

# Scripture Adventures!

120 Creative Ways to Memorize God's Word

*Sing It, Snack It, Say It, Pray It, Play It, Make It!*

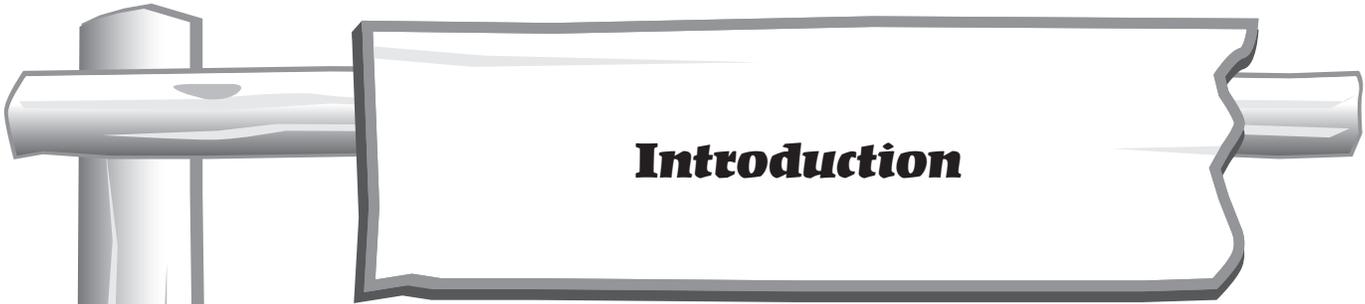


## Includes:

- hands-on fun for 24 verses
- songs, games, and rhythmic movement activities
- puzzles, crafts, and snack ideas

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## Introduction

Early in my college career, we education majors were taught that children learn in different ways. Not all children learn visually; some learn best by auditory methods and many learn kinesthetically. I applied that knowledge teaching reading, math, science, and other classroom subjects and continued to practice active, fun learning techniques while homeschooling my own children.

As I taught my children memory verses, I found that I expected them to read the passage and recite it back to me. Not only was this method not successful routinely, I found that my children could sometimes say the verse but could not explain what the verse meant to them.

I decided to make Scripture memorization fun—to make it an adventure they would begin at an early age and continue for years to come. I created songs and games to instill the verses in their minds and hearts. Soon, my kids were singing and acting out verses with ease—and loving every minute of it!

The verses in this book are adventurous in nature—verses from God’s Word that ask us to do something: hide God’s Word in our hearts, let our lights shine, stop and consider God’s wonders, do to others, call on the name of the Lord—verses that require action on our part.

For each verse, several activities are suggested to appeal to the many ways in which children learn. Children will play, snack, sing, do motions, make a craft, or pray while committing a verse to memory. You may choose to do one or all of the activities suggested for each verse in one day, or stretch out the activities for an entire week.

Choose verses ahead of time and inform parents which verse you’ll be working on so that they can encourage memorization at home. (When you send letters home in advance, you may also want to invite parents to send in needed craft items.)

We teach our children Scripture so that they can bring God’s Word to mind for their own benefit or for the benefit of a friend or neighbor in need—at the very moment of need! Help write God’s Word on the little hearts of those you teach and love. They will be glad you did. So, grab your Bible, your singing voice, a few supplies, and let the adventures begin!



**Food Activities Caution:** Before completing any snack activity, ask families’ permission and inquire about students’ food allergies or other food preferences.

**Balloon Activities Caution:** Before completing any balloon activity, ask families about possible latex allergies. Also, remember that uninflated or popped balloons may present a choking hazard.

*Love the LORD your God with all  
your heart and with all your soul  
and with all your strength.*

