the verse on slips of paper, and put each word inside a plastic egg. Put the verse in order.
31. Put a verse in the lid of their lunchbox, and change it up every week.