

GETTING STARTED

Purchase Supplies

1. Sturdy, plastic, colorful **folders** with three holes and pockets may be purchased at Walmart or a discount store at minimal cost, as well as bright, colorful copy **paper**.
2. Colorful **tote bags or drawstring bags** are available online at *OrientalTrading.com* to hold each child's Scripture folder. **Pins** or **key chains** are attached to the bags for Scripture memory reinforcement and are available through the same company. Optional: Hats or headbands that match the bags may also be purchased.
3. Small Bible **stickers** may be purchased at a local Christian bookstore. Optional: A large sticker with a Christian message such as "I have hidden Your Word in my heart" may be used to decorate the outside cover of the plastic folder.
4. Inexpensive **prizes** are available at your Christian bookstore or online.

Assemble Scripture Folders

1. Choose two to four topics from the list of available Scripture memory topics, download, and photocopy using different, bright, colorful paper for each topic.
2. Three-hole punch the Scripture memory pages and assemble in the folders.
3. Optional: A larger sticker with a Christian message may be placed on the cover of the folder.
4. Write each child's name on the outside of his folder, on his bag, and on his hat.
5. Photocopy and place a letter to the parents in the inside cover of the folder.
6. Additional Scripture topics are added to an individual's folder when all the verses have been recited.

Recruit Scripture Listeners

The number you will need depends on the number of children participating. Our congregation used two Scripture Listeners for thirty children most Wednesday nights. These two individuals would listen to the girls' club recite from 7:00-7:20, the boys' club from 7:20-7:40, and the preschool-kindergarten class from 7:40-8:00. Each class had approximately ten students. Remember that Scripture Listeners are not the classroom teachers. These are two additional adults that listen to each child recite in an adjoining room or hallway while the classroom teacher remains with the rest of the class, supervising them as they use the time to practice and review Bible verses.

Promotion

Set up a display for parents and children to see the Scripture folders, tote bags, and matching hats. You may also want to utilize a sign-up sheet for participants. Build excitement by having several children (dressed up in their tote bags and hats, carrying their Scripture folders) promote the Scripture memorization plan during your Sunday morning service.