

Memory work

Why do we include memory work in Sunday school?

We feel that even our smallest children should have some connection to the Scripture. We have chosen verses that increase in complexity as children grow through the grades. By the end of eighth grade those who have made it all the way have learned many of the true Scriptures “chestnuts” of our Christian faith. We hope that even years later, this knowledge will be something all can count on and find comfort in.

Is every child required to learn the memory verse?

Children are encouraged to participate, but no one is ever put on the spot. We realize that memory work is not appropriate for everyone. Parents are encouraged to work with their children at home. Sometimes there is not enough time in an hour for teachers to do lessons and memory work.

Do the children who complete their memory work get an award?

Certificates are given to those who have completed the work for their grade during the Children’s Day celebration in June.

Are Bibles given out in Sunday school?

We are committed to provide each child with their own Bible. At the beginning of the year – usually on Education Sunday – second graders are presented their own Bible during the main worship service. They are then encouraged to bring their Bibles to Sunday school each Sunday for study.

If children join our Sunday school classes after the second grade and would like to have their own Bible, we ask parents to talk to the Sunday school teacher. We are delighted to provide Bibles for older children who do not have one yet.

Sunday School Memory work



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Pre-K -1 John 4:8

But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love

Kindergarten - Above and Luke 18:16

But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

8th-12th Grade Above and 1 Corinthians 13: 8-13

8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. **9** For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; **10** but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. **11** When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. **12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. **13** And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

7th Grade

Above and 1 Corinthians 13: 1-7

1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. **3** If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1st Grade

Above and John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

2nd Grade

Above and the Lord’s Prayer



Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread, and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us, and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.

3rd Grade

Above, Matthew 22:37-39

And the Books of the Bible

37 Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Old Testament

Genesis	1 Chronicles	Lamentations	Haggai
Exodus	2 Chronicles	Ezekiel	Zechariah
Leviticus	Ezra	Daniel	Malachi
Numbers	Nehemiah	Hosea	
Deuteronomy	Esther	Joel	
Joshua	Job	Amos	
Judges	Psalms	Obadiah	
Ruth	Proverbs	Jonah	
1 Samuel	Ecclesiastes	Micah	
2 Samuel	Song of Solomon	Nahum	
1 Kings	Isaiah	Habakkuk	
2 Kings	Jeremiah	Zephaniah	

6th Grade

Above and Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Psalm 100

- 1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the Lord with gladness;
 come before him with joyful songs.
- 3 Know that the Lord is God.
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, the sheep of his
 pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
 and his courts with praise;
 give thanks to him and praise his
 name.
- 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures
 forever;
 his faithfulness continues through all
 generations.

New Testament

Matthew	Ephesians	Hebrews
Mark	Philippian	James
Luke	Colossians	1 Peter
John	1 Thessalonians	2 Peter
Acts	2 Thessalonians	1 John
Romans	1 Timothy	2 John
1 Corinthians	2 Timothy	3 John
2 Corinthians	Titus	Jude
Galatians	Philemon	Revelation

4th Grade Above, The Ten Commandments, and the Beatitudes

1. You shall have no other
 gods before Me
2. You shall not steal
3. You shall not make idols
4. You shall not tell lies
 against anyone
5. You shall not use the
 LORD'S name in vain
6. You shall not covet
7. Remember the Sabbath
 day, to keep it holy
8. Honor your father and your
 mother
9. You shall not murder
10. You shall not commit
 adultery

The Beatitudes

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure of heart,
for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

5th Grade Above, Psalm 23 and Psalm 100

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
- 3 he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow
me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.