

The Way I Should Go

Memory Work and Activity Guide Volume I



Michelle Jansma

The Way I Should Go

Memory Work and Activity Guide Volume I

By
Michelle Jansma

Copyright 2017, 2019 Michelle Jansma
Keepsake Curriculum
No part of this book may be used or reproduced without
permission of the author.

This e-book is intended for use by the original purchaser. Please
do not forward your book file to others or make multiple copies
for others. This is a violation of copyright law.

Voss Publications
Oak Brook, IL 60523
www.keepsakecurriculum.com

A Note to Parents: This book is meant to be used alongside the storybook “The Way I Should Go Volume I”. Some of the activities in this book will require a parent/older helper working with the child, especially younger children who cannot write on their own. In fact, for your child to receive the most benefit from this journey, it is recommended for parents to go through it with their child, regardless of age or ability. Also, memorization practice will have to happen outside of the activities in this book. Daily recitation is recommended. Some memorization tips would be hand motions, songs, or writing each word on a notecard (with a picture if desired), mixing them up, and putting them in the correct order. The speed at which you move through the sections will depend on age, verse length, and practice. Move at the pace of your child, completing the “Finish the Verse” page only after your child is confident in his/her memorization. There is no set length of time. Prayerfully, the content of these pages will spark many meaningful conversations with your children! **Also, the “Keep It In My Heart” pages can be put together in a binder (cover is included) to create a special keepsake for your child of all the verses they have hidden in their heart!**

Getting Started

Proverbs 22:6 - “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” KJV

God gave your parents a very important job: to teach you all the important things God wants you to know. Obedience, patience, honesty, gratefulness, responsibility, respectfulness, self-control, initiative, kindness, diligence, contentment, and deference are some of those things. The Bible has a lot of verses that talk about each one of these things. Through this book, you are going to memorize some of those verses. When you're finished, you are going to have 13 verses from the Bible hidden in your heart! Then you will have them with you no matter where you are! After you memorize each verse, you will color in one part of a special “mystery picture”. When you've memorized all the verses, you'll be able to see what the picture is! Also, certain activities throughout the book will “unlock” the meaning of a symbol in a secret code. When the book is finished, you'll know what the code says! Have fun learning God's Word!

Hide It In Your Heart

Psalm 119:11 - “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” NIV

Psalm 119:11 has the reason for memorizing every verse in this book. When God's Word is hidden in your heart, it's like it's a part of you. You will always have it with you. It also means that you will know the things that God says in His Word. That way, you can try your best not to do the things God hates, called sin. Nothing makes God happier!

Let's get memorizing!

The Way I Should Go

Memory Work and Activity Guide Volume I

Table of Contents:

