



# We Know God More When We Hide His Word in Our Hearts



## THE MISSION AIM

Memorizing Scripture is practical every day help!



## KEY VERSE

Psalm 119:11: "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."



## Pre-Mission Activity



## Supplies Needed

- An old Cell phone or paper cell phone
- Music and music player
- 20 items on a tray, cloth to cover the tray when it's not being used
- Pencils
- Paper

## Directions

**SAY:** Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a great week. Last week we were sent off on a mission to look for God's answers to our prayers. If you recognized an answer to prayer during the week I want you to think of it right now. If not, don't panic. Remember that God sometimes answers 'no' or 'wait'. Come and make a circle over here. We're going to pass around this cell phone as we play music. If the music stops and you are holding the cell phone and had an answered prayer, tell us about it. You might want to share exactly what happened or you might want to just say that God definitely answered your prayers. If you are uncomfortable sharing just say 'pass'.

**DO:** Play a few rounds of the game if the recruits are willing to share. If not, share some of your answers and let anyone who hasn't had the cell phone answer if they choose to.

**SAY:** God is good. He truly does answer prayer.

**SAY:** Today we are going to be focusing on memorizing Scripture. So to get our brains started we're going to play a memory game. I have a tray of items here that I'd like you to take a look at. You will have 15 seconds to look at all the items on the tray and then you will need to write or draw as many items as you can remember on a sheet of paper.

**DO:** Give the recruits 15 seconds and then take the tray away.

**SAY:** Now that the tray is taken away write down or draw as many of the items as possible on the sheet of paper that you've been given.

**DO:** Hand out sheets of paper and pencils. Give the recruits one minute to write or draw. (If you feel that the time is too long then shorten it as necessary.)

**SAY:** Let's take a minute to see what items you remembered.

**DO:** Show the tray again and let the recruits check to see which ones they remembered. If you still need to fill time before beginning, have a recruit find things around the room for the tray and play the game again.

**SAY:** Well done recruits. That was a great start to exercising those memories. Let's get started and find out what the Recon Team is up to this week.



## Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 1 – Basic Training Episode 4: We Know God More When We Hide His Word In Our Hearts"

Play "Basic Training (S1) Episode 4 (1/4)". Episode begins with the *Ready to Serve* theme song, followed automatically by the MISSION # 1 VIDEO. Pause the video when the MISSION # 1 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 1.

If using PPT for video, have BT-Episode\_4-Know\_God\_When\_Hide\_His\_Word.pptx ready and play slide one. Pause on the MISSION # 1 CARD so you and your recruits can complete Mission # 1.



## Mission #1



### Supplies Needed

- Two paper hearts with envelopes taped to the back of them; each heart should have Psalm 119:11 written on the front ("I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."); in the envelope for each heart place 4 separate cards with the following Scripture references written on them (i.e. 1 reference per card)

Heart 1 – Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Joshua 1:7-8; 1 Peter 3:15; Psalm 119:911

Heart 2 – Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Psalm 78:5-7; Psalm 37:30-31; Romans 12:1-2

- Bibles
- Pencils



### Mission Assignment

**SAY:** As Christie said, Scripture is an important weapon when we feel like we are being tempted to do things that are not okay with God, but there are so many other reasons that we need to dig into God's Word. That leads us to Mission # 1. Drum roll please (reading mission card



from satellite uplink), "Recruits, check out the Bible to find out why memorizing Scripture is so important."

**SAY:** There are so many verses that give us good reasons to keep memorizing the Bible. Our key verse for today though is a powerful one. It's found in Psalm 119:11. Let's look it up together.

**DO:** Have the recruits look up Psalm 119:11 and read it.

**SAY:** What do you think this verse tells us about memorizing the Bible? *(It helps us to know what is right so that we don't sin against God.)* What a great verse. In fact, I think it's so incredible that I've written it on these hearts here. That's a super start to finding out why we should memorize the Bible. But, there are some other reasons too. We're going to get into two groups. In each group you are going to find some verses hidden in the hearts that I have here. Your group's job is to look up each of the verses and on the back of your reference card, write down why it's important to memorize the Bible.

**DO:** Have a leader with each group and have the groups look up each reference, writing the reason for memorizing the Bible on the back of the reference card. Make sure that each leader discusses the verses with the recruits so that they are sure that they understand why they should memorize the Bible.

**SAY:** Now, make sure that you have hidden each of your verses back in your group's heart. Pass your heart on to the other group. Take a moment to read what the other group has written on their cards so that you have a full understanding of why we should memorize God's Word, the Bible.

**DO:** Allow a few minutes for the groups to share what has been written on each reference card.

**SAY:** So, it's pretty clear that we need to memorize God's Word. There are really no options out of it. Let's do a quick summary of why it's so important.

