



## MEMORY VERSE GAMES

**Word Wipe Out.** Write your memory verse on a chalkboard or dry-erase board. Say it together. Erase one word. Say it again. Keep going until the whole verse is erased.

SUPPLIES: Chalkboard/chalk OR Whiteboard and markers.

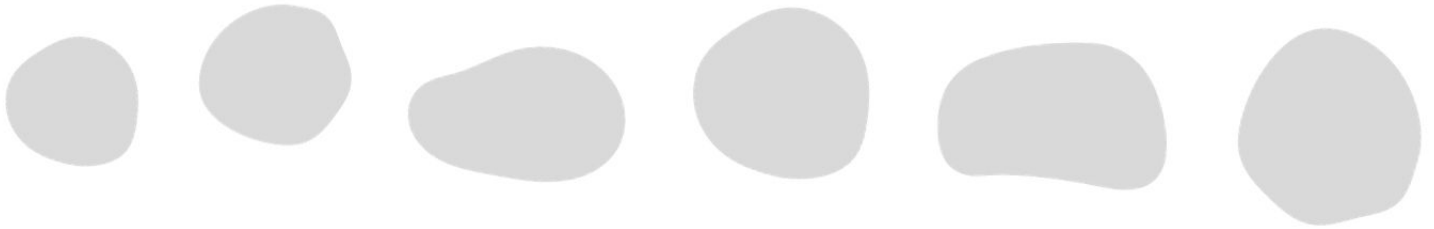
**Verse Shuffle.** Write the verse or passage on index cards – one word or phrase per card. Shuffle the cards. Take turns putting the verse together in order.

SUPPLIES: One index card for each word in the verse (including the Bible reference).

**Word Scramble** (Best for short verses).

Print the verse as a word scramble on a piece of paper. For example, heT odrL si ym hpeeSdrh ("The Lord is my Shepherd." Psalm 23). See who can be the first to unscramble it.

INSTRUCTIONS: Scramble each word. Enlarge each word large enough to fit on one page (one word per page). Print or write clearly.



**Gotcha!** Quote a verse incorrectly to your kids, omitting or changing a keyword. Ask them to shout, “Gotcha!” when they catch the mistake. Then, quote the verse accurately together.

SUPPLIES: None

**One-Minute Pit Stop.** Using a timer, each child gets one minute to practice their memory verse out loud while the others listen. (A helpful activity for auditory learners.)

SUPPLIES: Timer

**Toss Across.** Toss or roll a ball to one child. Have him say the first word of the verse before tossing or rolling the ball to someone else, who then says the next word, and so on. Continue until you complete the verse. If the ball is dropped, start over again. Time how long it takes to finish the verse and try to beat the previous time.

SUPPLIES: Ball

**Verse Puzzle.** Mix the puzzle pieces on the floor or table and have the children work to put it together.

Alternative: Make several puzzles and break the group into teams. Rotate the groups through the different puzzles, or have them race to complete them.



SUPPLIES: Cardstock

INSTRUCTIONS: Print or write the verse on cardstock and then cut it into puzzle pieces for your child to assemble.

**SMS Scripture Codes.** Write the Bible memory verse on a piece of paper using only the numbers that correspond to the letters on a phone keypad. For example: "367 93 9255 29 32484, 668 29 74448" = "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Provide the Telephone Keypad page to help children figure out the code. See who can be the first to decode the verse.

SUPPLIES: Print the Telephone Keypad page from the Resource File.

INSTRUCTIONS: Write the Bible memory verse on a piece of paper using the numbers that correspond to the letters on the phone keypad.

### **Clap-a-Word.**

Display the verse on a piece of paper.

1. Say the verse together a few times.
2. Have one volunteer leave the room (or turn his back).
3. Have another volunteer point to one word from the verse so the others can see it.
4. Have the first volunteer return to the room (or turn around), but don't allow them to see the verse displayed.



5. The group then recites the verse but claps on the selected word without saying it.
6. The volunteer says which word was skipped.
7. If they get stumped, allow them to look at the verse.

Take turns clapping on various words.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Write the verse on a large piece of paper or on a chalkboard/whiteboard.