

Bible Memory Activities

Erase A Word

Write the scripture verse on a white/black board. Read the verse as a family, have someone erase one word, say the verse again. Repeat until everyone is saying the verse without any words. Can also do this by writing each word on a sticky note and taking the sticky notes down randomly.

Cover a Word

Write the scripture verse on a big sheet of posterboard or paper. Read the verse as a family, ask a child what word they want to cover with a sticky note, then cover the word. Say the verse again. Repeat until the family is saying the verse without any words.

Silly Voices

Say the scripture verse in a normal voice. Each time you and the family repeat the verse say it in a different voice such as, whisper, loud, growly, squeaky, low, high, like a robot, slowly, quickly etc.

Action Verse

Say the scripture while standing or sitting. Each time you and your kids repeat the verse do a different action such as touch your head, jump in place, stand on one leg, clap etc.

Prayer Time Activities

It is easy to fall into the rut of the parent always praying for everyone. We would encourage you to not only model praying, but also include your kids in the activity. Here are some ideas.

Structured “popcorn”

Have the family do a “popcorn prayer,” where each person adds to the prayer. Some children are more comfortable doing this than others and it can be stressful to know when to pray. To start off, name family member in order and what they are going to pray for. For example, “First Ivy is going to pray for her teachers, then Liam will thank God for his goodness, then Dan will pray for all the parents. Etc.” Have the kids prepare to pray before they pray.

Teach the ACTS prayer.

Adoration (praising God), Thanksgiving (giving thanks for the blessings in your life), Confession (asking for forgiveness of sins), Supplication (asking for things we need and want.) When introducing this style you should give examples of each. You can also give different family members a specific part, one takes Adoration, one takes Thanksgiving, etc.

Take prayer requests.

When taking prayer requests it can be helpful to give your kids prompts on things they could be praying for. Example: “Are there any friends at school we should pray for?” “What’s one thing you’ve been thankful for today?” “Is there anyone at church that is in need?” “Do you need to ask God’s forgiveness for how you treated a sibling or classmate?”