



# Fighter Verses

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GUIDE TO SCRIPTURE MEMORY





**Are your mind and heart weighed down by worries and troubles?**

**Do you:**

- **Worry about bad news?**
- **Wonder if your children will be ok?**
- **Struggle with relationships in real life?**
  
- **What thoughts and desires drive your day?**
- **What shapes how you respond to challenges?**
- **Does God's Word connect to your daily life?**

# Scripture memory provides encouragement, strength, and counsel.

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## Memorizing and meditating on God's Word:

- ✓ Helps you focus beyond the noise of news and social media
- ✓ Puts fear to flight
- ✓ Leads you to depend on God's promises



# We remember what we repeat.

**In fact, most of us have more things memorized than we even realize.**

The same mental process that makes lyrics, sports stats, and recipes stick in your mind works for Bible memory, too. Whether you're young or old, everyone has the God-given ability to remember things that are important to us.

Read and repeat every day. That's the simple approach pastor Andrew Davis takes. He would know. He has successfully memorized whole books of the Bible.

"Verses can be memorized easily and retained with an investment of only about 10 to 15 minutes each week," says Jon Bloom. "If you invest a few more minutes, you can retain hundreds of previously memorized verses.

"Saying a verse 100 times in one day is not as helpful as saying it every day for one hundred days," says Davis. "The absolute key to successful Scripture memorization is repetition over a long time period."

# Sample Schedule for Memorizing

## Sunday

Read the week's passage to be memorized with surrounding verses so you can see it in its context. Ask the Lord to help you commit the passage to memory, apply it to your life, and use it to bless others.

## Monday

Read the passage with the reference 10 times aloud. Then cover the passage and say it aloud with the reference 10 more times, looking if necessary. Say each memorized passage from previous weeks one time aloud with references.

## Tuesday

Cover the passage of the week and try to say the verse aloud with its reference 10 times, looking if necessary. Say each memorized passage from previous weeks one time aloud with references.

## Wednesday-Saturday

Recite this week's passage and each memorized passage from previous weeks one time aloud with references.

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## Pray, Repeat, Review

- Ask the Lord to help you retain what you memorize and use it to minister to others and feed your own soul.
- Repeat memorized passages once daily for at least 50 days. They're more likely to move into long-term memory when you do.
- After that, it's helpful to review them once every week or two.



The Fighter Verses were chosen to arm Christians to fight the good fight of faith. These verses—52 passages per year for five years, 260 in all—focus on three key themes:

- God's character, worth, and promises
- killing sin
- hoping in God through the gospel

While every verse in the Bible is profitable (2 Timothy 3:16), these particular passages are “Fighter Verses” because they are especially useful in the fight for faith and against unbelief and sin. Memorizing them puts us at the ready in this battle.

**Every believer is called to fight a spiritual battle. The offensive weapon God has given us is His Word (Ephesians 6:17).**

Fighter Verses helps individuals, families, and church members memorize Scripture each week through a range of free tools and resources at [FighterVerses.com](http://FighterVerses.com).



**“I Can’t Memorize. That’s for kids.”**

**“Why bother memorizing? I’ll Just Google It.”**

**“I’m Too Busy to Memorize.”**

# **Is Memorizing Hard for You?**

There are lots of reasons people don’t memorize Scripture. But it is possible, and infinitely worth the effort.

When you hide Scripture in your heart, it’s at the ready when you’re counseling a grieving friend, witnessing to an unbeliever, or praying over your children. Whatever you’re facing, when Scripture is in your heart, you can apply it to your life.

In as little as 15 minutes a week, you can memorize Scripture.

Don’t be discouraged if it’s difficult to memorize and retain verses at first. Your ability to memorize will improve with practice.



“ ... my main reason for memorizing Scripture is...to fight unbelief in my life. To fight discouragement in my life. To handle the sorrows that come across my life. The devil is constantly shooting at me to be discouraged about myself, my family, my church, and the world. And the only way I know to fight back is with truths from God that counter that.

—John Piper, Founder & Teacher, [DesiringGod.org](http://DesiringGod.org)

“ The Fighter Verses are an invaluable tool for teaching children to memorize Scripture. I have been greatly encouraged to see my kids recall verses in times when they need comfort and encouragement. This resource has sown the word of God deep into the hearts of my children.