**Deuteronomy 6:5**

**Sing to the Tune: Do Your Ears Hang Low?**

*Love the LORD your God with all your heart*

*And with all your soul*

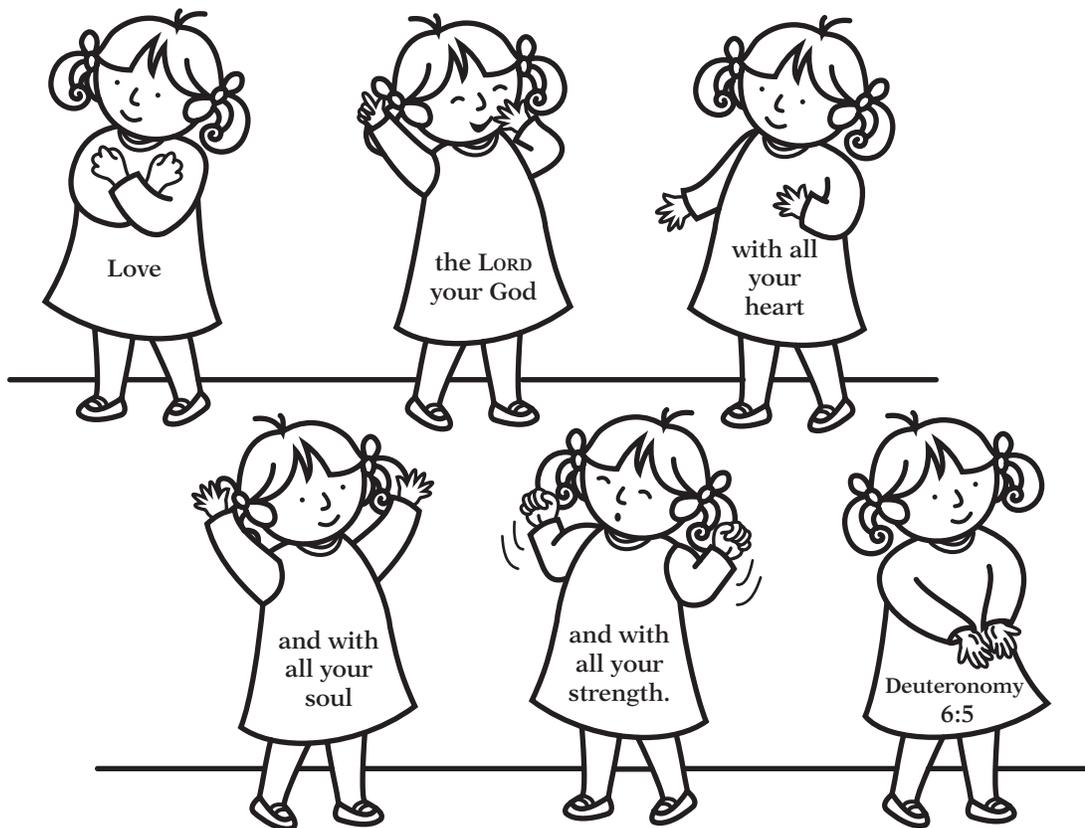
*And with all your strength.*

*Deuteronomy six, five; Deuteronomy six, five.*

*Love the LORD your God.*

**Wiggle Time!**

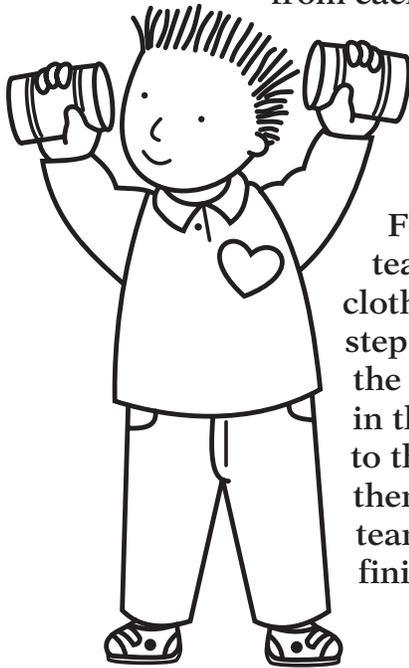
Act out words or phrases from the verse.



## Play-It

### Relay Time!

For each player, make a heart-shaped construction paper cutout. Place a rolled piece of masking tape on the back of each. Cut the bottoms from large, brown paper bags, one bag from each team. Place the bags on the opposite side of the room. In another location in the room, have enough “weights” to lift for each team to have at least two. Write the memory verse on the board.



Form teams. On “Go,” the first person in each team will stick the heart-shaped cutout to his clothes, run to the station with the paper bag, and step through the bag from “toe to head.” Then, the player will run to the weights and lift them in the air three times. Lastly, each player will run to the board and read the verse aloud. The player then runs back and tags the second person on his team, who continues the race. The first team to finish is the winning team.

