

HOW DO I HELP CHILDREN TO LEARN A BIBLE VERSE

Psalm 119:130; The entrance of your words gives light. It gives understanding to the simple.

1 MAKE IT FUN: INVENT A GAME:

Give each child a slip of paper with one word or phrase.

They then need to sort themselves into the right order to make the verse.

When they are in order, have them say the verse, each child saying their word or phrase.

This can be repeated as time allows.

MEMORY VERSE REVIEW:

Tape half of a verse on each child's back. The children must then move around and find the person with the other half of their verse. The trick is that they don't know what it says on their back, so they need to match everyone to find out which is missing and it must be the one on their own back.

(This could take a while)

2 CREATE A PUZZLE:

Write the verse on a sheet of poster board, then cut it into puzzle shapes.

Use fewer pieces for younger children. Have the group recreate the puzzle.

This could be done as a race with two or three groups competing to see who is finished first.

3 WRITE THE VERSE:

This could be on an activity or coloring or take home page. It could be on a simple craft, ie. a bookmark.

You could turn this into an activity by writing the verse leaving out key words.

The children then fill in the missing words. They may be required to look up the verse in scripture.

Try putting pictures into the verse to take the place of key words.

This could become a game: Child draws pictures, the rest must guess the word. (ie. Pictionary)

4 SING THE VERSE:

You can make up a tune to fit the verse or try using a well-known tune to sing the words.

ie. In the Christmas play, the song THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND SALVATION; Psalm 27:1

(Sing to the tune of; The Bear Went Over The Mountain)

5 TEN FINGER CUE:

Each finger represents a word.

Obviously this does not work for every verse, but watch for the right ones.

(ie. Genesis 1:1) IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.

(Genesis 1:26) THEN GOD SAID, "LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE."

6 USE BALLS OR SKIPPING ROPES:

Say one word of the verse on each bounce of the ball or on each jump.

7 MAKE THE VERSE INTO ARTWORK: Do a poster, a picture or banner etc. they can hang in their room.

This is great for a verse that you want to stick with them.

They are likely to remember it if they see it every day.