

How I Memorize
Studying isn't fun... But the results are great!

Stacy

I study by repeating the verse as many times as I have to. If I have a long verse (there's no limit of words to make it *long*, it's how long you feel is too long) I sometimes split it into pieces. For example: From the beginning to the comma, Repeat... Repeat... Repeat... the comma to the period, Repeat... Repeat... Repeat... Then recite the two pieces of the verse And the period to the end. **Repeat... Repeat... Repeat...** Then I go back and RECITE. I Recite about half way though the verses. (This can work for double memory verses.)

Christie

Usually, I begin by reading the first verse **aloud 3-9 times**, depending on the length. Then I **hold my scripture portion behind my back and try to repeat the verse exactly as I read it**. If I mix up or can't remember a word, I read over what I got wrong and continue to the recitation, emphasizing the words I messed up.

Once I'm positive I know the verse just about verbatim (for normal verses, this doesn't take more than two minutes), I do the same with the second verse. After I've got the second memorized, I recite both together 3-5 times, then start on the third. Every time I'm certain I've finished a new verse, I recite from the verse I started with up to the verse I just memorized.

For memory verses, after I've finished the verse itself, I recite the reference four times (twice at the beginning and twice at the end) as I recite it aloud. Memory verses generally require more repetition, because they have to be exactly word-perfect.

For multiple memory verses, I start on the next part/parts as soon as I finish the first verse and wait until I know all the parts before reciting it with the previous verses.

For long, one-verse sentences, I find a good breaking place that makes sense and memorize the two (or more) parts separately. Like the multiples, I only recite it with previous verses after I've finished it.

After I have all the verses of the day memorized nearly word-perfect, I start from the beginning of the chapter and recite up to the last verse I memorized that day.

Sam

I usually start by **listening at night to a CD** on the chapters I need to memorize. I get the CD ahead of time, so I have heard it for at least a week before I try memorizing. After this, I study around 10:00-11:00 AM and finish before noon. I memorize by reading the verse or part of a verse out loud a few times, then look away from my scripture and try to repeat. Then I go back to my scripture and read over what I just said. If I see any problems with what I just said, I look away from my book and re-say it with the fixed words. If I don't see any problems, I go on and do the next verse. I also review what I just memorized every verse or two. Like memorizing verses 1-2, repeating them together, do 3, repeat 1-2-3, and so on. Reviewing every two verses works well, too. I do at least ten verses a day.

Memory verses have never been a problem for me. I look up

the reference, treat it like a normal verse (although making extra sure it's word-perfect), and then put the reference at the end. While I'm reviewing, I can go through a memory verse, say the reference, and then move on as normal through the chapter.

When I'm on the second day of a chapter, let's say I memorized Galatians 1:1-10 yesterday. The next day, **I start by repeating what I learned yesterday**, then memorize 11-20. As I review my just-memorized scripture, I review like this: Do 11, do 12, repeat 11-12 together, do 13, 11-12-13, Etc. Once all ten verses for the day are done, I say all the 20 verses of the chapter I know.

To retain chapters, I review by saying a chapter out loud to myself. I only look something up if I can't remember what's next or I think I got something wrong. **Questions help my memory too.**

Heather

There are different techniques you can use to memorize large portions of scripture. The main thing to remember is **constant repetition**. The mind only remembers a quarter of what you hear so if you **keep repeating** you'll eventually remember all of it. The way I memorize is I read one verse over and over again until I can say it without looking at it. When I can say one verse without looking at it I go on to the next verse and repeat it until I can say it with out looking at it. Then I quote the first verse and then the second. Then I move on to the third verse and repeat it aloud until I can say it without looking at it. then I go back and quote the first through third verse, then move to the fourth verse. I continue to do this until I have a passage memorized. When I complete a passage I move on to the next passage and memorize it by the same method. One important thing to remember after you've completed a passage is that you can't just leave that passage alone and never look at it again. **It's important to review what you've memorized because if you don't you'll forget it.**

Another method I've used for memorizing **is typing out each verse three or four times on the computer**. It helps me to read it and see it on the screen. Again the constant repetition helps you remember it. I do it the same way with the first method. I type out one verse until I can type it without looking at it. After that I type out the second verse, then the second and first, and so on and so forth until I've completed a passage. Then I move on to the next passage.

For memorizing references there are also different methods. For the first method of memorizing that I mentioned it's helpful to **write out the references on separate sheets of paper**. Then to take the small scraps of paper and mix them up and draw them out. After that try to say that verse checking yourself with your scripture portion. If you get the reference with the wrong verse put the reference back with the other references. If you get the reference right put it in a separate pile. Then continue to do this until you can match all the verses with the references in your head. For references with the second method that I mentioned it's helpful to simply type out the reference before the verse and then the constant repetition of the verse with the reference will help you to remember it.