

Scripture Memory Ideas

Helping your children memorize Scripture is something you can do to impact them for the rest of their lives. Maybe some of these ideas will help you!

Choose Verses

- ❖ Pray for guidance on which Scriptures God would have your child memorize. Maybe He has a special verse for your child/children at a particular time in their lives.

Build Scripture Memory into your Routine

- ❖ Try to pick a consistent time for each day or weekday to study the verses with your children. This could be at breakfast, in the car, at supper, at bedtime, or whenever.
- ❖ If you try a time and it doesn't work, try another time. Pray for ideas.
- ❖ Set an alarm to remind you. My cell phone is set to a daily alarm just for Scripture memory; otherwise, we'd rarely remember to do it! 😊

Memorize

- ❖ Read a short phrase from the verse and have your child repeat after you. Repeat several times. Then do the same with the next phrase. Eventually, put the phrases together. See if your child can say the phrase (or phrases or verse) alone. Let your child test you. 😊
- ❖ Keep it quick, light, and not demanding, frustrating, or legalistic.

Use Memory Cards

This idea is based on a suggestion from Bible teacher Beth Moore.

Take a set of index cards and over the weeks, write (or have your child write) Scriptures on them.

Why use memory cards?

- ❖ Memory cards are easy to grab, study, carry, and store.
- ❖ You can add verses that you love and/or that particularly apply to this time in your (or your child's) life.
- ❖ Cards are small and unobtrusive, so you (or your children) can study them anywhere.
- ❖ They can be tucked into a purse or backpack and be a significant source of comfort, such as during an ER visit.
- ❖ Cards are flexible—you can take memory verses from any curriculum and write them on cards. (Twice in our lives, God has seemed to put memory verses in our purchased curriculum that were especially for us at that time!)
- ❖ Cards can help you get from “good intentions” to “accomplishment”!

Consider Giving Rewards

- ❖ If you feel comfortable with this, give a reward for any child that can write out (or dictate) all verses at the end of a quarter or semester. God built rewards into our world (rewards for work is money, rewards for a garden is beauty or food, etc.)¹ He even says we will receive rewards in heaven! 😊 Maybe rewards can be a “symbol” or teaching moment for your child of the inner reward anyone receives when they memorize Scripture.

¹ Kristine Rhodes, excellent mother and good friend of mine!! 😊