

PROJECT 52

Weekly Memory Verse Series



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COMMITTING SECTIONS OF SCRIPTURE TO MEMORY



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INTRODUCTION

It's a good thing to memorize verses from the Bible and knowing the context of those verses is important. In this Project 52 series, together we will memorize passages of the Bible which will give us a deeper understanding and appreciation for God's Word.

WHY MEMORIZE?

It's long been the practice of Christians to not only read the Bible daily, but to memorize the text. Why did they do that? There are several reasons:

- ☐ We are called to memorize God's Word (*Joshua 1:8, Col. 3:16*)
- ☐ It helps us to better understand God and His will (*Psalms 40:8*)
- ☐ It helps us fend off temptation, and to instead live in obedience to God's perfect will (*Psalms 119:11*)
- ☐ It renews our mind and transforms our life (*Romans 12:2*)
- ☐ It helps us share our faith with others (*John 17:17, Romans 10:17*)

For all these great reasons, how can you not want to start memorizing?

THE REWARDS OF PROJECT 52

Think about it – just like acquiring wealth, gathering money little by little to make it grow (Proverbs 13:11), if we memorize only one little section of scripture per week, we will have built up a full memory verse bank account by the end of the year!

And just like sticking to a health and fitness regimen, accountability goes a long way. We suggest that you take a friend along with you on this journey.

HOW TO MEMORIZE

Admittedly, some of us are better at memorizing things than others. This is okay, but it is still important that we try. Here are a few tips offered by Andy Rau, senior manager of content for Bible Gateway.

Choose a verse to memorize that speaks to something in your life.

1. Start small. Choose a short verse.
2. Write it down. Many times.
3. Say it out loud. Many times.
4. Incorporate the verse into your prayers.
5. Put it everywhere. Tape the verse to your bathroom mirror or computer monitor. Tuck it into your purse, lunch sack, car glove compartment...
6. Use music to help. Try setting the Bible verse to a simple tune you already know.
7. Make it a game. Write the verse out on flashcards, leaving key words blank, and quiz yourself.

Don't get bogged down! Memorizing one verse is better than memorizing none! For your convenience, we've indicated commonly referred-to verses that you can prioritize. They are marked with an asterisk (*) and are also listed on page 15 for quick reference.

SPECIAL FEATURES

For each passage of scripture that we will memorize together, we have added a brief explanation of why we chose that passage. In the back, we've included a tear-out bookmark for you and your memorization buddy. Our recommendation is to read the entire book as you go along your memorization journey. The more familiar you are with the Bible, the easier it will be for you to memorize it.

Whereas all scripture found in this guide is in the ESV translation, you may be more comfortable memorizing in another translation that is equally a good. Use the tear-off bookmark on the back cover of this guide and insert in your personal Bible. Then, simply consult your favorite translation as you memorize!

ISAIAH 40:28-31

The Old Testament book of Isaiah is comprehensive and complex. Where prophesy and judgement abound, so the theme of comfort for God's people. This passage is perhaps the most encouraging to those who are weary and heavy laden.

☐ **Week 1: January 3 Isaiah 40:28**

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

☐ **Week 2: January 10 Isaiah 40:29-30**

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted

☐ **Week 3: January 17 Isaiah 40:31**

³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

☐ **Week 4: January 24 Review Isaiah 40:28-31**

Ephesians 6:10-18

The apostle Paul penned this letter to the believers in Ephesus to encourage them to persevere in the faith. As you journey through this section of scripture, note that one must depend fully on God to endure in times of trouble.

☐ **Week 5: January 31 Ephesians 6:10-11**

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

☐ **Week 6: February 7 Ephesians 6:12**

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

☐ **Week 7: February 14 Ephesians 6:13**

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

☐ **Week 8: February 21 Ephesians 6:14-15**

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

☐ **Week 9: February 28 Ephesians 6:16**

¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one

☐ **Week 10: March 7..... Ephesians 6:17-18**

¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints

☐ **Week 11: March 14..... Week 10: Review Ephesians 6:10-18**

Philippians 2:3-13

Memorizing this passage could very well be an exercise to celebrate the birth of Christ. Notice the lengths God took to save you.

