

# Helping Hand - My God - His Message to Me

## Requirement

Find, memorise, and explain three Bible verses about living for Jesus.

- \* Exodus 20:11-17
- \* Philippians 2:13
- \* Philippians 4:13
- \* 1 John 2:1,2
- \* Jude 24

## Goal of this track

To facilitate the development of a growing and fruitful relationship between the child and Jesus Christ.

## Concept Included in This Component

Memory verses, Bible books, using and trusting the Bible.

## Objective of this component

Upon completion of the Adventurer requirements the children will:

- Know: how to learn of God's love and His plan for us through history and the Bible,  
Feel: the desire and confidence to come closer to God through studying the Bible, and  
Respond: by studying the Bible regularly, easily and with understanding.

## Background Information

The memory verses listed in this requirement have been chosen to reinforce the Helping Hand's understanding of the basic concepts of Christian living:

1. I want to obey God and escape from evil.
2. I can give my life to Jesus and He will give me a new, clean heart.
3. I do my best to live for Him, and He is always there to forgive and help me when I ask.
4. I am becoming the person He wants me to be.

Other verses that may also be used to meet this requirement:

- Ecclesiastes 12:1 - "Remember now thy Creator. . ."
- Isaiah 55:6, 7 - "Seek you the Lord while He may be found . . ."
- Micah 6:8 - "He has shown thee, O man, what is good. . ."
- Luke 2:52 - "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature. . ."
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 - "We. . . are changed . . ."
- Galatians 5:22, 23 - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love. . ."
- Phil. 1:6 - "He which hath begun a good work in you. . ."
- Phil. 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ. . ."
- Jude 24, 25 - "Now unto Him who is able to keep you. . ."

## Teaching Tips

- The memory verses may be chosen by the child with the help of the leader. Read and

discuss each verse before choosing three verses that will be most helpful to the child at this point of their experience in learning about Jesus. The foremost goal in learning the memory verse is for the child to understand its meaning and its application to life.

- As the child repeats the memory verse, ask them to explain what it teaches about how to live for Jesus.

- Suggestions for Memorisation

There are many enjoyable ways to help children memorise Bible verses. Those listed below begin with the simplest.

1. Introduce the verse as a whole, being sure that the children understand the vocabulary and concepts it contains. Children may paraphrase the verse by writing or repeating it in their own words.
  2. Use pictures and stories to illustrate the meaning of the verse. If a particular picture is used for each verse, it can help to stimulate memory of the verse when children look at it.
  3. Verses can be learned with great ease when they are set to music. Many Bible verse songs are available with the Sabbath School curriculums, and many Bible verse song books are available from the ABC or Christian book stores.
  4. Younger children can draw a picture or make a collage illustrating the meaning of a verse. Older children can write and illustrate or decorate the verse. These illustrated verses can be kept attached to the door to keep the verse fresh in mind.
  5. Verses can be reviewed by having boys, girls, people wearing red, etc. repeat the verse. The leader may do a word-by-word review by pointing to different children to supply each word of a verse.
  6. Each word of a verse may be written on separate cards and scrambled. Cards can be put in order as an individual puzzle or a group activity with children taking turns putting the verse in order. Have the group repeat the verse as soon as the cards are in order. Word cards may be handed out to individuals who are then invited to find the child holding the word that belongs on either side of them and link arms to make a memory verse chain. When the entire verse is linked together in the correct order, the children should assemble at the front of the classroom and repeat the verse.
- Refer to the Scriptures frequently while working with the Bible story chart. In this way memorisation of the books of the Old Testament will be made simpler and more meaningful.

### **Norm's Notes**

The requirement is to "find, memorise and explain three Bible verses". Note however that these verses are "about living for Jesus."

Make sure that the idea of living for Jesus is seen in the verses chosen. And of course the purpose is that the Adventurer shall himself/herself learn to live for Jesus.

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