

## Stretch Your Comfort Zone

# 99

edifying, simple, useful, effective, do-able, basic

## Bible Studies

for  
mid-level Bible students

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Written in response to  
a shopkeeper in Singapore who  
looked me in the eye and asked,

“What do you do when your  
Bible reading becomes boring?”

*I used one of his receipts and on the  
back wrote the first 6 items  
in this booklet.*

*I calculated it should keep him going  
for 6 months.*

### Consider These 5 Ingredients First

- A.  Read at least one chapter with a red pen in your hand. Write down something each day, no matter how short. Perhaps one of these:
- \* Underline or circle words in your Bible
  - \* Use a small spiral binder to record some of your thoughts. Write the date and a couple words from your Bible reading.
  - \* Copy a Bible verse onto a 3x5 card.
- B.  On busiest days just pray & quote or read one Scripture verse you're trying to memorize.
- C.  Buy an old hymn book. Just sing!
- D.  If you mess up and neglect your Quiet Time for a number of days [or weeks] in a row—all is not lost. Just crank it back up.
- E.  STOP IT! If some system isn't working or seems to be dreaded, Stop !

### *Consistency with Variety!*

## 81 GREAT BIBLE IDEAS

Plan on one-chapter-a-day [then grow]

- Cross out ~~X~~ "no interest" items below.
- Check  "high interest" items. Pick the ones you'd truly like to do [not the ones you think would just be "good for you."] Work toward your personal interests.
- Write several in the back of your Bible in order that you'd like to do them.
- Maybe just attack one of the following every couple months. The rest of the time just read through the Bible one book at a time [in any order].
- Perhaps one of these can be your Friday only project.
- If you've been inconsistent in setting aside a regular time to read & pray, **decide right now:**
  - \* What chair will you sit in \_\_\_\_\_?  
[write it here]
  - \* What day(s) of the week are most \_\_\_\_\_ likely to get squeezed out?  
**S M T W T F S**
  - \* What time will you pick up your \_\_\_\_\_ Bible \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
[write it here, now].
  - \* Pray right now, "Lord, help me."

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These are primarily Bible studies for adults, but those as young as Junior High can tackle quite a number of them.

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YOUR FIRST 6 BOOKS, about 6 months at 1-chapter-per-day

1.  Read the book of John and use a red pen to circle believe every time you find it—almost 100 times.
2.  Read the book of Acts and draw a red cross in the margin of your Bible next to every verse in which people are saved. [about 30 x]. ✝
3.  Read the book of Philippians and draw a smile face ☺ in the margin of your Bible next to verses that have the word "rejoice" or "joy" [more than a dozen times].
4.  Read the book of Luke and draw a star ✨ next to verses with miracles.  
*If you draw stars on the map in the back of your Bible, you will find most of them clustered in 2 places! Guess where?*
5.  Read Genesis and draw an arrow up ↑ next to every time somebody does something right and an arrow down ↓ next to every time somebody does something wrong.
6.  Read a chapter in Proverbs and write your initials [in pencil so you can erase them later] next to verses that give you a horrible time obeying.  
*You'll find more than you want to admit to me [nor I to you].*

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7.  Compare these 7 lists of sins.  
*List what you found in each one? What is mentioned in every one? What is never mentioned? Which sins are the hardest to stop?*

The Terrible 21	Rom 1.29-31
The Awful 13	Mark 7.20-23
The Sensual 6	I Pet 4.3
15 Filthy Sins	Gal 5.19-21
7 Sins God hates	Prov 6.16-19
18 More	II Tim 3.1-5
11 Christian Crimes	II Cor 12.20,21

8.  Read Isaiah and circle the words "that day." It usually refers to that Great Day when Jesus will come to earth or when big trouble comes [almost 50 x].  
*"The day" often refers to His return to earth.*
9.  Outline the book of Jonah

*By the way, there is no priority to these suggestions. There is no order of difficulty, or a progression based upon previous studies. Choose them in any order.*

