

Bible



A Memory Book
for boys and girls
ages 3 to 5

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The ABC Plan

The ABC Plan is set up in two stages so that children begin at three years of age and take two years to complete the work. Each child receives a new ABC Book each year he or she enrolls in this plan.

*Whatever you write on the heart of a child
No water can wash it away.
The marks in the sands
are erased by the tide,
Inscriptions will crumble with clay.
The words in a book
will decay with the years
And even engraving in stone disappears,
But God's Word inscribed
on a little child's heart
For time and eternity, shall not depart.
—author unknown*

The child will learn one assignment each week over a period of 15 weeks. (Two weeks for rest and review are included in the total of 15 weeks.)

We suggest that he recites at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, but if this is not convenient, a specific time during the weekend may be arranged. The child will recite to the person listed on his enrollment form as supervisor, or to a person whom that supervisor has appointed as hearer. If a child is very shy, he may recite to a parent in the presence of the hearer or supervisor.

The verses are to be learned as they are written, word for word, in alphabetical order, according to the following schedule:

Stage 1 — Ages 3 or 4. The child memorizes only the black portion of two verses per week. (Parents: If you find that the two verses per week is more than your child can do, you may reduce their requirement to one verse per week.)

Stage 2 — Ages 4 or 5. The child memorizes two complete verses per week, including the references.

A contestant may start early and recite as many verses as he wishes on the first recitation date. After that he is

to recite only one assignment each week. The contestant may learn more than is required in the stage in which he is enrolled, but he is not doing satisfactory work if he does less.

Jesus Loves Children

*Jesus loves the little children,
Once He took them on His knee,
Gently put His arms around them,
Saying, "Let them come to Me!"*

*Oh! He loves to see them kneeling,
And, with hands together, pray;
Loves to hear them call Him Jesus,
If they mean the words they say.*

*Once He gave His life to buy them
Back from Satan's evil ways,
And at last to heaven take them,
There to sing His worth and praise.*

*If they trust Him as their Saviour,
He will wash their sins away;
He will take their hand and lead them
All along the narrow way.*

*Then when He shall come to call them,
They shall see Him face to face,
And with saints and angels praise Him
For His matchless love and grace.*

—Anonymous

A

Everyone in the whole world is like a helpless sheep. Without a shepherd, the sheep gets lost. It goes its own way and cannot find the right and safe way.

Without Jesus, boys and girls are lost. They want their own way. They do things that are wrong because they are sinners.

*Poor little lost lamb
Had gone astray,
And the night was dark and cold,
But the Shepherd loved
That little lamb,
So He brought him back to the fold.
The lamb never knew
What He had giv'n,
Or could guess how much it cost;
But the shout was heard
Clear up to heav'n,
"I have found my sheep that was lost."
The Shepherd was Jesus,
His death was the cost;
And I was the poor little lamb
That was lost!
—Claire Lynn*



A

All we like sheep
have gone astray;
we have turned every one
to his own way.

Isaiah 53:6a

B

All who believe in Jesus and depend only on Him as their personal Savior will be saved. They will be sure of being in heaven forever.

Believing in Jesus is knowing His promises and being sure He will keep His promises to you.

*A little child of seven,
Or even three or four,
May enter into heaven
Through Christ, the open door;
For when the heart believeth
In Christ, the Son of God,
'Tis then the child receiveth
Salvation through His blood.*

—Elsie Leslie



B

Believe on the
Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved,
and thy house.

Acts 16:31b

C

All children should obey their fathers and mothers. This is what the Lord wants them to do. It may not be easy; it may not always be fun; but it is right.

When you do what your dad and mom tell you, you are also doing what God tells you to do, and you are obeying God, too.

If you disobey your parents, you are also disobeying God.

