

# Age 0-3

## Search the Word Bible Memory Verses

### **Stage 1**

*Up to Age 4*

You may be inclined to think that memory work with this age group is a waste of time. I challenge you to teach the scripture texts to these infants by means of repetition. It will soon surprise you what these little mites can take in and even retain. Make the repetition enjoyable and they will soon repeat God's Word with you.

The aim of this section is to familiarize little minds with scripture. Please note that I have purposely included John 3v16 and Romans 3v23 twice as they are so foundational to the gospel.

I recommend that you spend 4 weeks learning one text. Repeat it over with your child at least 10 times every day. Once you have completed the list of 36 texts, revise them by spending a fortnight on each text.

# Introduction

A foundation for life is laid in childhood. What and how a child is taught influences him or her both for time and eternity. Boys and girls are not only educated in their school classroom, but also in their church, in their home and by their company. All these influences can have an impact for either good or bad. It is essential, therefore, that our children are diligently taught the truth in an attitude of love.

Many underestimate the power of God's Word to transform lives. It is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword (Heb 4v12); it makes us wise unto salvation (2 Tim 3v15); and it keeps us from sinning against God (Psalm 119v11). Boys and girls need to experience this transforming power in their lives too.

God wants Christian parents to lead their children by godly teaching and godly example based on His Word (cf. Deut 6v4-7). It is our responsibility to diligently teach the scriptures to our children in an attitude of love. They have a God-given ability to learn and retain facts in such a way to influence their lives. We need the truth to influence them for good. It is my desire that the riches of God's Word would be hidden deep in the hearts and minds of boys and girls. Hence the reason I have compiled this series of Bible verses to memorize with them.

Let me emphasize that the Bible verses found in these lists are intended as a springboard only. They cover a great variety of teaching concerning God, His salvation, and our responsibility to Him. However, this is not an exhaustive list of the only Bible verses that one needs to know. Read God's Word with your children every day and encourage them to learn other portions of it as well. Pray that as they memorize God's Word that the Lord will hide it deep within their hearts and use it to keep them pure and from evil.

Use this series of Bible verse lists by stages rather than by sticking rigidly to the ages that I have designed it for. Let the child learn at his or her own pace. Say a verse over with your child at least 10 times every day. Talk with them as to what each verse means. I strongly advise that you teach the verses in their context, especially for the older children. It is most important that they learn God's Word and its meaning.

This series can easily be adapted for use by adults. Just simply go through the initial stages more quickly than advised for children. Many of the verses in the initial stages should be familiar to you anyhow. Of course, if you are using this series of Bible verses lists with your children, you will find the benefit of learning with them!

*John 3v16:* "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

*Romans 3v23:* "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

*Genesis 18v14:* "Is any thing too hard for the LORD?"

*1 Kings 8v46:* "For there is no man that sinneth not."

*1 Timothy 1v15:* "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

*Luke 19v10:* "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

*Numbers 32v23:* "Be sure your sin will find you out."

*Malachi 3v6:* "For I am the LORD, I change not."

*1 John 1v7:* "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

*1 John 4v19:* "We love him, because he first loved us."

*Romans 10v13:* "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*Acts 8v37:* "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

*Ephesians 5v2:* "Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us."

*Exodus 12v13:* "When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

*Mark 2v7:* "Who can forgive sins but God only?"

*Acts 16v31:* "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

*Hebrews 13v8:* "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

*Mark 10v18:* "There is none good but one, that is, God."

*John 3v16:* "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

*Romans 3v23:* "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

*Genesis 18v25:* "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

*John 3v3:* "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

*Romans 8v31:* "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

*1 John 4v14*: "The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."

*Luke 13v3*: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

*Revelation 1v5*: "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

*Ezekiel 18v4*: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

*John 6v37*: "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

*1 Corinthians 15v3*: "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures."

*Psalms 51v7*: "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

*Hebrews 13v5*: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

*Psalms 37v3*: "Trust in the LORD, and do good."

*Ephesians 6v1*: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

*Psalms 124v8*: "Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth."

*John 1v29*: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

*Jonah 2v9*: "Salvation is of the LORD."

*Amos 4v12*: "Prepare to meet thy God."