*Well, the first six are the ones I gave to the computer store owner I mentioned on the cover. I suggest you do a couple of them first.*

10.  Today sit in a cemetery with your Bible and look up verses on the resurrection.

I Cor 15.13ff	Thes 4.13 ff	Jn 11.24,35
Matt 12.18	Lk 14.14	Acts 4.2
Acts 17.18	Phil 3.10	Rev 20.5,6

11.  In Mark, find "immediately" or a similar word like "straightway" about 40x. Mark is in a hurry to tell his story.

12.  Read the book of The Revelation and notice how many descriptions there are of Jesus. Put a Mogen David [★] in the margin. A good sleuth may find dozens of:

- \* **names** for God,
- \* **nicknames** for Jesus,
- \* as well as **descriptions** of Him.

*There are at least 14 in chapter 1: Jesus Christ, Him Who is... was... is to come, firstborn, King of kings, faithful witness, Him Who loves us, Alpha. & .Omega, Almighty, Lord, First. & .Last, etc.*

13.  Draw pictures on 3x5 cards and put a ring through the corner.  
*Great for narrative passages: life of Jesus, Moses, David, Peter, Paul, or the book of The Revelation, etc.*

14.  Read II Timothy. Look for commands or imperative statements: watch, flee, study, don't be ashamed, etc. You may find as many as 30+.

15.  Put these sections of Romans in order? *These are the 6 parts of your outline.*

Salvation [2 chapters in-a-row]  
Sin [3 chapters in-a-row], this is the first section  
Serving [3 chapters in-a-row]  
Sovereignty [3 chapters in-a-row]  
Sanctification [3 chapters in-a-row]  
Salutation [chapters 15 & 16]

*If you can do this, you are already pretty good at inductive Bible study thinking. Check yourself with a commentary. Their outlines will show how close you are.*

16.  Draw picts in the margin of your Bible in The Revelation: dragons, beasts, candlesticks, a mountain of sin, churches, cold hearts, trumpets, and dozens more.

*My 4 1/2 year old and I read through The Revelation each Sunday morning for many months and I drew scores of tiny picts in the margin of my Bible.*

17.  Challenge yourself to see how fast you can read the whole New Testament.

*But still have a red pen in your hand.*

You can also challenge a friend at church, one of your kids, or even an unsaved friend at work. [[Loser treats at Olive Garden Restaurant.](#)]

*There are 261 chapters in the New Testament.*

18.  By the way, tens of thousands of people have read the whole Bible in 90 days. Go ahead, check it out on line. In my Bible it averages out to 15 pages each day. Some Bibles might be 12 or 10.

*see my booklet on THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS in the appendix [also a blog]*

19.  On the way to work, leave early one day and take a big dish of warm "Rice Krispies candy" and a glass of milk [this is going to be breakfast] stop at a local park along the way and read your favorite Psalm.

20.  Memorize the Romans Road explanation of salvation.

Rom 3.23 all have sinned  
Rom 6.23 wages of sin  
Rom 5.8 Christ died for ungodly  
Rom 16.31 believe— be saved  
Rom 6.23 gift of God is. . . .

21.  Read Stephen's sermon in Acts 7 then compare it to Paul's similar sermon in Acts 13.

\* *Another day look at Paul's sermon in Acts 17 when he was speaking to non-Jews in Athens. How is it extremely different?*

\* *Heb 11 isn't actually a sermon, but it is similar to Stephen's sermon.*

\* *Peter's 1st sermon Acts 2.14ff*

\* *Peter's 2nd sermon Acts 3.11ff*

\* *Peter's 3rd mini-sermon Acts 4.8ff*



22.  Read Acts 7 Write on a pad of paper all the historical events Steve mentions, or circle them in your Bible.
23.  Check a book out of your church library which discusses the many names of God: Alpha, Omega, Tsidkenu, Jireh, Almighty, et al.  
Look them up in your Bible and circle them.
24.  Read the life of Samson in the book of Judges, and make a list of all his sins. Note that he never does one thing to please God. Even the "pillar moment" was for personal revenge. Judges 13-16
25.  Learn to use a Strong's Exhaustive Concordance.  
It has every word in the Bible listed in alphabetical order and shows how many times each word is used. There's a weak on-line version.  
It's a huge book and you might have to go to your church library some evening to use it. Each word is explained in a Greek or Hebrew dictionary in the back. Quite inexpensive on-line. \$10-\$15?  
Look up a word like love, or justification, or redemption.  
There is a number in the right hand column.  
Find the number in one of the two dictionaries in the back. One is Hebrew, the other Greek.  
  
