



MEMORY VERSE

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.” (John 3:36)

INTRODUCTION

What are some promises people make? (*Allow response.*) People don’t always keep their promises but God does! Do you know any promises God has made? (*Allow response and share a few promises that mean a lot to you.*) Everything God says is true! Our verse today tells us something God promises will happen.

PRESENTATION

(*Read John 3:36 from Bible and have children follow along on visual.*) Last week you learned the first four books of the New Testament. Say them with me again. (*Say with children.*) Later in John’s life he became a leader of those who believed on Jesus. God also used John to write about the life of Jesus. God also used John to write three other smaller books of the Bible—we call them First, Second and Third John. These books are part of God’s true Word, the Bible. God has kept the Bible safe for thousands of years so we can learn from it today about Jesus. We have learned John 3:16-17. Now we’re going to look at a verse a little bit further in the book of John. John 3:36. (*Say verse with children from visual.*)

EXPLANATION

Whoever believes in the Son—This verse is talking about anyone who chooses to believe (trust completely) that Jesus is God’s Son who died for sins.

has eternal life—When you choose to believe on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, your sin is forgiven and you receive eternal life. eternal life is a new life that begins now and will continue forever with God.

whoever does not obey the Son—This part of the verse talks about anyone who refuses to believe that Jesus is God the Son, who died for sins.

shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him—Anyone who chooses not to believe in the Lord Jesus as his Savior will not be forgiven for his sins. He is separated from God now and instead of going to Heaven, he’ll be forever separated from God in a place of punishment.

When you believe in Jesus, you won’t be separated from God but will have new life that starts now and lasts forever!

Preschool Memory Verse

For preschoolers, teach “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Introduction

Use the suggested introduction.

Presentation

Show the children the verse from the Bible. Explain the Bible has two parts—the Old Testament and the New Testament. The New Testament was written after Jesus came to Earth. Explain where the verse they have been learning comes from.

Explanation

Review what you’ve taught from John 3:16 then explain that anyone who believes in Jesus as their Savior receives new life with God—life that begins right away and lasts forever!

Materials

Visualized Bible Verse Booklet
Books of the Bible Poster
(See GNC Starter Resource Pack and Resource Pack.)

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Preschool Application

Saved: If you have already believed in Jesus, He has given you life with Him now and forever! This eternal life will never end! You don't have to worry about anything because you know that God is always with you. You can put your hope in Him!

Unsaved: If you haven't believed in Jesus, your sin separates you from God. But when you believe in Jesus to save you, He forgives your sin and gives you life with Him. You can believe in Jesus as your Savior from sin today.

Preschool Repetition

"Freezing Footsteps"

Lead the children in a game of Follow the Leader as you tiptoe, hop and walk around the club location. Frequently shout "Freeze!" and have all the children freeze in place as you repeat the verse together.

It is recommended that you use motions in addition to visuals and verse repetition.

John 3:16—Hold hands like a book.

For God—Point up.

So loved—Hug yourself.

The world—Trace a large circle with your hands.

That he gave—Hold hands out as if giving a gift to someone.

His only Son—Touch right middle finger to left palm, then left middle finger to right palm.

That whoever—Point at lots of people.

Believes in him—Reach forward with both hands, palms open. Then close your hands and bring them back toward yourself as if accepting a gift.

Should not perish—Shake head no.

But have eternal life—Wave hands in the air.

APPLICATION

Unsaved: This verse has a promise in it for you but only if you do something first. What does this verse say you need to do? (*Allow response.*) You need to believe. If you believe, what does God say He will do? (*Allow response.*) He promises to give eternal life. God always keeps His promises! Have you believed in Jesus as your Savior? Will you believe today? If you have questions about what that means, you can talk to me about them.

Saved: If you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, then God has kept His promise and given you eternal life! That means you are not separated from Him but instead you have a close relationship with Him. God keeps His other promises too. If you have believed in Jesus, **believe what God has promised you in His Word.** Spend time reading God's Word so you can find other awesome promises God has for you. You can trust He will keep His promises.

REPETITION

"Crazy Phrases"

(Divide the class into three or four groups. Assign each group a section of the memory verse. Point to groups one at a time to recite their section. After each group says their section a few times, assign them an action to do while saying it. Suggested actions: snap your fingers, turn in circles, whisper, etc. Repeat the verse several times, changing each time so each group gets to say each section and do each action.)