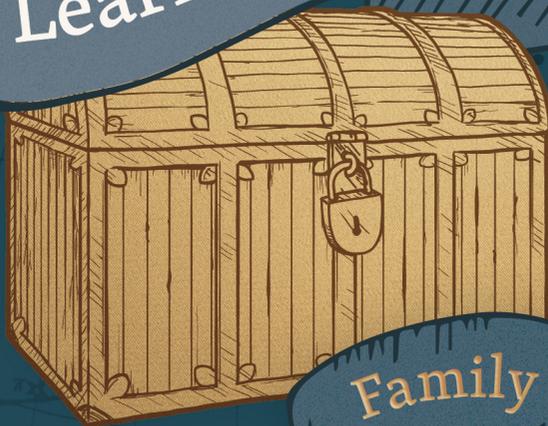


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to Learn, Live, & Love



Family Devotional

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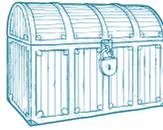
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INTRODUCTION

Storing Up Treasure

Welcome to your family's journey of memorizing Scripture together! Yes, you read that right: everyone in your family can memorize and store the treasure of God's word in their hearts. Like everything else in the Christian life, doing this as a family or group can provide the motivation, accountability, and encouragement you all need for the valuable discipline of Scripture memorization.

Many parents wonder if they are saying the right things to their children, whether in everyday or significant moments of life. But God's word speaks wisdom into every situation. If we help our children learn the words of Scripture and show them how it applies to their lives, we can be confident that we are providing them with the life-changing and transformative words of God.

The title *Storing Up Treasure* is inspired by Psalm 119:11, which states, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." The psalmist recognizes the importance of God's word in helping him resist sin, so he stores it in his heart ready for times of temptation. This is what we are doing when we memorize Scripture! We fill our hearts and minds with the truth of God's word, and this keeps us focused on him.

How This Book Works

Storing Up Treasure is a kind of hybrid between a Scripture memory resource and a family devotional. The goal is to learn Scripture, but also to love it and live by it. Every part of this book is designed to reinforce and deepen your understanding of the biblical truths found in the memory verses. As you memorize the verses, you'll also see how they equip your entire family to face real-life situations biblically.

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Each chapter is designed to be used across one week, and consists of five sections. You will probably use one section per day. But you could also work through multiple sections in a single day, or skip a section.

Every section involves a memorization activity, but otherwise they are quite different. Here's a summary of what each section does:

1: Start Here

As the title suggests, you should always start with this section! It introduces the memory verse and theme.

2: Go Deeper

This section is designed to help you understand the key passage and theme.

3: Go Wider

This section takes you elsewhere in the Bible to explore the key theme further.

4: Get Creative

This section is the most varied. It might involve art, drama, or other activities. Watch out for extra equipment or materials that might be needed here.

5: Celebrate!

This section sums everything up and helps you celebrate God's goodness.

Memorization Help

In every section you will find a simple memorization activity that you can use to help you learn. The same five activities repeat in every chapter. However, you may want to mix things up! On page 189 you will find a list of alternative memorization activities that you can use to keep things fresh. Try out a few and see which your family likes best.

You can find a printable version of each verse at www.goodbook.com/storing-up-treasure.

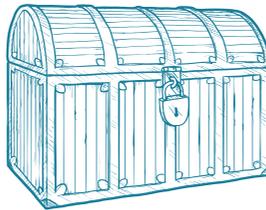
As your family embarks on the exciting journey of Scripture memory, the treasure you are storing up is "more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:10). I hope you enjoy it!



1

When I Wake Up in the Morning

God's Faithfulness



Because of the LORD's great love
we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Storing Up Treasure

1: Start Here

Imagine It

When you wake up in the morning, how certain are you about what will happen that day? We could wake up and feel sick. The weather could stop all our fun plans for the day. Your best friend might not be at school. Life is full of uncertainty, and we never know how things will turn out. But what if there was one thing you could count on every day, no matter what? This week, we will learn from the Bible that we can count on God because he is faithful every day.

Read It

Look up and read Lamentations 3:22-24.

Talk About It

- Fill in the gap: God's _____ are new every morning.
- So, how does God feel about us every morning?

Treasure It

The verses for memorization are Lamentations 3:22-23.



Blanks: Repeat the verse ten times, including the reference. Then write it out with some words missing and see if you can still recite it. Try taking more and more words away. You can do this on paper or with a chalkboard or whiteboard.