—Susan Burk, Homeschooling Mom

“ When the moment of trouble arrives, we rarely have time to search through our concordance for the perfect verse to quench the fiery darts flying at us ... how [are] we ... fortifying our souls for the days of trouble? After all, we have been promised that trouble will come (John 16:33).

—Sarah House, Mom and blogger

# Hidden in My Heart

Memorizing Scripture to Fight the Fight of Faith

*Hidden in My Heart* equips individual Christians, families, and whole churches to take up the sword of the Spirit and fight the good fight of faith.

## Inspiration for memorizing

Learn how memorizing Scripture shapes your prayers, provides words for hurting friends, and grows your understanding of God.

## Bible memory with children

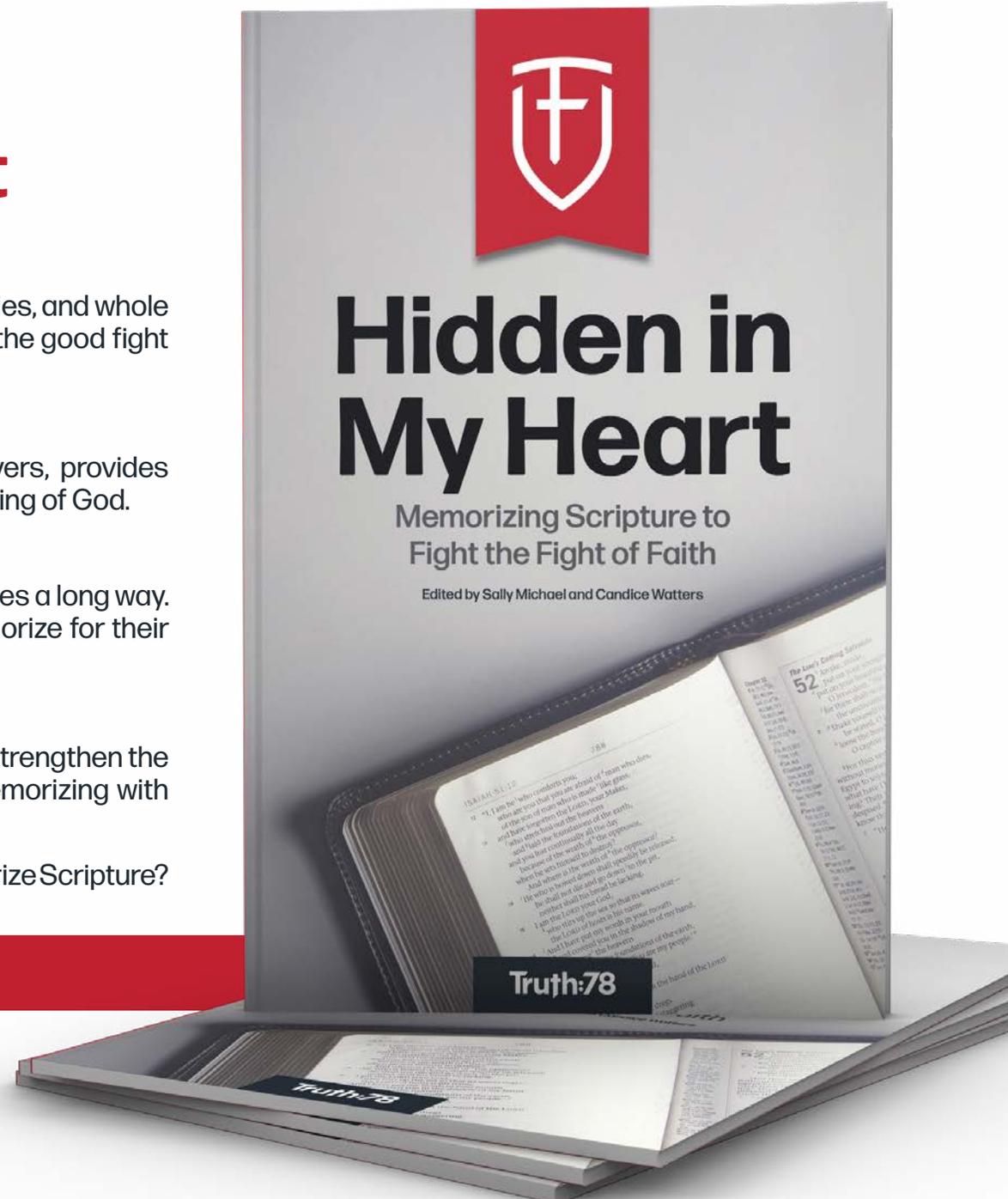
Because children memorize easily, a little planning goes a long way. Get suggestions for activities and help them to memorize for their good and God's glory.

