

Memorization Tips

Memorizing God's Word is one of the foundational goals of the AWANA program. While we assist and encourage children to memorize Scripture, it is important we convey the incredible importance and power of God's Word. Children should know why we put all the time and effort into memorizing verses. Below are some techniques to help your clubbers:

- Pray with clubbers for God's help to memorize.
- Use repetition as much as possible by repeating the verse with clubbers over and over again.
- Read the verse out loud with clubbers several times until they can pronounce all the words correctly.
- Help clubbers understand the meaning of the verse by restating it in your own words. It's much easier for clubbers to memorize when they understand the meaning of the verse.
- Underline the main words of the verse for the clubber. Help him identify the main subject, verb and object in each sentence of the verse.
- Break the verse into meaningful parts by putting parentheses around phrases. For example, Titus 3:5: *(Not by works of righteousness) (which we have done) (but according to His mercy) (He saved us) (by the washing of regeneration) (and renewing of the Holy Ghost).*
- Write out the verse on a chalkboard or dry erase board. Erase a word at a time to help a clubber learn his memory verse. Each time he correctly says the verse, erase another word until he knows the entire verse.
- Encourage clubbers to use the music CDs that accompany each handbook.
- Write out verses on 3x5 index cards for clubbers to carry with them throughout the week. Encourage clubbers to pull the cards out and review them while they are waiting for the school bus or at other "down times" during the week. Suggest that they say the memory verses right before bedtime and first thing in the morning. * We will be doing this also during the Sparks and T&T handbook time *