



GRANDPARENT TOOLBOX

Passing Down a Spiritual Legacy

IMPRINT GOD'S WORD ON YOUR FAMILY'S HEART

TEACH

Scripture Memory Games

- **Toppling Verses:** Write or type a Bible verse onto a sheet of paper. Cut the verse into individual words and tape each word onto a domino. Mix up the dominoes then have your grandchild put the words in order, standing each domino on its short end in a train. After your grandchild has assembled the dominoes and can say the verse, allow your grandchild to knock down the first domino and watch them tumble.
- **Verse Catch:** All you need for this game is a ball. Say one phrase of the verse. Have your grandchild repeat the phrase with you. Then, toss a ball back and forth. As you toss the ball, say one word of the phrase. Your grandchild catches the ball, then tosses it back to you, saying the next word. You can play again, varying who starts the phrase, until your grandchild knows the phrase by memory. Then, repeat this game with the next phrase of the verse.

TALK

- Incorporate God-conversations all day long
- Share God-stories as a family during holidays and other family gatherings. Make it a new tradition to share prayer requests and praises when you are together at a family dinner.

TACK

- Display God's Word in your home.
- Give your family members gifts that help them have visual reminders of God's Word—jewelry, devotionals, artwork with Bible verses etc.
- Use Bible verses to help grandchildren or family members cope with problems or concerns in life. Find a verse that will bring comfort or encouragement. Have your grandchild make artwork for their room with the Bible verse. Talk to them about how God's Word has answers to our problems.



FIXER UPPER

TOOLBOX



INDIVIDUAL TOOLBOX

Learning to live and love like Jesus

KNOW GOD

Scripture memory—to imprint God's Word on the heart of another person you must personally hide God's Word in your own heart.

- Make your own set of verse cards using 3x5 cards/cardstock. Take them with you wherever you go.
- Write a verse on a chalk or white board and erase a word one at a time. Say the verse with the missing words.
- Use music. There are plenty of Scripture memory songs for children. Although designed for children, this music could be an easy way for adults to learn as well.
- Make symbols/draw pictures to represent words or phrases, either literally on paper or with mental images. Use these images to guide you through recall of the verse.
- Find a Scripture memory app for your cell phone
- Make a recording of verses you want to memorize and take it with you in the car to play on a continuous loop as you travel.

SHOW GOD

- Use Sunday lunch as an intentional time to talk about what God is teaching you. Ask questions of family and friends over lunch.
- Display visible symbols that show God's love. Put your Bible on your desk at work. Or better yet—read your Bible at work during breaks or lunch.
- Invite a neighbor or friend to church.
- Love God with your whole heart through obedience—ask for forgiveness, change the attitude of your heart, flee from people and situations that would distract your focus on God.
- Find a mission project that impacts our community.



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BAPTIST CHURCH



FAMILY TOOLBOX

Taking Faith Home (with YOUNG children)

IMPRINT GOD'S WORD ON YOUR CHILD'S HEART

TEACH

Scripture Memory Games

- **Building Block Verses:** Write or type a Bible verse onto a sheet of paper. Cut the verse into individual words and tape each word to a duplos or other building block. Mix up the words. Repeat the verse several times with your child. Then, challenge your child to use the building blocks to build a wall or shape, while putting the Bible verse in the correct order. (If your child is very young, then you could number each word to help them build in the correct order.)
- **Bible Verse Puzzle:** Write or print a Bible verse onto a sheet of construction paper. Cut the paper into large puzzle pieces. Help your child put the puzzle together as you repeat the verse together.

TALK

- Incorporate God-conversations all day long
- Prioritize time together at the dinner table and be intentional. Don't bring electronics to the table but use it to ask questions and talk about Bible stories. It's a good time to do the family devotional while kids are "captive" at the table. Keep it short and make it fun.
- Pray without ceasing. Pray at meals. Pray at bed. Pray in the car and everywhere you go. Help your child say simple sentence prayers throughout his/her day.
- Heart hunt: Write simple verses or phrases about God on paper hearts. Hide the hearts throughout the house. Have your child hunt for the hidden hearts. Read the verses and talk about how to love and obey God.

TACK

- Display God's Word in your home.
- Bible Verse Art: Use the same Bible verse from the games and create a special work of art with your child. Place the artistic Bible verse on your refrigerator. Repeat the verse each time you see it. You can change the verse each week or month.



FAMILY TOOLBOX

Taking Faith Home (with OLDER children/teens)

IMPRINT GOD'S WORD ON YOUR CHILD'S HEART

TEACH

Scripture Memory Games:

- **Exploding Chaos Bible Verses:** Write or type a Bible verse on a sheet of paper. Cut the words or phrases apart. Carefully roll or fold each word up and insert each word into a different balloon. Blow up the balloons and tie them. Have your child pop the balloons, get the words, and put them in order.
- **Crashing Verses:** Write or print a Bible verse onto a sheet of paper with small print. Cut the verse into individual words and tape each word to the short end of a Jenga game piece. Build a Jenga tower with regular Jenga pieces and the verse pieces mixed together, placing the verse words in one direction and in order so that it can be read. Play Jenga as usual. Each time someone successfully removes a Jenga block, repeat the verse together. When the Jenga tower falls, put your verse together in the correct order.

TALK

- Incorporate God-conversations all day long.
- TV shows and movies often have important topics that can help a child/teen think about God. Use situations and characters to discuss topics such as friendship, love, respect and honesty.
- Pray without ceasing. Pray before school or in the car on the way to school. Ask your child how you can pray for him/her each day.
- Love God with your Whole Heart: Draw a large heart on a piece of paper. Divide the heart into several parts. Ask your children to think of things that they love and put them in the spaces on the heart. Use this heart illustration to talk about keeping focus on God first and not letting other things we love push God out of our heart.

TACK

- Display God's Word in your home.
- Write a verse on your child's bathroom mirror with a note of why you chose the verse.
- Text a verse or positive word to encourage and love your child.

