

Blink your eyes	Turn around slowly
Touch your head with your hands	Stand on one foot
Fold your arms	Rub your stomach
March	Jump up and down

9. **Crazy Cards:** Have seven cards with different ways for children to recite verse. Allow one child to pick a card. Class must recite verse however the card suggests. Examples: Say verse while standing on one foot, say verse while patting head and rubbing tummy, say verse while holding your tongue, etc.

## Memorization Helps

1. **Chalkboard or Wipe board:** Erase the words one at a time and let the child guess what is missing and then have them say the verse.
2. **Motions:** Use sign language or familiar motions for different words in the verse and repeat the verse using the motions.
3. **Song:** Set the verse to a familiar tune. The Farmer in the Dell, Jesus Loves Me Chorus, etc.
4. **Verse scramble:** Put one word of the verse on 3 X5 cards and scramble. The child unscrambles the verse and repeats verse each time it is successfully unscrambled.
5. **First Letter:** Cut a small rectangle, circles or other shapes for each word in the verse. Put the first letter of each word on each shape. Let the child put the shapes in the right order and say verse.
6. **Flip verse:** Print one word of the verse on 3X5 cards and place on table face down. Turn over cards one at a time to learn verse and then turn back face down as each part is learned.
7. **Flashcards:** Write parts of the verse on different flashcards.
8. **Hot Potato:** Pass a ball back and forth with the child as they repeat the verse.
9. **Popcorn Puppy:** Use puppy puppet to assist in learning verse. As popcorn raises head, child stands up and says part of verse, when popcorn puppy lowers head, the child sits down.
10. **Ping Pong:** Use your finger as pretend Ping Pong Ball, Pass the verse back and forth between you and child pointing with finger. If a word is miss the ball falls to the ground and person saying the last word wins the match. Play game until entire verse is said with out ball falling. *(Sometimes the teacher should pretend to forget a word, kids love it.)*

### Other helps:

**Junior Helpers:** You always have those who are good memorizers and learn independently. Let them say their verses earlier and use them to assist you with other children. They can help with games.

**Visual Incentive:** Have a jar and some M&M's or Skittles. As children memorize their verse let them put one candy in the jar. When the jar is full, bake some M&M cookies to share with your group or share the Skittles among the children. My son would do anything for a small tootsie roll!

**Alternative:** Put pennies in the jar. When the jar is full let the children know the total and donate the money to the AWANA missionary.

**Memory Rewards:** Chick Fil-A, McDonald's and other franchise are happy to donate coupons as rewards. When the child earns a jewel for his bar, also reward him with a coupon.

**Skittles Game:** Make a chart with the different colors of skittles. Place a point value for each Skittle. Have a small Pringle Can with a hole cut in lid small enough for only one Skittle to shake out at a time. As the child learns his/ her verse, they get to shake the can and are rewarded the amount of points for the color of Skittles they got (they can eat the skittle). The child earning the most points for that evening wins a small bag of Skittles (or a small prize from a treasure chest or prize bag).

**Let's Work Together:** Kids love to work together on a project as a team. Have a chart that they all work together on as a team. As they learn the verse they add a circle, color a portion or draw a smiley face. When you fill the chart up, plan a special outing for the group, special treat or prize.