

Memory Verses & Kids

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Notes for the person facilitating this training are written in blue. It's important to read through all exercises and all blue text instructions when preparing to facilitate this training.

All videos can be previewed prior to the training session but be aware that this course has a two month limited access. So the purchasing of the course, the previewing of the material and the running of the training needs to be completed within a two month period.

The timing of each exercise is a guide only. For example, a larger group may need more time in sharing ideas from multiple groups after a brainstorming exercise.

Allocate two hours for this training, with a twenty minute break after the first hour. If possible, provide tea and coffee and some light refreshments.

Set Up:

- Set up chairs around tables (ideal 6-7 per table)
- Cover tables with paper
- Place coloured markers on each table
- Place wrapped lollies on tables as treats (optional)

Need:

- Data projector
- Sound system
- Colin Buchanan's Proverbs 3:5-6 (Spotify)

Introduction:

- Welcome people.
- Indicate timing of breaks and essential information for all in attendance (toilet locations, emergency exits...).
- Begin by committing the day to God in prayer.
- Encourage everyone to introduce themselves to those in their group prior to beginning Exercise #1.
- If possible share a verse you learnt as a child and how God used that verse to minister to you prior to setting groups started on Exercise #1.

Let's Begin

EXERCISE #1 (individual exercise, 3 minutes)

1. List all the memory verses you can recite.

2. What was the youngest age you remember learning a memory verse?
 - Age 3-4
 - Age 5-7
 - Age 8-10
 - Age 11-13
 - Age 14-16
 - Age 17+
 - Did not learn Bible verses while young

3. What helped you memorize verses when you were young?
 - Actions that accompanied the words
 - Set to music
 - Set to a beat
 - Call 'n response
 - Rote learnt (said repeatedly until learnt)
 - Other
 - Did not learn Bible verses while young

EXERCISE #2 (individual/paired exercise, 6 minutes)

1. Choose one of the verses below and write it in your own words. Share what you wrote with one other person.

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:11

Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Psalms 119:89

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalms 119:105

[PLAY VIDEO #1: The Power Of The Word](#)

THE POWER OF THE WORD - TALK OUTLINE

God's Word changes lives

- Teaches
- Rebukes
- Corrects
- Trains

Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

- Deuteronomy 6:7-9

EXERCISE #3 (group exercise, 10 minutes)

1. Read the following passage out loud.
2. As a group list all the things God's Word does in the life of a Christian. *Note: if you placed paper on the tables, instruct groups to write their lists on this.*
3. Write fresh words or phrases to capture these truths. Alternatively, draw pictures to capture these truths.
4. As a group pray and thank God for the many ways his Word has taught, rebuked, corrected and trained us.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

-2 Timothy 3:16,17

Read the text in the blue box below out loud to the entire group before moving onto the next exercise.

'One of the great enemies of hope is forgetting God's promises.'
- John Piper

We are to hold out gospel hope to children. To help them remember and never forget. Helping children memorize Scripture is one way we help them remember.

Which Verse?

EXERCISE #4 (individual/group exercise, 6 minutes)

1. Read the following verses from 1 John 4. Underline one verse that would make for a good memory verse.

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

2. Read the verse you chose out loud to your group and explain your choice.
3. What's the most important thing to consider when choosing a verse to memorise?
 - a. It's short.
 - b. It's able to be understood when separated from its original context.
 - c. It doesn't have big words in it.