

2020 ICFG Camp Memory Verse Program: Rules

I. Age Limits:

Anyone who is the ages of *6 -18 at the date of recitation is eligible to participate in the program (If they turn 19 before the deadline, they may recite the verses before their birthday so that they may still qualify).

II. Verses:

All contestants ages 6 - 18 are given the same list of 150 verses. The verse list will be rotated every year (with verses 76-150 of the previous year becoming verses 1-75 of the next year, and 75 new verses being added). Any literal Bible translation may be used only, no paraphrase translations (e.g., the Message).

III. Days of Recitation:

Local contestants will recite the verses before the deadlines, on the days chosen by the local Sunday School Superintendent, to contest proctors (also chosen by the Sunday School Superintendent from the local membership). **Participants ages 16 – 18 will have one recitation day in June. Participants ages 13 – 15 will have two recitation days (one in March, one in June). Participants ages 9 – 12 will have three recitation days (one in February, one in April, and one in June. Specific dates will be chosen by local Sunday School Superintendents). Participants ages 6 – 8 may recite their verses ten at a time and arrange recitation dates with their proctor to accommodate.**

- A. A participant in the 6 – 8/9 – 12/13 - 15 age groups may choose to recite all their verses at the same time and only have one recitation date in June, however if a participant chooses to begin reciting in sections, they must continue to recite from the last verse recited in order to qualify for a prize.**
- B. The proctor will record and submit all the recited verses, prompts, and mistakes of the participant on the Official Verse Sheet found on the ICFG website; it is preferred that the proctor be someone other than an immediate family member of the participant, and should be a church member who is involved in Sunday school teaching/administration.
- C. Participants will receive one Official Score Sheet which the proctor will then keep after the first recitation. Proctors will circle the verse number of the last verse that was recited at each recitation. The same sheet will be used for each recitation. Participants will also receive a printable verse list to aid in study.**
- D. *All verses must be recited in the order they are listed.* **Verses may not be skipped over.** The contest proctor will give the reference(s) to the participant, who will repeat the reference and then quote the verse(s). If the participant desires, they can recite a continuous chain of verses (e.g., Matthew 5:1-9) all at once without giving the reference between each verse.
- E. Participants must quote the given verse(s) and reference(s) perfectly if it is to be recorded as “recited” without a mistake. If a contestant makes a mistake (i.e., a missed word or phrase with no self-correction or prompt requested), it must be noted on the Official Verse Sheet. Verses recited with mistakes will not be counted in the total number of verses recited.
- F. Self-correction is not an error/mistake.

- G. One prompt per verse is allowed (if requested), but must be recorded (Prompt = 1 word only). A prompt is not considered a mistake. In the event of a tie, the person with the least prompts will win.
- H. For each contestant, a contest proctor will fill out an Official Verse Sheet. Each Verse Sheet must:
 - Include the contestant's personal information (name, age, etc.).
 - Include the number of verses correctly quoted, the number of prompts given, and the number of mistakes made.

IV. Sending Score Sheets:

All the Official Score Sheets must be recorded and submitted to the Contest Coordinator via email (accicfg@gmail.com). This must be done no later than the day of the deadline.

Deadline: June 30th, 2020

V. Prize Information: The prizes will be determined by the highest number of verses quoted correctly. The Contest Coordinator will send the prizes to the recipients in a timely manner.

- The contestants will be split into **four** age groups: **Ages 6-8**, Ages 9-12, Ages 13-15, and Ages 16-18.
- There are allowed up to two "First Place," four "Second Place," and six "Third Place" recipients in each of the three age groups. There is a maximum of **48** available prizes! If there is a case where there is a tie, number of prompts given and date/time of submission (submission done via email) will be used to break the tie.
- Prizes will be awarded according to the highest number of verses quoted correctly and based on age.
- First Place: **For contestants 6-8 a minimum of 45 verses must be memorized.** For contestants 9-12 a minimum of 75 verses must be memorized. For contestants 13-15 a minimum of 100 verses must be memorized. For contestants 16-18 a minimum of 130 verses must be memorized.
- Second Place: **For contestants 6-8 a minimum of 20 verses must be memorized.** For contestants 9-12 a minimum of 35 verses must be memorized. For contestants 13-15 a minimum of 55 verses must be memorized. For contestants 16-18 a minimum of 75 verses must be memorized.
- Third Place: **For contestants 6-8 a minimum of 8 verses must be memorized.** For contestants 9-12 a minimum of 15 verses must be memorized. For contestants 13-15 a minimum of 25 verses must be memorized. For contestants 16-18 a minimum of 45 verses must be memorized.
- "First Place" Prize: any Apostolic Christian Church Camp fee paid PLUS \$75.00 (The ACC camp of choice MUST be recorded on the Scoresheet).
- "Second Place" Prize: \$50.00
- "Third Place" Prize \$25.00
- The check will be made payable to the contestant in US dollars.

***bold font signifies new rules added for 2020**