

# FUN WAYS TO MEMORIZE BIBLE VERSES

## NON-READERS and READERS

**Vocal Verses:** Make the verse into a song (nursery rhyme tunes are good for this) or use one of the many Bible verse song resources available online to learn the verse. Memorizing with a song is one of the best ways to embed scripture into your child's mind and heart.

**Colored shapes:** Write the words on colored shapes and tape them to a board or wall. Say the verse together 3 – 5 times then remove one shape at a time each time as you say the verse until all the shapes are removed and you're saying the entire verse.

**Crossing the river:** Cut out paper stones. Have each stone represent a word of the verse. Say the verse together 3 – 5 times then line your children up at the beginning of the "stones." Have each child step on the stones one at a time while everyone says the verse.

**Follow the Leader:** Create movements that relate to the meaning of the words, or that are sign language words. For example...for "I" point to eye; "love" shape hands in a heart; "so" pretend to sew; "God" point up; "believes" point to head; etc. The children repeat the verse as they follow the movements you make.

**Pass the ball:** Pass a ball around. Say a word each time the ball is passed. Once the verse is learned: the person holding the ball at the end of the verse says the whole verse.

**Symbol verse:** Draw (or cut out) a symbol that illustrates each word (or main words) of the verse on a board. Say the verse together 3 – 5 times then cover or erase one or more symbols each time you say the verse.

**March-a-verse:** Repeat the verse as everyone marches around the room around obstacles or while doing a repeated motion like jumping, hopping on one foot or moving one arm in a circle.

**The next word:** Say the verse together 3 – 5 times then parent begins to repeat the verse. When they stop, the children say the next word.

**Volley the ball:** Line up facing each other with a ball or bean bag. Say the verse together 3 – 5 times. Have one child say the first word and then toss the ball to a second child or parent who says the next word etc.

**Voice changes:** Say the verse using different voices, i.e. loud, soft whisper, slow like turtle, fast as you can, like an old lady, high voice, low voice, while jumping etc.

**READERS** - Say the verse together 3 – 5 times before each of these games.

**Erase-a-word:** Write the verse on a chalkboard, dry-erase board, window or mirror. Erase one or more words at a time, leaving a line where the word was. Then say the verse together. Keep erasing words, adding lines and saying the verse until the board only has lines on it.

**Scramble the verse:** Write one word or a phrase of the verse on index cards, pieces of paper, blocks, etc. Have the children unscramble the verse once it is mixed up. Say the verse each time it is unscrambled.

**Flip strips:** Print the verse on the back of strips of paper that are fastened to a wall or board with tape as hinges. Lift the strips to learn the verse and then close each word strip as it is learned.

**Clothesline:** Cut articles of clothing from paper. Write each word or phrase of the verse on an article of clothing. Learn the verse with the clothing in the correct order. Scramble the words, hanging them on a clothesline. Have the children put the verse in order.

**Popcorn:** Put the Bible verse and reference on chalkboard, dry-erase board, window or mirror. Have your child underline one word. Everyone says the verse together, standing up as they say the underlined word, and then sitting back down to continue saying the verse. Then, have another child (or parent) underline another word and repeat the verse as before. Continue the pattern until every, or almost every, word has been underlined.