

"O how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day."
Psalm 119:97

A YEAR OF MEMORIZATION

WEEK 1

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Genesis 1:1

DAY ONE - MONDAY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PASSAGE

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Importance: This verse is the foundation of everything that follows in Scripture. It is also the foundation of one's worldview. If one accepts the first verse of the Bible, it affects how he or she views everything else. Since God created all things, man has a purpose and a hope. Furthermore, one's life is built on a firm foundation that will never be shaken, no matter what may happen.

Note: The KJV uses the singular word 'heaven.' Most other versions use the plural 'heavens.'

DAY TWO - TUESDAY READING AND WRITING

Read the passage out loud 10 times. Include the book, chapter, and verse. Each time, place emphasis upon a different word. Notice the rhythm and flow of the passage. Consider the phrases that make it up and where there are natural divisions in the text.

Write the passage down at least once. You may want to write it more times. You also may want to write it on an index card that can be carried with you and looked during the day. When you have a moment, take it out and read over the verse again. It is helpful to write the verse out by phrases, rather than all as one verse.

DAY THREE - WEDNESDAY LEARNING BY PHRASES

In the beginning
God created
the heaven
and the earth
Genesis 1:1

Read the first phrase 10 times. Cover the text and recite this phrase. If you are correct, move to the second phrase and do the same. (If not, repeat the first phrase until you remember it.)

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After learning the second phrase, join it with the first phrase and say them together. Continue this process until each phrase of the passage has been learned. If you do not learn the entire verse in one session, you will continue on the next day.

DAY FOUR - THURSDAY

REPETITION, REPETITION, REPETITION

Review what you learned the previous day. Recite the memorized parts. If they are correct, move on to the next phrase of the verse. If you have learned the entire verse, recite it out loud at least 10 times. Make sure you learn and state the book, chapter, and verse.

DAY FIVE - FRIDAY

REPETITION AGAIN

Review and recite the parts of the passage you have learned. Add to them any phrases that remain. Recite the verse out loud several times. Now, write it down from memory several times. Include book, chapter, and verse. Check your work with the Bible.

DAY SIX - SATURDAY

REPETITION AND MEDITATION

Quote the verse you have learned several times. Pause to think deeply about the meaning of this passage. Remember the things studied on Day One. Ponder again the application of this verse to your life. End this session by quoting the verse again several times.

DAY SEVEN - SUNDAY

MEDITATION

What is the meaning of Genesis 1:1?
What lessons do I learn from this verse?
How does this apply to my life?

How may I use this verse in teaching others?

From what error can this verse prevent me from being deceived?

Time - *In the beginning*

Mind - *God*

Force - *created*

Space - *the heaven*

Matter - *the earth*