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**Developing Reading Retention**

It is important that we learn to how to collect information from what we read. Not on paper, but in the mind. It is important to take notes as we study, but more important that we write information on the pages of our mind. This is what is called “reading retention.” The ability to read a passage and recall what you have read by memory.

**Read the following paragraph.**

There was a black boy name Blue that live in a red house two blocks over from Green Street. His mother’s name was Mrs. White and she drove a red car and used it to drop Blue off at Yellow Star High School where he was a freshman student. Mr. Brown was the high school Principal and he lived on Blue Avenue next door to Mrs. White, Blue’s mother. Sometimes Mrs. White, who only had one child, allowed him to ride to school with the Principal’s brother who had orange hair. Mrs. White’s son and Mr. Brown had something in common that’s Green and Blue. Do you know what it is?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Read the following paragraph ONCE.**

**Psalms 1**

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**Write down everything that you remember about what you read WITHOUT reading it again.**

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**Read Psalms 1 again. This time read it TWICE.**

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**NOW! Write down everything that you remember about what you read AFTER reading it twice more.**

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**HOW MUCH MORE DID YOU REMEMBER FROM PSALMS 1 THE SECOND TIME? THE MORE YOU READ IT, THE MORE YOU RETAIN.**

**THE PASSAGE WILL ALSO BECOME MORE UNDERSTANDABLE THE MORE YOU READ IT. IT’S LIKE TALKING TO SOMEONE WITH THE RADIO ON. YOU MAY HEAR WHAT THEY ARE SAYING, BUT THE NOISE IN THE BACKGROUND IS JUST ENOUGH TO DISTRACT YOU FROM TOTALLY FOCUSING ON THE CONVERSATION. THE MORE YOU READ IT, THE MORE IT BRINGS YOU INTO FOCUS OF WHAT GOD IS SAYING IN THE TEXT.**

**ASSIGNMENT: Over the next week, read the following and follow the same practice pattern above. Read it once, write down what you remember. Then read it at least two more times (you can read it even more) and then write down what you remember**

**Sunday: Psalm 23**

**Monday: Psalms 134**

**Tuesday: Matthew 6:9-13**

**Wednesday: Bible Study (Please join us at 12:00 or 6:00 p.m.)**

**Thursday: Mark 4:35-39**

**Friday: Luke 6:20-23**