*I thank You for my parents, Lord,
Please help me to obey their word.
I'll try to do just what they say,
So cheerfully all through the day.
I will not pout;
I will not cry;
I will not stomp;
I will not sigh;
But show that I love them and You
By doing what they tell me to.
—Claire Lynn*



C

Children, obey your
parents in the Lord:
for this is right.

Ephesians 6:1

D

God invites you to come close to Him. God does not want you to stay far away from Him. He wants you near Him. When you come close to Him, He will come very close to you.

Coming near to God means listening carefully to His Word because you care about what He says to you. It means talking to God in prayer. It means trusting Him and trying to please Him every day.

If you think that God is far away, remember, He wants you to come close to Him.

*Children, if you only knew
What He is to me,
Surely you would love Him, too,
You would "Come and see."*

*Come and you will find it true,
Happy you will be!
Jesus says, and says to you,
Come! Oh come to Me!*
—Frances Ridley Havergal



D

Draw nigh to God,
and He will draw
nigh to you.

James 4:8a

E

People can tell what you are by what you do. Even when you are a small child, your words and actions show the people around you what is in your heart.

Although you cannot be saved by your works, God is watching everything you do, and so are the people around you.

*They'll know what you are
By the things that you do,
And even a child can be
Faithful and true.
So, when you tell others
That you are the Lord's,
Remember that actions
Speak louder than words.
—Claire Lynn*



E

Even a child
is known by his doings,
whether his work be pure,
and whether it be right.

Proverbs 20:11

F

Sin is a terrible thing in God's sight.
God is so good and holy that He hates sin.
Sin is so bad that death comes with it.
That is the bad news.

But the good news is that God wants to
give you a free gift of eternal life — living
forever. God can only give you this free gift
if you trust in Jesus. The Lord Jesus Christ
took your wages of sin on Himself when
He died for you.

*I don't want to earn the wages
Of a life that's filled with sin,
So I'll take the gift God offers
Of eternal life within.*
—Claire Lynn



F

For the wages of sin is death;
but the gift of God
is eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Romans 6:23

G

God is very great and very strong. He is always near you to protect you. In time of danger and trouble, He doesn't want you to be afraid. He wants you to trust Him all the time.

A "refuge" is a place to be safe. It is a hiding place when trouble comes. God is the hiding place of safety for those who trust in Him, no matter what trouble may come to them.

*Jesus is our Shepherd,
For the sheep He bled;
Every lamb is purchased
By the blood He shed.*

*Jesus is our Shepherd
Wiping every tear;
Folded in His bosom,
What have we to fear?
—Frances Ridley Havergal*



G

God is our refuge
and strength,

a very present help
in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

H

The Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd.
All who trust Him are His sheep.

A shepherd takes his sheep to the fields of sweet, green grass, where they eat all they need and lie down to rest. When they are thirsty, He takes them to the quiet pools where they can drink without fear.

So our Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, cares for His sheep and makes sure they have the good things they need.

*He will take care of you!
All through the night
Jesus, the Shepherd, His
Little one keeps;
Darkness to Him is
The same as the light;
He never slumbers, and
He never sleeps.*

—Frances Ridley Havergal



H

He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside
the still waters.

Psalm 23:2

I

When you pray to the heavenly Father in the name of Jesus, God hears and answers your prayers. Asking for something in Jesus' name means asking for the thing Jesus wants for you — something that will help you love and serve Him more.

God is able to keep His promise, and He promises to hear your prayers and answer in the way He knows is best for you.

*God is in heaven: Can He hear
A little prayer like mine?
Yes, that He can; I need not fear:
He'll listen unto mine.*

*God is in heaven: Does He care,
Or is He good to me?
Yes; all I have to eat or wear,
'Tis God Who gave it me.*

*God is in heaven: May I pray
To go there when I die?
Yes; only trust Him, and one day
He'll call you to the sky.*

—Ann Gilbert



I

If ye shall ask anything
in My name,
I will do it.

