

John 3:16

Romans 3:23

Hebrews 4:12

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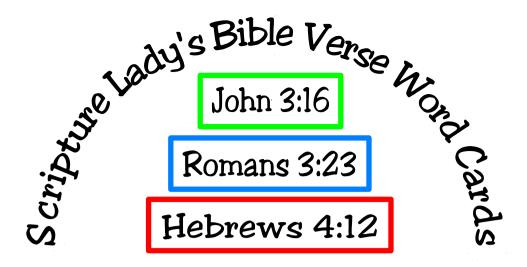
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Making Bible verses easy and fun to remember are two of my top goals as The Scripture Lady. Bible Verse Word Cards meet both criteria - easy and fun. Here are 10 ways you can use these colorful cards. Enjoy!

Directions: Cut each Bible Verse Word Card out along the lines and use them in many ways, such as those listed below. I do suggest you laminate the cards for long-term use.

1. **Easy to Read Verse Display** - Using Bible Verse Word Cards will present a nice display of the Bible verse you are working on. I always use a pocket chart on which to display my cards. I have included a picture of one below to show you what mine looks like. They are flimsy, so my husband always attaches them to a hard board. I usually then display the board on an easel so that my whole class can easily see the verse. Pocket charts can be found at your local teacher supply store or you can order them online at www.orientaltrading.com. Another reason for using a large display like this is due to the fact that many children's eyes are still developing in their elementary years - especially boys. Having a nice large display of your Bible verse allows the children to see what they are reading easily.



2. Get Behind the Easel - My Sunday School class loves "Get Behind the Easel". It truly makes memorizing a Bible verse loads of fun.

Here's What You Need:

Grab your pocket chart and your Bible Verse Word Cards for the verse you are working on.

You will also need an easel on which your board sits. If you don't have an easel, that's all right, but a child must be able to stand behind the board. Therefore your board could not be attached to a wall.

Here's How to Play:

Tell your children that they are going to play "Get Behind the Easel". Show them the memory verse you have picked for them to work on. Have them read it out loud several times to help them begin to memorize it. Once you feel they are starting to get a handle on the verse, have one child come up and stand behind the easel. Instruct another child to quietly come up and take off one of the words on the board and then have them give it to you. On the word "GO", the rest of the class is to say the verse nice and loud, but when they get to the word that was taken off, they are to clap and then continue saying the rest of the verse out loud. Once the verse has been read, the child behind the easel must guess what word was clapped on. If he gets it right, he could get some kind of treat or at least a hearty, "Way to go!" Replace the word that was taken off and play all over again.

- 3. **Unscramble the Verse** Simply scramble up your Bible Verse Cards so that the verse is not in readable order. Ask a child to come up and unscramble the verse in correct reading order. You can time him and see if he can get faster with each try.
- 4. **Don't Get Stuck** Have you ever got a piece of gum stuck on the bottom of your shoe or even worse, in your hair? Ugh! It's awful! Well, ABC (already been chewed) gum doesn't always have to end in a disaster. It can actually create quite a bit of fun.

"Don't Get Stuck" is a great Bible memory verse activity that you can play with any Bible verse. Just follow the directions and your kids will be on their way to hiding God's amazing Word in their hearts and minds.

Here's what you do: Pick a Bible verse that you and your children have worked on in the past, but need to review. Let's say you pick Romans 3:23: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. This verse has eleven words in it. This means you will need to gather 14 paper lunch bags. Place one word found in the verse written on an index card inside each bag in random order. In the 3 remaining bags, place some ABC gum in a used wrapper. Number the bags on the outside, 1 through 14. You are now ready to play the game.

Divide your class into 2 teams. Have the first team pick a number. They pick the bag of the number they chose. If it has a word from the Bible verse inside, they will take it out and display it on a board or a table. They then have 10 seconds to decide what they believe the verse is. If they do not guess correctly, the next team gets to pick a new number and repeats the process of guessing. If a team picks a bag that contains ABC gum, they lose a turn. The first team to guess the Bible verse is the winner and each winner gets a piece of NBC (not been chewed) gum.