The dictionary will give a very short definition, and explain how the Greek word is translated in the Bible.  
If the word is from the Old Testament, the number would look like this, 752, 753, 754... [not italics].  
If you're looking up a word in the NT, the number would look like this 752, 753, 754... [in italics]. Can you see the difference the way those 2 numbers are written?  
There are two dictionaries in the back. The Hebrew dictionary uses standard numbers & letters. The Greek uses italic numbers and letters. You'll figure it out.  
Many Bibles have a mini-concordance in the back.





26.  Mark's Gospel is a grammatical disaster. It is often one huge run-on sentence. In the original, 70% of the verses start with the word "and"  
[468 out of 677 start with the Greek word "kai"].  
Read it without taking a breath. ☺
27.  Listen to Romans on a CD or smart phone for exactly 20 minutes a day for 2 weeks. You'll get through the whole book several times.
28.  Anyone who reads one chapter of the Bible every day will get through the whole Bible 10 times or more before he/she dies [once every 3<sup>1/2</sup> years].  
I have met many kids whose parents have given some sort of recognition for:  
\* reading 365 consecutive days  
\* for completing the whole NT, my own elementary aged kids completed it in 3 months [we had a race].  
\* for memorizing large portions, etc.  
You can give yourself a reward!

Most kids who have told me that they have read the whole Bible, never mention any reward at all. They just beam with satisfaction! I've talked to lots and lots of them from 5th grade to 12th, in my travels.

29.  Do "due diligence" and find out if any of the 7 cities in The Revelation [chap 2 &3] are still in existence. Which have changed their names? They were all in the area of modern day Turkey.
30.  Make a poster-chart of everything Paul did [or Moses, Jesus, Peter, Joshua, Abe, Noah, Elijah]  
Make a legend:  
☑ = sermons  
☒ = miracles  
△ = cities visited  
☺ = friends he travels with  
⚡ = danger, etc.  
✝ = people saved



31.  Read the "3:16's" in the epistles. Some of them are neat.
32.  Find any words that are repeated at least 4 times in I John 2. You may find as many as 10 words.
33.  Make a list of the 26+ people who traveled with Paul. Many of them are found in Acts 13-28.   
 also a blog of mine
34.  Memorize a Psalm that has less than 10 verses each June.  
 Psalm 23.1-6  
 Psalm 1.1-6  
 Psalm 8.1-9  
 Psalm 100.1-5  
 Psalm 121.1-8  
 Psalm 150.1-6  
 Psalm 122.1-9
35.  Read Psalm 119 eight-verses-at-a-time and underline the word in each verse that means "the Scriptures." *There are 22 sections in Psalm 119. Each verse in the section begins with a different Hebrew letter. There are 22 verses in the Hebrew alphabet.*
36.  Make a timeline of the book of the events in The Revelation.  
*You'll need a couple feet of paper, or a couple yards if you draw pictures.*
37.  Read about baptism in the Bible just before a baptism service at your church.  

