

Scripture Memory

The Bible is the Word of God, and it can change your life. Hebrews 4:12 says, *"The Word of God is living and active."* The Bible is essential for our spiritual growth. *"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness"* (2 Timothy 3:16).

But you don't always have a copy of the Bible when you need it. And as convenient as your phone is, there is an even better way to access the Word of God: keep it in your heart and in your mind! Psalm 119:11 says, *"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."*

It is great to have extended times of Bible study, feasting on God's Word; but sometimes, we just need a bite-size portion to encourage us, keep us focused, or share with a friend. These memory verse cards are intended to help you, and your family, do just that.

It takes a little time and effort, but it really is possible to memorize portions of the Bible. Not sure memorizing the Bible is feasible? Consider these practical ideas:

- Put a card in your pocket and review it during the day.
- Review a verse each night with your kids at dinner or bedtime.
- Keep a set in your car and read them in traffic or with your kids on a long drive.
- Practice as a family and have each person take a turn saying the next word in the verse.
- Write the verse on a chalk board and repeat the verse, erasing a new word each time.
- Write each word of the verse on an index card, scramble them, and unscramble them.
- Have your kids write out the verse and draw a picture in place of some of the words.
- Make up a song and sing the verse.

As you work on these verses, be prayerful and ask the Holy Spirit to be with you. Meditate on what they mean in your life, and talk about it with other people. Most kids can memorize faster than adults, but make sure they understand what they are learning. Take time to teach them new words.

The attached cards use the English Standard Version. Every Bible translation has its advantages and disadvantages, but this is a reliable, widely-used version. If you know some of the verses in a another translation, don't get hung up on minor differences.

The important thing is to just get started. Consider setting a goal of learning one new verse each week, and don't forget to review previous verses. The Word of God can change your life!

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Cut out the above index, and fold the three sections accordion style. Cut out the 24 memory verse cards along the dotted lines. Bind the index and verse cards together with a rubber band for easy use.

1

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

— John 3:16

ESV

2

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

— II Corinthians 5:17

ESV

3

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

— Psalms 139:13-14

ESV

4

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

— Romans 6:23

ESV

5

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

— Galatians 2:20

ESV

6

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

— Proverbs 3:5-6

ESV

7

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

— John 14:6

ESV

8

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

— Romans 8:28

ESV

9

“The steadfast love of the LORD
never ceases; his mercies never come to
an end; they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.”

– Lamentations 3:22-23

ESV

10

“For by grace you have been saved
through faith. And this is not your own
doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of
works, so that no one may boast.”

– Ephesians 2:8-9

ESV

11

“Therefore be imitators of God, as
beloved children. And walk in love, as
Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.”

– Ephesians 5:1-2

ESV

12

“For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the LORD, plans for welfare and
not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

– Jeremiah 29:11

ESV

13

“No temptation has overtaken you that is
not common to man. God is faithful, and
he will not let you be tempted beyond
your ability, but with the temptation he
will also provide the way of escape, that
you may be able to endure it.”

– I Corinthians 10:13

ESV

14

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist
the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw
near to God, and he will draw near to you.”

– James 4:7-8

ESV

15

“Be strong and courageous.
Do not be frightened, and do not be
dismayed, for the LORD your God
is with you wherever you go.”

– Joshua 1:9

ESV

16

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful
and just to forgive us our sins and to
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

– I John 1:9

ESV

17

“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”

– Ephesians 4:29

ESV

18

“The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

– Job 1:21

ESV

19

“In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

– Philippians 4:12-13

ESV

20

“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’”

– Hebrews 13:5

ESV

21

“Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

– Isaiah 40:30-31

ESV

22

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

– Philippians 4:6-7

ESV

23

“In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.”

– I Peter 3:15

ESV

24

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

– Psalm 16:11

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