



Memory Verses

Bold Memory Verses are for younger children

Week 1:

When Things Change...God is Present

Bible Story: Luke: 1-26-38

Mary could trust what the angel told her to be true because she had learned about God's promise of the Messiah from the prophet Isaiah. In this promise we are reminded that the child that would come would be "God with us."

Bible Memory: Isaiah 7:14 (NRSV)

***Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a
son, and shall name him Immanuel [God with us].***

Week 2:

When You are Afraid...Look to Jesus

Bible Story: Matthew 14:22-33

Peter cries out to Jesus to save him as he is sinking in the water. This Psalm reminds us that God is present with us always.

Bible Memory: Psalm 121 (NIV)

I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?

2 My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;

4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The Lord will keep you from all

harm—he will watch over your life; 8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going

both now and forevermore.

Week 3:

When we Follow Jesus...He Teaches us Compassion

Bible Story: Matthew 15:29-37

When Jesus saw the crowds of people who were sick, disabled and hungry, he had compassion on them and provided for their needs. Throughout scripture, devotion to God is expressed in active concern for the welfare of fellow human beings. As followers of Jesus we become expressions of God's love in the world.

Bible Memory: Isaiah 58:7-9 (NLT)

Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless.

Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

8 "Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal.

Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind.

9 Then when you call, the Lord will answer, 'Yes, I am here,' he will quickly reply.

Week 4:

When we want to do it our way...do it God's Way

Bible Story: Matthew 26:26-28, 36-42

Jesus was tempted in Garden by the desire to avoid suffering, but he trusted God and followed his plan for his life even when it was difficult. Paul wrote to the Philippians after Jesus death and told Jesus' story and invited Christ's body, the church, to let go of what we want and our need to control and humble ourselves in order to follow God's plan.

Bible Memory: Philippians 2:4-11

4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

5 **You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.** 6 Though he was God,

he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he

appeared in human form, 8 **he humbled himself in obedience to God** and died a criminal's

death on a cross. 9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Week 5:

When we are discouraged...Jesus Walks with Us

Bible Story: Luke 24:13-35

The disciples were discouraged because they thought Jesus would save them and he died. They didn't realize that God had a plan the whole time. They didn't understand God's way or recognize Jesus. Revelation invites us to continue to look for Jesus in our lives – to open the door for Jesus to come into our lives.

Bible Memory: Revelation 3:20

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Week 6:

When we don't know the way...Jesus is the Way

Bible Story: John 21: 4-17

Peter denied knowing Jesus right when Jesus needed him the most. But in this story, Jesus forgives him and invites him to be a part of caring for his people. When we get lost and forget God, we can always turn back to Jesus who is the way. And while Jesus isn't here in person, the Holy Spirit is a gift from Jesus to help us follow him. Therefore we do not need to be afraid.

Bible Memory: John 14: 15-18, 26-27 (NLT)

15 "If you love me, obey my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. 17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. 18 No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.

26 But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. 27 "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.