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In Step with the Master Teacher

Issue 3:1

Repetition aids memorisation

In order to commit Bible verses to memory it helps if children have the opportunity to say them several times. Repetition can be boring or it can be fun. It's obviously best to find fun ways to memorise Bible verses.



Practical Tip

To help children memorise the verse you will be teaching, use the following activity:

Print the Bible reference on card. Then print each of the words of the verse on separate pieces of card. Including pictures that match or link with the words can help children who struggle with reading. Mix up the order of the cards and place them in a basket. Make a duplicate set of cards on a different colour and place them in a second basket. Divide the group into two teams and give each team a basket of cards (if you have a large group you will need more teams and more sets of cards). Explain that at a given signal the teams can begin to place the words in order on the floor. When they complete the verse, they should stand and say it together. The first team to say the verse is the winning team. When both teams are finished, check that the children know what the verse means. In following weeks let children who arrive early have a go at putting the verse together in the right order.

Memorised scripture is a long-term investment in the life of a child. Make the most of opportunities for the children to learn and remember Bible verses while they are still young.

To learn more, we recommend the ISMT training session:

**Teaching Bible
Memory Verses**

**I will never forget your
orders because you have
given me life by them.**

Psalm 119:93

(International Children's Bible –
NCV)



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