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SCRIPTURE MEMORY FELLOWSHIP

*Your word I have hidden in my heart,
that I might not sin against You.*

—Psalm 119:11—



THE CLASSICS: 100 Bible Verses Everyone Should Know

“He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.” (Psalm 1:3)



Scripture memory is essential. But where should you begin? *The Classics* is a memory plan designed for those who are just beginning their Scripture memory journey. Over the course of 20 weeks, you’ll memorize 100 classic verses everyone should know. If that sounds like a lot, be encouraged: you’re probably familiar with many of these passages already! Once you’ve committed them to memory, these verses will be a lifelong fountain of joy and truth.

The Classics is available in KJV, NKJV, and ESV. Study questions and memory tips are included each week. Visit scripturememory.com/classics or call 888.569.2560 to order your copy.

MEMORIZER TESTIMONY *Tim from Denton, TX*

“Camp has helped our children look forward to something as a reward for memorizing Scripture. One thing that makes Scripture Memory Camp unique is its very clear focus on memorizing and understanding the Word of God. When our family memorizes Scripture together, we find that our conversations can go deeper faster because we have the truths of God locked away in our hearts.

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*Scripture Memory Fellowship exists to cultivate systematic Scripture memorizers
who know Jesus Christ and grow in His likeness for the glory of God.*

GOD'S WORD IN INDONESIA *by Phil Walker*

In Indonesia, we believe memorizing Scripture should be at the heart of Christian discipleship. We recently had the privilege of discipling 11 young people, and this summer, Dian, Mona, and Karnius will join us for an intense two-month “English Community” discipleship program. Lord willing, we will help 10-15 students memorize, understand, and live out hundreds of verses.

Please consider partnering with us in ministry to these students. One way you can help is through correspondence. Our workers and students would love to hear from you! Connecting with American Christians is a great way for them to learn English and be discipled.



If you would like to connect with one of them, please email phil@scripturememory.com. Another way to invest in the work is by sponsoring one of our students with a one-time or monthly gift. Please contact Scripture Memory Fellowship for a list of students who need sponsors.

WHICH FUEL ARE YOU USING?



There are dozens of good reasons to memorize Scripture. Just to name a few, memorizing Scripture leads to strength (Psa. 119:92), fruitfulness (Psa. 1:2-3), peace (Psa. 119:165), obedience (Psa. 119:11), improved prayer (John 15:7), and faith (Rom. 10:17).

But the fact is, most of us don't need to be convinced that memorizing Scripture is worthwhile. We all believe Scripture memory is beneficial; the problem is that we underestimate the consequences of neglecting it. This is the same reason most people choose regular unleaded when filling their cars with gas. We understand that the expensive fuel is better, but we're pretty sure the cheap stuff will suffice.

When you memorize Scripture, you're giving your heart the ultra-pure fuel of God's Word (Prov. 30:5). And unlike putting gas in your Corolla, compromise in this area leads to very real, long-term consequences. If your walk with God is fueled only by Christian ideas, you may not notice a difference when the road is easy. But when you travel uphill—facing decisions, temptation, or trial—the surest way to avoid a misfire is to follow the model of Psalm 37:31, “The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.”

SCRIPTURE MEMORY RESOURCES

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SwordGrip Bundle \$45.00

Get a grip on God's Word by memorizing key verses from every book of the Bible. Designed for ages 7+.

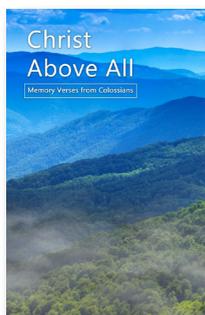
Available in KJV, NKJV, or ESV. Flipbook measures 8.5" x 5.5".



Memorize God's Word T-Shirt \$15.00

Promote the important discipline of memorizing God's Word with this unique, conversation-starting t-shirt.

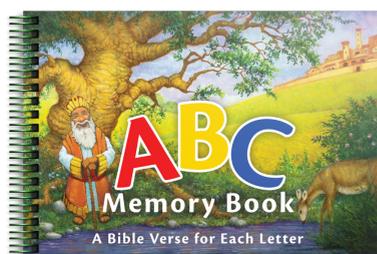
Available in XS-4XL. Sizes run large.



Christ Above All \$7.00

Memorize 31 key verses from Colossians to gain a deeper appreciation and love for the person, work, and role of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

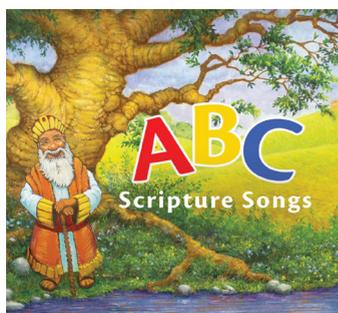
Available in KJV, NKJV, ESV, or NASB. Book measures 8.5" x 5.5".



ABC Memory Book \$12.00

Learn one verse of Scripture for each letter of the alphabet from A through Y, then read about the story of Zacchaeus for the letter Z. The *ABC Memory Book* is the most popular memory book for preschoolers.

Available in KJV, NKJV, or ESV. Flipbook measures 8.5" x 5.5".



ABC Scripture Songs \$10.00

The ABC CD takes the Bible verses from the *ABC Memory Book* (above) and presents them in song with instrumental accompaniment. These easy tunes help make the memory verses fun and memorable. They are a delightful way of helping little ones assimilate the Word of God. Available in NKJV in CD (\$10) or mp3 (\$8).

PREVENTABLE DISASTER *by Jim Woychuk*

We're enduring a wave of apostasy in the American church. The casualty list includes celebrities and our own children. "From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more" (John 6:66). Perhaps this falling away is an end-times necessity (2 Thess. 2:3). But could some of the fault lie in the way we do church and the Christian life? Have we fought for doctrinal purity in our churches only to leave our Bibles lying on the shelf? Are we among those "who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it" (Acts 7:53)?

As you may have discovered, memorizing Scripture is something of a novelty among Christians. It's looked on as "kid stuff" or something we used to do in college or when we first trusted Christ. How many adults do you know who have this discipline as a fixture in their lives? Do they amount to 10% of our Christian acquaintances? Perhaps not.

Yet lying at the heart of the Great Command (Deut. 6:5) and the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) is the assumption that we will memorize God's words systematically, durably, and continuously. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart" (Deut. 6:6). Besides going and baptizing, Jesus specifies "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" as the means of disciple-making. The word "observe" (*tereo*) means to guard and preserve something from being lost. When all else fails, follow the instructions.

MINISTRY UPDATE *by Dakota Lynch*

Over the last two months, our staff has attended four conventions in three states. Our goal at these events is to persuade as many families as possible to memorize Scripture as a way of life. This message is

critically important in an age when the average Christian has memorized very little (if any) Scripture. My heart was broken at an event in Texas when I met a couple of pastor's kids, neither of whom knew John 3:16. For them and countless others, "the sword of the Spirit" (Eph. 6:17) is gathering dust in some neglected corner of life while lesser things consume time and attention.

*"So then faith comes by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God."
Romans 10:17*

The words of Hosea 4:6 are increasingly descriptive of our times: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." This is a problem too big for one person or ministry to solve, but we praise God for the big things He is doing through the ministry of SMF. Our annual Scripture Memory Camp is scheduled for July, and we are anticipating the best turnout in years. We're also excited to announce a brand-new Scripture memory course, *The Classics: 100 Bible Verses Everyone Should Know* (pg. 1).

Tens of thousands of lives have been impacted by the power of God's Word through the ministry of SMF, and your ongoing support is a key part of this process. Please continue to remember us in prayer, and let us know how we can pray for you.