



Tips and Techniques

Grading Bible Memory Work

Scripture: *Your word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you* (Psalm 119:11, AKJV)

Grades: 1-12

Overview: Bible memorization is an important aspect of a Christian school. How much memorization is required depends on the age of each child and the policy of the school. Each child is required to memorize on an average, two verses per week.

Consider the following requirements:

Grades K4-3 Minimum of 1 memory verse per week

Grades 4-12 Minimum of 2 verses per week

Some schools provide extra credit for additional verses memorize, especially those who attend Sunday school and memorization is required.

Providing a complete list to each student at the beginning of the school year sends a message that Bible memorization is important. It also allows them to look over the list to see which ones they may already know, or to work ahead on memorizing verses.

Reviewing your entire school's Bible memorization expectations at each grade level is a good way to avoid duplications. Maintaining a Bible memorization card that follows the student through the grades is a neat method for keeping track of the number of verses being memorized. When the student transfers to another school or graduates, the memorization card is given to them. Students will be amazed at the number of verses memorized during their enrollment.

We recommend giving verses out on Friday with the first opportunity to present the verse on Wednesday. A second attempt is given on Friday.

Grade Three Factors

Consider recording a grade for the following three factors:

1. **Quality.** Award 1 point for each word in the verse (may be written or spoken). Add 2 bonus points when there is an absence of hesitations, additions, omissions, substitutions. Add 1 bonus point for absence of repetitions. Add 2 bonus points if they speak clearly.
2. **Quantity.** Give 5 points for each verse memorized.
3. **Application.** Offer up to 5 points. Determine application by asking the child, "In your own words, tell me what this verse means." Rate the response on a 5-point scale with a 1 being a poor application, a 3 as average, and a 5 as excellent.

To figure grade, add up the total number of points obtained and divide by the maximum number of points allowed excluding the bonus points.

One score should be given for each verse. For example:

John 3:16 = 25 words

A perfect score would include 1) Quality = 25 points, plus up to 5 bonus points; 2) Quantity = 5 points; application = 5 points. This gives 40 total points. The maximum number excluding bonus = 35 points; thus, divide 40 by 35 and you earn 114%.

For more ideas on learning memory verses, see Memorization - Backward Chaining.

The following is a sample on one school's 9th grade memory requirement.

Grade	Book	Chapter	Verse	Date	Grade	Book	Chapter	Verse	Date
9	Rom.	12	1		9	2Tim.	1	7	
9	2Tim.	3	16		9	Heb.	13	6	
9	Rom.	1	16		9	John	14	27	
9	Eph.	2	8		9	Ps.	34	13	
9	Eph.	2	9		9	1John	1	9	
9	Isa.	26	3		9	John	7	38	
9	Ps.	119	11		9	Rom.	14	17	
9	Luke	9	23		9	Prov.	3	27	
9	Acts	1	8		9	Rom.	12	11	
9	Lev.	19	11		9	John	13	34	
9	Gal.	6	9		9	John	13	35	
9	Prov.	15	18		9	1John	4	7,8	
9	Rom.	12	21		9	Rom.	8	28	
9	John	3	36		9	Rom.	1	16	
9	Luke	6	38		9	Jer.	33	3	
9	Prov.	14	30		9	Ps.	147	3	
9	Ps.	73	26		9	1Tim.	2	3,4	
9	1Cor.	15	21		9	1Peter	1	2,3	
9	1John	5	11		9	Ps.	119	105	
9	Gal.	5	22		9	Ps.	16	7	
9	Heb.	10	23						