## Bible memory in church

Discover the benefits of Word-centered friendships, strengthen the bonds of unity, and grow in Christian maturity by memorizing with fellow church members.

Read John Piper's answer to the question, "Why Memorize Scripture?"

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- **FighterVerses.com**—Provides overview of the Fighter Verses program and its application for individual, family, and church use; includes weekly devotional blog, memory tools, and verse charts.
- **Bookmarks**—References and checkboxes help keep track of progress. Perfect for marking the location of a current memory verse in your Bible. Available in English, Spanish, French, and German.
- **Progress charts**—Printable memory charts for children to track their progress.
- **Fighter Verses App**—Portable encouragement with quizzes, songs, study, and review help. Includes additional Bible translations and multiple languages. Available from Apple, Google Play, and Amazon.
- **Songs**—Fighter Verses set to music to help people memorize quickly and easily at home or on the go.
- **Fighter Verses studies**—Provides deeper study of the weekly Fighter Verses passages. Ideal for family and classroom use. Leader guides, participant workbooks, and coloring books for children available for verse sets one and two.
- **Journal**—Includes a year's worth of memory verses with room for notes and written prayers. Each passage is followed by a short explanation to further study and two pages for reflecting on how God is at work through the verses. Available for sets one and two.
- **Foundation Verses cards, visuals, and coloring book**—Seventy-six short passages, with 8.5"x11" color illustrations, to help toddlers and pre-readers lay a firm biblical foundation for life.
- **Memory Cards**—For those who prefer pre-printed paper cards. Sturdy two-ring binder contains all five sets of Fighter Verses. Available in ESV.
- **Extended Collection**—Companion five-year set, including Philippians and James, Romans 5-8, and the Sermon on the Mount, for those who want to memorize longer passages of Scripture.

# Truth:78

Truth78 is a vision-oriented ministry for the next generations—that they may know, honor, and treasure God, setting their hope in Christ alone, so that they will live as faithful disciples for the glory of God.

Our mission is to inspire and equip the church and the home for the comprehensive discipleship of the next generation by developing resources and training that are God-centered, Bible-saturated, gospel-focused, Christ exalting, Spirit-dependent, doctrinally grounded, and discipleship-oriented.

## Curriculum

We publish materials designed for formal Bible instruction. The scope and sequence of these resources reflects our commitment to teach children and youth the whole counsel of God over the course of their education. We offer curricula for Sunday School, Midweek Bible programs, Backyard Bible Clubs or Vacation Bible School, and Intergenerational studies. Most of these materials can easily be adapted for use in Christian schools and education in the home.

## Vision-Casting and Training

We offer a wide variety of booklets, video and audio seminars, articles, and other practical training resources that highlight and further expound our vision, mission, and values, as well as our educational philosophy and methodology. Many of these resources are freely distributed through our website. These items serve to assist like-minded ministry leaders, volunteers, and parents in implementing

our vision and mission in their churches and homes.

## Parenting and Family Discipleship

We have designed materials and training resources to help parents disciple their children. These include booklets, video presentations, family devotionals, children's books, articles, and more. Our curricula include take-home pages to help parents apply what is taught in the classroom to their child's daily experience in order to nurture faith.

## Bible Memory

Truth78's Fighter Verses encourages and equips the church, families, and individuals for the spiritual discipline of Bible memory. The 260 Fighter Verses passages have been chosen for their ability to arm Christians to fight the good fight of faith by focusing on God's promises, His character and worth, killing sin, and hoping in God through the gospel. The 76 shorter Foundation Verses help toddlers and pre-readers lay a firm biblical foundation for life.

For more information on any of these resources and training materials, please contact us.

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