

10 Creative Memory Verse Ideas

Learning Verses

1. **Catchphrase Memory verse**

Say what you see! See the example on the website.

2. **Hangman memory verse.**

Divide the group into two. Call up a member of each team in turn and ask them a bible quiz question. If they get the question right, they choose a letter of the alphabet. Their score will equal the number of times the letter appears in the memory verse. Don't allow either team to shout out words they have guessed – tell them to keep their ideas to themselves so as not to give away the answer to the other team. The team with the most points wins. You can give extra points at the end if volunteers from each team can come up to the front and recite the memory verse.

3. **Templates**

Using templates from the website below, write words of memory verse on templates linked to theme of verse. Order/find/put together
<http://www.msscrafter.com/memoryverses/createyourown/>

4. **Action Memory verse**

Use actions as you are saying the memory verse. This will help children to remember the words. You can use the British sign language alphabet for the reference e.g. Proverbs 3:5 could be a p followed by holding up 3 fingers and then 5 fingers (see link below for how to sign the alphabet) or you could just use your fingers/arms to make letter shapes (YMCA style). Don't try to act out every word of the verse e.g. **Trust** (shake your neighbour's hand) in the **Lord** (point upwards) with **all** (make a big circle with your hands) your **heart** (put two hands over heart) and don't **lean** (lean shoulder to shoulder with your neighbour) on your own **understanding** (tap your forehead).

<http://www.british-sign.co.uk/bsl-british-sign-language/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/fingerspelling-bsl-righthanded.jpg>

5. **Hide and seek memory verse**

Write out the words of the memory verse on large pieces of card and hide them around the room. Choose 3 volunteers and give them 20-30 seconds to find one piece of card each. Keep sending out volunteers until all the pieces have been found. If you have a large group, choose different volunteers to order the verse. If it is quite difficult, start by showing everyone the verse briefly (on the big screen or written out on a large piece of card) and then hide it again. Once the volunteers have ordered themselves correctly say the verse together. Turn over a few of the words and repeat until the group can recite without looking.

Recapping on Verses

6. **Sparkle!**

This is an idea for recapping on a verse once it has been learned. Get everyone into a circle. The leader begins with the bible reference and the children say one word each moving round the circle. If someone forgets or says the wrong word, they must sit down. At the end of the verse the next person must say Sparkle and also sit down! Keep going until you have a winner!

7. **Relay memory verse**

Split the group into teams of 6-8. The first team member runs up to a whiteboard or blackboard and writes up the first word of the memory verse, then runs back and passes the marker/chalk to the next team member who runs up and writes the next words and so on until the team completes the memory verse. The winning team is the one with a finished correct memory verse and all members sitting down.

8. **Pass the parcel**

Wrap a pass the parcel with a small prize under each layer. Play "Pass the Parcel" in the normal way - when the music stops, the person holding the parcel must recite the memory verse correctly. If they do, they can remove a layer of paper and take the prize. If not the music starts again and the parcel is passed on. With a very large group have two "Pass the Parcel Games" going on simultaneously.

9. Rearrange the verse

Divide your group into two teams. You will need 2 large sheets of card or paper of different colours for each group. Draw a grid on the first sheet of paper and the same grid on the second sheet. On the second sheet, write the words of the memory verse. Make sure there is one square left over. If need be you can write more than 1 word per square to make it fit. The size of the grid will depend on the length of your memory verse. Cut out the words on the second sheet and place them on top of the first sheet in random order.

To play team members must run up to their sheet one at a time and move **one** of the words into the spare yellow space. He/she then runs back to his/her team and the next player proceeds. The aim is to rearrange the words one by one until the verse is in the right order. First team to do this correctly wins.

the	of	Romans
For	God	short
glory	have	all
sinned	and	of
fall	3:23	

10. Messy Memory verse

You can be as messy as you like with this one! Divide your group into teams. For each team you will need a medium-sized container e.g. bin, bucket or plastic box. You can use dry ingredients for a less messy approach – like sawdust, flour, sand, rice, shredded paper, or wet ingredients for a full-on messy time e.g. baked beans, soapy water, shaving foam etc.

Using a permanent marker, write the words of the memory verse on suitable material e.g. play foam, large stones, plastic balls or laminated card. (If using dry ingredient, strips of paper or card would also be fine).

You can either play as a relay race with team members running up in turn and fishing one word out of the container at a time, or sit each team in groups and ask them bible quiz questions. A correct answer means a chance to retrieve a word from the container. First team to collect all the memory verse and arrange it in the right order is the winner.