

HELPS FOR MEMORIZING

I. Set a Goal

- A. Spend a certain time studying each day. (Before or after school, before bed)
- B. Plan to learn a certain number of verses each day. (Divide the number of verses you need to learn for the week by the number of days you will be able to study to determine how many you need to learn each day. For example: You have 30 verses to learn, and you plan to learn them in six days. Therefore, you need to learn five verses each day. That will give you a day to review before quiz practice.)

II. Study Methods

A. Fifteen Memorization

1. Read the verse through a couple of times.
2. Look up and try to say it. If you get stuck, check out the Scripture portion, and then go on.
3. When you can say the verse through without looking, you are ready to start memorizing it.
4. Say the verse through as fast as you can five times without a mistake. If you make a mistake, start over.
5. Read the verse again to make sure you are correct. If not, do it again.
6. Say the verse again five times without a mistake. Then five more times. If at any time you make a mistake, start over on that group of five.
7. Do the next verse the same way, then return to the first verse memorized to make sure you still know it.

B. Repetition Reading

1. Read verse 1 of the chapter three times.
2. Read verse 2 three times, verse 3 three times, times, and verses 4 and 5 three times.
3. Read verses 1 through 5 altogether once.
4. Read verses 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 three times each.
5. Read verses 6 through 10 altogether once.
6. Go back to verses 1 and read straight through to verse 10.
7. Read verses 11 through 15 each, three times. Read them together once. Go back to verse 1 and read through to verse 15.
8. Read verses 16 to 20 three times each, 16 to 20 altogether, then 1 to 20.
9. Repeat this until you finish the chapter.

C. Phrase Memorization

1. Read the verse carefully, to understand its meaning.
2. Break the verse into phrases (usually punctuation marks do this well) and repeat each phrase several times, emphasizing words that are that are difficult to remember.
3. Read the entire verse again, concentrating on difficult parts
4. Quote the verse 5 or 6 times, or until you can say it smoothly, without error.

D. Record Yourself!

After you have memorized a portion of the chapter, record yourself as you quote the verses. Listen to your recording as you check your accuracy in the Scripture portion. Mark your errors as you go. Continue recording and checking yourself until you have learned the verses correctly.

E. Jumping

1. Have someone jump you (ask questions).
2. That person may ask all the even-numbered questions on the chapter.
3. Mark any which you miss, and ask them again.
4. Mark all of those that you miss again, and keep asking them until you have answered each question correctly once.
5. The person jumping you may mark where you jumped correctly on each question so that as you repeat, you can see your improvement.

F. Key Word Spotting

The key word is the first indicator of the rest of the question. Learn to locate the key word and jump at that spot in the question. The better you know the chapter, the sooner you will be able to spot the key word and jump.