



Grip the Scriptures!

Dynamic Bible Memory Techniques That Work

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Master easy-to-remember, creative ways of using movement, music, rhymes, chants and games to teach scripture verses. Flex your imagination and pump up your memory muscles as you discover exciting techniques that'll work with your kids, today! Highly practical. Super scriptural. Slightly goofy.

1. _____ **'em** – Lead a rap with actions, gestures or motions. Use background music if you desire. Say a short section and have the students repeat it.
"They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated--the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground" (Hebrews 11:37-38, NIV).
2. _____ **'em** – Clap out a beat and repeat words together, or in groups.
"Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king" (1 Peter 2:1, NIV).
3. _____ **'em** – Sing the verse or verses. Use a track in the background, or sing with a popular Christian artist.
"Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen" (Psalm 41:13, RSV).
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4. _____ **'em** – Throw a ball, stuffed animal, or other small object to each other. Whoever receives the object must say the next word.
"God did not send his son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him" (John 3:17, NCV).
5. _____ **'em** – Repeat a whole verse or sections of the verse as a large group. Or chant the verse as a round.
"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things" (Mark 6:34, NIV).
6. _____ **'em** – Assign everybody a word in the verse. They stand or sit when you say that word. Have at least 5 or 6 folks for each word.
"Jesus said, 'Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. And trust in me'" (John 14:1, Easy-To-Read Version).
7. _____ **'em** – Chant the verse together, or in two groups. Include actions if you desire.
"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18a, NIV).
8. _____ – Students quietly echo back to you a section of the verse. Get louder each time.



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"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"
(John 13:34-35, NIV).

9. _____ **'em** – Say the words or phrases with different movements, facial expressions, or inflection. Repeat as a group.
"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love" (1 Corinthians 16:13-14, NIV).

10. _____ **'em** – Take another step for each word. March around the room or through the building learning the verse through movement.
"Therefore, we are Christ's representatives, and through us God is calling you. We beg you on behalf of Christ to become reunited with God. God had Christ, who was sinless, take our sin so that we might receive God's approval through him" (2 Corinthians 5:20-21, GOD'S WORD).

11. **Pop 'em** – Blow up balloons and write one word of the verse on each of them. Pop the balloons one at a time after reading through the verse.
12. **Drop 'em** – Write the words to the verse on tennis balls. Bounce them all over the room and see who can find the next word quickest.
13. **Mix 'em** – Write the words to the verse on note cards and scramble them up. Have contests to see who can unscramble the verses.
14. **Fix 'em** – Write the verse with at least one mistake. Have students tell you how it's supposed to go.
15. **Erase 'em** – As you review the verse, erase one word each time through. Students say the erased words. Continue until the whole verse is erased.
16. **Replace 'em** – Scramble the words by putting letters of the words in the wrong order. Have students replace them with the correct word.

17. **Challenge 'em** – Come up with your own game or learning activity!
"Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26-28, NIV).

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