

Answers VBS Follow-Up Bible Memory Plan

Note to the VBS Director: We want to encourage you to stay in touch with your VBS kids throughout the year by sending these emails to them bi-weekly (or however often works for you) and encouraging them to continue “train your brain” with God’s Word. Feel free to modify as is best for your situation.

Email 1

Hi there! Thanks for joining in the Answers VBS Memory Verse fun! You learned a lot of verses at The Kingdom Chronicles Vacation Bible School—almost the entire passage in Ephesians 6:10–18! Now it's time to continue training your brain to know God's Word so that you can know how the Creator wants you to think about every area of life. Are you ready? Let's go!

Over the next few months (until the next Vacation Bible School program—are you excited about it already?!?), we'll be sending you an email every two weeks with some encouragement from God's Word to stand strong in the battle for truth and a list of memory verses for you to learn during the following weeks. These verses from God's Word will help you to know the Creator better and find out how He wants you to live.

For the first two weeks, we'll review the verses you already learned at The Kingdom Chronicles VBS.

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Junior Memory Verses

Day 1: Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:10–11

Day 2: Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth. Ephesians 6:14, ESV

Day 3: Having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the gospel of peace. Ephesians 6:14–15

Day 4: Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Ephesians 6:16

Day 5: And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always. Ephesians 6:17–18

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Pre-Primary Memory Verses

Day 1: Put on the whole armor of God. Ephesians 6:11

Day 2: Fasten on the belt of truth. Ephesians 6:14, ESV

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Toddler Memory Verses

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How did you do reviewing Ephesians 6:10–18? Did you remember most of it? Do you have it all in your memory now? Great!

This week we're adding two verses to the passage in Ephesians 6—verses 12 and 13. And we'll also learn a verse found in the book of Joshua that reminds us to choose to serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15)!

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For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Ephesians 6:12–13

And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

Email 3

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How did you do learning Ephesians 6:12–13 and Joshua 24:15? Have you trained your brain with these verses? Great!

Over the next two weeks, we'll memorize verses that teach us about the two kingdoms—God's good kingdom of light and Satan's kingdom of darkness. We'll be reminded that when we repent of our sins and believe in Jesus, we become children of God and citizens of His heavenly kingdom—a kingdom full of life and light!

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Ready? Set? Memorize!

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth). Ephesians 5:8-9

You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 1 Thessalonians 5:5

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

Email 4

Hi there! Welcome back to the Answers VBS Memory Verse fun!

How did you do learning the verses that teach us the difference between God's kingdom of light and Satan's kingdom of darkness? Did you get them all memorized? Great!

For the next two weeks, we'll memorize verses that teach us about the two kingdoms—God's kingdom that is filled with His goodness and Satan's kingdom that is filled with sin (evil). When we become a citizen of God's kingdom, we need to always seek after our Creator and ask Him to help us be more like His Son Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit!

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Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. Psalm 34:14

He who earnestly seeks good finds favor, But trouble will come to him who seeks evil. Proverbs 11:27

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. Matthew 12:35

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Romans 12:9

Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God. 3 John 1:11

Email 5

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How did you do learning the verses that remind us that there's a difference between good and evil? Did you get them all memorized? Great!

At The Kingdom Chronicles, we learned to stand strong in the battle for truth by putting on the whole armor of God. One of those pieces of armor is the belt of truth. But how do we know what "truth" is? How can we know what is true? As we'll see in this week's verses, the Creator God is truthful. He only tells the truth. He cannot lie. We can trust Him to tell us the truth all the time!

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Are you ready to continue learning about the battle for truth? Charge!

He is the Rock, His work is perfect;
For all His ways are justice,
A God of truth and without injustice;
Righteous and upright is He. Deuteronomy 32:4

For the LORD is good;
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations. Psalm 100:5

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. John 16:13

In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began. Titus 1:2

Email 6

Hi there! Welcome back to the Answers VBS Memory Verse fun!

Did you train your brain to know that God is the only source of truth? Did you memorize all the verses? Great!

For the past two weeks, we've been memorizing verses that teach us that God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit (all of whom are God) are filled with truth. Over the next two weeks, we'll take a look at some verses that show us that God's Word, the Bible, is true. Because God is truthful, we know that His Word is also truthful. We can trust it to help us know truth from error in every area of our lives. We need to read and study it so that we can know what is true and what is false in what we hear at school, what we learn from our friends, what we see on movies, and what we read in books. King David wrote a psalm (Psalm 119) in which every verse talks about God's Word. Many of the verses we're learning this time come from that Psalm. If you have the opportunity over the next few weeks, read Psalm 119 and jot down some of the things David says about God's Word that really stand out to you.

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Are you ready to learn that God's Word is truth? Let's go!

Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And Your law is truth. Psalm 119:142

I have chosen the way of truth;
Your judgments I have laid before me. Psalm 119:30

Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things
I consider to be right;
I hate every false way. Psalm 119:128

The entirety of Your word is truth,
And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever. Psalm 119:160

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. John 17:17

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Are you ready to learn about what the God of truth desires from His citizens? Let's go!

Teach me Your way, O LORD;
I will walk in Your truth;
Unite my heart to fear Your name. Psalm 86:11

Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Psalm 51:6

Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD,
But those who deal truthfully are His delight. Proverbs 12:22

Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. Ephesians 4:25

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Email 8

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Did you learn what God desires from His citizens who put on the belt of truth? Great!

After the belt of truth, the next piece of armor we studied at The Kingdom Chronicles was the breastplate of righteousness. Do you remember what *righteousness* means? It means “to do right.” When we, as citizens of God’s good kingdom, put on the breastplate of righteous, which God gives us, we want to follow our Commander by doing the right thing all the time, because He does the right thing all the time. The verses we’re learning this week will show us that God is always righteous—He always does right. Remember, we can never do enough right things to become a citizen of God’s kingdom because sin separates us from God. But once we become a child of God (by repenting of our sin and believing in Jesus), He gives us His Holy Spirit who helps us want to do right.

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Are you ready to learn more about the God who gives us the breastplate of righteousness to put on? Onward!

He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness. Psalm 9:8

For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright. Psalm 11:7

The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works. Psalm 145:17

For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. Ephesians 5:9

Being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:11

Email 9

Hi there! Welcome back to the Answers VBS Memory Verse fun!

Did you learn about the righteousness of God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit? Great!

Now that we know that our Creator God, the leader of the good kingdom, is always righteous and always does the right thing, we need to learn what He has said is “right.” The verses that we’re memorizing over the next two weeks will teach us some of the right behaviors that God wants us to do—choose our friends carefully, take care of our animals, stand up for those who can’t stand up for themselves. This isn’t a complete list of every right action but it’s a start. Be sure to continue to read and study your Bible so that you can find out more about the right thoughts and actions God desires in His citizens. When we put on the breastplate of righteousness, we want to love and obey the commands of our King, who is righteous. And we can ask Him to help us to always do the right thing through the power of His Holy Spirit.

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Are you ready to learn more about the right behaviors God wants us to do? Onward!

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30

A righteous man regards the life of his animal, But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel. Proverbs 12:10

The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray. Proverbs 12:26

Open your mouth, judge righteously, And plead the cause of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31:9

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 2 Corinthians 6:14

Email 10

Hi there! Welcome back to the Answers VBS Memory Verse fun!

Did you learn what God teaches us about doing the right thing? Good job!

So we've memorized verses that help us know more about the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness. The next piece of armor God gives to the citizens of His kingdom are the shoes of the gospel of peace. These shoes help us to be ready to share the good news of how we can become citizens of God's good kingdom with those around us. When we repent of our sins and believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead to pay for our sins, we have eternal life with God in heaven! This is the "good news" or the "gospel." Did you know that Jesus preached the good news (the gospel) when He was here on earth? The verses we're learning over the next few weeks show us that Jesus loved people and wanted them to know His good news.

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Are you ready to learn more Jesus and His gospel? Forward!

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:14–15

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." Luke 4:18

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Matthew 4:23

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

Email 11

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Did you memorize the verses about how Jesus preached the gospel to those around Him? Good job!

The shoes of the gospel of peace help us to be ready to share the good news of how we can become citizens of God's good kingdom with those around us. Do you know how to share the good news of Jesus with your friends? If you don't, check with your VBS director or teacher who can help you learn what to say, but the easiest way is to share with everyone about how you became a citizen of God's kingdom. When we repent of our sins and believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead to pay for our sins, we have eternal life with God in heaven! This is the "good news" or the "gospel." The verses we're working on this week will remind us to boldly proclaim the good news, no matter what! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, these shoes give us the boldness we need so that we're not ashamed of Jesus but are ready at a moment's notice to tell someone about Him.

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Are you ready to learn more about sharing the gospel? Let's go!

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:14–15

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. Mark 8:35

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Romans 1:16

But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24

Email 12

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Did you memorize the verses about sharing the gospel? Good job!

The shoes God gives us help us share the gospel. And one important aspect of the gospel is that it brings peace. When we are born into Satan's bad kingdom and disobey God's commands, we are at war with God. But when we become a child of God, we can have peace with Him and no longer need to fight against Him! The verses we're learning this time teach us that we can have peace with God and that God is a God of peace.

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Are you ready to learn more about how the gospel brings peace? Let's go!

"There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked." Isaiah 57:21

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Romans 5:1

[Jesus said] These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22

And He [Jesus] came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Ephesians 2:17-18

Email 13

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Did you memorize the verses about having peace with God? Good job!