John 14:14

J

Jesus never has changed. Long before He was born, He lived in heaven with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Long before there was a world, Jesus was the same as He was when He lived on the earth.

Jesus will never change. When you are grown up, Jesus will be the same. Long after the new earth and heaven have been made, Jesus will be the same. He will be the same loving, good, powerful, gentle Savior that He is today.

*For this word, O Lord, we bless Thee
For our Savior's changeless Name;
Yesterday, today, forever,
Jesus Christ is still the same.*
—Frances Ridley Havergal



J

Jesus Christ the same
yesterday, and today,
and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

K

What you say is very important. The Lord doesn't want you to say bad words or mean and cruel things. He does not want you to tell lies.

God made your tongue and your lips to say words that are kind and truthful. He wants you to keep your tongue and your lips from using words which do not please Him.

When you want to say something naughty, remember your K verse. God is listening!

*My tongue can make my daddy smile
Or make my mommie cry;
My lips can sing sweet praise to God,
Or tell a dreadful lie.*

*I need to think before I talk
At home, at school, at play,
And speak the kind and truthful words
The Lord would have me say.*

—Claire Lynn



K

Keep thy tongue
from evil,
and thy lips
from speaking guile.

Psalm 34:13

L

The Lord is the only One who can save.
You cannot save yourself. Your parents
cannot save you. Your preacher cannot
save you. Only the Lord can!

There is only one God. The children on
the other side of the world must be saved
the same way. When Jesus died, He died
for all people of the world, and He wants
all boys and girls to hear His Word. All
who trust in Him will be saved.

*Only one God in heaven,
Only one God — that's all;
Only one Savior given,
Hear now His loving call.
Children of every nation,
For you His life He gave;
Look to Him for salvation,
Jesus alone can save.*

—Claire Lynn



L

Look unto Me, and be ye saved,
all the ends of the earth:

for I am God,
and there is none else.

Isaiah 45:22

M

All who trust in Jesus are His sheep. Jesus knows every one of them. He can look right into their hearts and see if they really believe in Him, or if they are only pretending.

Those who are really His own listen to His voice. They want to hear what He has said in the Bible. They want to follow Him by doing the things He tells them in His Word. They enjoy being near their Shepherd.

*Shepherd, speak and make me ready,
When Thy voice is truly heard,
With obedience glad and steady,
Still to follow every word.
I am listening, Lord, for Thee;
Shepherd, speak, Oh speak to me!*
—Frances Ridley Havergal



M

My sheep hear My voice,
and I know them,
and they follow Me.

John 10:27

N

Jesus rose up from the dead, and He is alive right now.

When sinful men nailed Jesus to the cross, they thought they had won a victory. His body was wrapped up and put in a grave. But He didn't stay dead. On the third day, He got up and came out of the grave.

He told His friends to touch Him to see that He wasn't just a ghost. He still had the body of flesh and bones which had been nailed to the cross. We have a living Savior. He died for us. He arose from the dead. He will never die again.

*They were sad — they felt such loss
As they stood beside the cross;
And their hearts were filled with gloom
As they walked down to the tomb.
But they trembled with surprise
When before their very eyes
Stood an angel, and he said,
Jesus was no longer dead.
He is risen! Joy of joys!
What good news for girls and boys!
—Claire Lynn*



N

... now is Christ
risen from the dead ...

1 Corinthians 15:20

O

You should always say “Thank You” to the Lord. He is good to you and gives you good things all the time. Everything good that you have comes from the Lord.

“Mercy” is kindness which loves to forgive. All who put their trust in Jesus are forgiven for all their sins. And God says He will never remember their sins anymore, because His forgiveness lasts forever and ever.

Isn't that a good reason to say “Thank You”?

*O Father up in heaven,
How good You are to me.
I thank You for the beauty
Of all the things I see;
I thank You for Your kindness
In everything You've done,
And most of all I thank You
For Jesus, Your dear Son.
I'm glad that He was willing
To die for me one day,
So He could be my Savior,
And take my sins away.*

—Claire Lynn



O

O give thanks unto the
LORD; for He is good:
because His mercy
endureth forever.