2: Go Deeper

Treasure It



Chunks: Print the verse and cut it up into about six chunks. See how quickly you can get all the words in the right order. Then do it again, but this time cut some of the chunks in half so that you have fewer words per piece of paper.

Read It

Reread the whole passage: Lamentations 3:22-24.

Think About It

How happy are you when you wake up in the morning? Are you cranky? Do Mom and Dad need to drag you out of bed? What if instead of waking up and pulling the covers back over your head, you praised God, saying, “Great is your faithfulness!”

When you’ve been asleep all night, God has been awake. God never sleeps, which means he is in control of everything, and he keeps everything together. God is faithful—that means you can always count on him. He never stops working.

God loves to give compassion to his children. He provides for our needs, gives us his word, and listens to our prayers. Even better, he gave us the ultimate gift of compassion and love: his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus came into the world to save us from our sins. If you believe in Jesus, then you can know that no situation, good or bad, changes the love Jesus has for you or the salvation he has brought you.

So today, tomorrow, and every day after this, praise God for his faithfulness. You can always count on him!

Talk About It

- *How does it make you feel to know that God welcomes you as one of his children when you believe in Jesus?*

Pray It

Lord, thank you for giving us a morning to praise you and for your great faithfulness that we will experience today. Amen.



3: Go Wider

Treasure It

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Initials: Write out the first letter of each word from the verse. Using that as a clue, take it in turns to try to remember the whole verse.

Suggested alternate activity (see pages 189-191): **Hand Pile-up**

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Read It

The apostle Paul wrote to the Philippian church while he was in prison. Even in these challenging circumstances, he encouraged the Philippians by reminding them of God's faithfulness in his life.

Look up and read Philippians 1:4-6.

Talk About It

- *Fill in the gaps: God has begun a g_____ w_____ in us.*
- *Did Paul think that God would stop doing that, or carry on?*
- *What good work is God doing in your life? Can you think of a good gift he has given you, or a way in which he is shaping what you're like?*
- *How does it make you feel to know that God is faithful and you can count on him to keep doing good work in your life?*

Pray It

God, thank you for never giving up on us. Help us remember that you are faithful and will finish the work you have started in us. Amen.



4: Get Creative

Draw It

You will need paper or card for each person, and marker pens or crayons.

Design and draw the word Faithful in big, bold letters on one side of your card. On the other side, write down Lamentations 3:22-23.

Place the card somewhere you will see it every day!

Talk About It

- *What does it mean that God is faithful?*
- *When could it be especially helpful to remember that God is faithful? What difference would it make?*
- *Do you have any questions about what you have learned this week?*
- *How can we keep reminding ourselves that God is faithful?*

Treasure It



Turns: *Without looking at the verse, take it in turns to say one word each as you recite it together. Do this a few times, putting yourselves in different orders.*

5: Celebrate!

Treasure It



Speed Challenge: *How many times can you say the verse correctly in one minute? Either play as a team (one family member says the verse, and then another, until the minute is up), or compete as individuals.*

Review It

Since we started studying God's faithfulness, have you been waking up with a different attitude? Where does your mind go? Now that you have hidden Lamentations 3:22-23 in your heart, you can wake up with words of praise on your lips for the faithfulness of God. When you first wake up, saying this truth about God can change everything about your day.

Read It

A man named Ethan wrote a psalm about God's faithfulness.

Look up and read Psalm 89:1-8. Every time you come to the word "faithfulness," stop reading, throw your hands in the air, and say, "God is faithful!"

Talk About It

- *How many times does the psalm say that God is faithful?*

Sing It

Listen to and sing along with the famous hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness", or "Faithful Now" by Vertical Worship.

Pray It

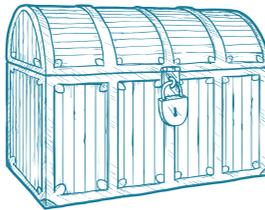
Say your own prayers of praise and thanksgiving for God's faithfulness.



2

When I Open the Bible

God's Word



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful
for teaching, rebuking, correcting and
training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16

1 : Start Here

Imagine It

Imagine you walked into a new bookstore and saw hundreds, even thousands of books on the wall, and the store attendant said, “Go ahead and pick out any book you like.” Where would you even start? There are so many books with so many different types of stories!

Now think back to the first time you ever held a Bible in your hands or opened it to find something to read. It’s common for us to see the Bible and think that it is a big book and it has a lot in it. Where do I start?

This week, we will look at the Bible and find out what it is for, who wrote it, and why it’s important, so that the next time we open it, we are ready to hear the very words of God to us.

