

Memory Verses

1. For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens, who is God, who formed the earth and made it, who has established it, who did not create it in vain, who formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:18
2. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations. Psalm 100:5
3. So, God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him, male and female, He created them. Genesis 1:27

Games

1. **Crack the Code.** Create a code key of symbols that correspond to the letters used in the verse. Write out the verse using only the symbols on the whiteboard. Give the kids the code key and instruct them to write out the verse correctly using the code key to crack the symbols.
2. **Wipe Out.** Write your memory verse on the whiteboard. Say the verse together and then erase the first line or word. Say it again. Repeat until the entire verse is gone and said correctly by memory.
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. **Book Whiz.** Give each kid a piece of paper and instruct them to write down 16 books of the Bible. They can use the chart if they need help but encourage them to write down as many as they can from memory. Next, tell them that you will randomly call out a book and if they have it on their paper, they can mark it off. The first kid to get 8 books marked off wins that round.
2. **I'm Thinking of a Book.** Give each child a bible and quietly to yourself pick a book of the bible. Start calling out hints about that book to the class and see who can guess the correct book first.
3. **Category.** Focus on the Major Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel) and Law (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy). 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 "Major Prophets" 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.