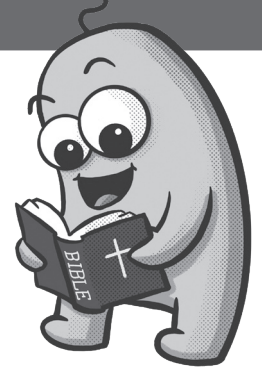


Spotlight on Unit Bible Verses

Memorising Scripture

Memorising Scripture has long been considered a helpful way to allow the word of God to speak into our daily lives and to be 'carried' inside our hearts. Studies have shown that repetition is not enough to help students internalise verses.¹ Students need to understand the verse and connect it to their lives. This will help students retain it throughout their lives and benefit from it.



The Unit Bible Verses:

- Are relevant to each unit.
- Highlight a key truth or describe a response to God prompted by the unit content.
- Give students ways to know God and relate to him.
- Are designed for students to remember and use throughout their lives.

Memorising Scripture provides opportunities to:

1. Hear & See

Show the memory verse. Read and listen to it. Play some games, songs or videos that involve repeating the verse. Connect the verse to the lesson or unit as a whole.

3. Experience

Students use their bodies and imaginations to act out, draw, think through, or pray the verse individually, or in small or large groups.

2. Understand

Study the verse to understand its meaning. Consider:

- Questions students may have about the verse
- Words and phrases that can be explored
- The verse in context
- How the verse relates to the unit

4. Apply

Students reflect on how the verse applies to their life.

They may reflect on:

- What it means for them
- How they will respond to the verse
- Who they could share this verse with
- How they can demonstrate their learning from the other elements of this framework

Auslan Bible Verse Videos

Selected Unit Bible Verses have been translated into Auslan by Peter Bosner and Dr Rev. John Harris who oversaw the translation of the Auslan Bible.

The videos can be used in your class to:

- Show an example of the Bible Verse in Auslan
- To learn the Verse in Auslan.

It is helpful to know:

- The word for some signs may vary from community signs because the meaning of the Greek word is retained rather than a direct English word translation.
- The grammar is different in sign language and so English sentence structures will not always be retained.



For more information

- Bible Verse Teaching Video

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