

Memory Verses

1. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21
2. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8
3. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Games

1. **Verse Shuffle.** Write the verse on index cards- one word or phrase per card. Shuffle the cards. Take turns putting the verse together in order.
2. **Gotcha!** Quote a verse incorrectly to the kids, omitting or changing a key word. Ask them to shout, "Gotcha!" when they catch the mistake. Then quote the verse accurately together.
3. **Toss Across.** Toss or roll a ball to one child. Have him say the first word of the verse before tossing or rolling the ball to someone else, who then says the next word, and so on. Continue until you complete the verse. If the ball is dropped, start over again. Time how long it takes to finish the verse; and try to beat the previous time.

Books of the Bible Games

1. **Roll the Dice.** Have children take turns rolling a dice. When a child rolls the dice, they should name as many books of the bible as the number that shows on the dice. Similar to the game of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, if they need a lifeline, they can phone a friend (ask their classmates for help), request a hint from the teacher (provide a hint about the contents of that book), or request a 50-50 elimination from the teacher (provide two books as a possible answer). Each child can only use one lifeline per game.
2. **Old or New.** Have all the kids stand up in a line in the back of the room. Explain that you're going to call out a book of the Bible and if the book you call out is in the Old Testament, they should take a step back and if it's in the New Testament, they should take a step forward. Challenge them with names that aren't books of the Bible and have them sit down on those names.
3. **Category.** Focus on books of the Law (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) and Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John). Allow kids time to review the books in each of those categories. Write each book on an index card, shuffle them, and place them in the center of the table. Write "Law" and "Gospels" on two additional index cards and place them on the table on opposite ends facing up. Have children take turns placing the books under the correct category in order. If they get it wrong, they'll have to put the card back into the middle of the table to be drawn by the next person until all books have been correctly assembled.