Psalm 118:1

P

Jesus is the Captain. Those who trust Him are His soldiers. The devil is the enemy, and he has many tricks. Jesus has armor for His soldiers to wear — faith in God and His Word. The armor comes through faith in God and in His Word. You cannot see the armor, but it is very real.

*Goliath was tall, and Goliath was strong,
And he was a leader in all that was wrong.
He called to small David — now come if you dare,
And I'll feed your bones to the birds of the air.
So David cried out as the giant drew near,
Oh, you come to me with a shield and a spear,
A helmet of brass, and an awful big sword,
But I come to you in the name of the Lord!
Goliath was killed. He had trusted his might.
But David came trusting the Lord for the fight.
Five stones in his bag, and a sling, and a rod,
But he had put on the whole armor of God!
—Claire Lynn*



P

Put on the whole
armor of God,

that ye may be able to stand
against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:11

Q

The Holy Spirit is God. He wants to teach you what is true. He wants to lead you in the right way. Some people do not want to hear what the Spirit says. They do not want to follow Him in the right way.

You can quench a campfire by pouring water or sand all over it. You can quench the Spirit by not listening to God's Word, and by not obeying Him.

You shouldn't quench the Spirit, and someday you will be sorry if you do. Instead, let the Holy Spirit have His way in your life.

*Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.*
—Frances Ridley Havergal



Q

Quench not the Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:19

R

Since God is the One who made you and gave you life, you should think about Him. If you remember Him while you are a little child, and all the days while you are growing up, then your life will be happy. You won't get into all kinds of trouble like those who forget God.

God wants you to trust Him and to love Him. He has made you for Himself. Jesus died to make you truly His own. You won't forget Him, will you?

*In your youth remember Jesus' love,
How He came from His own home above,
And your soul to save,
His own life He gave,
On the cross of Calvary.*

—Alfred P. Gibbs

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R

Remember now thy Creator
in the days of thy youth.

Ecclesiastes 12:1a

S

It is good to sing songs to the Lord. It is good to praise the name of the Lord. Sometimes you can sing your own song of praise to God. He will hear, even if no one else does. It will bring honor and glory to Him.

At other times you can sing with your friends or those in your family, and you can praise the Lord together. Those who hear you will know that you want to praise the Lord. You can tell them what the Lord has done for you. Maybe they will trust in Him. Then they can join in your song.

The Lord is especially pleased with songs that children sing to Him.

*When little children sang the song
“Hosanna,” to their Lord and King,
Some men told Jesus He was wrong
To let the little children sing.
But Jesus spoke before them all;
Hear how He answered to their shame;
Out of the mouth of children small,
Come sweetest praises to My name.*

—Claire Lynn



S

Sing unto the Lord,
bless His name;

show forth His salvation
from day to day.

Psalm 96:2

T

Trusting the Lord is knowing that He will keep His promises. God wants you to trust Him all the way, not just a little bit.

You will not be able to understand all that happens to you. You will not be able to know all that God knows about what has happened, or what will happen. But God knows everything. That's why you cannot trust yourself, but you can trust God.

You can trust God for salvation and for taking care of you every day of your life. You know a lot of things, but God knows everything.

*I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.*

—Frances Ridley Havergal



T

Trust in the LORD
with all thine heart;
and lean not unto
thine own understanding.
Proverbs 3:5

U

People who do not believe in Jesus don't really know how wonderful He is. They don't love Him or think about Him. Sometimes they even make fun of Him, or use His name to swear.

But those who believe in Jesus know that *He is precious*. He is more wonderful than any other person. He is good and loving. He is kind and forgiving. He is strong and wise. He is worth more than all the gold and silver in all the world.