Note: the bags can be reused to play this game with another verse, but of course you may have to add or subtract to the number of bags according to how many words are in the verse.

So, get chewing and have fun!

- 5. **Scripture Scrapbooking** Scrapbooking is so fun and popular. Why not give your budding artists the chance to do something creative with the Bible verse you are working on by giving them each a copy of the Bible Verse Word Cards you have chosen. You could print a smaller version and give them to the children to create a super collage you can hang on your walls or refrigerator.
- 6. **Crazy Stand Ups -** Memorizing Bible verses can be difficult unless...you know how to stand on your own two feet! Here is a very simple Bible memory verse activity that will get your kids excited about Scripture memorization. It's called "Crazy Stand Ups". Just follow the directions and have fun!

Here's what you do: "Crazy Stand Ups" will work for any Bible verse and for any age group of kids. After studying and going over your memory verse of choice, tell your kids to sit down. Explain to them that you are going to give them different descriptions that might fit their lives. If they find that the description fits, they must then stand up and recite the Bible verse. You may have only one child that fits the description or you may have the whole class standing. For example, you might say, "Stand up and say the Bible verse if you had cereal for breakfast this morning." Obviously, everyone who had cereal would stand up and say the verse in unison. Have a list of "Crazy Stand Ups" ready and play the activity until you are convinced that everyone knows the memory verse.

Here is a list to get you started:

- 1. Stand up if you are a girl/boy.
- 2. Stand up if you do not share your bedroom.
- 3. Stand up if you are wearing sandals/boots/tennis shoes.
- 4. Stand up if you had pancakes/cereal/eggs/waffles/bagels for breakfast.
- 5. Stand up if you ride a bike/skateboard/roller blades.
- 6. Stand up if you have any sisters/brothers.
- 7. Stand up if you are the oldest/youngest child in your family.
- 8. Stand up if you hate spinach/zucchini/brussel sprouts/beans...
- 9. Stand up if you are wearing red/yellow/blue/pink...
- 10. Stand up if you own a dog/cat/lizard...

- 11. Stand up if your birthday is in May/July/December...
- 12. Stand up if you can fold your tongue in half.
- 13. Stand up if your eyes are brown/blue...
- 14. Stand up if you took a vacation last summer.
- 15. Stand up if you love God.

You get the idea. Can you think of others?

When using the Bible Verse Word Cards, after each "crazy stand up", turn one of the words over to make reciting it more difficult.

- 7. **Add Points** Simply add points to the backs of the Bible Verse Word Cards. Divide your class into 2 teams. Let Team 1 turn over a card. If the team can say the verse correctly, they get the number of points that were on the card that was turned over. Team 2 picks a new card and the play is the same. Eventually, all the cards will be turned over and it will get harder and harder to recite the verse. The team with the most points wins.
- 8. Action Verses All right! Ten more push ups, then 5 more sit ups! 1-2-3-4...

If you're kids ever get a little bored while learning their Bible memory verses, get them up out of their seats with this invigorating way to learn God's amazing Word.

The activity is called "Action Verses" and really only requires a Bible memory verse and some able bodies.

Here's what you do:

Take some index cards and write on each one some form of physical exercise. Place all of the cards in a bucket or a hat and when it's time to work on the memory verse, give each child a chance to pull out a card that will instruct how the rest of the class will say their Bible verse while doing the exercise.

Here is a list of exercises that I came up with:

- Push ups
- Sit ups
- Jumping Jacks
- Circular arm movements
- Leg lifts (Get down on all fours and lift your legs.)
- Squats
- Spin around
- Flap your wings like a chicken
- Run in place
- Skip around the room

Exercising the body and the mind! That's a winning combination.

When using the Bible Verse Word Cards, after each action, turn one of the words over to make reciting it more difficult.

- 9. **Scripture Laundry** Simply take your Bible Verse Word Cards and have the kids "pin" them up in the correct order on a clothesline. You can do 2 sets for 2 teams and see who can do it the fastest.
- 10. **Surprise Sounds** As a Sunday School teacher, I am always looking for new and creative ways for kids to learn their Bible verses. Here is one of my very favorite ways. I call it "Surprise Sounds" and it is sure to become one of your kids' favorites as well.

