

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Each month your children receive a new memory verse to practice. For extra memory challenges, pick up a Scripture Memory Guide and challenge kids to memorize

### Memory Verse: Psalm 119:105

**“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”**

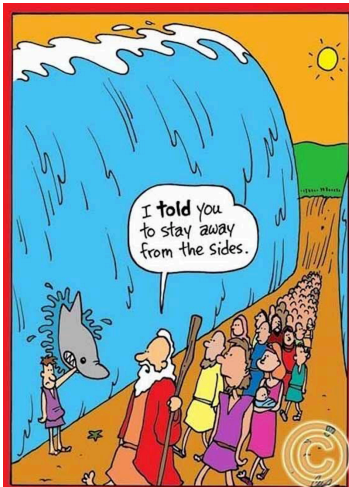
Sign the bottom if your kids know the memory verse by heart. Pre-school kids will receive a prize in their class. Kids in Grades 1-6 will receive 10 Bible Bucks for saying their verse and 50 for their special Memory Project.

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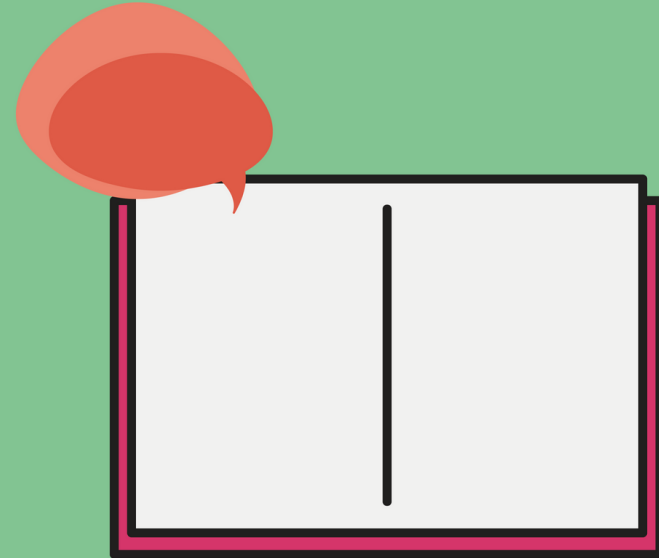
## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why did Ezra read God's Word to the people?
- Which books are the first 5 books of the Bible? What is another name for this group of 5 books?

## JOKE OF THE WEEK



## CENTRAL KIDS FAMILY FIELD GUIDE



# THE GOOD BOOK

GOD'S WORD IS ALIVE AND POWERFUL

GRADES 1-6

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE?

Field Guides are a tool to help families dig into God's truth during the week through Bible reading, Memory Work and Family Discussion starters. We encourage you to use this guide whatever way works best for your family. Whether that is beginning a Gospel-conversation in the car, leading family worship in the living room or for guiding bedtime devotions, the most important thing is to keep your eyes fixed on Christ throughout the week (rather than merely going through the motions and checking all the boxes). Therefore, we hope this guide is a servant and not a master for advancing a biblical education and knowing God better. May it bless your family as study God's word together!

## WEEKLY RECAP

**Main Point: God's Word is Alive and Powerful**

**Bible Passage: Nehemiah 8**

**Bible Story: Ezra Reads God's Word**

The Bible is a powerful book. **“It is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword”** (Heb 4:12). The Bible speaks with a kingly authority. Just like when a king speaks and a whole kingdom is established, so it is that when people gather to hear King Jesus, God's kingdom is also established. The story of Nehemiah and Ezra is one such example. Ezra was a scribe who was part of a group of Israelites who returned to Israel after 70 years in Babylon/Persia. After the Temple was rebuilt, God called another man, Nehemiah, to return to his homeland in Israel and lead a rebuilding project of Jerusalem's walls. God was with Nehemiah and he inspired God's people to rebuild the walls in just 52 days. But the most important foundation to be laid was to reestablish God's word at the center of the community. A Public assembly was gathered for 7 days and Ezra the scribe was invited to read the books of Moses. Ezra stood on a wooden platform and **“read out of it from daybreak until noon before the men, the women, and those who could understand. All the people listened attentively to the book of the law.”** The people were so moved by what God's word said that they repented and worshipped God with their faces to the ground. But Nehemiah encouraged the people not to be sad, but to rejoice and celebrate. For 7 days, the Israelites celebrated like never before and the whole community experienced “tremendous joy” (Neh 8:17). God the king had spoken to his people with power, and the result was life and joy. This week, help your kids understand the power of God's word to change and transform our whole community, because he is the King. His words are alive and powerful when we read the Bible out loud to others.

## DAILY BIBLE READING

Once kids complete all 4 readings, sign the bottom and have them present this to their Central Kids leader to receive Bible Buck stamps for each day of reading. Only kids in Grades 1- 6 must fill in the blanks. All answers are from the CSB translation.

## MONDAY - Ask an adult to help you research this.

### Fill in the blanks.

The first five books of the Bible are sometimes called the \_\_\_\_\_ which means “five books.”

These five books are also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ because they contain the laws and instruction given by the Lord through Moses to the people of Israel.

## TUESDAY - Psalm 119:9-11

### Read the verses and answer the questions.

How can a young man keep his way pure?

\_\_\_\_\_

What should you treasure in your heart? \_\_\_\_\_

Why should you treasure this in your heart?

\_\_\_\_\_

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to seek You with our whole heart and help us to not wander from Your commands.*

## WEDNESDAY - Nehemiah 8

### True or false. (Circle the T or F)

In the 6th month, all the people gathered together to hear the book of the law of Moses that the Lord had given Israel.

## THURSDAY - Nehemiah 8:1-6

### Draw a picture of Ezra reading God's Word to the people.

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