Romans 6.4	Acts 8.36-38
Ephesians 4.5	Acts 9.18
Colossians 2.12	Acts 10.47
Matthew 28.19	Acts 16.15,33
Matthew 3.11	Acts 18.8
38.  Go read your Bible down by the lake [*pond, stream, community swimming pool, ditch*] for any of the water scenes in the Bible.
39.  Look up verses on fasting then skip your next night's supper. *\*Especially note the phrase "when the bridegroom is taken away." [Lk 5.35] When is the bridegroom taken away?*
40.  Write a list of as many things you like about God IN THREE MINUTES! Post it on the refrigerator for a month.  
*Very short Quiet Time today.*
41.  Read the whole book of Philipppians, or Jonah, or the 23rd Psalm every day for a month.  
*There are lots of short books.*  
 I had a professor at Bible college who determined he would never teach a book of the Bible unless he had read it 30 times.  
*I took that challenge and began reading the shorter epistles for a month. When I got to the longer epistles, and the Gospels, I divided them into several segments. Mathew [8 chapter portions], John [7 chapter portions], The Revelation [7], etc.*
42.  Each time Jesus predicts His own death I've drawn 3 crosses in the margin.   
 When He predicts His resurrection I've drawn an empty tomb.   
 As you read any of the Gospels you might enjoy looking for the same themes.

43.  Take your Bible to the kitchen today. You'll only read 1 verse. The topic is "paying those who teach the Bible."  
Read Galatians 6.6.  
After you read, you will make two dozen chocolate chip cookies for your pastor or Sunday School teacher.

*Hey! Jason Chollar, age 9, read Galatians 6.6 in his own Bible. Then he asked his mother what it meant "Let the one who is taught the Word share all good things with him who teaches." She explained that it was the reason the church paid the pastor. We pay the ones who teach the Bible.*

*Next Sunday, Jason brought me a delicious plate of fudge brownies since I was his Junior Church pastor! His own idea!*

44.  Read straight through a shorter book of the Bible "aloud." Stop at the end of each paragraph for exactly 1 minute and write any words you can remember from the paragraph without looking.
45.  Your Quiet Time will be in the dark today. *Or go in a closet.* Turn out the lights. Mumble all the verses you can. Count how many Bible verses you can remember. Okay if you forget the reference.  
*Verses must be at least 6 words long.*
46.  Jesus is compared to many things in the book of Hebrews: prophets, angels, Moses, priests, Melchizedek, covenants, sacrifices, and more. A number of times Paul uses the word "better" in the comparisons. Enjoy this whole book which magnifies our Savior.
47.  Find the 5 "crowns" in the epistles which believers may receive. [*Ps-s-st, one is just for pastors*].

48.  In Matthew 1 there are 5 ladies mentioned [*only 4 by name, and 1 by description*]. These are all Jesus' great-g, g, g, g, grandmothers. Which are Gentiles? Jews? Not pure?

49.  Memorize then recite Luke 2.1-20 at the church Christmas pageant or ask if you can recite it in your Sunday School class at Christmas time.  
*Start late October or early November. It is so familiar, you'll be surprised how fast you'll get it.*

50.  In I & II Kings, whenever a new king comes to the throne, a few verses later it is followed by a statement like, ". . . and he did evil in the sight of the Lord. . ." or ". . . he did right in the sight of the Lord. . . ." *Find these and underline them.*

51.  I & II Kings:  
The first time you see a new king's name as he comes to power, mark his name.  
**Red for kings of Israel** [*north*]  
**Blue for kings of Judah** [*south*]  
*If you don't, it is easy to get confused.*  
*There are 2 kings named Jeroboam*  
*2 named Jehoram [both are nicknamed Joram—they rule at the same time & they are brothers-in-law]*  
*2 named Joash [1 was nicknamed Jehoash, different countries & overlapped by a couple years]*

52.  Good kings / bad kings  
20 bad kings in **Israel** [*all bad*]  
21 kings in **Judah**  
*229 years of good kings*  
*115 years of bad kings*

53.  Look for irony in the book of Esther, & write "irony" in the margin.  
Irony: circumstances which are the direct opposite of what might be expected  
*EXAMPLES: a Jewess becomes queen of pagan nation, Haman must honor Mordecai publicly, Haman hanged on his own gallows.*