☐ **Week 12: March 21..... Philippians 2:3-4**

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

☐ **Week 13: March 28..... Philippians 2:5-7**

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men

☐ **Week 14: April 4 Philippians 2:8**

⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

☐ **Week 15: April 11 Philippians 2:9-11**

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

☐ **Week 16: April 18 Philippians 2:12**

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,

☐ **Week 17: April 25 Philippians 2:13**

¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

☐ **Week 18: May 2 Review Philippians 2:3-13**

John 3:16-18

John 3:16 is often the first Bible verse a child memorizes, but the extent of God's love is more striking when one considers the whole of Jesus's statement to Nicodemus.

☐ **Week 19: May 9 John 3:16**

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

☐ **Week 20: May 16 John 3:17**

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

☐ **Week 21: May 23 John 3:18**

¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

☐ **Week 22: May 30 Review John 3:16-18**

Colossians 1:15-20

Paul's letter to the Colossians is the go-to book when considering the preeminence and sufficiency of Jesus. Simply put, because Jesus is God, there is no one greater and no one more able to redeem sinners.

☐ **Week 23: June 6 Colossians 1:15-16**

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

☐ **Week 24: June 13 Colossians 1:17-18**

¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

☐ **Week 25: June 20 Colossians 1:19-20**

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

☐ **Week 26: June 27 Review Colossians 1:15-20**

Psalm 23

King David was a man after God's own heart and wrote some of the most beautiful worship poetry ever. This Psalm of David harkens to his years working as a shepherd for his father, reflecting on God's own care for His own.

☐ **Week 27: July 4 Psalm 23:1-2**

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

☐ **Week 28: July 11 Psalm 23:3-4**

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

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

☐ **Week 29: July 18 Psalm 23:5-6**

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

☐ **Week 30: July 25 Review Psalm 23**

2 Peter 3:8-13

The apostle Peter, writing to persecuted Christians who are experiencing crippling trials, encourages the church by reminding them that God will fulfill all His promises, Jesus will return, and great things await!

☐ **Week 31: August 1 2 Peter 3:8**

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

☐ **Week 32: August 8 2 Peter 3:9**

⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

☐ **Week 33: August 152 Peter 3:10**

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

☐ **Week 34: August 22 2 Peter 3:11-12**

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

☐ **Week 35: August 292 Peter 3:13**

¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

☐ **Week 36: September 5 Review 2 Peter 3:8-13**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Because it's referred to as the "Love Passage," this section is often read during wedding ceremonies. And whereas this use is totally acceptable, this convicting letter actually addresses the church.

☐ **Week 37: September 12 1 Corinthians 13:1**

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

☐ **Week 38: September 19 1 Corinthians 13:2-3**

² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

☐ **Week 39: September 26 1 Corinthians 13:4-6**

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

☐ **Week 40: October 3 1 Corinthians 13:7-8**

⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

☐ **Week 41: October 10 1 Corinthians 13:9-10**

⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

☐ **Week 42: October 17 1 Corinthians 13:11-12**

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

☐ **Week 43: October 24 1 Corinthians 13:13**

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

☐ **Week 44: October 31 Review 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Romans Road

Ever wonder how to share your faith? All our efforts to wax eloquently pale in comparison to the very Word of God. Although this isn't a chunk of scripture like our other exercises were, this "road" demonstrates our need for a Savior, identifies who our Savior is, and assures us our eternal security in Christ.

☐ **Week 45: November 7 Romans 3:23**

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

☐ **Week 46: November 14 Romans 5:8**

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

☐ **Week 47: November 21 Romans 6:23**

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

☐ **Week 48: November 28 Romans 10:9-10**

⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

☐ **Week 49: December 5 Romans 10:13**

¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Matthew 28:18-20

Are you a child of God? Then tell others!

☐ **Week 50: December 12 Matthew 28:18**

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me...

☐ **Week 51: December 19 Matthew 28:19-20**

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

☐ **Week 52: December 26 Review Matthew 28:18-20**

YOU DID IT!

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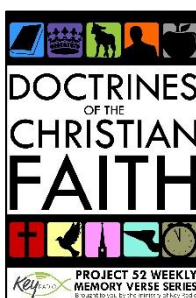
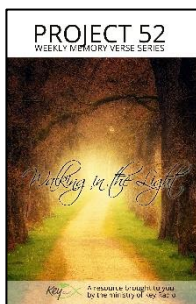
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