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Introduction

The Scripture memory program outlined in this book has been created as a tool to help parents disciple their children into spiritually strong and fruitful Christians. “How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.” (Psalm 119:9). Memory work is an essential part of learning God’s word, and of the overall spiritual vitality of our children.

While it is ideal to learn longer passages of Scripture keeping verses within their intended context, a child’s ability to memorize increases to a certain point as they grow. For these reasons, this program lays out a gradual process of learning. The pace of memorization accelerates through the elementary years, when a child’s mind is built for soaking up lots of information. When children reach the middle school and high school years, they begin memorizing longer passages that are built on verses memorized earlier. For instance, students begin their sequential learning of Romans 8 in third grade. By eighth grade, they will be able to recite the chapter in its entirety!

The Essentials of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Apostles’ Creed have also been included in the program. While these words are not the words of Scripture, and therefore should not be held equal to Scripture, they provide a succinct understanding of basic fundamentals of the Christian church. Our hope in including them, is that they will allow our children as young adults to test and approve churches claiming to be Bible-following congregations.

At a child’s baptism, parents commit to raising their child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. But the way to do that is not always clear, and in an ever-changing world, the challenges shift, and we don’t always know how to respond. Our children need a firm foundation on the absolute truths of Scripture because, “The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.” (Isaiah 40:8) It is our prayer that this book will help you nurture your child so that they, like our Savior Jesus, may be filled with wisdom and that the grace of God may be upon them. (Luke 2:40)

In Christ,
Discipleship Team

“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. (Psalm 1:1-3)

Scripture Memory Work FAQ's

1. **Does my child need to memorize the verse(s) word for word?** Yes! This is why it is important to choose or create memory aids that are true to the words of Scripture (see page 3 for ideas). Using the exact wording ensures that your child is setting themselves up to have a true and right understanding of the verse(s).
2. **Should my child memorize the Scripture reference with the verse?** Yes! This allows the child to return to the Bible for answers.
3. **Can longer passages be “broken up”?** Yes, longer passages can be broken into smaller segments for better recitation and comprehension. The fewer the chunks the better.
4. **When does my child recite their memory work?** Your child should check-in for Sunday School, then recite their memory work before reporting to their Sunday School class.
5. **Should I accompany my child as they recite their memory work?** We discourage parents from accompanying their child because it places undue pressure on the child and may inadvertently influence the recitation of the child's work.
6. **When should we aim to complete all of the Scripture Memory Work?** While children should use the entire Sunday School year to recite memory work, all memory work must be completed two weeks prior to the Sunday School Year-End Celebration. This will allow the Discipleship Team time to assemble Completion Awards.
7. **What if my child is sick, traveling, or otherwise absent at a point when all memory work is due?** Reciting in-person is always preferred. If you know that your child has memory work to complete and will be absent, you can contact the Memory Work Team Member who has been listening to your child's recitation throughout the year and arrange a time outside of the Sunday School hour. As a last resort, your child can recite memory work over the phone. Work recited over the phone is on the honor system and assumes that the child is not reading from the book (or from parents' lips!).
8. **What if my child has a learning disability or difference?** We want all children to be able to participate in the Scripture Memory Work program! If your child has a learning disability or difference, do not exclude him or her from this opportunity to write God's Word on their mind and heart! Please talk with a member of the Memory Work Team and we will be glad to devise a Scripture Memory Work plan for your child. This can be done on a case-by-case basis.

Questions I want to ask ...

governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Memory Aids

1. Repeat the verse(s) at least once a day.
2. Have your child repeat the verse(s) ONLY after he/she has heard it many times.
3. ALWAYS include the reference.
4. Review memory work at the same time each day, e.g., before or after a meal, just before bedtime, etc. Then it will become a routine in your household.
5. Moving while memorizing can help the brain. Try marching, jumping in place, jumping on a trampoline, clapping, or spinning.
6. Use a rhythmic cadence: First... John... four... eight... God... is... love.
7. Use motions to cue certain words within the verse(s). Be careful not to overdo it!
8. Check the Internet for raps, songs, chants, motions, or make up your own using unforgettable tunes (e.g., Mary Had a Little Lamb), or original tunes. Be careful to choose or create an aid that is true to the words of Scripture.
9. Record the verse(s) so that your child can listen to it over and over again.
10. Let your child write the verse(s), or fill in the blanks of the pre-written verse(s).
11. Using a dry-erase marker, write the reference and verse(s) on a mirror so that your child is reminded of it every time they go into the bathroom.
12. Play "Take Away": Write the reference and verse(s) on an erasable surface. Erase one word at a time until the surface is blank and your child knows it without any help.
13. Play "Word Scramble": Write the reference and each word of the verse(s) on separate pieces of paper. Scramble all or part of the verse(s) and let your child put the words in the right order.
14. Talk to other families to see what they do. Learn from one another as you embark on the most important discipleship of all - that of your own kids!