54.  When you buy a new Bible, copy some of the important notes from the old one.  
*It is acceptable to destroy a dilapidated Bible honorably. Wrap it in a black plastic bag. Place it gently in the trash, or burn it.*  
*I feel it is dishonoring to use a Bible that is falling apart if you can afford another. I had a Bible I used daily for 35 years. Not one page was loose when it was retired, although I had glued the cover numerous times.*  
*Clue: I handled it like fine China.*
55.  Find about a dozen times Nehemiah goes to prayer. You might draw a simple figure in prayer next to each verse which says something like, "Remember me, Lord."
56.  Some Bibles indicate verses in the NT which are quotes from the OT. One of the common ways publishers use to indicate this is to capitalize all the words in the NT verse which are quotations from the OT.
57.  Learn to link similar verses together.  
 a. Go to the most familiar verse you know about each of these subjects [prayer, Jesus' deity, sin, salvation, faith without works, love, etc.]  
 b. In the margin beside this key verse, write all the references of other verses that refer to the same topic.  
 c. Turn to those secondary verses and write the ref. of the familiar verse. You have just linked these.
58.  Some mornings when you're in the epistles, look up all the cross-references in the column beside the text. It is time consuming, but it will probably take you to several enlightening portions of Scripture.  
 Let me encourage you to buy an expensive Bible with many cross-references on each page.



59.  By the way, the first 5-10 pages of your Bible may have some interesting notes about why & how your translation was written. It's fairly boring stuff for most readers, but it will explain what the italicized words indicate, what an asterisk \* means, why there are both numbers and letters in the margins of your Bible, what the abbrev. mean, as well as an explanation of past tense verbs [oh, won't that part be interesting!!]
60.  In Ezekiel: [many, many times]  
 Look for "that all will know that I am the Lord." Put some icon next to these words. I simply drew a triangle to indicate God.  
  
 Also look for "the Word of the Lord came to me, saying." I used a scroll and numbered each time it appeared.

61.  Ezekiel uses much descriptive language. I've illustrated each of these figures of speech with a tiny drawing. See what you can come up with.

swords	pots	flocks
furnaces	vines	famine [dead plant]
amulets	hair	stone heart
fire	blood	hole-in-wall
glory fills. . . .	departs. . .	returns over-the-hill
pans	brick	lie on side
eat scroll	dry bones	wheels in wheels
seraphim	gates	death of his wife
trumpets	tables	Satan thrown fr heavn
nets	sticks	showers of blessings
sacrifices	measure size of new Jerusalem	
mts/valleys	water under the altar	



62.  E-Sword is a FREE computer program: 10 Bible translations, many commentaries, Strong's Concordance, Greek & Hebrew helps.  
 Try downloading it. [they'd appreciate a donation]



63.  Underline Moses' 6 balks as God talks to him about going to see Pharaoh. Exodus 3.11,13 4.1,10,13,18  
I've written the word "balk" in the margin each time.
64.  Jesus' return is a theme in several books. In I Thes the word "coming" is tucked into every chapter. It is also a theme in most chapters of I Peter.
65.  Peter is writing to believers who have been scattered by persecution. Read his epistles and count how many times he refers to trouble, trials, and suffering.
66.  Use the Strong's concordance to find 9 more apostles besides "the 12," plus Paul.
67.  Did you know there are 8 New Testament prophets mentioned as well as 5 New Testament prophetesses?
68.  I had fun going through the whole NT just looking for commands. I wound up with a list of hundreds: *be cheerful, give, obey, love your enemies, forgive unconditionally, witness, pray for missionaries to go to other cultures, pray for nasty people, put up with nasty bosses, etc.*
69.  Here's another "whole NT" study. Find 211 verses which connect faith/believe with salvation [*saved, justified, redemption, eternal life, everlasting life, etc.*] also a blog
70.  God has spoken much about money. You could put dollar signs \$\$\$ next to verses about wealth, especially in the New Testament.

