

RED CYCLE – VERSE ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Genesis 1: 27 - Hula Hoop Hoopla: Letter the words of the memory verse onto five sheets of paper (one phrase on each sheet). Tape the sheets in various locations around the room. Divide the drillers into teams with 5 drillers. The teams line up around a designated point. Provide a hula hoop for each group. One child from each team puts a hula hoop around their waist. When the teacher recites the first phrase of the verse, the first children on each team runs to the correct verse poster. Repeat with the second, third, fourth and fifth driller and phrase until 5 children are in each hula hoop and they recite the entire verse.
2. Leviticus 22:31 – Word Search: Give each child a copy of the Word Search. Allow them to work and solve the puzzle. Have children locate the verse in their Bibles and write the complete verse from the word search at the bottom of the page.
3. Deuteronomy 6:5 - Verse Tower: Letter the words of a verse on 5 cups and make several sets for groups of drillers to use. Then have the drillers make verse towers of the verses in correct order.
4. 1 Chronicles 16:8 – Get Extra Help: Have the drillers read the verse and tell them it is “extra” long, so they are going to need “extra” help learning it. Have the children sit in a circle, count out one index card per child, including a card that says: EXTRA. The object of the game is to be the last person in the circle. Everyone will say the verse together, then the leader will hand the child a card face down. If you have a blank card you can return to the circle, if you have the extra card, you will say the verse and move out of the circle. Continue by eliminating one card every round until there is just one driller left.
5. Job 37: 14 - Paint Sticks: Provide a paint stick with a strip of Velcro placed down the center of the stick. Provides words or phrases of the drill verse printed onto cardstock with a piece of Velcro on the back of the card. Have the drillers put the verse in order on the stick.
6. Psalms 19:14 – Put the Rocks in Order: Provide one rock for each word in the verse. Write one word on each rock and place in a bucket. Allow the drillers to put the verse in order.
7. Psalms 54:2 – Party Time: Give each child a party blower that has been prepared (half the blowers have half the verse written on it and the other half have the other half of the verse written on them). Tell the children to keep their blowers still until you say start. When you instruct them to start, have the children blow their party blower until they can find a person with other half of the verse. When each child has found a partner, ask them to recite the verse.

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8. Psalm 145:9 – Memory Verse Pass: Write each word of the verse on a separate index card. Hand the cards out to the drillers and ask them to stand in order of the memory verse. Have each driller read their word and then have them say the verse together. Take up the cards and re-distribute them and play several times until everyone can say the verse.
9. Proverbs 8:33 - Bible Verse Folder: Print a colored 8 ½ x 11 picture with the verse printed on it. Place on the inside of the top half of the file folder. Print the words to the verse and cut them apart putting Velcro on each card. Put Velcro on the bottom half of the folder so that the words can be put in order inside the folder.
10. Proverbs 20:11: Reveal the Memory Verse: Write each word of the verse on an index card, then tape them to the wall. Cover each word with a sheet of construction paper, taping it so the verse can be raised to reveal the word. Have one child come up and take down a sheet and see if they can say the entire verse. Continue until the drillers can say the verse and the entire verse is revealed.
11. Micah 6:8 - Verse Cookie Sheet: Use a cookie sheet and a drill verse divided word by word backed with magnetic tape. Have the drillers put the verse in order.
12. Matthew 5:44 – Pickup Sticks: Give each driller a hand full of craft sticks and have them write several words of the verse on one side of the craft stick. Place the sticks in a cup, shake the cup and spill the sticks. Put the verse in order as fast as you can.
13. Matthew 21:22 - Jump a Jingle: Provide a jump rope for every 4 or 5 drillers. Put a rhythm to a verse, say it several times with the drillers then allow the drillers to quote the verse with the rhythm as they jump the rope.
14. Mark 13:31 - Disappearing Words: Use 12 sheets of construction paper and write words or phrases of the verses on each sheet in order including a sheet for the verse reference. Number the top of the verse sheet 1-12. Place the sheets in order with 4 rows of 3 columns. Divide the drillers into two teams. A driller from one team rolls the dice and turns over the sheet with the number they rolled and says the verse from memory. Teams take turns until all the phrases have been turned over and the drillers can recite the verse from memory.
15. Luke 6:31 - Raking Relay: Cut a piece of poster board in half and write the verse on each side. Then cut each half of the poster into puzzle pieces. Have two teams line up at the starting line. Place a completed puzzle piece in a pile near each team. Give a rack to the first player on each team. At the start, driller rakes one puzzle piece to the finish line then runs back to the team. Relay continues until the last player completes the verse by placing words in order and the team recites the verse together.

