

# SCRIPTURE MEMORY HELPFUL TIPS

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says: These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them...

**WHEN YOU SIT AT HOME** - look for opportunities to practice the verse with your child during daily activities at home, at homework time, while doing chores, eating dinner, or taking a bath.

**WHEN YOU WALK ALONG THE ROAD** - take your child's Awana books in the car and practice on the way to school, shopping, or sports practice.

**WHEN YOU LIE DOWN** - talk about and practice Bible verses at bedtime.

**WHEN YOU GET UP** - review the verses at breakfast.

- Help children understand the meaning of difficult words and the verse as a whole.
- Break up the verse into meaningful phrases and memorize one phrase at a time before putting them together.
- Make a flashcard of the verse – write the verse on one side and the reference on the other. Put the card where it will be seen frequently – on the bathroom mirror, on the refrigerator or on the dashboard in the car.
- Use the flashcards to play games and review.
- Write the verse on a dry erase board and erase the words one at a time, saying the verse each time you erase a word.
- Toss a ball back and forth, saying one word with each toss.
- Have your child teach the verse to you. Recite to your child and let them correct you.
- Sing the verse to a familiar tune.
- Make a puzzle - copy the verse on a sheet of paper and cut the words apart.
- Write down the first letter of each word as a memory aid. For example, John 3:16 would be: F G S L T W . . . Practice until you can say the verse without the letters.
- Use hand motions to "act out" the verse.
- Make an illustrated poster of the verse using decorative lettering, stickers, paints, etc.
- Write the verse with sidewalk chalk, in the dirt with a stick, or paint it with water on the driveway.
- Try an on-line site or app. If you use pre-made flashcards on one of these sites, be sure they are the ESV version.
- Challenge your child(ren) to a Scripture memory contest and award a prize to the winner!
- Don't just read the verse to yourself. Say it out loud. Say it over and over using different voices or a funny accent.
- Draw a picture of the verse.
- Recite to a pet or stuffed animal – they are great listeners.
- Recite to a friend or family member over the phone.
- There are digital downloads available for Cubbies and Sparks books. The book is read aloud with verses set to music. Contact [awana@beonechurch.com](mailto:awana@beonechurch.com) and request the link.
- Practice, practice, practice!