

Bible MEMORY

Student Eligibility

Elementary	Junior High	Senior High
2 students (4 th)	4 students	4 students
2 students (5 th)		
2 students (6 th)		

Bible Memory competition will be conducted in the traditional spelling bee fashion. The memorization materials will be supplied for the competition.

Study Cycle

2019	Prayer
2020	God's Promises
2021	The Triune God
2022	Soulwinning
2023	Wisdom of God
2024	Sin and Salvation

Official Rules and Procedures

1. All contestants will stand, forming a single line, facing the Bible Memory Master.
2. The Master will question contestants from left to right and in the order of the printed verses.
3. All questions will be taken from the official memory material.
4. The Master will conduct three rounds of quizzing as follows:
Round one: Master cites reference; contestant recites verse. Master may continue this style for as long as he chooses.

- Round two: Master recites verse; contestant cites reference. Master may continue this style for as long as he chooses.
- Round three: Master refers to application of verse; contestants recite both reference and verse. Master may continue this style for as long as he chooses.
5. Each contestant will be given a question different from that given to the preceding contestant, except during round one. When a contestant does not begin quoting the correct verse, then the same reference will be given to the next contestant.
 6. The contestant will not begin speaking until the Master's questioning is completed.
 7. Upon committing a second error, the contestant will be eliminated by the Master with confirmation from the judges.
 8. The King James version will be the only authorized version of the Bible.
 9. The following will constitute errors:
 - a. Any incorrect reference citation.
 - b. Any deviation from the verbatim quotation of Scriptures (any addition, omission, reversal, or change of words.)
 - c. Incomplete answers at the call time.
 - d. Only one error per question may be scored against a contestant.
 - e. Pronunciation mistakes will not constitute errors.
 - f. Having begun either to cite a reference, quote a verse, or both, a contestant may stop and begin again, repeating exactly as begun; but in the repeating, there can be no change of reference or quotation. If such change occurs, the contestant will be declared in error.
 10. The contestant will have exactly ten seconds to recite a verse reference and thirty-five seconds to quote a verse or verse and reference.
 - a. Timing will begin at the Master's signal of, "Time!"
 - b. If the contestant wishes a repetition of the question, to prevent the starting of the clock, he will signify his request by saying, "Please repeat the question."
 - c. Only one request per question will be permitted.
 11. The correct citation or quotation or both will always be given after a response has been deemed in error, except when only two contestants remain in competition.
 12. After a contestant's elimination, the proceedings continue as normal. The next question from the Master's official list will then be given to the next contestant.
 13. If one of the last two contestants commits an error and the other contestant, after correcting the error, commits an error on the extra question, then the first contestant may attempt to answer the extra question. If the first contestant then succeeds in correcting that error and then correctly answers another extra question, he will be declared champion.
 14. If both of the finalists commit errors on the same question, both will continue in competition. The question will be answered correctly by the Master, and the competition shall continue with the next question directed to the one who erred first on the prior question. The competition will resume under Rule Thirteen.

15. Any protest relating to the reference or quotation of a verse will be referred to the judges immediately. Only a student participant may lodge a protest. The deadline for lodging a protest will be before the affected student would have received his next question had he not been eliminated. No protest will be entertained after a contested question has been given to another student. When only two students remain, a protest must be made immediately (before the second student has begun to answer the question, or, if both have missed the same question, before the correct answer is given to the audience).
16. In case of a continuing tie, it is the Master's option to continue oral quizzing or to institute written quizzing.
 - a. If, when written quizzing is instituted, some competitors have one error while others are errorless, the errorless competitors shall be allowed three unpenalized errors in written quizzing.
 - b. In written quizzing, the competitors will be given ten outline statements. The competitor must write the reference(s) and verse(s) that correspond with each outline statement.
 - c. A thirty-minute time limit will be established for written quizzing. If a competitor finishes his writing before the time limit expires, he may turn in his work, and the time elapsed will be recorded on his paper. All work will be collected when the time limit has expired.
 - d. In written quizzing, any incorrect word, misspelling, incorrect punctuation, or incorrect capitalization will constitute an error. Only one error per word will be counted.
 - e. If a tie remains after the writing is scored, the times for competitors (Rule Sixteen C) will be used to break the tie. In the case of a continuing tie, the entire writing process will be repeated for the tied competitors.
17. The Master and judges have complete authority and control. Their decisions will be final.
18. First, second, or third place awards cannot be received through default.

