

## Psalm 119 Program

**“I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.” Ps 119:11**

To encourage and partner with families in teaching the Bible to your children, we are excited to offer the Psalm 119 Program to all camper families. It is our hope for this program that by learning and storing scripture in their heart, your camper will grow closer to the Lord and hold his promises close to their heart for the rest of their lives. The Bible promises “The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword...” (Hebrews 4:12), and we believe that there is immeasurable value in teaching children to learn and memorize scripture. As Deuteronomy 6:6-8 says, “And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.” We hope this program will help bind the words of the Lord on the hearts of your campers.

### How it works

Each camper is placed into a group based on their grade and beginning year in the program. Then, we will email you a document specific to their grade that includes a list of verses for them to memorize. The general guidelines are 25 verses for rising 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders, 30 verses for rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and 35 verses for rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade or above. Once the camper has memorized all the verses, they will recite them from memory to an adult who is not a parent/guardian and have that person sign off on it. This program builds on itself so that if your camper wants to participate next year, they will receive a list of entirely new verses. Each “track” varies from 2-4 years long, depending on the starting grade.

### Recitation

Once your camper has memorized all of the verses, an adult outside of the family will need to sign off on it. We will provide a reference form to the outside party and they will submit it directly to us at Ridge Haven, all you need to do is provide us with their name and email address.

### Deadline

All recitation forms must be received by April 15<sup>th</sup> in order to receive a scholarship for the summer of 2024.



## **FAQs**

### **What version of the Bible can my camper use?**

The verses listed on the document are ESV, but your camper can use any version they would like.

### **What if my camper already has a handful of these verses memorized?**

If your camper has already memorized 5 or more verses on the list, we will provide supplemental verses for the number of verses they already know.

### **How much is the scholarship, and how is it applied?**

For any campers who complete their list of verses and have a non-family member send in a completed reference form, a scholarship of 15% off your camper's cost of camp will be applied to their account. Each additional year completed will result in an additional 15% off the cost of camp.

### **Does my camper need to know the biblical reference?**

Yes, the biblical reference should be included in what your camper recites to receive credit for the verses.

### **What are the next steps?**

The first step is to reach out to [psalm119program@ridgehaven.org](mailto:psalm119program@ridgehaven.org) with the names of all campers who would like to participate. Please provide the camper's name and current grade. We will send you the specific document for your camper so they can begin memorizing their verses!