

Check It Off!	Sunday:	Scripture:
	January 6	Matthew 6:33 - <i>"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well."</i>
	January 13	Philippians 4:4 - <i>"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, 'Rejoice!'"</i>
	January 20	Philippians 4:13 - <i>"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."</i>
	January 27	Ephesians 2:10 - <i>"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."</i>
	February 3	Philippians 1:6 - <i>"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."</i>
	February 10	Deuteronomy 6:5 - <i>"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."</i>
	February 17	Philippians 4:19 - <i>"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."</i>
	February 24	Colossians 3:17 - <i>"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."</i>
	March 3	John 8:12 - <i>"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness."</i>
	March 10	Matthew 5:16 - <i>"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."</i>
	March 17	1 John 4:4 - <i>"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."</i>
	March 24	1 John 1:9 - <i>"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."</i>
	March 31	John 8:31-32 - <i>"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."</i>



HIDE GOD'S WORD CHALLENGE!



3 REASONS FOR CHILDREN TO MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE:

---First, it's usually easy for them to do. Just repeat the verse several times with them, and they'll say it right back to you.

---Second, Scripture is the best tool for teaching our kids how to live. It's the source of all the wisdom they'll ever need. Is your child saying unkind things? There's a verse for that. Dishonesty? There's a verse for that, too. If we hold God's word up as the standard in our homes, our children will recognize when their behavior contradicts God's commands. They'll be able to say "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (Psalm 119:11)

---Finally, what we teach them today stays with them tomorrow. After all, Proverbs 22:6 says, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

3 PROMISES FROM GOD CONCERNING HIS WORD:

- God's word will not return void, but will accomplish its desire and achieve the purpose for which it was sent. (Isa. 55:11)
- The word of the Lord endures forever (1 Pet. 1:25)
- God's word is our greatest weapon. (Eph. 6:17)

This is a challenge to help our children memorize scripture. We can teach children about the Bible all day, but if we don't teach them how it applies to their lives, we won't accomplish much. That's why it is very important to help them memorize verses about what life in Christ should be like. This is called discipling! The Holy Spirit will do the work in their hearts, but we can help lay a foundation of faith in their formative years.

3 RULES FOR THIS CHALLENGE:

- 1 ticket will be given to each child who recites their verse to their Sunday School teacher each Sunday.
- 1 help will be given to assist the child in recalling their verse.
- 1 time a month each classroom will draw names for a prize; must be present to win!

3 ACTIVITIES TO HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN VERSES:

- Repetition, repetition, repetition. Make up a song using the verse or say the verse before dinner each night.
- Find the verse in the Bible.
- Talk about the verse and what it means.