*Oh Savior, precious Savior,
My heart is at Thy feet;
I bless Thee, and I love Thee,
And Thee I long to meet.*

*To see Thee in Thy beauty,
To see Thee face to face,
To see Thee in Thy glory,
And know Thy smile of grace.*
—Frances Ridley Havergal



U

Unto you therefore
which believe

He is precious.

1 Peter 2:7a

V

Jesus didn't leave any doubt about how to have everlasting life. He made it very plain. And to be sure that everyone knew how important it was, He said the words, "Verily, verily." This is like saying, "Really and truly."

Jesus wanted everyone to know that whoever believes in Him, trusting and depending only on Him, has life that goes on forever. The body may die and be put in the grave, but the believer lives on in heaven.

*Though all unworthy, yet I will not doubt,
For him that cometh He will not cast out,
He that believeth, O the good news shout,
Hath everlasting life.*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Verily, verily, message ever new,
He that believeth on the Son, 'tis true,
Hath everlasting life.*

—G.M.J.



V

Verily, verily,
I say unto you,
he that believeth on Me
hath everlasting life.

John 6:47

W

Sometimes people die to save the life of someone who loves them and is good to them. But Jesus died for us before we ever cared about Him. God didn't love us because we were good. He loved us in spite of the fact that we were bad — that we have done bad things and have sin in our hearts.

God hates the sin. But He loves us very much. When Jesus was willing to suffer and die in our place, He showed the whole world how strong His love was toward us.

*Children, can you tell me why
Jesus came to bleed and die?
He was happy high above,
Dwelling in His Father's love,
Yet He left His joy and bliss,
For a wicked world like this.*

*We were all by sin undone,
Yet He loved us, ev'ry one;
So to earth He kindly came,
On the cross to bear our shame,
And to wash away our guilt
In the precious blood He spilt.*

— Anonymous



W

While we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8b

X

There is only one way to come into this world. Every one of us had to be born — to be a little baby.

There is only one way to become a Christian. Everyone who wants to go to heaven must be born into God's family.

Those who are not born again into God's family do not belong in the family at all. And Jesus said that they will never get into heaven.

You can be born into God's family by trusting Jesus as your own Savior today. Then you'll be His child forever.

*Except a man be born again,
The word by Christ was given;
Except a man be born again,
He cannot go to heaven.*

*Because each person's born in sin,
And sin must be forgiven,
Unless a person's born again,
He cannot go to heaven.*

—Claire Lynn



X

EXcept a man
be born again,
he cannot see
the kingdom of God.

John 3:3b

Y

Sin is like darkness, and this world is a very dark place because there is so much sin everywhere. While Jesus was living in the world, He was the light of the world. But He has gone back to heaven. Now all who trust in Him have become the light of the world. They are the ones who can show others the brightness of Jesus' love.

The Lord wants His children to shine out for Him, like a city on the top of a hill where it can always be seen.

*Jesus bids us shine
With a clear, pure light;
Like a little candle
Burning in the night.
In this world of darkness
We must shine;
You in your small corner,
And I in mine.
—Susan Warner*



Y

Ye are the light
of the world.

A city that is set on an hill
cannot be hid.

Matthew 5:14

Z

Zacchaeus was a little man who loved money, until he met the Lord Jesus and trusted in Him.

*A certain man of whom we read,
Who lived in days of old,
Though he was rich, he felt his need
Of something more than gold.*

*It happened on a certain day
This little man was told
That Jesus soon would pass that way
With something more than gold.*

