

Use the first letter of each of the words in the verse as a memory aid. For example right out on a piece of paper Romans 5:1 in this way TBJBFWHPWGTOLJC Therefore Being Justified By Faith We Have Peace With God Through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Let the child try to recall the words of the first just by looking at the first letter of each word of the verse. Let him or her keep practicing until he or she can say the verse without the letters

Underline the main words of the verse for the child. Help him or her identify the main subject, verb, and object in each sentence of the verse. Be sure to ask permission to mark in handbook before you start underlining

Set a verse to music using a familiar tune. For instance, use a nursery rhyme tune to remember a handbook section and it will come more naturally. The names of the books of the Bible are also easy to memorize once set to music. There are CDs and downloads available with all the handbook verses set to music. Ask your leader for details.

Read the verse out loud with children several times until they can pronounce all the words correctly

# SCRIPTURE MEMORY IDEAS

Hide verses in a word search puzzle.

Help children understand the meaning of the verse by restating it in your own words. It's much easier for children to memorize when they understand the meaning behind the verse.

Break up the verse into meaningful parts by separating phrases. for example Titus 3:5

not by works of righteousness  
which we have done  
but according to his mercy  
he saved us  
by the washing of regeneration  
and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

Write out verses on an index card for the children to carry around throughout the week. Encourage them to pull it out and review while they are waiting for the bus or during other down times during the week. Suggest that they say the memory verse right before bedtime and first thing in the morning.

Write verses on stiff paper or cardboard cut into puzzle pieces have the child put the pieces together.

Write out the verse on a chalk or dry erase board. Erase one word at a time. Each time he or she says the verse erase another word until the entire verse is erased.