

Here's how my family uses this resource:

I print out each week of verse & questions for my kids to answer and they have fun illustrating the verse some way, painting it, using one of the color sheets I linked from Pinterest, making it out of Legos, and we always write it on our big chalkboard so that it's in front of us all week. If you don't have a chalkboard, display the kids verses on the refrigerator. My older kids like to display theirs on the bathroom mirrors so they can read and work on memorizing the verses while they brush their teeth.

We also read the verse in a couple of translations during the week. It broadens our understanding. There are tons of ways you can tweak these ideas. I recommend putting your children in charge of getting their dad involved. It works out really well and is usually hilarious.

Some ages will need more help than others, like I said, make this your own. Figure out how it works for *your* family. You can write the verse in their journal on Monday, pray it on Tuesday, answer questions on Wednesday, illustrate it on Thursday, and play a memory game with it on Friday. That is just a suggestion, the only rule is to not hold this rigidly. I repeat: make it work for *your* family! If you memorize two verses in the next 8 weeks, that is two verses you didn't have before.

Please, if you have any questions, shoot me an email laurenmitchellwrites@gmail.com I love suggestions!!!

During the week, my kids will also:

- Find the verse themselves in their own Bible and highlight or color it.
- Write the verse in their journal (this can be a really cool step for artistic children, let them illustrate the verse as well.) I have attached printable coloring sheets for the verses. If your kids don't have a journal, use one of the thousand spiral notebooks left over from school and let them decorate the cover.
- Read the verses in context, sometimes even the whole chapter (Having the kids read to each other out loud promotes more discussion. This is even a great step to do over a couple of weeknight dinners.)

Side note:

The biggest thing that impacts my older kids is their journaling of this verse. They write the verse in their journal and then they use it to write a prayer. Writing it out themselves is a step I wouldn't skip because it really helps them own it. Praying it gives the verse a whole new dimension for them because it lets the verse walk right into their lives. That scripture embedded in their hearts and implanted will produce the fruit that I could never make happen.

WEEK # 1

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Conversation starters:

- **What are some things you are afraid of?**
- **How does knowing that God is with you make you strong and courageous?**
- **God doesn't just protect us everywhere we go physically. He can also protect us from everywhere our mind goes. He goes with us into scary thoughts too. He can remind us that He is there and bigger than those fears.**

Here is a link to a song that will help them learn this verse:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t34ajxa7TCI>

And link to a coloring sheet on Pinterest:

<file:///C:/Users/mitch/Desktop/Bible-verses-to-color-1.pdf>

...this link has several great coloring pages

WEEK # 2

Proverbs 3:5

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths.” HCSB

Conversation Starters:

- How can you “think about God in all your ways?”
- How can we rely on God instead of our understanding of things?
- How does that help with everyday problems?

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<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/AYpinituWGCdHVhjTahQXTQxUR7NCGb5cAfmQDgJNCCUty8eTvK9To/>

Week #3

Colossians 3:12

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Conversation Starters:

- Did you know that God chose you?
- As part of God's family we get to look like Him.
- We can put on kindness and patience like we put on our clothes when we get dressed in the morning.
- Can you ask God to help you get dressed for the day with these things?

Link to the cutest coloring page on Pinterest:

<https://www.flandersfamily.info/web/2017/03/19/clothe-yourself-with-humility-coloring-page/>

Week #4

Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Conversation Starters:

- What is faith?
- Why should we have faith in God?
- How can we be certain of what we can't see with our eyes?
- How can you "see" that your parents love you?
- What other senses are equally as important as sight?

Follow the link to a printable coloring sheet on Pinterest:

https://www.colorit.com/pages/10-free-spiritual-drawings?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Pinterest

Week #5

"His mercies are new every day".

Lamentations 3:23

Conversation Starters:

- **What does mercy mean?**
- **Every day God has new mercy for us. That means that He has tons of love and forgiveness when we fail.**
- **God never runs out of mercy. Can you mess up one too many times for God to forgive you?**

Follow the link to a printable coloring sheet on Pinterest:

<https://www.messyheartstudio.com/>

This link is really special to me because it's my friend's site. She is an artist and lives in Newnan.

She has some very cute coloring pages for free right now and this verse is one of them.

Week # 6

2 Timothy 1:7

"God has given us a Spirit not of fear, but of power, love and self-control."

Conversation Starters:

- **What does it mean that God gave us his Spirit?**
- **Because we have the Holy Spirit living in us, we don't have to be afraid, we can have God's power and love.**
- **He can also help us to have self-control when we feel afraid or when we are angry. He can help us with these emotions so that they don't control us.**

Follow the link to a printable coloring sheet on Pinterest:

http://joditt.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/2Tim1-7_coloring-pg.pdf

Week # 7

Psalm 9:1

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. I will recount all of your wonderful deeds."

Conversation Starters:

- **What does it mean to give thanks with your whole heart?**
- **How can you re-count your blessings?**
- **See how many gifts from God you can count this week.**

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<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/AcbJtG7YG9f1ygz9ZbN9EtWQFpaCRMEqKED1O0gwllHCnU3EeKIPK8o/>

Week #8

Galatians 5:22-23

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, against such things there is no law."

Conversation Starters:

- How is growing the fruit of the spirit like growing actual fruit?
- How do we produce (make) fruit? (hint: read John 15)
- Which one of these "fruits" do you think you should work on?
- Who can you ask for help?

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