

WAYS TO TEACH A MEMORY VERSE

1. **Wax Paper:** Before Sunday, cover 8 1/2 X 11 sheets of white paper with wax paper. Trace your memory verse on the wax paper, pressing hard with a sharp pencil. Use large letters in your work. After the lessons of the day, hand each child a piece of paper upon which you have written the memory verse. Let the children brush tempera paint over the paper. If done properly, the paint will not adhere to the wax from the paper. Your memory verse will seem to magically appear as the paint is brushed on.
2. **Mirror Writing:** Write the memory verse backwards on the chalkboard and let the children discover what it says.
3. **Erase-a-word:** Write the entire verse on a chalkboard and erase one word at a time. Have the children repeat the verse after each new word is erased. At the end, the board should be blank and the children should know the verse.
4. **Jumbled Words:** Write the memory verse on strips of paper. Place one word on each strip. Mix the strips and have the children arrange the words in proper sequence. For use on a flannel board, back with flannel.
5. **Translations:** Look up your memory verse in some of the many different Bible translations. Do the verses say the same thing? Is one translation clearer than another? From which translation do the children prefer to memorize the verse?
6. **Secret Code:** During the week send each child in your class a letter containing a secret message. Ask the children to crack the code and learn your message. The message? It's your memory verse, of course! Be sure to include the code index (ex: A=Z, B=Y, etc.) with your message. Books on various types of codes may be found in your public library.
7. **Life Application:** When studying a memory verse, show the children how they can use a particular verse in their own life. You may also want to ask the next week how many children used this verse during the past week.
8. **Bulletin Board:** Decorate your bulletin board to represent the verse of the day. Have the children tell you the correct verse.
9. **Verse-of-the-Month:** If your children have difficulty memorizing difficult Scriptures, try having them learn just one verse a month. Select the most appropriate verse to fit your lessons. It is better to have one learned than none!
10. **Puppets:** Let a puppet teach the memory verse to the children.
11. **Competition:** Let the boys compete against the girls in a review of the past quarter's verses.
12. **Want Ads:** Write the memory verse in black marker (or bright colored chalk) across the want ad pages of your local newspaper.
13. **Pictures:** Find pictures to match various verses you have studied. Let the children match them to the correct verse.
14. **Cassette Player:** Pre-record the memory verse on a tape before the class begins. Allow the children to listen to the verse at their own pace. You may want to include some explanation as to what the verse means.
15. **Mystery Voice:** Similar to #14, but let a mystery voice record the verse. Children will then try to guess whose voice is saying the verse. This could be a means of introducing them to various people in the church (ex: the Pastor, deacons, etc.)
16. **Key Words:** Look up the meanings of various key words in a verse. Use a concordance or a Bible dictionary.
17. **Mobile:** Make a mobile using the various words of a verse. Display and let the children say the verse.
18. **Slides:** Put the memory verse on a write-on-slide(s) and show the verse on the wall. Allow the children to learn the verse while it is being shown.
19. **Find the Verse:** Place the individual words of a memory verse on strips of paper. Hide the pieces around the room and let the children find them. For an added challenge, hide a few extra words and let the children discover which are the correct ones. If they need help, let them look up the verse in their Bibles.

20. **Photo Cube:** Put the words of a memory verse in the various windows of a photo cube. Let the children handle the cube and learn the verse.
21. **Window Shade:** Write the memory verse in large letters on an old window shade. Then as the children learn one line of a verse you can pull the shade down to the next line. You will need to start writing the verse at the bottom of the shade.
22. **Use the Wall:** Place individual words of a memory verse on card strips. Place these strips on different sections of your wall. Have one child stand by each strip. Then let each child say the word he is standing beside in the proper word sequence.
23. **Picture:** Have each child draw a picture of the way he can use the memory verse in his own life.
24. **Paraphrase:** After having learned the memory verse, let the children write the verse in their own words.
25. **Rebus:** Find pictures of symbols to replace various words of a verse. Let the children read the verse.
26. **Hot Potato:** Let the children stand in a circle and pass an object around the group. When someone says, "stop", the one holding the object must be able to quote the memory verse. If unable they must sit out the rest of the game.
27. **String Across Board:** On a piece of poster board; in scrambled order, write the words of your memory verse. At the beginning of each word, place a wire brad. At the first word of the verse, tie a long piece of yarn or string to the brad. Then by wrapping the yarn around each brad, let the children follow the words of the memory verse in sequence.
28. **Original Song:** Learn the memory verse by putting it to music.
29. **Fill-in-the-Blanks:** Write your memory verse leaving out key words. Let the children supply the missing word.
30. **Whispering:** Seat the class in a semi-circle. Beginning with one of the end children, whisper the memory verse to him. Each child in turn whispers.
31. **Bible:** Let the children look up the memory verse in their Bibles.
32. **Adding Machine Tape:** Stretch a long piece of adding machine tape across one wall of your room. Call on different children to come to the tape and write the next word of the memory verse on the tape.
33. **Those Wearing Red:** In order to use variety, try having various groups recite the verse together. For example: "Everyone who has red on, say the memory verse."
34. **Find The Other Half:** Print some of the quarter's memory verses on colored slips of paper. Cut these slips in half. Hide one of the halves around the room. Then, give each child one of the remaining half pieces. The child is to find his matching piece only. When all are found, read the verses out loud.
35. **Puzzles:** Write the memory verse on an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of paper. Cut this sheet into various sized puzzle pieces. Let individual children reassemble the puzzle. If you wish, each child could be given a separate custom-made puzzle.
36. **Together:** Read the memory verse in unison.
37. **Responsive Reading:** If you have an exceptionally long verse let the boys read one part of the verse; then let the girls read the next segment.
38. **Key Word:** For a quarter's review, place one or two key words from a particular memory verse on a strip of paper. Let the children repeat the verse by seeing only the key word(s).
39. **Envelopes:** Write the quarter's memory verses on separate 8 1/2 X 11 sheets of paper. Cut each memory verse into puzzle pieces. Place in separate envelopes. Allow the children to choose one envelope and complete the memory verse puzzle. When they finish they should sign their name on the envelope to show they did that puzzle.
40. **Monk Writing:** Bring the memory verse with no spaces between words. Let the children draw lines to separate the words.
For example: "Thoushaltnotsteal", would be "Thou/shalt/not/steal."

41. **Morse Code:** Place a copy of the International Morse Code on a piece of poster board. Write the memory verse in code and let the children translate it.
42. **Scroll:** Make a scroll. Write a verse or verses for the quarter on the scroll.
43. **Scrambled Words:** Scramble the words to a memory verse. Have the children quote the unscrambled verse.
44. **Drama:** Many verses can be acted out. Sometimes you can pose a situation related to the verse too. (example: "Thou shalt not steal.")