BIBLE MEMORY LIST 2019

PRAYER

1. Prayer is verbal expression of our feelings and needs to God.

A. We pray directly to God - Psalm 5:2

1. We are to pray with humility - Psalm 10:17

2. We are to pray in Jesus' name - John 16:23

3. We are to pray in the Holy Spirit - Jude 20-21

4. We are to pray truthfully. Psalm - 145:18

5. We are to pray boldly. Hebrews - 10:19-22

6. We are to pray confidently - 1 John 5:14

7. We are to pray about matters persistently, importunately, without shame - Luke 11:8-10

B. We are to pray from the heart, expressing our feelings and thoughts - Psalm 62:8

1. Prayer may be audible - Psalm 77:1

2. Prayer may be silent because God knows the heart and its thoughts - 1 Chronicles 28:9

C. We are to pray concerning everything - Philippians 4:6

1. Prayer is adoration, expressing praise and thanksgiving - Hebrews 13:15

2. Prayer is supplication, expressing a petition for mercy - Psalm 55:1

a. We are to confess our sins and seek forgiveness - Matthew 6:12; 1 John 1:9

b. We are to express our needs - Matthew 6:11

c. We are to express our desires - Psalm 37:4

3. Prayer is intercession, pleading for another's cause - Romans 15:30

a. We are to pray for all men. 1 Timothy 2:1

b. We are to pray for kings and all in authority. 1 Timothy 2:2

c. We are to pray for our persecutors. Matthew 5:44

d. We are to pray for fellow believers. Ephesians 6:18

e. We are to pray for the sick. James 5:14-15

f. We are to pray for the ministers of the Gospel. 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

II. The Bible clearly states who may pray.

- A. Only believers may pray with the assurance that they are heard by God - John 9:31
- B. The prayer for salvation from anyone will be heard by God - Romans 10:9, 10, 13
- C. While all believers share the privilege of private prayer, prayer in church is to be made by men - Matthew 6:6; 1 Timothy 2:8
- D. The Bible teaches that Christ continues to intercede for believers - Hebrews 7:25
- E. The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit also intercedes for us - Romans 8:26

III. It is wrong for the Christian to fail to pray.

- A. Prayer is commanded - 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- B. Prayer is pleasing to God - Psalm 141:2
- C. We will not have if we do not ask - James 4:2

IV. The Bible teaches us when to pray.

- A. The believer's heart is to remain in an attitude of continuing prayer and gratitude to God.
– Romans 12:12; Ephesians 5:20
 - 1. We are to pray at all times. – Luke 18:1
 - 2. We are to pray day and night - Psalm 88:1
- B. We are to pray in thankfulness before eating, as exemplified by Christ. – Mark 8:6; 1 Timothy 4:4-5
- C. We are to pray in times of trouble. – Psalm 86:6-7
- D. We are to pray in times of need. – Hebrews 4:16
- E. We are to pray in times of affliction. – James 5:13
- F. We are to pray when fearful. – Psalm 55:5, 16
- G. We are to pray for restored fellowship after confession of sin. – Psalm 51:10, 12

V. Answers to prayer may take different forms.

- A. God has promised to answer requests made in His will. – 1 John 5:14-15
- B. God may answer prayer above our expectations. – Ephesians 3:20
- C. God may answer prayer directly and immediately. – Matthew 7:7-11
- D. God may delay an answer to prayer. – Luke 18:7
- E. God may answer a prayer differently from our request. – 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

VI. There are hindrances to prayer which the believer must avoid.

- A. God will not answer prayer if there is unconfessed sin in the heart. – Psalm 66:18
- B. God will not answer prayer if the motive is wrong or selfish. – James 4:3

- C. God will not answer prayer if it is not made in faith. – Matthew 21:22
- D. God will not answer prayer from an unforgiving heart. – Mark 11:25-26
- E. God will not answer prayer made without regard to His will. – Matthew 6:10
- F. God will not answer prayer from an unthankful heart. – 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- G. God will not answer prayer from a disobedient heart. – 1 John 3:20-22
- H. God will not answer prayer from a heart which is not abiding in Him. – John 15:7
- I. God will not answer prayer from the partners in an unharmonious marriage relationship.
– 1 Peter 3:1, 7