

- ✝ **SAY THE VERSE IN A RHYTHM.** Make up a chant, a rap beat, or a song. Clap along.
- ✝ **INTRODUCING A NEW VERSE.** While a verse is new, say the full verse first, then let the child say it. As the child becomes more familiar with it, just say the first few words. Eventually, they will be able to say the whole thing without any prompting.
- ✝ **DEALING WITH LONG OR DIFFICULT VERSES.** If a child thinks a verse is too long or too hard, *just have them learn a section of it.* Every time they say it, read the long portion to them and let them say their portion wherever it fits in. After they've heard it several times, pretend to forget part of it, or say a wrong word and see if they'll correct you. After enough repetition over several days, they'll be able to say the whole verse alone.
- ✝ **READ THE REFERENCE.** Even if a child is too young to learn the scripture references, always read the reference for them along with the verse. They will get used to hearing the reference and the verse together and will eventually be able to include it. For younger children, it helps them identify their numbers.
- ✝ **PRAISE YOUR CHILD(REN)** for saying memory verses. Be excited and encouraging.
- ✝ **IN A CLASSROOM SETTING, MAKE AN ENLARGED CRAFT,** and/or enlarge the word pictures for the teacher's use.
- ✝ **PLAY LEARNING GAMES.** For a verse with word pictures, make an extra copy (enlarged if possible). Use a pocket chart (mount pictures on cards with 1" flap below picture that fits into 1" pocket strip) or flannel board (back word pictures with flannel) or have children hold pieces. Mix up pieces (or children with pieces); have a child arrange them in the correct order. Have a child take a picture away and recite the verse with the picture missing. Continue to eliminate pictures and recite verse until all pictures are gone. Have children put pictures back, in order.
- ✝ **PLAY REVIEW GAMES.** Play Bible baseball. Have Bible relay games. Play Bible hangman. Roll up word picture strips; put in balloons; blow up and tape to poster board; have kids take turns popping a balloon and reciting the verse inside. Make up your own games.
- ✝ **DON'T STOP** with the verses in this book. Illustrate your own verses by using pictures from magazines, cards, catalogs, photographs, etc., and drawing simple faces, stick figures and shapes. Use your imagination. Use your child's imagination too!