



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY | LESSON 5

WHY MEMORIZATION?

- Memorizing what God says is very important. It is the best way to be able to use what the Bible calls *the sword of the spirit*, which is God's Word. Our Bible verse comes from God's Word, the Bible. This week we are going to practice different ways of memorization!
- Before we do, here are some questions to think about:
 - What's the hardest part about memorizing Bible verses?
 - Why does it even matter that we memorize Bible verses?
- When we've memorized a Bible verse and hidden it in our heart, God will help us remember it when we need to, like when he wants us to share it with a friend, defend our faith, or fight temptation using his Word.
- The Fruit of the Spirit we talked about this week is self-control, and it will take some self-control to commit to memorizing Scripture. Remember, you can do it with God's help!

MEMORIZATION TOOLS

Below are 5 easy ideas to help you memorize Bible verses. Start with our series memory verse!

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

2 Timothy: 1:7

1. Write out the Bible verse every morning for a week straight. Make it the first thing you do when you wake up! Writing things out helps us commit them to memory.
2. Make a song! How quickly can you memorize the lyrics to a song if it has a good beat? Try putting the memory verse to the tune of your favorite song or writing your own music!
3. Add your name to the Bible verse. Whenever the verse says "you" or "us," say your own name or "me." For example, "For God has not given *me* a spirit of fear and timidity..." When you personalize things, it makes them easier to remember!
4. Find a Bible verse memorization accountability partner – a friend, parent, or sibling – and say the memory verse out loud to each other every day until you both have it memorized!
5. Draw it! Create a piece of art with the memory verse. Just like writing it down, this helps you memorize the verse, but also leaves you with something pretty to look at to help you remember it!