

# HOW TO TEACH MEMORY VERSES TO KIDS

✠ **USE SCRIPTURE SONGS ALONG WITH THE SCRIPTURE CRAFT WHENEVER POSSIBLE.** Using a song and a craft gives you a wider variety of stimulus for learning. A song for Psalm 150 is included in this book. I recommend the following series of scripture songs:

<u>Name of Series</u>	<u>Age Target</u>
Steve Green's <u>HIDE 'EM IN YOUR HEART</u> <u>Bible Memory Melodies</u> , Volumes 1 and 2 (Sparrow Corporation - SPD 1245, SPD 1315)	Kids of all ages
<u>Musical Scripture Memory Series</u> <u>G.T. and the HALO EXPRESS</u> , #1-6 (Word, Inc.; King Communications)	Kids of all ages
<u>SCRIPTURE MEMORY SONGS:</u> <u>Contemporary Music Teaching God's Word</u> (Integrity Music - through mail membership; call 201-470-8757 for more information)	Adults



✠ **EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF THE VERSE AND OF DIFFICULT WORDS** as you do the craft together. Use the time to expand vocabulary and teach scriptural truth.

✠ **USE REWARDS** (i.e. candy, money, privileges, stickers, points toward larger incentive....) *Rewards should vary depending on the age and interest of the child* and how new the memory verse is. (Continue to give rewards for reviewing old verses, i.e. chocolate chips, ice cream toppings, pennies.) Rewards will help interest younger children and kids with high energy levels or short attention spans. Rewards for scripture memory are an investment in your child's future and character. For further comments, see page 13, Answers to Common Questions, "Do I always have to give rewards?"



✠ **REVIEW OFTEN.** Review! Review! Review!

✠ **KEEP COMPLETED SCRIPTURE CRAFTS IN A NOTEBOOK, FILE OR BOX.** Use them for review. Putting your verses in a *Scripture by Picture* notebook helps children review by themselves. The kids love to look through it. They also enjoy sharing their notebook with friends and other house guests. Put verses into notebook in same order as the Bible. The notebook is the younger child's "Bible". For notebook, punch hole(s) along the side of the craft, or mount craft on construction paper or notebook paper and punch holes on side. For crafts with several pieces, make a paper pocket (cut a square the appropriate size and tape along 3 sides, onto construction paper), or mount an envelope for the pieces. For the cover of your *Scripture by Picture* notebook, color page 1 (same design as book cover).