**DO:** Summarize the cards in each of the hearts (God tells us to do it, it will help us to obey Him and trust Him, we need to pass God's Word on to the next generation, we will need it to help others understand why we believe in Jesus, it gives us wisdom and helps us not to make mistakes, it helps us not to sin and to stay pure and with it we can renew our mind so that we live according to God's plans.)

**SAY:** This is some key Intel that Aaron and many others sure need to know. I think we should get \_\_\_\_\_ (name of a leader) to send this on for us so that we can get back to the team and find out what is happening with them. Great work recruits. I'm impressed.



## Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "Basic Training (S1) Episode 4 (2/4)". Pause the video when the MISSION # 2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when MISSION #2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission #2.





## Mission #2



### Supplies Needed

- See template for charades on pages 8 and 9—use small slips of paper or cards—on one side of a card write the situation with the feeling word underlined and on the other write the corresponding reference
- A large chart similar to the charade template for recruits to refer to later during the lesson (posted after the game of charades)



### Mission Assignment

**SAY:** Christie reminded us that memorizing Scripture can help us in so many practical ways. It sure does come in handy. I think we should keep moving with our missions and find out what Mission # 2 is for today. Drum roll please... (Reading mission card from satellite uplink), "Discuss ways that memorizing Scripture can help us in a very practical way."

**SAY:** Okay recruits, I'm going to put you into two teams.

**DO:** Divide the group into two teams with each team facing you.

**SAY:** We are going to play a game and each team will need a volunteer for each round of the game. The game is like charades. I'll give you a hint, each word that you will be acting out is a feeling. When you come to pick a card to act out, you will notice a situation on your card but you just need to get your team to say the "feeling" word. When I say 'go', your team representative will face your team and try to get you to guess what feeling was on the card that you read. The first team to guess will get a point for their team. I'll have a leader listening to each team just to make sure that you are heard.

**SAY:** Let's get round one started. I need a volunteer from each team to come on up to find out what to act out.

**DO:** Give hints or help if it's taking a long time for teams to come up with a response. Once the team has guessed move on to the next part of the script.

**SAY:** Has anyone felt, \_\_\_\_\_ (the feeling word on the card).

**DO:** Give a couple of recruits the chance to share.

**SAY:** I'm going to read what the Bible has to say about that.

**DO:** Read the verse listed on the back of the card. Then move on to the next round. Continue until all of the cards are acted out or until you need to move on because of time.

**SAY:** The Word of God can help us with every situation in life. It is so helpful to have memorized it so that we can remember what God has to say about the challenges and joys that we face. In saying all of this about memorization I want you to remember, that we should be working on memorizing Scripture but we will not be able to memorize the whole Bible. We need to do what we can day by day and moment by moment.





## Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "Basic Training (S1) Episode 4 (3/4)". Pause the video when the PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.



## Supplies Needed

- Paper hearts for each recruit with an envelope taped to the back
- Pencils
- List of Scripture for everyday concerns printed off from the internet OR a smart phone with internet access OR an good old fashioned hard copy concordance (most situations will hopefully be covered by the posted chart but if not, be prepared to research with the recruits even if it requires some searching during the week)



Be sure to follow through with finding a verse for anyone who did not find a verse during classtime. You can follow-up with an email to all recruits.

## Directions

**SAY:** It's easy to say that Scripture should be memorized and it's easy to say that it will help us with our every day situations but it's not always easy to remember it and to apply it to our situations. That's why we need God's help! We're going to spend the next few minutes in prayer asking that God will give us the strength that we need to memorize the Bible and that we will use what we know to help us with our everyday situations. I'm going to give you a heart very similar to the ones that we used earlier today to remind us about hiding God's Word in our hearts. On that heart, I want you to write or draw at least one situation in your life that you really would like God's help with. It could be similar to a situation that we just heard or it could be very different. If your situation includes a feeling that we discussed earlier, then write down the verse that matches that feeling on a little sheet of paper and put it in the envelope that is attached to your heart. There is a chart that lists each of the situations and verses up on the wall. If your situation seems very different than the ones listed then come and talk to a leader and they will help you to find a verse that's just right for you. If we can't find a verse today, then we will work with you this week to find the perfect one. Once you have written down your concern and your verse, and then please help someone who is not finished to write theirs.

**DO:** Have a few leaders available with concordances (either hard copy or from the internet on phones or wireless or have a list printed off from the internet).

**SAY:** Bring your hearts with you and let's kneel down and make a circle. We are going to pray. Please repeat the following out loud. "Dear Lord...I sometimes find it hard to memorize Your Word....please give me the strength that I need."