71.  One more long one. But this is a "whole Bible" assignment. If your Bible doesn't divide chapters into paragraphs—GREAT! **DO IT YOURSELF!**  
Put a red line between verses when you find a shift in the subject matter.  
I've come up with 4,459 paragraphs in the whole Bible.  
Most paragraphs I marked were about 5-10 verses long.
72.  Read the whole Bible again and give a title [*or 4-7 word description*] to every paragraph. It will take a couple years, but I guarantee your brain won't be able to wander as you do it.  
*See my paragraph titles in the appendix. Also a blog.*
73.  Memorize the names of the 66 books of the Bible. See how many days [*weeks?*] it takes you to be able to say them in 30 seconds or less. Read them aloud.  
*Kudos!*  
*Applause!*  
*Stickers!*  
*Cookies!*

Remember there are 5 sections in the OT.

Turn to the table of contents in your Bible and draw a line between each of these sections.

<i>Gen</i>	<i>[5 bks]</i>	<i>Torah</i>
<i>Josh</i>	<i>[12 bks]</i>	<i>history</i>
<i>Job</i>	<i>[5 bks]</i>	<i>poetry</i>
<i>Isaiah</i>	<i>[5 bks]</i>	<i>major prophets</i>
<i>Hosea</i>	<i>[12 bks]</i>	<i>minor prophets</i>

and 5 sections in the NT:

<i>Gospels</i>	<i>[4 bks]</i>
<i>history</i>	<i>[1 bk]</i>
<i>Paul's letters</i>	<i>[14 bks]</i>
<i>other letters</i>	<i>[7 bks]</i>
<i>The Revelation</i>	<i>[1 bk]</i>

One fellow even made 66 small "books" out of pieces of 2"x4" wood. Painted them 5 colors [OT], and 5 colors [NT]. Then used a White-Out pen to write the names on the spine of the books. The family had team races to see how fast they could put the blocks in order.

*I happen to know he wrote a number on the bottom of each block so he could check the correct order quickly.*

*I heard a 10-year old boy say all 66 in 18 seconds.*

75.  One day each month—just sing! [or hum. If you have an instrument, accompany yourself.]  
Pick a date now! Circle it.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

76.  Once each month—just pray!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

77.  One day each month—just review all the things you've recently underlined in your Bible.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

78.  Once each month, just quote verses. Start with a verse beginning with the letter A, another with the verse B, and so on.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

79.  One day a month needs to be Scripture memory review day.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

80.  Read the book of Proverbs for 31 days.

Draw icons in the margin:

wisdom = owl

greed = coin

generosity = dollar or \$\$\$

evil women = "lips kissing"

discipline = "Father's Love Stick" [well, that's what we had in our house]

fool = dunce cap

anger = frown

instruction = A+

hurtful words =

pride =

selfishness =

laziness =

kindness =

diligence =

81.  Conduct a Sword Drill on ANGER in Proverbs! Then draw flaming heads in the margin next to each verse.

14.17,29  
21.9

15.1,18  
22.24

16.29,32  
26.21

17.1  
27.4

19.11,13,19  
29.8,9,11,22

30.33



## 12 WAYS TO RAMP UP YOUR PRAYER QUOTIENT

82.  Pray for a different country every mealtime. "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send missionaries into the harvest."  
Luke 10.2 DOC'S PARAPHRASE = "Beg God to send church planters overseas." Use a map & check countries.