We've been looking at the shoes of the gospel of peace that God gives His soldiers to wear in the battle for His truth. When we become a citizen of God's kingdom, we have peace with God. And God gives us peace and wants us to live at peace with others. That means that instead of quarreling or arguing, we look for ways to be kind to others and to be peaceful. Peace only comes from God, so we need to ask Him to give us His peace when we need it.

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Are you ready to learn more about God's peace? Let's go!

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6–8

Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Matthew 5:9

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14

Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble. Psalm 119:165

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Hi there! Welcome back to the Answers VBS Memory Verse fun!

Did you memorize the verses about God's peace? Great!

When we become a citizen of His good kingdom by repenting of our sin and believing Jesus paid the price for our sin, God gives us special armor to wear. So far, we've memorized verses about the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, and the shoes of the gospel of peace. Now let's talk about the shield of faith. When we have faith in God, this means we believe and trust in God and His promises. And God is always faithful—this means that what He says, He will do. When He makes a promise, He keeps it. He is faithful forever and ever. The group of verses we're working on this time show us that God is faithful and because He is faithful, we can trust Him all the time.

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7. Sing it—make your verse into a song!

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Are you ready to learn more about our faithful God? Let's go!

“Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.
Deuteronomy 7:9

Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. Psalm 119:90

Your testimonies, which You have commanded, are righteous and very faithful. Psalm 119:138

But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.
Hebrews 10:23

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Hi there! Welcome back to the Answers VBS Memory Verse fun!

Did you memorize the verses about God's faithfulness? Wonderful!

Part of the armor of God is the shield of faith. When we have faith in God, this means we believe and trust in God and His promises. And God is always faithful—this means that what He says, He will do. When He makes a promise, He keeps it. He is faithful forever and ever. Because God is faithful, He wants His children to be faithful, too. We need to have faith that Jesus is God and that He came to save us from our sins by dying on the cross and rising again. And when we're faced with situations that may tempt us to doubt God or to deny what His Word clearly teaches, we need to be faithful and trust that God is always true and always good. Our memory verses for this time encourage us to be faithful to God no matter what. Take up the shield of faith so that we can quench those fiery darts of the enemy!

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Are you ready to learn more about having faith in God? Here we go!

Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 Timothy 2:22

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11:6

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Hi there! Welcome back to the Answers VBS Memory Verse fun!

Did you memorize the verses about how we need to be faithful to God and His Word? Fantastic!

We've been learning verses to help us understand more about the special spiritual armor God gives us when we become a citizen of His kingdom. We've talked about the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, and the shield of faith. Now we'll move on the helmet of salvation.

When we put on the helmet of salvation, our minds are protected from the attacks of the enemy. And as we learn more about our salvation—and the One who saved us from our sins—by studying the Bible, we begin to think more like Jesus (Philippians 2:5). And the way we think influences the way we talk and act (Proverbs 23:7), so it's important that we guard our minds.

For the next few weeks, we'll be learning verses that remind us that God gives us salvation—let's praise Him for saving us!

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Are you ready to learn more about our great God who saves us? Here we go!

The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him. Exodus 15:2

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. 1 Chronicles 16:23

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

Our God is the God of salvation; and to God the Lord belong escapes from death. Psalm 68:20

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 1 Thessalonians 5:9–10

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Hi there! Welcome back to the Answers VBS Memory Verse fun!

Did you memorize the verses about the God who saves us? Great!

The helmets soldiers wore protected their heads from attack. Some of the helmets were also very showy—big feathers, unusual shapes (such as elephants). Helmets were a way to let other people know who the soldiers were and who they were fighting for.

When we put on the helmet of salvation, our minds are protected from the attacks of the enemy. And as we learn more about our salvation—and the One who saved us from our sins—by studying the Bible, we begin to think more like Jesus (Philippians 2:5). And the way we think influences the way we talk and act (Proverbs 23:7), so it's important that we guard our minds.

The helmet of salvation should also be a piece of armor that we use to show others who we are and who we represent—the King of kings. People should be able to notice that we are citizens of the good kingdom by the way we live and act and talk. What does your “helmet” say about you?

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Are you ready to learn more about training your brain to think like Jesus does? On guard!

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1 Corinthians 1:10

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if

there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. Philippians 4:8

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Isaiah 26:3

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Hi there! Welcome back to the Answers VBS Memory Verse fun!

Did you memorize the verses about thinking like Jesus does? Fantastic!

We've been learning verses to help us understand more about the special spiritual armor God gives us when we become a citizen of His kingdom. We've talked about the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation. Now we'll talk about the sword of the Spirit.

Soldiers used much of their armor to protect them from the enemy's attacks. But they used some of their armor to actually attack the Enemy. The sword was one of those pieces—it was used in close, hand-to-hand combat.

