

Verse Mapping Formula

1. Choose a word you want to learn more about. It might be a word that stood out to you while reading. Write it in the middle of a blank piece of paper.
2. Look up the definition of the word (www.merriam-webster.com is a good place to do that online). Write the definition somewhere near the word.
3. Find words that mean the same thing (synonyms) and write those down, too. Synonyms can be found at the bottom of the definition page at www.merriam-webster.com
4. Use a Bible search app (www.biblegateway.com) or a concordance to find other places in Scripture that use this word. Look up as many verses as you can. Read each verse. Choose one or two verses that spoke to you and write out the entire verse.
5. In another version of the Bible, look up and read the verses you wrote out. Try looking it up in the Amplified version (AMPC), the English Standard Version (ESV), or the Message (MSG). Write down anything that stands out to you in these other versions.
6. Rewrite the verse putting in your name to make it your own. (Example: "Count it all joy, Sarah, when you meet trials of various kinds" [James 1:2].)
7. Draw and doodle any pictures or symbols of different words or overall ideas that come to mind as you're reading.
8. Write your thoughts about what you've read and learned about your word so far.
9. Write questions that are coming to mind from your study of this word.
10. Spend time in prayer over your questions and thoughts.
11. For further study, research answers to your questions (www.GQkids.org) or ask a trusted Christian mentor.