83.  Pray after reading your Bible [or at mealtimes] for any country in the news that day [good or bad].

84.  Mondays pray for missionaries.

85.  Geography games on computer  
 PRAY for each continent and learn the names of the countries. You can find some great "drag & drop" geography games.  
 Pray that the people will listen when the missionaries arrive.
86.  Pray [September] for all teachers and principals and schools [public & private].
86.  Pray [October, is pastors' month] for every pastor you know. Leave for work a half hour early. Hop in the car and ride past every church within a radius of X miles, and pray for their members and pastors.
87.  Skype a missionary and ask for 3 specific prayer requests. Tell them you'll skype them back in two months to ask how the Lord has been answering these requests.  
*Write it on your calendar so you don't forget to skype!*
88.  Download mini-flags from every country where missionaries you know serve. Tape them to a world map on the kitchen wall.  
 Pray for those countries.  
 Pray that God takes people from your church "to the ends of the earth!"
89.  I betcha don't know how to pray for the homeless intelligently! Visit a rescue mission or homeless shelter, not to serve a meal, but to sit through the sermon and eat a meal with the homeless.  
*Well, maybe your first visit could be to help in the kitchen.*  
*Your prayers for the homeless in your town will change, I'm sure!*  
*I've spent a weekend sleeping in a homeless shelter while I was there to minister to them. You'll find that most of them are really nice people—like you.*
90.  Instead of reading, today will be all prayer. Choose a block and walk around it praying for every family. What kind of clues do you get about the families who live there?
91.  On Thanksgiving, stop every hour on the hour and spend 5 minutes praying for one of the following topics: kids & cousins, missionaries, pastors, state & federal Supreme Court members, churches, neighbors, ministries at church, Sunday School teachers, etc.
92.  Visit a hospital. Instead of sitting in a chair, today you'll have your time with God talking to sick people. Ask patients if you could pray for them.
- \* Pray for wisdom for the medical staff
  - \* Pray for accurate diagnoses
  - \* Pray that their doctors and nurses will come to trust Jesus Christ as the Savior.
  - \* Leave salvation tracts.

## "SPECIAL DAYS"

Take out your calendar and plan to celebrate some of these days:

93.  Easter morning, before sunrise, go to a cemetery to sing all by yourself and read the last chapter of each of the Gospels.
94.  Look up the dates of the 3 feasts when the Jewish men had to travel to Jerusalem.  
\* you get to build a hut of branches for one of them  
\* you have to put all the bread in your house out on the porch for a week for another
95.  On Palm Sunday when Jesus rides into town on the donkey, there is only 1 week left in His life. Below find the chapter Palm Sunday occurs in each of the Gospels.  
*Read all four accounts.  
Each one is in 3 mini-Acts:*  
    a. no donkey  
    b. riding the donkey  
    c. after the donkey  
Mt 21 Mark 11 Lk 19 Jn 12  
*In which Gospel does this story take place about halfway through the book?*
96.  Conduct a Seder meal on Passover for your family. also a blog
97.  On the day after Christmas make lists of verses for you to memorize for the next year. One or two a month.  
  
*See suggestions on memorization in appendix of this booklet. Also a blog.*
98.  Research special holidays, special days, or special people:  
\* St. Patrick, a British believer who returned to Ireland where he had been a slave, to witness to his slave master.  
\* St Valentine  
\* various missionaries such as  
    Wm. Carey  
    Hudson Taylor  
    David Livingstone  
    Brother Andrew.  
    Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on Nov 1.
99.  On Thanksgiving make a list of as many things as you are thankful for.  
*I used to give out Snickers bars for any Sunday School kid who could come up with 100 things to be thankful for and bring it to class the week before Thanksgiving!*

## IDEAS TO HELP YOU RETAIN SCRIPTURE

The following 117 verses are  
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The list of verses below is not the same as the booklet in the appendix which is an age-graded memorization program for a church or Sunday School which has no formal program [pre-school through adults].

Write all of the following verses below which you have ever memorized [or can almost say] on 3x5 cards and keep them in a bowl or a paper bag.

If this is a brand new adventure. Pick 10 of these. Write them on 3x5 cards. Read them every day for a month [without trying to memorize them], then cover the right half of the verse with your hand and see how much of the verse you can say.

I AM ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE YOU WILL BE ENCOURAGED !

Pick the easy ones first.