The weapon we use to attack our Enemy is the sword of the Spirit—the Word of God, the Bible. Over a period of 1,600 years, the Holy Spirit gave over 40 different men the words He wanted them to write. These writings have been collected into the 66 books that make up our Bible—39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament.

Because the Bible is from God, it is the best way to defeat the Enemy. Jesus gave us this example when He quoted Scripture to make Satan go away (Matthew 4). We need to read it, study it, memorize it, and quote it whenever we can!

The verses below will help us know that more about God's Word and that we can trust it to tell us what we need to know about every area it touches on.

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Are you ready to learn more about God's Word? Here we go!

You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. Deuteronomy 4:2

Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Proverbs 30:5

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever. Isaiah 40:8

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

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Remember, soldiers used much of their armor to protect them from the enemy's attacks. But they used some of their armor to actually attack the Enemy. The sword was one of those pieces—it was used in close, hand-to-hand combat.

The weapon we use to attack our Enemy is the sword of the Spirit—the Word of God, the Bible. Because the Bible is from God, it is the best way to defeat the Enemy. We need to read it, study it, memorize it, and quote it whenever we can! The verses for this week show us why God's Word is important for us to know and that we can show our love for God by obeying His Word.

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Are you ready to learn more about God's Word? Here we go!

And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:15–17

But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 1 John 2:5

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Did you memorize the verses about thinking like Jesus does? Fantastic!

We've been learning verses to help us understand more about the special spiritual armor God gives us when we become a citizen of His kingdom. We've talked about the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. The last piece of God's armor isn't mentioned as an actual piece of armor but it's important for us to use anyway: prayer.

After a soldier put on his armor and went to battle, it was important that he stayed in contact with his leader. He needed to know where to go and how to fight and whom to fight.

Although prayer isn't considered a piece of armor, it is still very important. We need to stay in constant communication with our Heavenly Commander God. Prayer is simply talking to God. We can pray anytime, anywhere.

The verses below will help us know that more about talking to God. When we pray to God, we can know that He hears us because we are His children.

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Are you ready to learn more about prayer? Here we go!

Hear a just cause, O Lord, attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer which is not from deceitful lips. Psalm 17:1

But to You I have cried out, O Lord, and in the morning my prayer comes before You. Psalm 88:13

He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, and shall not despise their prayer. Psalm 102:17

The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 1 John 5:14

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Did you memorize the verses about talking to God? Fantastic!

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Although prayer isn't considered a piece of armor, it is still very important. We need to stay in constant communication with our Heavenly Commander God. Prayer is simply talking to God. We can pray anytime, anywhere. Sometimes we may not know what to say to God or what to pray for. The verses for this week will help us learn more about what talking to God should be like.

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Are you ready to learn more about prayer? Here we go!

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. 1 Peter 4:7

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. Mark 11:25

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving. Colossian 4:2

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16

Email 22

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Did you memorize the verses about prayer? Fantastic!

We've been learning verses to help us understand more about the special spiritual armor God gives us when we become a citizen of His kingdom. We've talked about the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit, and prayer. These pieces of armor help us to stand strong in the battle for truth between God's good kingdom and Satan's bad kingdom. We need to always compare what we hear from teachers, friends, movies, or books with God's Word, the Bible, so that we can know the truth.

God gives His children armor to put on. And it may seem like we would need a lot of strength to wear the armor. But the good news is that God also gives us the power to wear His armor and use it! We don't need to fight this battle on our own—we fight with God's power! The Apostle Paul writes that we are to "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Ephesians 6:10). Did you know that God is all powerful? The special word for "all powerful" is *omnipotent*. He has power over everything—including the Enemy! This week, our memory verses will teach us about God's power.

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Are you ready to learn more about God's power? Onward!

Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You." Psalm 66:3

O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places. The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people. Blessed be God! Psalm 68:35

Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings;

He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him.” Daniel 2:20–22

He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens at His discretion. Jeremiah 10:12

Email 23

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Did you memorize the verses about God's power? Wonderful!

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Are you ready to learn more about God's power in us through His Holy Spirit? Onward!

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

That your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. 1 Corinthians 2:5

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 2 Corinthians 4:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue. 2 Peter 1:3

Email 24

Hi there! Welcome back to the Answers VBS Memory Verse fun!

Did you memorize the verses about God's power in us through His Holy Spirit? Congratulations! You spent the last year training your brain to know God's Word so that you can put on the whole armor of God!

And now we get to prepare for the next VBS—International Spy Academy! At ISA, you'll learn how to become agents for the one true God! Here's a sneak peek at the memory verses you'll be learning at International Spy Academy!

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7. Sing it—make your verse into a song!

I am the Lord, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me. Isaiah 45:5

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." Exodus 3:14

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Mark 12:30