

## FIFTEEN PHRASE METHOD OF MEMORIZATION QUOTATION/REFERENCING TIPS

**FIFTEEN PHRASE:** Repetition is the best teacher.

1. Divide verse into phrases..
2. Repeat the first phrase with the reference 15 times.
3. Add the second phrase to the first and repeat with the reference 15 times.
4. Continue this process until the verse is memorized.
5. Pay close attention to EVERY word. When quoting in a quiz it must be “word perfect”, even the smallest word.

Suggestions:

For children who read & write...if you have a “sight” learner..allow your child to write each phrase as they are ready to memorize it, in bright colors in a note book. Let them say the phrase/phrases & reference 5 times while looking at it. Then cover or turn note book over and finish by memory 10 repetitions or 15 if needed. This will give them a mental picture of the verse making it easier to remember. Although it is very important that the quizzer says the reference with every repetition there is no need to write it with every phrase. Writing each verse accurately at least 5 times also improves retention of the verse.

For preschool age, non readers/writers..use the coloring pages as they learn verses..

Use the music CD's at bed time, while in the car, or after doing the 15 phrase method, encourage them to sing the verse with the CD.

**15 Phrase Example:** (Have beans, colored stones, crayons, etc., for the quizzer to move from one spot on a table to another, marking off the 15 times they say a phrase..Or place small plastic animals in a coral (if this doesn't distract the child)

Step 1: “John 1:1, In the beginning was the Word “(repeat 15 times)

Step 2: “John 1:1, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God” (repeat 15 times)

Step 3: “John 1:1, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (repeat 15 times)

### **DAILY QUOTING OF ALL VERSES IS A MUST..**

If you miss a day of quoting it will just make it harder for your quizzer the next time you quote, especially on the new verses.

Daily quoting: Say the verse reference out loud to condition them to listen for the reference in a quiz. Quote them in order for the first 2 or 3 days or until the quizzer is quoting them smoothly, then mix up the verse cards to quote verses out of Biblical order to prepare the quizzers mind to pull up verses at random..

Rubber band or put on large rings verses being quoted in order, those out of order & those the quizzer has a problem with. If the quizzer cannot start a verse without help, if they have trouble with any phrase or word in the verse it should be set aside and re-quoted after quizzer has finished quoting everything. If there is still a problem the verse should be put in a separate group to focus on getting the problems resolved. As they are able to quote without help and start the verse within 5 sec.s of hearing the reference, move them to the stack of mixed up verse cards, quoted out of Biblical order.

**REFERENCING:** A back up to quoting and making sure the verse location is known, read the verse , or read the verse until the quizzer can interrupt you and finish it , then they must give the verse reference. This is a very helpful drill as during a quiz they will have location questions.