

## Remember When

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### Preparations:

Gift boxes/bags of various sizes (if possible, try to use ones with patterns or designs that represent the label).  
Labels are attached to each (e.g. places, faces, names, stories, holidays, dates, friends, smells, songs, Scripture, fashions, celebrations).  
Group or corps history book – available for people to look through  
12-15 objects, pen and paper for memory game  
Invite someone from the medical profession to speak about Dementia or Alzheimer's disease

### Arrangements:

Cover main table with black cloth – Arrange gift boxes/bags (various sizes) at different levels.

### Introduction:

In Canada, January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month. For some of us, this topic may hit very close to home. It is not my desire to have a 'heavy' meeting, however, all of us need have an awareness of this disease.

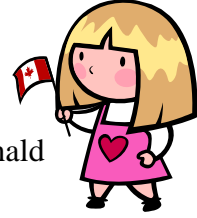
Note: Use information found on the Alzheimer Society of Canada Website regarding dementia (<http://www.alzheimer.ca/english/newsevents/WAD2010.html>)

**Song:** *"Tell me the Old, Old Story"* (SASB 98)

### Memory Game:

Place 12-15 objects on a table covered with a cloth. Uncover the items; hold each one up and explain what it is, then recover the objects. Give a prize to the lady/ladies who are able to remember the most items.

## Remember Canadian History:



1. Who was the first Prime Minister of Canada? Sir John A. MacDonald
2. When was Canadian confederation? July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1867
3. When did the Great Depression begin? 1929
4. Who was Canada's first female Prime Minister? Kim Campbell
5. How many provinces and territories is Canada made of? 10 provinces/3 territories
6. What group of people did the English expel from Nova Scotia? Acadians
7. In what place in Prince Edward Island did delegates meet to discuss confederation?  
Charlottetown
8. In 1917, in what city was there a huge explosion that killed more than 1600 people?  
Halifax, NS
9. What is the group name of the well-known artists whose work was first put on display at the Art Gallery of Toronto in 1920? Group of Seven
10. In what year did the Klondike Gold Rush begin? 1896
11. In 1885, in Craigellachie, the last spike was driven for what railway?  
Canadian Pacific
12. In what year was the North Atlantic Treaty signed? 1949
13. In 1959 what seaway was opened to commercial shipping? St. Lawrence Seaway
14. In what province was the first plan in North America providing universal medical coverage ever Medicare Plan introduced to legislature? Manitoba
15. In 1980, where did Terry Fox begin his Marathon of Hope? St. John's, NL
16. In what year did the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms come into effect?  
1982

## Remember Scripture:

For fun, teach a memory verse in the 'old fashioned' way. First the whole verse appears; then words are gradually eliminated until the group can repeat it without reading it.

Examples: Psalm 25:7                      Isaiah 38: 3  
                  Isaiah 43:25                    Romans 12: 2

**Song:** "O What a Wonderful, Wonderful day" (SASB 371)

## Devotions:

Psalm 119: 11 says, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." This may be a simple verse to memorize. However, as we analyze the words, we realize that its meaning is more substantial than the simplicity of the wording.

How do we hide God's Word in our heart? First, it means there must be the intentional reading of the Bible. Second, it means that we read it differently than we do a novel because we read God's Word for the purpose of absorbing its truth. Third, it means that the truth contained in God's Word is so absorbed into our sub-consciousness that it is translated into our thinking and behavior in daily living.

The psalmist also points out the importance of this absorption of God's Word in our hearts: "*that I might not sin against you.*" How do we know right from wrong if we are not made aware of it? How can we know the ways of God if we do not read the message He has left for us? In His Word, we discover that God's greatest desire is to be in fellowship with His creation. Despite the fallen nature of humankind, God through Jesus has provided for our salvation. Our part in making fellowship with God a reality is a personal desire to know Him better, and this we can do by reading His Word, getting to know His Word, and living it.

The amazing thing is that in the process of hiding God's Word in our heart, we also hide God Himself in our heart so that in essence we become more godlike beings – portraying godliness and God-likeness in our daily living.

As people who recognize our own sinfulness, it is our desire that God "*remember our sins no more*" (Isaiah 43: 25). At the same time, it is the desire of God that we remember His Word so that we "*might not sin against*" Him.

**Song:** No more! No more! He remembers sin no more (Chorus of SASB 724)

**Three absent-minded sisters**

Three sisters, aged 81, 83 and 85, live together. One night the 85 year old draws a bath for herself. As she sticks her foot in, she pauses. She yells to her sisters downstairs, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?"

The 83 year old shouts back loudly, "I don't know. Let me come up there and see." She begins walking up the stairs, but then pauses. She yells to her sisters, "Was I going up the stairs or down?"

The 81 year old is sitting in the living room, enjoying some tea. She listens to her sisters, shakes her head and mutters, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful. Knock on wood." She then turns and shouts, "I'll come up there and help both of you as soon as I see who's knocking at the door."