

Live Oak Academy

Christian Studies Memorization

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But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.
(Deuteronomy 30:14)

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119:11)

Using This Guide — A Note to Parents and Teachers

Here are Bible verses and other texts for Live Oak Academy students to begin memorizing in the first grade, and continue working on through the seventh grade. It is our hope that the students and their families will find fellowship and encouragement in reciting and memorizing God's word together, at home and in the classroom.

In what follows, occasional notes are set in *italic* font; these notes do not need memorization. The rest of the text, however, should be memorized, so that it can be recited easily to a parent or teacher on request. Verse references and certain key verses are set in a larger, **bold** font. Material in **bold** font should be memorized by even the youngest students, in grades 1 and 2. Certain other passages are marked with a dagger †; we recommend that these passages be reserved for older students, to memorize entire in grades 6 and 7. (However, key verses in **bold** large font are always to be memorized even if marked by a dagger †.) Most passages have no dagger †, and are recommended for students in grades 3, 4, and 5 to memorize entire, including the key verses. Please see the Isaiah 53 passage for an example (annotated in *italics*) of this system.

Families are welcome to add their own favorite scriptures to the mix. "Life verses," or verses which have a lifelong personal value to parents, are especially valuable to pass on to the children. Parents also have the right, of course, to remove or replace scriptures that they find are inappropriate to the needs of their children, or to use a different Bible translation. Please do this sparingly, as it will make it harder to recite these verses together in the classroom.

We have chosen a popular translation that combines modern language with a literal translation method. Though the English Standard Version is relatively new, it is designed to be the successor to the widespread Revised Standard Version, and the venerable King James Version.

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The Live Oak Academy teachers and directors ask for everyone's prayers that God will bless our intentions to hide his word in our children's hearts, and that this would be an activity that leads to oneness of heart in Christ. We would appreciate suggestions from Academy members on the selection or presentation of these materials, so that we may improve future versions. Please write to cs-comments@liveoakacademy.org.

May God bless the learning of his word, so that we may become more than mere hearers of the word, but lovers and doers of the word.

The Lord's Prayer (*from Matthew 6:9-13, King James Version*)

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed by thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.**

The Great Commandments (*from Mark 12:29-31*)

**Jesus said, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with
all your mind and with all your strength.'**

The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Ten Commandments (*short version, from Exodus 20:3-17*)

- I. You shall have no other gods before me.**
- II. You shall not make for yourself a carved image.**
- III. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.**
- IV. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**
- V. Honor your father and your mother.**

- VI. You shall not murder.**
- VII. You shall not commit adultery.**
- VIII. You shall not steal.**
- IX. You shall not bear false witness.**
- X. You shall not covet.**

The Nicene Creed *(A confession of faith drawn from scripture)*

We believe in one God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, True God of True God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets.

And we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Holy Bible

(Psalms and Proverbs)

The Twenty-Third Psalm *(King James Version)*

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Proverbs 1:7 *(The fear of the Lord)*

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 12:15 *(Taking advice)*

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

Proverbs 12:24 *(Hard work and freedom)*

The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor.

Proverbs 13:20 *(Choosing companions)*

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Proverbs 27:12 *(Looking ahead)*

The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.

†Proverbs 30:7-9 *(The good life)*

⁷ Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die:

⁸ Remove far from me falsehood and lying;
give me neither poverty nor riches;

feed me with the food that is needful for me,

⁹ lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?"
or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.

(The Prophets)

The Old Testament Law and Writings: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy (The Torah, or Law of Moses); Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther (Historical Books); Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon (Psalms and Writings).

The Old Testament Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel (Major Prophets); Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi (Minor Prophets).

Isaiah 9:6-7 *(birth of the Messiah)*

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

†**Isaiah 53:4-6** *(death of the Messiah)*

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.
⁶ **All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Micah 6:8 *(what God requires)*

**He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?**

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(The Gospels)

The New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John (Gospels); Acts (History); Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews (Pauline Epistles); James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude (General Epistles); Revelation (Prophecy).

Matthew 5:3-12 *(the Beatitudes)*

³ **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

⁴ **Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.**

⁵ **Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.**

⁶ **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**

⁷ **Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.**

⁸ **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**

⁹ **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.**

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 7:7 *(ask, seek, knock)*

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:12 *(the Golden Rule)*

Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 28:18-20 *(The Great Commission)*

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Luke 21:33 *(the Eternal Word)*

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

John 1:1-5 (*In the beginning was the Word*)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

†**John 3:16-19** (*God so loved the world*)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.

John 13:34-35 (*the New Commandment*)

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 14:6 (*The way, the truth, and the life*)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 15:26 (*the Holy Spirit*)

But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

(The Epistles)

†**Romans 5:8-9** (*while we were sinners*)

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Romans 10:9,10 (*a Christian mouth and heart*)

⁹ If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

†**Romans 12:1,2** (*Christian minds and bodies*)

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Philippians 4:4-7 (*a Christian state of mind*)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ **do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.** ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:16 (*Scripture is inspired*)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

†**Ephesians 4:2-4** (*the unity of the Spirit*)

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ **There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—** ⁵ **one Lord, one faith, one baptism,** ⁶ **one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

Hebrews 13:8 (*Jesus is forever*)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

1 John 3:1,2 (*children of God*)

¹ **See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God;** and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.