

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God....the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

Ephesians 6:10-11a, 17
(ESV)

2008-09 MEMORIZATION SCHEDULE

Week of:

Sept. 7	FREEZE! 34 verses!
14	Joshua 1:9b
21	Ephesians 6:1
28	Psalms 1:1
Oct. 5	Psalms 1:2
12	Psalms 1:3
19	Psalms 1:4
26	Psalms 1:5
Nov. 2	Psalms 1:6
9	Heb. 13:16a
16	Prov. 19:20
23	Psalms 36:5
30	FREEZE! 45 verses!
Dec. 7	Prov. 1:10
14	2 Cor. 10:17
21	Romans 12:21
28	Prov. 15:1
Jan. 4	Luke 18:27b
	50 VERSES!
11	John 3:16
18	Psalms 100:1-2
25	Psalms 100:3
Feb. 1	Psalms 100:4
8	FREEZE! 55 verses!
15	Psalms 100:5
22	James 4:7-8a
Mar. 1	Prov 3:11-12
8	1 Pet. 5:7
15	Phil. 4:11b
22	Prov. 29:11
29	Deut. 6:5
April 5	Lev. 19:18b
12	FREEZE! 65 verses!
19	Phil. 2:3
26	Phil. 2:4
May 3	Prov. 17:17a
10	1 Cor. 13:4-5a
17	1 Cor. 13:5b
24	1 Cor. 13:6
31	1 Cor. 13:7
June 7	1 Peter 5:8
14	Romans 3:23
21	Phil. 4:13
	75 verses!



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**FIGHTER
VERSES**



Questions and Answers about Fighter Verses

WHAT ARE FIGHTER VERSES?

Fighter Verses are a tool to equip our families for Bible memorization. They are for the whole family—we all need to be armed with the Word of God!

WHY MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE?

There are lots of reasons! Here are a few:

- It is one of the most effective ways to “meditate on the Word of God “day and night” (Joshua 1:8); to treasure it in our hearts that we might not sin against the Lord (Psalm 119:11); to meditate on the Lord in the “watches of the night” (Psalm 63:6) so that we can fix our eyes on all His ways (Psalm 119:15); and to talk of it when we sit in our houses and walk by the way and when we lie down and when we rise (Deuteronomy 6:6,7)
- Since “faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of God” (Romans 10:17), the memorized word helps us in evangelism and makes the Word of Truth readily available to build our own faith and the faith of others.
- It works on our hearts to build Christ-like character into our lives. It helps us to resist temptation, and enhances prayer and worship.
- Memorizing with a group of families increases unity as the body meditates on and memorizes the same verses. It provides a powerful model for children as they and their parents learn the same Scriptures.

WHY IS A KNIGHT USED AS THE LOGO FOR THIS MEMORY PROGRAM?

The image of the knight come from Ephesians 6:10-17 where we are told to “put on the whole armor of God..the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit.” The knight image conveys that we are in a battle and have an enemy who “threatens to undo us.” It also reminds us that we must be prepared for warfare and have the right equipment if we expect to be victorious.

HOW WILL WE KNOW WHICH VERSES TO MEMORIZE?

We will begin with the Foundation Verse pack, which contains almost 75 verses. You will find a schedule of verses to memorize on the back page of this brochure. You will find the weekly verse on your child’s Sunday School room window, and in the bulletin and newsletters as well. The weeks marked “Freeze” on the schedule are times for you to focus on reviewing the verses learned so far. This will help to confirm that you and your children really know these verses before moving on to more.

HOW CAN WE KEEP OUR CHILDREN MOTIVATED?

The children will be able to earn a tote bag with the Fighter Verse logo for their first 5 verses memorized, and then star buttons to add to it for each additional 5 verses. After 25 verses, they will earn a small knight statue. After learning 50 verses, their picture will be taken with the “knight” and displayed. The youth will have an incentive system as well, that is appropriate to their age and interests.

WHY US?

We are beginning this memory program with the families of our children and youth as a pilot for a church-wide Scripture memorization program. We think you have a strong motivation for modeling and passing on this habit to your children, and will serve as an example to the rest of the body that Scripture memorization is possible at any age!

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

Each family will be given one Foundation Verse pack to begin—if you would like more packs, they are available for \$5 each.

DO YOU HAVE ANY MEMORIZATION TIPS?

Of course!

- 1) **Pray** for God’s help as you memorize.
- 2) **Read** the passage. Start by memorizing one section of the verse at a time.
- 3) **Write** the passage several times. This forces you to review and concentrate intensively.
 - Write the passage in a notebook
 - Write the passage on a sticky note or note card and place it where you are likely to see it throughout the day.
- 4) **Say** the passage. If you repeat it aloud several times, you will remember 30-40% more.
- 5) **Review** regularly. When learning a new verse, review it daily. Review passages from previous weeks regularly to keep them in your mind.
- 6) **Use** the verse to encourage a friend and to guide your prayers.