**SAY:** Now for the next part of our prayer, please have your hearts ready. In your head say, "You know that I (fill in the blank with your situation) ...please help me to trust you for this situation."

**SAY:** Lastly, I want you to take out your verse that's hidden in the envelope behind your heart. Silently, or with a partner, read that verse to God. If you didn't find a verse today then silently ask God to show you the perfect verse for your situation.



**DO:** Give the recruits a moment to read their verses.

**SAY:** "Lord, you have heard our prayers. You see these verses that can help us. Please give us the strength and the ability to memorize them this week. We love you and we need you for every situation in our lives. Amen."

**SAY:** Recruits, as usual you have been fantastic at gathering Intel. While you were praying \_\_\_\_\_ (name of a leader) sent your information back to the Recon Team and I'm sure that they are ready and waiting to see us again.



## Mission Uplink 3



**YouTube:** Play "Basic Training (S1) Episode 4 (4/4)". Pause the video when the FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.

**PPT:** Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.



## Field Mission Project



## Supplies Needed

- Pencils
- Papers placed around the room
- Psalm 23 printed out for each recruit to take home (see template on page 10)

## Mission Project

**SAY:** Wow recruits. Are you ready for this one? Michael gave us a hint and I think this could be a challenge but not a challenge that we can't meet, right? Drum roll please... (Reading mission card from the satellite uplink), "Create a list of ideas to help you memorize Scripture and see if you can memorize Psalm 23." Whoa! Now that's a challenge. Are you up for it?

**SAY:** Let's start with listing some of the ideas for memorizing that were mentioned by the team. Anyone remember any of their strategies? (*Calendar, Bible blurb on the mirror, Tom Cat App, screen saver, repeating a verse over and over*)

**SAY:** We don't have a lot of time but we have some sheets of paper around the room. I'd like you to take a pencil and go and write down as many ideas as you can that would help us to memorize Scripture. Be very specific. For example, you might do push ups while you repeat a verse. Okay you have 5 minutes to write or draw your ideas. 'Go'.

**DO:** Have papers around the room and pencils available for the recruits. Have leaders go around the room and assist with ideas as needed. (Ideas: say the text as you do sit ups or push ups or



other actions; work with a friend and have them say a line and you say a line; turn the words into a song and keep singing it; create a picture story using pictures to fill in the words of the text; tape the verse to the back of your school binder; write it in the sand at the beach or in a sand box if you have one; write it on a dry erase board and erase words as you get more familiar with it; create a puzzle with it; write it on your sidewalk with sidewalk chalk; create a cheer with it; listen to it on your iPod (or on CD) as some find this works even as they sleep!

**SAY:** Okay, time is up. Let's take a look at what you have here.

**DO:** Name the ideas that have been posted. If there needs to be some additions, say some of the ones listed in the ideas section above.

**SAY:** Now here is your challenge. On the envelope of your heart, write down at least a couple of these ideas that you might want to try as you work on memorizing Psalm 23 this week. I have copies of the Psalm here. I want you to come prepared next week to tell us what you tried. You don't need to have the whole Psalm memorized next week but why not give at least the first three verses a try. Here is a copy of the Psalm. Let's read it over together once.

**DO:** Lead the recruits in reading the Psalm and follow up with them this week to see how they are doing.

**SAY:** You have been very busy this week. You should now realize that memorizing Scripture is so important and practical. You also have a challenge ahead for the coming week. I know that you can do it. Let's pray.

**DO:** Lead the recruits in prayer.

**SAY:** Have a great week!



Squad leader, be sure to remind recruits to start memorizing Psalm 23 this week.

## NOTES



## Charade Cards

Be sure to have the situation on one side of a card and the corresponding verse on the other. Remind the recruits that the idea is to get their team to suggest the feeling that is indicated, the scenario is just an idea.

Situation	Response from Scripture
You're <u>frustrated</u> because you can't figure out how to do some school work.	In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:6
There's a thunderstorm and you're <u>scared</u> .	So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10
Your friends aren't talking to you and you feel all <u>alone</u> .	Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. Hebrews 13:5
You feel <u>nervous</u> about telling others about Jesus.	I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13



Situation	Response from Scripture
<p>You feel <u>sad</u> because you feel like nobody loves you.</p>	<p>How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1</p>
<p>You're <u>happy</u> because you just found out that you are going to camp!</p>	<p>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice. Philippians 4:4</p>
<p>You're <u>worried</u> that your parents keep fighting.</p>	<p>Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7</p>
<p>You're <u>tired</u> because your little sister keeps you up at night.</p>	<p>Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28</p>

# Psalm 23

New International Version (NIV)

## A Psalm of David

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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