

BIBLE MEMORY GAMES

Disappearing Verse – Print the Bible verse on a chalk board or dry erase board. Ask for a volunteer to read the verse. Give the child the eraser and let him erase a word of his choice. Ask for another volunteer to say the entire verse including the missing word. Give her the eraser and allow her to erase a word of her choice. Continue the game until the entire verse is erased. You will see the children staring at a blank board while saying the verse!

Ball Toss – Instruct the children to stand in a circle. Give a child a tennis ball. Let him say the first word of the verse to be learned. She tosses the ball to another child. He says the next word if he is able. (If he is not able to say the word, you may help him.) He tosses the ball to another person until the verse is complete. Repeat the game until everyone can say the verse.

Spider Web – Instruct the children to stand in a circle. Give a child a ball of yarn. Have him hold the end of the yarn string. Let him say the first word of the verse to be learned. He will then toss the ball of yarn to another child while holding the end the yarn tightly or by winding the string loosely around his finger. The next child catches the ball of yarn and winds it loosely around her finger. She says the next word of the verse. Continue playing the game until the verse is learned. At the end, you'll have a spider web!

This Is Puzzling – Print the verse to be learned on a poster board or construction paper. (You may laminate it or cover it with clear contact paper to make the game last.) Cut the verse into jigsaw puzzle shapes. Mix up the pieces and let the children put it together.

The child says the verse and repeats it until it is learned. (You may also make this game a race by making one puzzle per team. Instruct each team to sit around a table or on the floor. At your signal, the teams see who can put the puzzle together first, and say it together.)

Mix It Up – Write each word of the verse to be memorized on an index card. Mix up the cards. At your signal, the children put the words of the verse in the correct order. Continue playing the game until the verse is learned. (You may also play this game in a relay style between teams.)

Hide and Seek – Write the words of the verse on individual index cards. Before the children arrive, hide the cards around the room. When the children arrive, say the verse a few times. Instruct the children to seek around the room for the words. Put the words together to form the verse.

Verse Scramble – Write each word on a card and tape on card on the back of each child. (If you have a small group of children, write phrases on the cards) At your signal, the children assemble the verse, looking at the backs of the children. They line up so each child can see the word in front of them. Let the children repeat the verse by reading the cards one at a time.

Pop It – Write the words of the verse on small individual strips of paper. Prepare two copies of the verse on the strips of paper. Insert one strip of paper in each balloon. Blow up the balloons. When the children arrive, learn the verse. Divide the children into two teams. Have each team attempt to collect the entire verse by sitting or stomping on the balloons to pop them to retriever the words. If they pop the same word twice, they give it to the other team.

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Clothespin Verse Relay – Hang a string between two chairs. Print one word of the verse to be memorized on sheets of paper. Hang each word by using clothes pins to pin the words on the clothesline in a jumbled fashion. Let the children alternate to move one word at a time one space per move to put the verse in order.

Can Game – Collect empty containers of frosting. Remove paper from the cans. Write one word of the verse to be memorized on each can. Scramble the cans. Take turns arranging the can to form the verse. This can be done individually or in a team relay form.

Bible Baseball – Draw a baseball field on a poster board. Have one game piece per team. (This can be a button, a bean, or any small object.) Write down “Single”, “Double”, “Triple”, and “Home Run” on one side of individual index cards. On the other side of the cards, write down questions from the lesson that day and/or previous lessons. The easier questions are written on the “Single” cards, with harder questions written on the “Double”, “Triple”, and “Home Run” cards. Divide the class into two teams. Assign one team to be “at bat” and the other team to be “on the field”. Place the cards in a bag or container. The “at bat” team takes turns picking a card, without looking, from the container. The card is read and the team or individual tries to answer the question. If he answers the question correctly, he may advance his game piece with the number on the card. If he answers the question incorrectly, an out is recorded. When three outs are recorded, teams switch sides and the other team has a turn. (Optional: Draw a baseball field using masking tape on the floor in your room. Each person then becomes the “game piece”).

Pocket Full of Wisdom - Glue envelopes on a poster board. Number each envelope numbering 1 – 6. Place cards with different questions divided equally in each envelope.

Using a numbered cube, each person on team rolls the cube. As the cube lands on a number, a card is taken from the corresponding numbered envelope. The question on the card is read. If she answers correctly, the team receives the number of points rolled on the numbered cube. If she does not answer it correctly, the next person or team gets to roll the dice. The person or team with the highest score wins.

Bible Duos Concentration – Using construction paper or index cards, write down characters in the Bible that are “duos” on separate cards. (i.e., Adam on one card and Eve on another card, doing the same with David and Jonathan, Abraham and Sarah, David and Goliath, Paul and Timothy, Mary and Joseph, etc.) Mix up the cards and place them face down on a flat surface. Children take turns turning over two cards. If the cards do not match the Bible Duos, the next child takes a turn. If a child matches the Bible Duos, she continues play.

Puzzlemaker.com – A good internet site for making puzzles for memory verses is puzzlemaker.com. Simply go to www.puzzlemaker.com and follow the instructions on the site. Type in the verse and presto! You have your very own puzzle for your children!

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Pictionary – On index cards, write down the titles to Bible stories. (i.e., Jesus is Born, Jesus Died On The Cross, Moses Parting The Red Sea, Noah’s Ark, etc.).

Divide the class into two teams. Let one child on a team choose a card. She must not let her team see the card. She draws what is written on the card. As she is drawing, her team tries to guess what she is drawing. Give her a specific amount of time to draw, depending upon the age of the child. After time is up, the next team has a turn to choose a card and draw what is written on the card.

Human Tic-Tac-Toe

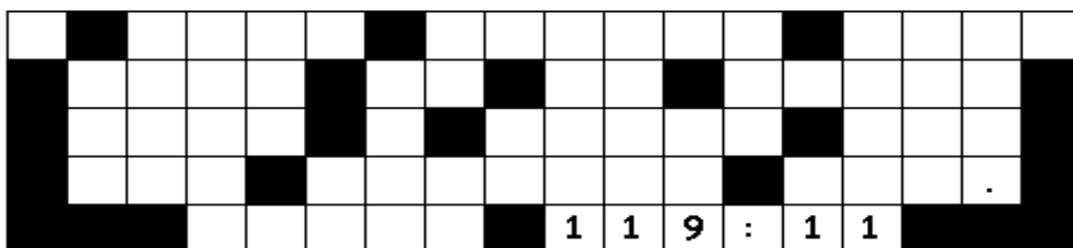
Using masking tape, place a tic-tac-toe board on the floor. Form two teams. Ask questions related to the lesson or any Bible question. As the X’s answer correctly, he stands on a space. As the O’s answer correctly, she sits on a space. The first team to get Tic-Tac-Toe Three In A Row wins.

Football

Make a football field out of green poster board. Divide the board into 10 equal sections across the wide part of the board. Mark the lines beginning on each end with 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 (the center line). Draw and cut out football from the construction paper. Place the football on the 10 yard line. Using review question, teams giving correct answers will advance toward the goal line at the opposite end of the field.

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Psalm 119:11



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