

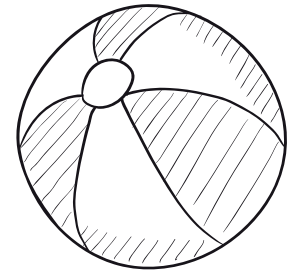
Bible Memory Verse Strategies

Have a Ball Memorizing

Materials:

- One ball (beach ball, foam ball, etc.)

On the board, write out the verse you are memorizing for the chapter. Have the class read it 3-4 times out loud together. Have every student stand and turn away from the verse written on the board.



Say the first word of the verse, then throw the ball to a random student. He says the next word of the verse, then throws it to another student, who then says the next word. Continue the process until the verse is completed (end of the round). If a student can't remember the next word, then have him read it off the board. He then sits down and is out until the end of the round.

Have as many rounds as you desire. To make it more challenging, give them a maximum of 3 seconds to give the next word or they're out.

Bible Verse Code

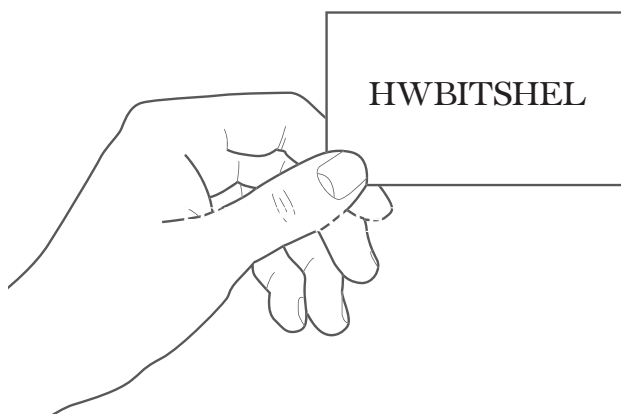
Materials:

- Note cards, one per student
- Writing utensils

Have the students look up the Bible verse. They are to read it quietly aloud to themselves as many times as there are words. So, for each word that is in the verse, they will read it through one time.

“He who believes
in the Son has
eternal life.”

They will write, one at a time, the first letter of each word of the verse in consecutive order onto the back of their hands or on a note card each time they read through it. They will do this until the first letter of each of the words has been written. If the verse is John 3:3, “He who



believes in the Son has eternal life,” then by the time they finish reading it aloud, they will have written the following nine letters: “HWBITSHEL.”

The letters will serve as a code to remind them of the verse. Possibly begin each class by writing the “code” onto the board and have the students “decipher” it.

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A Game of Catch

Materials:

- Foam balls; one per two students
- Bibles; one per student



On the board, write the citation of the Bible verse you are memorizing. Have the students look it up individually in their Bibles and raise their hands when they have found it. Then, have a volunteer read it aloud. Write it out on the board. Have the class read it 3-4 times out loud together before erasing everything but the citation.

*"My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."
Psalm 121:2*

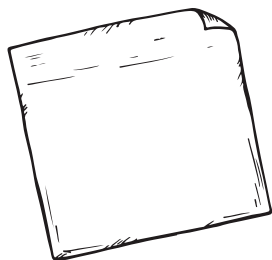
Then, partner up the students. Position them so that they are facing each other with a few feet between them. Provide each pair with a ball. They will then toss the ball back and forth. When they catch it, they say the next word of the verse. If they cannot remember the next word, then they are to look at their Bibles. Have them do this as long as desired.

If the class is more competitive, have timed races where each pair comes up and does it in front of the class. The fastest pair wins.

Undercover Verse

Materials:

- Sticky Notes



On the board, write out the verse you are memorizing for the chapter. Have the class read it 3-4 times out loud together. Then, use a sticky note to cover up one of the words of the verse. Have them read it aloud again, substituting the missing word for the correct one. Continue doing this until the verse is entirely covered.

Repeat the process until the whole class can say the verse completely from memory. If time allows, have individual volunteers stand and recall the verse from memory.

(Alternatively, instead of using sticky notes just erase one word at a time.)

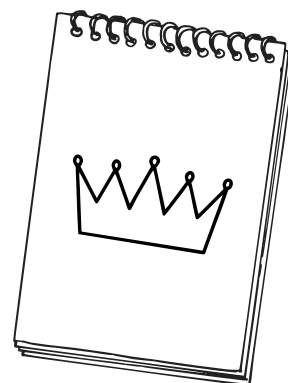
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Booklet of Memorized Verses

Materials:

- Spiral Ruled Index Cards; one per student

With each new verse to be memorized, have the students write it in their own personal spiral note card booklet. On the back side of the note card, have them draw an image or symbol that is associated with the topic of the verse as a hint for when they're quizzing themselves.



Scrambled Verse

Materials:

- Construction paper; one per student
- Scissors; one pair per student

Each student writes out the verse on a piece of construction paper and then cuts out each word. Partner the students up. They will scramble each other's verses and work to put them back in the proper order. To make it more challenging, have them race each other.