Kindergarten

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image

Genesis 1:31

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Ephesians 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Philippians 2:14

Do everything without grumbling or arguing

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,

Psalms 92:1

It is good to praise the LORD
and make music to your name

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding

Psalms 97:1

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice.

Luke 2:11

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Psalms 100:1

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Exodus 15:2

The LORD is my strength and my defense
he has become my salvation.

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

John 10:1-6

¹ “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

John 1:1-8

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind

Exodus 20: 1-11

And God spoke all these words:

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Luke 2:1-14

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

John 10:11

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Hebrews 13:6

The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

Acts 16:31

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved

First Grade

Hickory United EPC Mission

Reaching *upward* to God (Gather),
Growing *inward* with God (Connect),
Serving *outward* for God (Go).

1 John 4:8

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Acts 16:31

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.

Romans 3:23

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Matthew 28:20

"Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Mark 10:14

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Fifth Grade

Books of the Old Testament

Genesis	Ecclesiastes
Exodus	Song of Solomon
Leviticus	Isaiah
Numbers	Jeremiah
Deuteronomy	Lamentations
Joshua	Ezekiel
Judges	Daniel
Ruth	Hosea
1 Samuel	Joel
2 Samuel	Amos
1 Kings	Obadiah
2 Kings	Jonah
1 Chronicles	Micah
2 Chronicles	Nahum
Ezra	Habakkuk
Nehemiah	Zephaniah
Esther	Haggai
Job	Zechariah
Psalms	Malachi
Proverbs	

Books of the New Testament

Matthew	1 Timothy
Mark	2 Timothy
Luke	Titus
John	Philemon
Acts	Hebrews
Romans	James
1 Corinthians	1 Peter
2 Corinthians	2 Peter
Galatians	1 John
Ephesians	2 John
Philippians	3 John
Colossians	Jude
1 Thessalonians	Revelation
2 Thessalonians	

Ephesians 2:1-3

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Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Psalms 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Psalms 122:1

I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

Psalms 100:5

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Second Grade

Hickory United EPC Vision

Leading one another into growing relationships with Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, all for the glory of God.

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Psalms 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalms 23:1

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

Isaiah 53:6

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:22

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Psalms 1:1-6

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Luke 2:11-14

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Romans 8:1-4

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Fourth Grade

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Exodus	Song of Solomon
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Deuteronomy	Lamentations
Joshua	Ezekiel
Judges	Daniel
Ruth	Hosea
1 Samuel	Joel
2 Samuel	Amos
1 Kings	Obadiah
2 Kings	Jonah
1 Chronicles	Micah
2 Chronicles	Nahum
Ezra	Habakkuk
Nehemiah	Zephaniah
Esther	Haggai
Job	Zechariah
Psalms	Malachi
Proverbs	

Motto of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

In Essentials ... Unity
In Non-Essentials ... Liberty
In All Things ... Charity

Exodus 20:1-6

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²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

John 3:3

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

John 1:12

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!

Psalms 119:9

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Ephesians 2:10

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Matthew 22:37

Jesus replied, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

Matthew 22:39

And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

Psalms 1:1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

Third Grade

Books of the New Testament

Matthew	1 Timothy
Mark	2 Timothy
Luke	Titus
John	Philemon
Acts	Hebrews
Romans	James
1 Corinthians	1 Peter
2 Corinthians	2 Peter
Galatians	1 John
Ephesians	2 John
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Psalms 23:1-6

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalms 100:1-5

¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Proverbs 3:1-4

¹ My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, ² for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’

Luke 2:8-10

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Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 2:8-10

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