First of all, this Bible memory verse activity can be used with both preschoolers and elementary aged children. Here is how it works. Simply take any Bible verse you are working on, such as John 3:16, and begin reciting it by using many different kinds of voices. Here is a list I have come up with:

- 1. Say it like Mickey (or Minnie) Mouse.
- 2. Say it in an English accent. (Chip Chip Cheerio!)
- 3. Say it with a whisper.
- 4. Say it like you're afraid.
- 5. Say it really, really fast.
- 6. Say it really, really slow.
- 7. Say it like you're really tired. (Yawn, yawn.)
- 8. Say it like you're an opera diva. (Or should I say, "Sing it"?)
- 9. Say it like you have a cold. (Ahh-choo!)
- 10. Say it while laughing.
- 11. Say it while crying.
- 12. Say it with a New York accent.
- 13. Say it with a really high-pitched voice.
- 14. Say it with really low-pitched voice.
- 15. Say it like you're shivering cold. (Brrrrr)
- 16. Say it like you're deathly thirsty.
- 17. Say it with the hiccups.
- 18. Say it like you're a 007 spy.
- 19. Say it while holding your bottom lip.
- 20. Shout it out to the Lord!

There you go! Twenty great and fun ways to help you and your kids memorize God's amazing Word.

When using the Bible Verse Word Cards, after each "surprise sound", turn one of the words over to make reciting it more difficult.



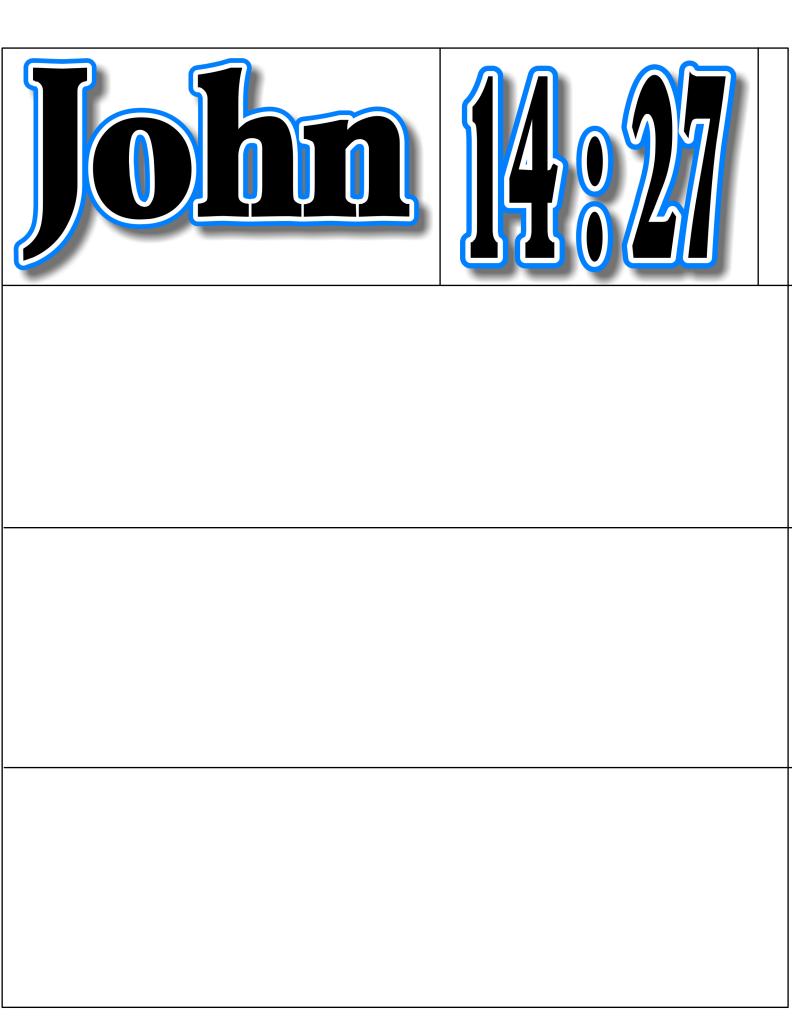






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