

# Memory Verse Help

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- Use actions: help kids by giving a physical action for every word
- Use songs: if the words can be set to a simple tune – do it!
- Use paper: older children often will be able to recall what they write down... it is most effective if you write it out several times
- Use imagination: help kids imagine a picture in their mind of what the verse is about
- Use context: be sure the kids understand what the verse is actually saying in modern language.
- Use a partner: getting kids to practice saying a verse back and forth to each other, or one word at a time, or starting the verse and ending the verse: these are all ways to use a partner to help out the memory process.
- Use mistakes: have fun with the kids by saying a verse but inserting the *wrong* word and wait for the kids to notice your mistake... have a lot of fun with this one.
- Use repetition: sometimes nothing works better than doing it again, again, again.
- Use the whole family: encourage kids to work with their whole family to memorize verses- maybe at the dinner table, before bed, driving in the car, etc.
- Use encouragement: be sure to reward kids for whatever small progress they make.
- Use your heart: we want kids to learn the verse by heart, not just by rote... It is important to have an understanding of the Word, not just the ability to recall on demand.