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Bible Memory Activities

Use the following activities to foster Bible memory. Remember the key to deeper learning is to debrief the activity through meaningful questions (as stated on the opposite page).

1. Real Life Scripture Match

Using card stock, write out several verses that your students have used in the recent past. Have students write or draw several "real life" situations on separate cards. Then pass them all out, read them aloud or show them and allow your students to match the situations with each verse.

2. Then ask:

How is this verse like or unlike a situation in your life? For example, say the verse is "Do to others what you want them to do to you" (Luke 6:31). You might ask, "How do you like to be treated by others; a friend? a brother/sister?; a teacher?" Then follow up by asking, "How have you treated your friend this week in a way that you would want to be treated?" And then ask a question that will help put the verse into action, "Specifically, how will you treat someone this week that has been mean to you recently?" Remember to follow up by asking how everyone did with applying the verse to his/her life.

3. Wheel of Bible Fortune

Use an overhead, poster board, white board, or chalk board. Plot out your memory verse by drawing a line for each letter and leaving spaces between each word. Form two groups of students. For younger students, visually display the alphabet. Play "Wheel of Fortune", with each side guessing letters and filling them in when a correct letter is guessed.

4. Bible Ball Match

Write each word of the scripture on separate pieces of construction paper. Attach a string to the paper so participants can put them around their necks. Have students form a circle and with a ball, begin at the first word of the verse and as each person says his/her word, he/she tosses the ball to the person with the next word in the verse. After practicing a few times, mix up the words and play again.

5. Scripture Picture

Form groups of up to four people. Divide the memory verse into sections. Assign one section to each group (it's okay if more than one group is assigned the same section). Each group draws a picture depicting their part of the verse. Allow time for each group to learn their part. Then display each picture as each group stands and recites their part of the verse. When all pictures are displayed, everyone recites the entire verse together.

6. Bible Balloon Bat

Give each student a paper plate and marker. Each student writes out the memory verse on the plate. Younger children can draw a picture representing the theme of the verse. Tape a craft stick to the back of the plate. Form foursomes. Give each group an inflated balloon. Each team takes turns batting the balloon to a teammate saving the words of the memory verse together