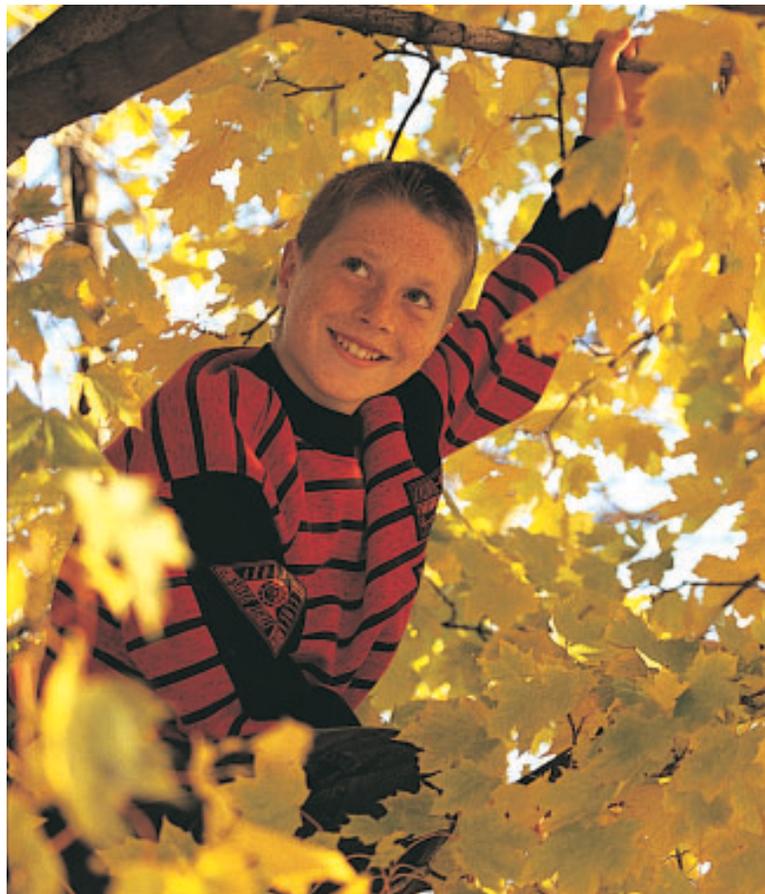
*Zacchaeus was not tall, and he,
In order to behold,
Climbed up into a sycamore tree
For something more than gold.*

*But Jesus stood beneath the tree,
And said, Do as you're told,
Make haste, and come down here to Me,
For something more than gold.*

*He trusted Jesus and he found
The half had not been told,
Where love and joy and peace abound
'Tis better far than gold.*

*Oh, yes, my friend,
There's something more,
There's something more than gold.
To know your sins are all forgiven
Is something more than gold!*

—Anonymous



Z

Zacchaeus, make haste, and
come down; for today I must
abide at thy house.

Luke 19:5b

Alternate Verse:

For the Son of man is come
to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10

God's Only Way to Heaven

AM I A SINNER?

Sin is something in me (bad thoughts, lying, stealing, disobedience, pride, cheating, etc.). God hates sin. We can't hide it from Him. Sin leads to eternal separation from God in hell.

Gods Word says:

... all have sinned ...

Romans 3:23;

For the wages of sin is death.

Romans 6:23a

WHAT SHALL I DO ABOUT MY SIN?

Can I give God something nice to make Him forget it? How about going to Sunday School, church or Awana; or praying; or getting baptized; or other good deeds?

NO!

God says:

Not by [good works] which we have done.

Titus 3:5a

GOD HAS DONE EVERYTHING

God gave His Son to be my Savior. God put Jesus on a cross to die for my sin in my place.

But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

IT HAPPENED AT THE CROSS

Jesus paid for all my sin by dying, shedding His blood and rising from the grave and going back to heaven.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.

1 Peter 3:18a

GOD ASKS ME TO BELIEVE (trust) HIM TO TAKE AWAY MY SIN

Believing is trusting what God did for me. When I believe that

His death was for me, He gives me eternal life. Will you believe (trust) now that Jesus died in your place? Will you accept Him as your Savior? If you have, tell Him what you have done.

As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

John 1:12b

I KNOW THIS GIFT IS MINE ...

I want to thank Him for it now.

God says: ... I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish ...

John 10:28

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



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