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16. John 8:32 - Verse Pop Up: Letter words of the verse on an index card-one word for each card. Give cards to the drillers (1 or 2 cards per driller). Sitting in a circle, the drillers recite the verse “popping up” and saying the word on their card. Use a stop watch to see how fast the drillers can recite the verse. Exchange cards and attempt to beat their former time.
17. John 15:13 – Bible Verse Football: Mark off a football field with masking tape on the floor like a football field. Divide the verse into 5 parts and write them on a dry erase board. Give each team a game piece and instruct them to place the piece at opposite end zones. When each team can recite first verse phrase together without making any mistakes, they may move their game piece to the 10 yard line. Teams will take turns. When the teams can say the first two phrases together they can move their game piece to the 20, and so on. The first team to make it to the 50 yard line saying the entire verse without any mistakes wins.
18. Acts 1:8 - Learning by the Yard: Give each driller 16 sticky notes and a paint stick. Have them write words or phrases of the verse onto the sticky notes and place them in order on the paint stick.
19. Romans 14:12 - Get Down Bible Verse Review: Get a large beach ball and draw large circles on the ball. Inside the circle write say the verse. Have the drillers stand in a circle and take turns tossing the ball to each other. If a driller catches the ball and their right hand is touching a circle on the ball they must say the verse and “get down”. The first time, he gets down on one knee. The second time he gets down on both knees. The third time he sits down, and the fourth time he lays down on the floor. The fifth time he is out. The driller that is the highest at the end of the game wins.
20. 1 Corinthians 10:31 – Eat, Drink or Whatever you Do: Read the verse and hold up a spoon when you say “eat”, a straw when you say “drink” and a pencil when you say “whatever”. Hand out a spoon, straw or pencil to each driller. Tell the children with spoons to stand and say the underlined portion of the verse together, have the children with the straws to stand and say “or drink”. Then have the children with the pencils stand and say the remaining part of the verse. Continue until the verse is learned.
21. 1 Corinthians 14:40 - Stack the O's: Cut the foam noodle into one inch segments. Print one word from the verse onto each noodle. Drillers can then try to stack the Bible verse in correct order from bottom to top.
22. Building Block Bible Verse: Letter verse on blocks, one word for each block. (If blocks are not available, use paper rectangles). Have the drillers put the blocks in order. As time allows, drillers can mix up blocks and arrange them in order to build a variety of shapes in which the verse can be read: square, triangle, rectangle, circle and pyramid.

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23. Philippians 4:13 - Chopstick Relay: Write each word of the verse on an index card and fold up the ends so that the cards will be easier to pick up with chopsticks. Divide the drillers into two teams giving each driller a set of chopsticks. Place the verse cards on a table at the other end of the room. Have the teams race to get a card with their chopstick. The team that retrieves all the cards and places them in correct order wins.
24. James 1:19 - Scrambled Eggs: Write words or phrases from the verse onto small pieces of paper. Place one piece of paper into a plastic egg. Hide the eggs around the room and have children find them. After the drillers have found all the eggs around the room have them crack their eggs one at a time onto an inexpensive frying pan. After all the eggs are cracked have drillers put the verse in order.
25. 1 John 4:19 - Sticky Hop Scotch: Using masking tape, mark off a hopscotch grid in an open area. Write the words on the verse on a sticky note and place one sticky note beside each square. Drillers can take turns completing the hopscotch grid until all have learned the verse.