



KIDSTHRIVE

# LOT TRUTH

We believe that scripture memorization and basic answers to some big theological questions are vital and fundamental parts of a student's spiritual formation. Got Truth is a program designed to encourage our children and families to memorize and retain God's Word and to hide his truth in our hearts. Students are given a passage of scripture and a set of catechism questions to memorize approximately every four weeks. To encourage their participation we offer several awards and incentives to keep them memorizing new verses and catechisms as well as retaining all the previous content they have memorized.

## **SCRIPTURE MEMORY:**

### **What version of the Bible do students learn?**

Students will be given a verse and catechism card. Most passages are taken from the ESV translation. The translation will be indicated on the card.

### **Does a student have to participate in this program?**

Although encouraged, no one is obligated to memorize the selected list of scripture. Some students choose not to participate.

### **Are there deadlines for memorizing each scripture?**

Any of the awards and incentives may be obtained any time the appropriate number of scriptures has been met. For example, a student may recite any three passages at any time throughout the year to earn a level three prize.

### **Does a student have to say all of the passage at the same time to win the award?**

Yes. For example, if a student is going to earn a level three prize he/she must say all three passages at one time. Then to earn a level four prize, the student must again recite the previous three, plus a new passage. To earn a t-shirt (level 4) a student may recite any four passages at any point throughout the year. This encourages the students to really know the scripture and to keep it fresh in their minds all year long, so they will hide it in their hearts forever. *This rule does not apply to our GLORY Kids (kids with special needs) and exceptions are made for those who struggle with cumulative memorization.*

### **May a student substitute other scripture which he/she is learning in school or at**

**home?** No. Because we have students in all kinds of school situations we have made it the policy that everyone in KidsThrive will learn the same scripture. We have chosen scripture that correspond with select verses from the adult discipleship Journey curriculum, so the parent and child

can learn the verses together. We are extremely happy that many are learning other scripture, but it may not be substituted. To help, we place no time restraint on when a student may recite a verse for a prize.

### **When can a student recite the scripture to get the reward?**

A student may recite it anytime on any Sunday. To ensure that we accurately track each student's progress, we ask that students recite verses for credit at the Got Truth table and bring their Got Truth Scripture Memory Workbook to record their achievement.

### **Do leaders memorize the verses too?**

Yes! We encourage all leaders in KidsThrive to participate. Leaders learning the scripture is a great encouragement to students.

### **Can I buy a Got Truth t-shirt?**

No. Got Truth t-shirts are purchased only for KidsThrive volunteers and students to be awarded upon successful recitation of four verses.

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## **CATECHISM MEMORY:**

### **What catechism questions do you use?**

We use a selection of catechism questions and answers from *The Kids' Catechism: An Introduction to the Shorter Catechisms* found at [thewesterminsterstandard.org](http://thewesterminsterstandard.org).

### **Does my child earn prizes by reciting answers to catechisms?**

The incentives for knowing answers to catechisms are structured a little differently than the scripture memory prizes. Kids and leaders work on the catechisms together and recite the answers to the questions at the Got Truth table as a group. Once they have achieved the appropriate number of correct answers, they will be able to participate in a special event together! We have divided the questions into four sets and have four of these "events" planned for the year.

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## **BOOKS OF THE BIBLE BY MEMORY:**

### **Why is it important to know the books of the Bible?**

Memorizing the 66 books of the Bible lays out a roadmap for kids. The Bible is a very large book of stories pointing to the bigger story of Christ, and knowing where each book of the Bible is in the story "map" helps them to identify the chronology, history, and context of each story.

### **When can my child recite the books of the Bible?**

A student may recite them any time on any Sunday at the Got Truth table. We offer a small prize for being able to recite the books of either the Old or New Testament, and we offer a brand new Bible to those who recite all 66 books.