

**A Few
Simple Steps
to Teach
Your Kids
Scripture**

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Introduction

As a mom of three children, I want to teach my children to know God in a personal way. I grew up going to church, but never really knew how to have that personal relationship with God until I became an adult.

As a child I felt like God was so far away in Heaven and I could not reach Him. I believed the Bible, but had a hard time believing that it was designed for me.

I believe that the church today does a good job teaching our children the Stories in the Bible, but we still fall short on teaching them how to have a personal relationship with God. When I say a personal relationship, I am not talking about Salvation.

I am speaking of the relationship God designed for us to have with Him. I want my children to know that they can talk to God about anything, that He is the one that they should trust in and depend on, not themselves or others.

My goal is to give parents a foundation to help them teach their children the Bible and to help them grow and nurture their relationship with God. I hope you find this resource helpful and it will give you some ideas that you can implement with your children.

Teach Scripture Through Song

One of my favorite ways to teach scripture is through music. Children love to sing and this is away to implement learning into something that is fun and they enjoy. I remember as a child growing up and learning songs. The great thing about learning scripture and not just memorizing it is that you will never forget it.

The Holy Spirit will still bring scripture to me when I need it from a song that I learned as a child. Those verses minister to me for the situation that I am going through. This is why I love to teach my children scripture through singing.

Steve Green has a great series called “Hide ‘Em In Your Heart”. I love this series because he not only teaches the scriptures but he references the scripture verse.

There is a song on Volume 2 called Train Up A Child...Proverbs 22:6, a child quotes the scripture and verse before the song starts. The song is the actual verse being sung by Steve Green and then some children. You may be asking, “Why is that important?” Well it is one thing for our children to learn Memory Verses, but it is another to know where to find the verse in God’s word.

Here is a Kids Praise Song that we sing at church from **Matthew 6:33** But **seek ye first** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness
And all these things
shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be
given unto you
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall
be opened unto you
Allelu, Alleluia

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness
And all these things
shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia

Teach Scripture with their Voice

Another way that is fun for children to learn scripture is by recording them saying the scripture. You can play this for them during the day and at night while they are sleeping. I do not know a child that doesn't like to hear their own voice on the radio.

Memorizing Verses

A few years ago we discovered that our son had Auditory Processing. This is a learning disability in which the child has difficult time processing information. So my quest began to find a learning style for him, since he did not learn like most of the children in his class. I tried many different techniques until I found one that worked for him. He is an audio and visual learner.

What I like to do is dot the scripture verse out and laminate the paper so that he could trace it several times.

Repetition is the key in learning scripture. I don't want my children to memorize because they have to and then a week later not know it, but I want them to truly learn the scripture and have it in their heart as well as their mind.

This is important because as they learn and know scripture they will learn the character of God.

You can make your own dotted sheets by down loading the print dashed font at this website:

<http://www.bvfonts.com/fonts/fonts.php?show=free&by=date>.

But in the meantime feel free to use mine:

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach
me your statutes. Psalm 119:12

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me your statutes. Psalm 119:12

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach
me your statutes. Psalm 119:12

I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me
Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me
Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me
Philippians 4:13

Blessed *is* he who considers
the poor; The LORD will deliver
him in time of trouble

Psalm 41:1

Blessed *is* he who considers
the poor; The LORD will deliver
him in time of trouble

Psalm 41:1

This *is* the day the LORD has
made; We will rejoice and be
glad in it. Psalm 118:24

This *is* the day the LORD has
made; We will rejoice and be
glad in it. Psalm 118:24

This *is* the day the LORD has
made; We will rejoice and be
glad in it. Psalm 118:24

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

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Flash Cards

Another way to learn scripture for visual learners is to make flash cards. What I like to do is break the scripture down word by word on index cards.

I then show the cards to the child in the correct order. Once the child has seen all of the cards, I mix them up and place them face up on the table so that the words are seen. The next step is to ask the child to put them in the correct order.

This is fun for the kids. It also makes them feel a sense of accomplishment when they get it right. It may take you helping them at first but soon they will be able to do it on their own.

Blessed

Are

you,

O Lord

Teach

me

Your

statutes

Psalm 119:12

You will need to pick one scripture to work with at a time.

At first you may have to help them, but soon they will be able to do it on their own.

Depending on the age of the child will determine how long it will take them to memorize the scripture.

Remember the important thing is that they know the scripture not how fast they can learn a scripture.

I also like to teach my children with a method that I call “chunk-teaching”, with this method you break the scripture down into smaller chunks. What I like to do is break it down first so that I know what I need to add upon.

Example:

1. Blessed are you
2. O Lord,
3. teach me
4. your statues.
5. Psalm 119:12

What you will do is have the child learn 1 then add upon that as they complete each chunk.

It would look like this.

For example purposes I will break it down into days.

Day 1: they learn **Blessed are you**

Day 2: you would add **O Lord**. So they will recite **Blessed are you, O Lord;**

Day 3: you would add **teach me**. So they would recite **Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me**

Day 4: you would add **your statutes**. So they would recite **Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes**.

Day 5: you would add Psalms 119:12. So they would recite the complete scripture and Bible reference.

You may find the last example good to use when learning longer or more difficult verses.

Using Blessed Toy Dolls

[Blessed Toys](#) has a series of dolls that quote scripture. These are great for teaching scripture because the children learn during play. They carry 8 Bible characters. They come with a battery so all you have to do is take them out of the box and let the fun begin.

I use these during Vacation Bible School every year. We like to incorporate centers in our learning time. This allows for structure when you have a large group of children. Each center should be related to the story that you are teaching that day.

With the Blessed Toys Dolls because they recite the scripture and some of the newer dolls tell they story of themselves. They each come with a little booklet with a story. I will tell the story to the children and then let them listen to the doll. They are intrigued by the dolls talking and really enjoy it.

Conclusion

I have given you some resources that I hope you will find helpful in teaching your children to learn scripture. Remember repetition is the key to helping them learn the scripture. Just think if your child learned 1 scripture a week, they will know 52 verses by the end of the year.

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