

KIDMUNITY | God's Word, My Life

Lesson 10: Hiding God's Word in My Heart

Large Group Script

Bottom Line:

Memorizing Scripture helps me follow God every day.

Memory Verse:

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. **Psalm 119:11***

Supplies Needed

- Treasure chest filled with coins, gems, and pearls
- Slide with Psalm 119:11 (memory verse)
- Wheel (with categories: Movies, Songs/Jingles, Sports Stats, Random Facts/Cheat Codes)
- Blindfolds (2)
- Foam or Nerf sword labeled "God's Word"
- Large Bible (to hold up)

Welcome & Hook: Memorized Madness

"Hey everybody, let me ask you something: What's the craziest, most random thing you've memorized? We all have stuff locked in our brains — sometimes it's useful... but sometimes it's just plain silly. For example..."

- **Movie Quote:** "Hello. My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die."
- **Jingle:** "Give me a break, give me a break, break me off a piece of that Kit-Kat bar!"
- **Cheat Code:** "Up, up, down, down, left, right, left, right, B, A, Start."
- **Random Fact:** "Did you know more people die each year from vending machines or coconuts than from shark attacks?"

"See? That stuff just *sticks* in your head! But let's see how sharp YOUR memory is."

(Bring up 4 contestants — 2 leaders and 2 kids. Each spins the wheel. They have 10 seconds to shout out something from memory in their category. Audience cheers to vote.)

“Nice work, everybody. That was hilarious. But here’s the thing — not everything we memorize is actually helpful. What if the most valuable thing we could ever memorize isn’t a movie line, a song lyric, or a cheat code? What if the greatest treasure we could hide in our hearts is God’s Word?”

Treasure Chest Reveal

(Bring out the chest filled with gold coins, sparkling gems, and pearls. Open it slowly and let the kids react.)

“Wow... look at this treasure! If you found a chest like this, you’d probably feel like the richest person in the world. But here’s the truth — even this treasure doesn’t compare to the value of God’s Word.

God says His Word is more valuable than silver or gold, more precious than jewels. Why? Because treasure like this can’t help you when you’re sad, when you’re tempted, or when you don’t know what to do. But God’s Word can.

Psalm 119:11 says, *‘I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.’* When we memorize God’s Word, we are storing up treasure inside our hearts that will help us every single day of our lives.”

Bible Teaching: Three Reasons to Memorize Scripture

1. Hear God’s Voice

- God speaks to us through His Word.
- The more we memorize, the easier it is to recognize His voice guiding us.
- John 10:27 — *“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”*
- Just like recognizing a friend’s voice in a noisy room, we recognize God’s voice by hearing it over and over in His Word.

2. Renew Your Mind

(Invite 2 kids to the stage, blindfold them, and have them tie their shoes.)

- “They could tie their shoes without even looking — because their brains are hardwired to do it.”
- Sometimes our minds get hardwired with lies like *“I’m not good enough”* or *“No one cares about me.”*
- God’s Word rewires us with truth:

- *You are loved* (Jeremiah 31:3).
- *You are God's child* (John 1:12).
- *You are God's masterpiece* (Ephesians 2:10).
- Romans 12:2 — *“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”*

3. Fight Temptation

“One of the biggest reasons to memorize Scripture is to fight temptation. Jesus gave us the perfect example.”

Matthew 4:1–11 — The Temptation of Jesus

1. **Turn Stones to Bread** (Devil): “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”
 - Jesus: *“It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”* (Deut. 8:3)
 2. **Throw Yourself Down** (Devil): “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘His angels will lift you up.’”
 - Jesus: *“It is also written: Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”* (Deut. 6:16)
 3. **Bow Down and Worship** (Devil): “All this I will give you if you bow down and worship me.”
 - Jesus: *“Away from me, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”* (Deut. 6:13)
- Jesus didn’t argue or debate — He used Scripture as His weapon.
 - If Jesus, the Son of God, fought temptation with Scripture, we should too.

Bringing It Home

(Read Psalm 119:11 together, on screen.)

“Psalm 119:11 says: *‘I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.’*”

Let’s unpack that for a second:

- *‘I have hidden your word’* — That means I’ve tucked it away like a treasure. It’s stored deep inside.
- *‘In my heart’* — This isn’t just head knowledge. It’s something I love, believe, and live by.
- *‘That I might not sin against you’* — God’s Word gives us the strength and guidance to make the right choice when we’re tempted.

Think about everything we memorize — movie quotes, jingles, cheat codes. Those things might be funny, but they won't help us when life gets hard. God's Word will. Every verse you hide in your heart is a treasure God can use when you need it most."

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Challenge:

"This week, work on memorizing Psalm 119:11 — hide it in your heart and see how God uses it in your life."

(Close in prayer.)