**Today’s Bottom Line:** Memorizing God’s word can show us the way to go.

**Theme:** Bible Basics-Learning foundational truths about God’s word

**Monthly Memory Verse:** The word of God is alive and active. It is sharper than any sword that has two edges. It cuts deep enough to separate soul from spirit. It can separate bones from joints. It judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

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| **Make It Personal/ Building Background** |
| **Come together as a small group or girls/boys group and do the following:****Question of the Day:** Go around the circle and have your kids answer the following: * How has school been going? Do you have plans for Fall Break?

**\*\*Have kids recite the books of the bible to leaders for prizes\*\**** If they can recite both the Old and New Testament, they will receive a Book of the Bible Pen and a Ring Pop.
* If they recite only OT books or only NT books, they receive a Ring Pop.

**Reading the Bible Story:** Psalm 119:11Have your student go to the Table of Contents to find the book of Psalms. Then have kids point to the chapter (119) and then point to the verse (11). You can read the passage to the kids, have a kid read the passage out loud or popcorn read. **“I have hidden your word in my heart so that I won’t sin against you.”****Large Group Transition:**“We will join with everyone else in other Elementary small groups to worship and hear a true story from the Bible, so please be kind and listen to the large group leaders and teachers. Listen for instructions on where to sit, when to stand, when to be quiet and be sure to respect everyone in this large group time of worship.”Lead to Large Group | **Resource Team:** Books of the Bible page [with MV motions]Books of the Bible pens **Campus:** Bibles; Ring pops for either Old or New Testament |

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| **Application- Bible Story Review** |
| **What You Do:** * Start by asking the kids about things they have memorized: (Ex. ABC's, Bible verses, phone numbers, addresses, times tables, sight words, rules of the classroom like raise your hand, etc.)
* Why did David know the right thing to do? (Because he remembered God’s word)
* Do you remember what verse David had memorized? (Deuteronomy 7:6) *You are a holy nation. The Lord your God has set you apart for himself. He has chosen you to be his special treasure. He chose you out of all the nations on the face of the earth to be his people.*
* Can you think about another verse that shows us the way to go/the right thing to do? (Give them some examples below)
	+ Ex. Proverbs 10:9 “The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.”
	+ Ex. 1 Corinthians 10:31 “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”
	+ Ex. Colossians 3:20 “Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.”
* Our verse today is Psalms 119:11, which says “I have hidden your word in my heart so that I won’t sin against you.”
* Share with the kids that hiding God’s word in your heart means to memorize things in the Bible, so He can help you make the next right choice, no matter how difficult the situation!

**What You Say: “**When we memorize God’s word, we are able to know and remember what He says to do. God gives us all kinds of commands that help us know how to live. For example, Mark 12:30 says to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” If we can remember these verses, we can follow them, and that will help us make good choices. Our bottom linesays: **[Bottom Line]: Memorizing God’s word can show us the way to go.** | **Resource Team:** nothing**Campus:** nothing |

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| **Memory Verse** The word of God is alive and active. It is sharper than any sword that has two edges. It cuts deep enough to separate soul from spirit. It can separate bones from joints. It judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12  |
| **What You Do:** * Practice Memory Verse Together
	+ Have the group recite the memory verse all together two or three times.

**\*\* Allow kids to say it from memory for a prize!** | **Resource Team**: Laminated MV page [with Books of the Bible page] and MV wristbands**Campus**:nothing |

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| **Pray**  |
| **What You Need:** Index cards**What You Do:** * Give kids a few minutes to think about and write down on sticky notes or index cards, something that they want to memorize. (Doesn’t have to be a verse, but you can encourage them and give examples of things to memorize like the books of the bible, today's verse, etc.)
* Then on the other side of the note, they can write down a prayer request.

**What You Say: (**You can say your own prayer or the one below.)“Dear Lord, thank you for giving us your word and for allowing us to learn about how you love us. God, please allow each of us to hide your words in our hearts so that we can make good choices. I pray that you will answer the prayer request written on these cards. You are so faithful, and we love you so much. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”  | **Resource Team:** nothing**Campus:**Index cards |