### OLD Testament, 50 verses

Genesis 2.18 ...it is not good....  
Genesis 50.20 ...you meant evil....  
Exodus 14.13,14 ...stand by and see....  
Leviticus 11.44,45 ...be holy because....  
Numbrs 6.24-26 ...the Lord bless you....  
23.19 ...God is not a man that He....  
Deutrnmy 4.29 ...you will seek the Lord with....  
6.6,7 ...these words which I am commanding you....  
8.3 ...man does not live by....  
10.12,13 ...what does the Lord...require....  
Joshua 1.8,9 ...this book of the Law shall not....  
24.15 ...as for me and my house....  
I Samuel 12.23 ...sin...in ceasing to pray....  
15.22,23 Does the Lord have as much delight...  
16.7 ...man looks on outward...but the Lord...  
Psalm 1.1 Blessed is the man who walks....  
14.1 The fool has said in his heart....  
16.11 You will make known to me....  
19.14 Let the words of my mouth....  
23.1-6 The Lord is my....  
34.1 I will bless the Lord at....  
14 Turn away from evil and do good....  
56.3 When I am afraid....  
66.18 ...the Lord will not hear me.  
84.10 A day in Your courts....  
100.1-5 Make a joyful noise....  
119.9 How shall a young man clean...  
11 Your Word have I treasured....  
18 Open my eyes....  
97 O, how I love Your Law....  
Proverbs 3.5,6 Trust in the Lord with all....  
15.18 A hot-tempered man stirs up....  
Eccls'ts 5.4,5 When you vow a vow to the Lord....  
Isaiah 53.6 All of us, like sheep....  
55.8,9 My thoughts are not your....  
57.21 There is no peace....  
Jeremiah 17.9 The heart is deceitful above....  
29.13 You will seek Me and find Me....  
Lam 3.23 ...great is Your faithfulness....  
Mal 3.10 Bring the whole tithe....

NEW Testament, 67 verses

Matt 4.19 Follow Me and I will make you....  
6.33 Seek first the Kingdom of God....  
7.12 ...whatever you want others to do....  
28.19 Go and make disciples....  
Mark 12.29-31 ...and you shall love the Lord with....  
Luke 2.52 Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and....  
10.2 Ask the Lord of the harvest...  
16.10 He who is faithful in very little things...  
19.10 ...has come to seek and save....  
21.33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but....  
John 1.29 Behold the Lamb of God, Who....  
3.16 For God so loved....  
6.47 ...he who believes has eternal life....  
10.28 ...they shall never perish....  
12.26 ...if anyone serves Me,....  
14.1-6 Let not your heart be troubled....  
16.33 ...in the world you have trouble....  
Acts 4.12 ...there is salvation in no one else....  
16.31 Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ....  
Romans 4.21 ...being fully assured...what He promised...  
6.23 For the wages of sin is death, but....  
8.32 ...He who did not spare His own Son....  
10.9-17 ...if you confess with your mouth....  
12.1-2 I urge you...to present your bodies....  
I Corinth 6.19-20 ...your body is the temple of H.S....  
10.13 No temptation has overtaken you....  
11.23-26 ...do this in remembrance of Me.  
II Corinth 5.9 ...we must appear before the...seat....  
5.17 ...he is a new creature....  
5.21 ...He was made sin for us....  
Galatians 2.16 ...a man is not justified by works....  
2.20 I have been crucified with Christ....  
Ephesians 2.8-9 For by grace are you saved...faith....  
4.29 ...no unwholesome word...out of your mouth....  
Philippians 1.21 ...to me to live is Christ....  
2.14 ...do all things without grumbling....  
Colossians 3.17 ...whatever you do in word or deed....  
I Tim 1.15 ...Christ Jesus came into the world....  
Hebrews 4.12 ...Word of God is alive & powerful....  
12.6 ...those whom the Lord loves....  
James 1.19 ...quick to hear, slow to speak....  
I Peter 3.9 ...not returning evil for evil....  
I John 1.9 If we confess our sins....  
3.2 ...when He appears, we shall be like Him....  
4.4 Greater is He who is in you....  
5.13 ...that you may KNOW that you have eternal life....

## EPILOG

Pass it on!

Find others who need a taser-jolt in their Quiet Time.

Someone challenged me to crank up the excitement level in my own Bible time,  
so I spend a lot of time & energy passing the joy around.

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