



What is this resource?

This is a resource that we've used time and time again to teach Scripture and help our students memorize Scripture. It has been most effective in middle school ministry but can also be useful with high schoolers. This resource contains 26 discussion-based teachings (we've used it in a Sunday School environment) and an Amazon shopping list to create a booklet for each student to take home.

This is a great way to help your students learn and memorize scripture in an interactive way. This resource contains 26 different teachings!

How To Use

This resource has worked best for us in middle school (5-8 grade) in a Sunday School format. We called it our "medium-sized group." It could also work well in a small group format. We did not pair this resource with our weekly large group programming. It served as a separate component to our ministry.

Repetition is the key to memorization. We would review each previous letter every week.

Make sure each student writes the verse of the week on an index card. This also promotes learning and memorization.

What to do with the Amazon shopping list?

Order the supplies listed (or use what you already have). Have your students create a title page using a notecard. Then, they will punch a hole in one of the corners. We let our students decide how they wanted their own book to look. Each week the students write the Scripture on a new card, punch the corner (same place as the title card), and bind it together with the binder rings. We let our students take them home and bring them back each week. That's entirely up to you. The purpose of these books is to create a tool that the students can use to memorize Scripture.



This series is created to help students learn and memorize Scripture. In our context, we used repetition each week to help the students retain the scriptures that they had learned in the previous weeks. Each week, the students wrote the verse for the week on an index card. The cards were hole punched and kept on a binder clip ring.

The letter: A

Verse: *"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."*
Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

Discussion

Discuss content and application of the week's verse.

- Have you ever heard the phrase "guard your heart?"
 - Where?
 - What does it mean?
 - Is it important to do?
 - What are some ways that you think you can guard your heart?
- Any idea what a "wellspring" is?
 - Definition – original source of something
 - *Matthew 15:18 - But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. (NIV)*
 - What are some examples of a wellspring?
 - Why do you think that Solomon, a very wise man, said that your heart is the wellspring of your life?
- Get into groups
 - Come up with a list of practical ways that you can guard your heart and why they are important
 - Share with the group

The letter: B

Verse: *“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)*

Discussion

Discuss content and application of the week’s verse.

- Define these words!
 - Kindness – good or nice.
 - Compassion – concern for the sufferings of others. Feeling what they feel.
 - Mourning with someone because they are mourning.
 - One another – other people. Love your neighbor.
- What are some ways that you could show kindness to someone? Think outside the box!
- Do you think that kindness is important? Why?
- Are there times when kindness doesn’t need to be shown?
- Have you ever felt compassion for someone before? Explain.
- Why do you think that we are directed to show/feel compassion?
- [STORY TIME – Share about a time that you were shown forgiveness]
 - Who showed it to you?
 - What had you done?
 - Did you deserve it?
- The verse doesn’t just say to forgive each other, it says to forgive each other like God/Christ forgave you.
 - Why did God forgive us?
 - How in the world can we forgive like that?
 - Do we need to have a reason to forgive someone?
 - Who should we forgive? When should we forgive them?

The letter: C

Verse: *"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."*
Ephesians 6:1 (NIV)

Discussion

Discuss content and application of the week's verse.

- Who, in your family, is the messiest?
- Which person in your family do you get along with the most? Least?
- What does the Bible say about kids?
- What does the Bible say about parents?
- Get into groups of 3-4.
 - Create your perfect parent-child relationship.
 - Come up with a few key rules, responsibilities, roles, etc.
 - Share with the group.
- Does the Bible say anything about parent-child relationships? What? Where?
- Introduce today's verse!
- What do you think it means to obey?
- What if we add "in the Lord" to that definition? Does it change it?
- "This is the first commandment with a promise." - Refer to *Exodus 20:12 - Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.*
 - What is the promise?
 - What does it mean?
- What are some practical ways that you can obey your parents this week?
- What are some ways that you could go about improving your relationship with your parents?

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