

## TEN WAYS TO PRESENT MEMORY VERSES.....

- 1) Blow up balloons but do not tie them up. Write each word of the verse in permanent ink on each balloon then let the balloons down. Either blow up the balloons yourself, tie them up, give them to children and as you learn the verse, pop them. Or let the children blow them up, hold them in the correct order and let them go as the verse is learnt. (This needs co-operation from the children!)
- 2) Write out the verse on sets of cards, one for each team. Cut them out in puzzle fashion. Sit the team in a circle with a dice. They take it in turns to throw the dice and if a 6 is thrown, they run and pick a piece of puzzle. The team to complete the puzzle is the winner. The verse is then recited by each team, the pieces taken away as the verse is learnt.
- 3) Write the verse in anagram form on separate pieces of paper. Stick them up round the room. Give out paper and pencils and the children write down the correct words.
- 4) Some verses lend themselves to being put to music or to the tune of a popular T.V.programme or a rap and learnt in that fashion!
- 5) Using balloons again, write each word on small pieces of paper, roll up and insert into each balloon. Blow up and invite children to pop the balloons in turn, revealing the words which then have to be put into order and learnt.
- 6) Hangman is another way of presenting the verse. Use a large sheet of paper or white board or overhead.
- 7) Take off shoes and socks, write the words of the verse (not in correct order) on the soles of the feet. Get the children to run around the room and then try and arrange themselves in the right order. This could cause all sorts of contortions!
- 8) Use wallpaper or a similar roll of paper the write out the verse in large letters. Get the group into a circle and unroll the paper so that everyone is holding some. You will need to make the circle big enough to accommodate the length of roll. As you learn the verse by reading it, let children tear the paper in turns until they have learnt the verse.
- 9) Use mime to act out each word of the verse, either in a large group or let smaller groups work out their own and present them in turn to each other.
- 10) Make a parcel up with a small prize inside and enough layers for everyone in the group. Inside each layer is one word of the verse and a sweet and with the prize is the complete verse. Play 'pass the parcel'. Once all the words are out and the prize is won the verse can be learnt.