Read It

Look up and read 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

Talk About It

- *What are the Scriptures (the Bible) able to do?*
- *What is Scripture useful for?*

Treasure It

The verse for memorization is 2 Timothy 3:16.



Blanks: *Repeat the verse ten times, including the reference. Then write it out with some words missing and see if you can still recite it. Try taking more and more words away. You can do this on paper or with a chalkboard or whiteboard.*

Suggested alternate activity: **Motions**



2: Go Deeper

Treasure It



Chunks: *Print the verse and cut it up into about six chunks. See how quickly you can get all the words in the right order. Then do it again, but this time cut some of the chunks in half so that you have fewer words per piece of paper.*

Read It

Reread the whole passage: 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

Think About It

The Bible is a big and amazing book! Well, actually, it's a library of books. Do you know how many books there are in the whole Bible? The answer is 66! All of it is God-breathed, which means that God is the ultimate author. He made sure that everything he wants us to know is in the Bible. Since God doesn't waste words, every time you read the Bible, you can expect it will teach, rebuke, correct, and train you. That means it equips you for the life God calls you to.

- The Bible teaches us. It tells us about God, ourselves, how God designed everything to work, what went wrong, and how we can be saved.
- The Bible rebukes us. It helps us to realize when we have messed up and chosen to break God's commands, which is called sin.
- The Bible corrects us. It shows us how we get back on the right path through confession and repentance.
- The Bible trains us for right living. It tells us how to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and live as children of God.

Talk About It

- *Which do you find most exciting out of those four things that the Bible does? Why?*
- *What was the last thing you remember reading about in the Bible? What did you learn about God?*

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Pray It

Lord, thank you for giving us your word so that we can find out who you are and how you bring sinners back into a relationship with you. Teach us, rebuke us, correct us, and train us. Amen.



3: Go Wider

Treasure It

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Initials: Write out the first letter of each word from the verse. Using that as a clue, take it in turns to try to remember the whole verse.

Read It

Some of the most famous words in the Bible come from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. At the very end of his message, Jesus told everyone how important it is to hear his words and then obey them.

Look up and read Matthew 7:24-27.

Talk About It

- *Is it better to build a house on sand or rock? Why?*
- *Jesus is telling us that we should build our lives on his words, just like the wise builder built his house on rock. What do you think it means to build our lives on Jesus' words? Why should we do this?*
- *What can we do to build our lives on Jesus' words today?*

Pray It

Jesus, help us always build our lives on the foundation of your word so that when the trials of this world come, we can stand firm. Amen.



4: Get Creative

Draw It

You will need a rectangle of card for each person, plus pens or pencil crayons.

Make a bookmark. On one side, write out 2 Timothy 3:16. On the other side, write the following words and questions.

- *Teach*: What does this passage teach me about God?
- *Rebuke*: Is there anything Jesus wants to change in me?
- *Correct*: What example does Jesus give us so we can walk in his ways?
- *Train*: How does the Holy Spirit help me live this way?

Talk About It

Find the passage of Scripture that you looked at in church last Sunday. (Or choose a favorite passage.) Use the questions from your bookmarks to study the passage as a family.



Treasure It

Turns: *Without looking at the verse, take it in turns to say one word each as you recite it together. Do this a few times, putting yourselves in different orders.*

5: Celebrate!



Treasure It

Speed Challenge: *How many times can you say the verse correctly in one minute? Either play as a team (one family member says the verse, and then another, until the minute is up), or compete as individuals.*

Suggested alternate activity: Wibble Wobble

Review It

After a week of thinking about the Bible, the book that God wrote for us, you have hopefully seen how important it is to spend time reading the Bible! 2 Timothy 3:17 tells us that the Bible equips us for every good work. Do you know what that means? It means that God gives us everything we need in the Bible to live a life that is pleasing to him.

You now have four great questions to ask whenever you open the Bible. When you read, you can walk away with truth that you can use immediately to live a life that pleases God!

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Sing It

Wrap up the week by memorizing the books of the Bible through song. You can find various “books of the Bible” songs online.

You could also listen to and sing along with the song “Word of God Speak” by MercyMe.

Pray It

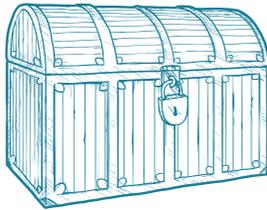
Holy Spirit, thank you for giving us the Bible so that we can know Jesus, follow him, and live for him all the days of our lives. Amen.



