

Grade School Memory Verses and the Prize Booth

Memory Verses

Each month there is a memory verse [or verses] published on the children's ministry teaching schedule. All children are encouraged to memorize the monthly Bible verse. During the first week of the month the grade school kids are given memory verse cards to assist them with committing the monthly verse to memory. On the third Sunday of each month the grade schoolers get their chance to say the verse from memory. If they are successful, then extra prize booth tickets await them.

The Monthly Challenge

On the first Wednesday night of each month the grade school kids are verbally given a set of verses, referred to as the monthly challenge verses. They are reminded of the monthly challenge verses each Wednesday evening. On the last Wednesday of each month the grade school kids are given the opportunity to say the monthly challenge verses from memory. If successful, the child will receive 500 prize booth tickets, minimum. The child also qualifies for a fun contest, the winner of which will receive a prize.

The Prize Booth

Though it had meager beginnings, the Prize Booth has become a small store of sorts, complete with all kinds of toys, metal Bibles and different types of candy. Located in the grade school room, the Prize Booth is open on the second Sunday of each month and its contents may only be purchased with ACCF grade school proprietary Prize Booth tickets.

So how does one acquire such tickets, you ask? These coveted little green pieces of cardstock are only issued to grade school kids at church or at grade school events. The tickets are given primarily for class attendance and for reciting memory verses and, occasionally, for winning games. Tickets may be withheld from kids for reasons such as talking during the Bible study or not participating in games. Either way, the prize booth is another vehicle we use to encourage kids to grow closer to Jesus Christ.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7