

GS 1st Semester Memory Work 2021-2022

Students in the GS will be memorizing Psalms 139:7-16 and Isaiah 53: 1-7 during the 1st semester. The goal of this exercise is to hide God’s word in our hearts, reflect upon these truths, and converse among our families. We strongly suggest that this be one area where, if possible, the father of the home take the lead. Perhaps this could be the content of bedtime discussion, or around the dinner table as a family.

Students will review the scripture memory each week during class time. Teachers will ask students to recite their scripture with the class, in groups, and one-on-one with peers. In addition to accurately hiding God’s word in their hearts, students will also be working on their group presentation skills culminating in a public presentation of the scripture memory to another Grammar School class or group of parents (if an event is scheduled) at the end of the semester.

At home, students should work with their parents and/or siblings to prepare for the scripture memory presentation and discuss the thinking points. Younger GS students may not always internalize the deepest meaning of each particular verse, but we know God will honor the time and effort spent in memorizing His word at this young age.

HW week:	DUE Date:	Passage (in the ESV)	Thinking Points	Parent Initial
8/23	8/30	Psalms 139:7-8 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!	Read Psalm 139:1-6 What does God know about you? What do these verses tell us about God? Look up the word “flee.” What would make someone want to flee from God?	
8/30	9/6	Psalms 139: 9-10 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.	Discuss the word “omnipresence.” What does that mean for us, knowing that God is omnipresent? The right hand of God is often used in scripture to suggest His power and protection. How should we feel knowing His “right hand” holds us? When are important times for you to remember this?	
9/6	9/13	Psalms 139:11-12 If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,” Even the darkness is not dark to You; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.	What do you think the Psalmist means by the word “darkness?” Can “darkness” be more than just the lights being turned off? Name some other forms of “darkness.” How do you feel knowing nothing is dark to God? When are important times for you to remember this?	
9/13		Review verses		
9/20	9/27	Psalms 139:13 For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother’s womb.	Parents, take time to share what you know about your child. Share who you see God created them to be. Brainstorm what all God knows about you. How can this bring you comfort?	
9/27	10/4	Psalms 139:14 I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.	What does it mean that you were, “fearfully and wonderfully made?” Take a walk outside and think about your life. What are some examples of God’s wonderful works? Spend some time in prayer with your family thanking God for these gifts.	
10/4	10/11	Psalms 139: 15 My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.	Look up the word “intricate.” Knowing that you were “intricately woven,” what does this reveal about how you were created? Are there things you wish were different about you? According to this verse, did God make any mistakes when he made you? How does He feel about what you think are “mistakes?”	
10/11		Review verses		

10/18	10/25	Psalms 139: 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.	What does it mean that our days have been formed by God? What do you think God wants us to know about him through this Psalm? Why are these ideas so important?	
10/25		Students will recite in class		
11/1	11/8	Isaiah 53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?	Isaiah 53 is a prophecy of the coming of Jesus. Read John 12:37-43. What do you think the “arm of the LORD” is? According to this verse, why did the people not believe even after seeing His works?	
11/8	11/15	Isaiah 53:2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.	What does this verse tell us about the appearance of the one who is coming? Why does it matter that he doesn’t have form, majesty, or beauty that would draw others to him? Does this change your view of Jesus? Why or why not?	
11/15		Review verses		
11/29	12/6	Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.	How should Jesus have been treated when He came to earth? Do you ever feel rejected? Jesus knew the havoc that sin brings to the world. This knowledge made Him better able to comfort those who experienced sorrow. How might your own grief and sorrows help you comfort others?	
12/6	12/13	Isaiah 53:4-5a Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;	What are transgressions and iniquities? Why did He have to take on our transgressions and iniquities? Knowing that Jesus took on our sin can cause us to feel guilt or shame. How does God want us to respond?	
12/13		Review verses (Recitation check in class)		