## Snack-It

### Heart, Soul, and Strength Snacks

Use a heart-shaped cookie cutter to cut bread into heart shapes. Have children spread strawberry cream cheese on their heart-shaped bread. This represents the “heart” from the verse. Give each child a bear-shaped cracker. Tell children to think about the soul (the mind, will, and emotions) when looking at the bear’s body. Finally, have the children create “weights” by putting miniature marshmallows on the ends of pretzel sticks. Reread the verse as children enjoy their snacks.

## Make-It

### Whole-Self Portraits

Have the children lie down on pieces of white bulletin board paper. Trace around their bodies in outline shapes. Encourage each child to add a red heart, smiling mouth, and weights in each hand. Have the children write the verse somewhere on their paper outlines. Ask for ideas from the children on how to love God with their whole bodies.

*Do what is right and good  
in the LORD's sight. . . .*

**Deuteronomy 6:18**

**Sing to the Tune: Ten Little Indians**

*Do what is right and good in the LORD's sight.  
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Deuteronomy six, eighteen.*

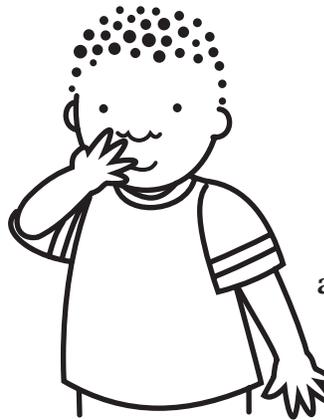
After children have learned the tune and words, have two groups form lines facing each other (like ball teams at the end of a game). While singing, have the two lines walk towards one another and shake right hands—to emphasize the word “right” in the verse.

**Wiggle Time!**

Act out words or phrases from the verse.



Do what is right



and good



in the LORD's



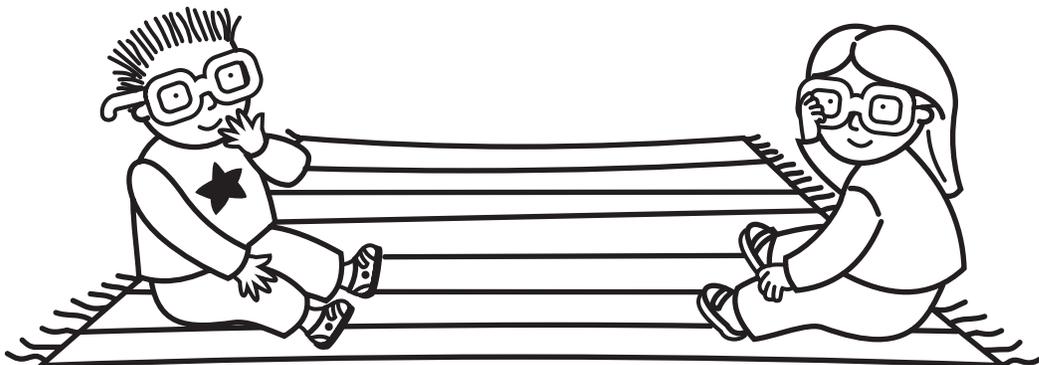
sight.



## Make-It

### Scripture Shades

Use the Scripture Shades Pattern (page 9) to make “God’s Glasses” to remind children to do what is right in God’s sight. Cut out all of the pieces. Then, tape the ear pieces in place, matching Xs, and bend each on the dotted line. (An adult should cut out the middle “lenses” of the glasses.) Have children write the verse around the rims and decorate with stickers. Tape pieces of clear plastic wrap to the frames for lenses.



## Pray-It

### Prayer Time

Have children repeat this prayer after you, line by line.

*Dear God,  
Help me do what's right,  
Each day and every night.  
Help me do what's good,  
The way I know I should.  
Amen.*

## Play-It

### Balloon Bopping!

Make these funny-faced balloons to play this game and learn God’s Word. Inflate and tie a balloon for each child. Have the children use permanent markers to draw eyes on the balloon, representing “God’s sight.” Give the marker a

few seconds to dry so that it doesn’t smear on the children’s clothing. Have each child say the verse aloud, then practice bopping the balloon in the air—using only the right hand. Then, try again with the right elbow, right knee, etc.

