

Christian Fellowship Youth Rally

Rules and Information for Bible Memorization and Special Education

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Special Education

Participants should quote what each is capable of doing. These participants usually quote what they can from the Bible Memorization category. They can be any age.

All Special Education participants will receive a first-place trophy with special wording on the trophy plate.

Bible Memorization

Rules and Scoring

The Bible Memorization Program is strictly a rote drill. Its purpose is two-fold: to acquaint youngsters with Bible memory and basic Bible precepts; and to prepare them for future competition in Bible Sword Drill, Bible Tic Tac Toe, and Bible Bowl. Bible Memorization is for Beginners 0 to 4 years old, 5 years old and Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third Grades. A child must be the correct age by December 31st to be put with the next grade level.

1. Participants should memorize the following according to their age and grade:
 - a. Beginners 0 to 3 years old — John 3:16
 - b. 4-year-olds - Psalm 23
 - c. 5 years old & Kindergarten — Psalm 23 and The Ten Commandments
 - d. First Grade — Psalm 23, The Ten Commandments, and Romans Road
 - e. Second Grade — Psalm 23, The Ten Commandments, Romans Road, Model Prayer, and the 12 Apostles
 - f. Third Grade — Psalm 23, The Ten Commandments, Romans Road, Model Prayer, the 12 Apostles, The Beatitudes, and Books of the Old and New Testaments
2. Participants must complete the recitation within the following time limits:
 - a. John 3:16 - 5 minutes
 - b. Psalm 23 - 5 minutes
 - c. 10 Commandments - 5 minutes
 - d. Romans Road - 5 minutes
 - e. Model Prayer - 2 minutes
 - f. 12 Apostles - 2 minutes
 - g. Beatitudes - 6 minutes
 - h. Books of the Bible - 5 minutes
3. The Quiz Panel consists of the following:
 - a. A Quizmaster — has general oversight of the contest; explains the rules and procedures; sets the tone for a proper atmosphere; goes over the score sheets for the Judges before prayer and beginning the game.
 - b. Three Judges — will score each participant according to the Bible Memorization Score Sheet.
4. Game Procedures
 - a. Contestants should be divided according to age and grade so that the youngest compete first on through the third grades in order.
 - b. The Quizmaster should call each contestant and then state the title of each item, in correct order, that is required for each grade level, e.g. for first graders the leader would call "Psalms 23," allowing the contestant to quote it, then "Romans Road to Salvation," allowing the contestant to quote it, etc.
 - c. If a contestant fails to begin quoting 15 seconds after the Quizmaster states an item, the Quizmaster should move on to the next item, and the Judges should deduct one point under memorization for each item completely missed.

5. Scoring

- a. The Rating System is: 8-poor; 9-average; 10-above average.
- b. Contestants are scored on memorization, confidence, regular, not-sing-song.
- c. References must be stated before and after each category or points will be deducted.
- d. A separate sheet shall be used for each contestant.
- e. Judging must be totally objective and impartial.
- f. Each Judge shall mark scores without conferring with the other Judges.
- g. Judges should grade only what is required for that grade level. If a child says more than is required, then the Judges do not count it.
- h. One point is deducted: each time prompting is required, not to exceed 10 points in deductions; when five words are skipped; and when portions are stated out of order.
- i. Judges are to add score sheets across for subtotal, then deduct times prompted to get final score across. They should then add the final right column down for the Total Score.
- j. The combined score of all the Judges will be considered the final score.
- k. If a tie between two participants occurs, the Judges will select the passage to be quoted to break the tie.
- l. The Quizmaster puts each contestant's total on the Bible Memorization Summary Sheet for final score.
- m. The contestant with the highest combined score in each grade shall be declared the winner. The contestant with the second highest score in each grade shall be declared second place finisher. The contestant with the third highest score in each grade shall be declared the third place finisher.
- n. Each person competing shall receive proper recognition (medallion with ribbon). The top three winners should receive a trophy.

Bible Memorization Program Study Sheet (All to Be Said from Memory)

0 to 3-year-olds

John 3:16 (Cite the reference of John 3:16 before and after the recitation.)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life

4-year-olds to 3rd Graders

Psalms 23 (Cite the reference of Psalm 23 before and after the recitation.)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil: my
cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever.

5-year-olds to 3rd Graders

Ten Commandments (Cite the reference of Exodus 20:3-17 before and after recitation. The entire
passage need not be recited, simply the excerpts, or commandments, themselves.)

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honour thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet.

1st to 3rd Graders

Romans Road to Salvation (Cite the reference before and after each Scripture.)

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for
us.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart

that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

2nd and 3rd Graders

The Model Prayer (Cite the reference of Matthew 6:9-13 before and after the recitation.)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Twelve Apostles (Cite the reference of Luke 6:14-16 before and after the recitation.)

Simon, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the Son of Alphaeus, Simon called Zelotes, Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot.

3rd Graders

Beatitudes (Cite the reference of Matthew 5:3-12 before and after the recitation.)

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Books of the Bible (Old and New Testament, in their proper sequence.)

Old Testament

Genesis	Ruth	Ezra	Song of Solomon	Joel	Zephaniah
Exodus	1 Samuel	Nehemiah	Isaiah	Amos	Haggai
Leviticus	2 Samuel	Esther	Jeremiah	Obadiah	Zechariah
Numbers	1 Kings	Job	Lamentations	Jonah	Malachi
Deuteronomy	2 Kings	Psalms	Ezekiel	Micah	
Joshua	1 Chronicles	Proverbs	Daniel	Nahum	
Judges	2 Chronicles	Ecclesiastes	Hosea	Habakkuk	

New Testament

Matthew	1 Corinthians	1 Thessalonians	Hebrews	3 John
Mark	2 Corinthians	2 Thessalonians	James	Jude
Luke	Galatians	1 Timothy	1 Peter	Revelation
John	Ephesians	2 Timothy	2 Peter	
Acts	Philippians	Titus	1 John	
Romans	Colossians	Philemon	2 John	

Bible Memorization - Score Summary

Date: _____

Age Group and/or Grade Level: _____

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Bible Memorization - Score Sheet

Name: _____

Church: _____

Age Group and/or Grade Level: _____

Selection	Memorization	Confidence	Regular	Say Reference	Sub-Total	Minus	Skip 5 words -1 point	State portions out of order -1 point	# Times prompting required		Total Points
John 3:16						Minus					
Psalms 23						Minus					
Ten Commandments						Minus					
Romans Road						Minus					
Model Prayer						Minus					
12 Apostles						Minus					
Beatitudes						Minus					
Books of the Bible						Minus					
TOTAL											

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Signature of Judge: _____