



Memorising Bible Verses

THE BOYS' BRIGADE OBJECT

The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness.

"How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word." (Psalm 119: 9).

Although seemingly having gone out of fashion in Western society, Bible memorisation remains incredibly important whilst Boys are still young. It is not so much the act of memorisation that is so important – although that is great mental exercise – but throughout the process the mind learns to ponder the meaning of the text being memorised. BB can take the lead in this area as we advance Christ's Kingdom among Boys. At least one BB Company in Queensland requires Anchors and Juniors to memorise a Bible verse or passage as prerequisite to qualifying for each of their awards.

Don't underestimate your Boys' ability to memorise Scripture. They memorise songs and other things daily. Be creative. Make it fun. Include methods for visual learners to visualise, auditory learners to hear and tactile learners to touch.

Be purposeful on how you prepare your nightly program and you can get more mileage out of your bible verse to help reinforce the point. Games, craft, devotion, songs will assist with little seeds planted to help the boys remember the verse.

Remember to review the verses each week, before starting the new one. Have a competition to challenge the boys to learn the verses. Who can repeat the term's verses? Who can remember the most verses for the year?

As a leader, lead by example. You can't expect the boys to learn to memorise scripture if you don't do it yourself. Challenge your fellow officers to get on board and show off to the kids. Challenge your church!

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Top Four Reasons Why Children Should Memorise Scripture

1. **Children have amazing memories.**
2. **What is learned in childhood is often retained for a lifetime**
3. **Memorising Scripture provides children with an ever-present counsellor and protector**
4. **Memorising Scripture makes application and response to the word more likely**

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Information Sheet

The Boys' Brigade Qld

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Here are some ideas for assisting Boys to memorise Bible verses:

Missing words – Print the verse, leaving out several words. The missing words are listed at the bottom of the paper in mixed order. The Boys try to find the correct place for each word.

Jumbled words – Ask the Boys to arrange jumbled words of a verse. Each word could be written on a separate small card.

Balloon bursting – Give each Boy a balloon to blow up. Inside each balloon is a piece of paper on which is written one word of a verse. The Boys burst the balloons and sort the words into a verse.

Bookmark or Door hanger – Make a bookmark or door hanger that includes writing or pasting a Bible verse onto it. Have Boys read it aloud several times and explain what they think it means.

Coded messages – Use an alphabet or numeric code to decipher the verse.

Vowel wipe-out – Write out the verse, omitting the vowels. The Boys attempt to insert the necessary vowels to make sense of the verse.

Missing shapes – Print the verse, leaving out two or three words. In the spaces draw different shapes, e.g., triangle, square, rectangle, circle. Cut matching shapes out of the paper and print the appropriate word on each shape. Boys then try to match the shapes.

Complete the Bible verse – Print half a verse each onto two cards. Place the first half of a series of verses in a column. Place the second half of the verses in a column to the right of the first column but not in the correct order. Boys attempt to re-order the second halves to complete each verse.

Put verse to song – One of the time-proven methods of memorising Scripture is to put the verse to song. Children remember the words of songs much easier than other methods. Colin Buchanan has lots of bible verses put to song which are quite fun for all ages.

Search the internet – The internet has lots of other games and tips to help memorisation.

Psalm 119:11

Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.

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