3

When I Go to Church

Community



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25



1: Start Here

Imagine It

Everyone loves the weekend. You get a break from school, can sleep in a little (or a lot) more, and there are fun activities, friends, and family. But imagine that next weekend, your parents say that instead of going out, you have to stay home and clean the whole house!

Saturday morning comes, and you wake up and go downstairs... and to your surprise, 20 of your friends are there already, cleaning your house! You are so excited that you get dressed and start helping right away. Before you know it, the whole house is clean, and now you and your friends can hang out together for the rest of the day.

That's the power of community! We can do way more together than we can by ourselves. This week, we will study how important the church community is in our spiritual growth.

Read It

Look up and read Hebrews 10:19-25.

Talk About It

- Verses 19 and 21 say that "we have" two things. What are they?
- Verses 22-24 say, "let us" do three things. What are they?

Treasure It

The verses for memorization are Hebrews 10:24-25.



Blanks: Repeat the verse ten times, including the reference. Then write it out with some words missing and see if you can still recite it. Try taking more and more words away. You can do this on paper or with a chalkboard or whiteboard.



2: Go Deeper

Treasure It



Chunks: Print the verse and cut it up into about six chunks. See how quickly

you can get all the words in the right order. Then do it again, but this time cut some of the chunks in half so that you have fewer words per piece of paper.

Read It

Reread the whole passage: Hebrews 10:19-25.

Think About It

In our passage, the writer is concerned that some Christians have stopped meeting together for worship. He is concerned because he knows that people can become discouraged and lose hope when they stop meeting together. The Christian life is meant to be lived in community, not alone.

It's easy to give up on a difficult problem or project when you are by yourself. But if you are part of a group, it's easier to carry on, because someone else will encourage you, or you can take a break from what you are doing to help someone else. You're less likely to give up when you're part of a group. The same is true in your faith. We need people who stand with us, experience the same things we do, speak the Bible's truths to us, and pray with and for us.

After a long week, waking up on Sunday morning for church can be hard. But the community needs you! People in the church love to see young people singing, praying, opening their Bibles, and serving. Your presence at church will encourage others in their faith. And hopefully, they will encourage you in your faith too.

Talk About It

- *What do you love about being with your church family?*

Pray It

Lord, thank you for the gift of community and the encouragement and support we can be for each other as we live for you. Amen.



3: Go Wider

Treasure It



Initials: *Write out the first letter of each word from the verse. Using that as a clue, take it in turns to try to remember the whole verse.*

Storing Up Treasure

Read It

It's easy to think that a Christian community is similar to other types of community, like a school or a sports club. But in fact, a Christian community is much more special. We're about to read that the Bible compares the Christian church to a building.

Look up and read Ephesians 2:21-22.

Talk About It

- *What kind of building does the passage talk about? Who lives there?*
- *What (or who!) is the building made up of?*
- *Can you imagine yourself as being like a brick in God's home? How does that make you feel about yourself?*
- *How does it make you feel about other Christians?*

Pray It

Jesus, thank you that you have brought us peace with God and peace with each other. Thank you that your Holy Spirit lives inside us and we can know, love, and serve you together. Amen.



4: Get Creative

Practice It

Let's practice encouraging others in our church community and spurring them on to love and good deeds. When a church does this, the church community grows in its love for one another, and the world sees that there is something different about us!

To practice this, use the questions below to brainstorm practical ways you can serve others at church.

- *Who are some people in our church community that we can encourage this week?*
- *What can we do together now that will help us to serve those people? (Here are some suggestions: make them a meal or dessert, write out*

some cards, send them a video message, purchase a gift card for them to use for a fun family night, or offer a night of babysitting.)

- How can we encourage someone when we go to church on Sunday?

Now put what you have discussed into practice!

Treasure It



Turns: Without looking at the verse, take it in turns to say one word each as you recite it together. Do this a few times, putting yourselves in different orders.

5: Celebrate!

Treasure It



Speed Challenge: How many times can you say the verse correctly in one minute? Either play as a team (one family member says the verse, and then another, until the minute is up), or compete as individuals.

Suggested alternate activity: **You're It**

Review It

When we started this week, we imagined a scenario where all your friends came to help you out. What stories do you have of other Christians encouraging you, serving you, and spurring you on to love and good deeds? Spend a few minutes praising God for the ways in which he is at work in your church community.

Sing It

Listen and sing along to the song "In The House" by Crowder.

Pray It

This week, you have thought of some families who have encouraged you or that you want to encourage. Spend some time in prayer, thanking God for these families and praying for them.