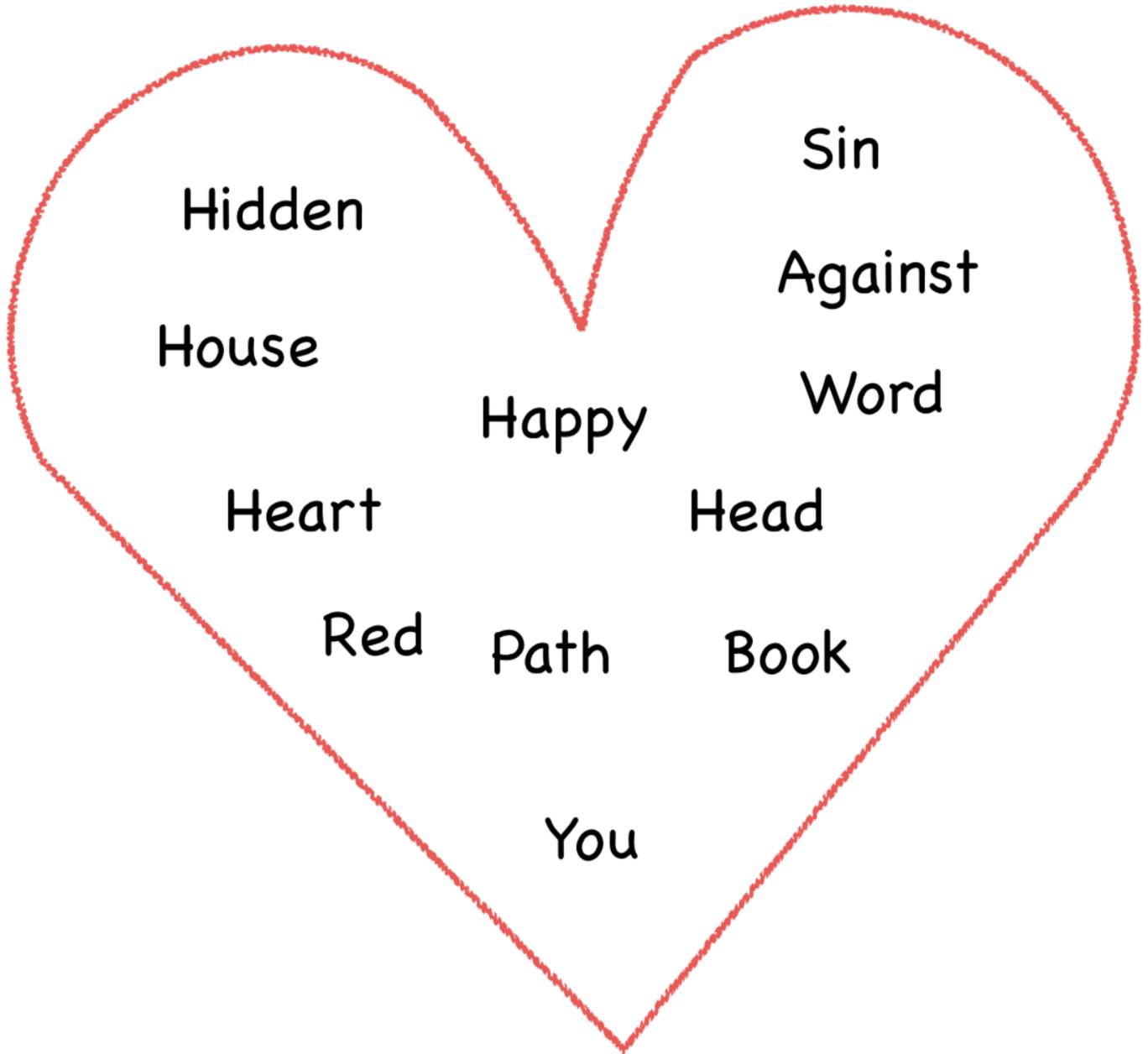
1. Hiding God's Word (Psalm 119:11).....	Page 6
2. Obedience (Ephesians 6:1).....	Page 11
3. Patience (Ephesians 4:2).....	Page 20
4. Honesty (Psalm 34:13).....	Page 29
5. Gratefulness (Psalm 118:1).....	Page 38
6. Responsibility (Luke 16:10).....	Page 46
7. Respectfulness (Deuteronomy 5:16).....	Page 55
8. Self-Control (Proverbs 20:11).....	Page 64
9. Initiative (Isaiah 6:8).....	Page 73
10. Kindness (Matthew 7:12).....	Page 82
11. Diligence (Galatians 6:9).....	Page 91
12. Contentment (Philippians 2:14-15a).....	Page 100
13. Deference (Matthew 5:16).....	Page 109
14. The Final Challenge (All Filled Up).....	Page 118
15. Mystery Picture.....	Page 122
16. Secret Code.....	Page 123
17. Answer Keys.....	Page 124
18. "Keep It In My Heart" Cover.....	Page 126

Use colored pencils to color in the words of Psalm 119:11

Psalm 119: 11 —

“I have hidden
your word in
my heart that
I might not sin
against you.”
NIV

With a yellow crayon, highlight the words inside the heart that are from Psalm 119:11.



Congratulations! You unlocked a symbol for the secret code! Go to the Secret Code





Keep It In My Heart



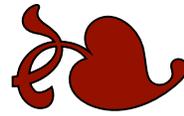
Write out the words to the verse on the lines below. Use colored pencils or pens! Put the page in your "Keep It In My Heart" binder.

Psalm 119: 11 - "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." NIV

Psalm 119:11 NIV



Prayer Page



Pray the prayer below and then sign your name at the bottom so that you remember that it's your job to work on hiding God's Word in your heart.

Dear Father in Heaven,

Thank You for giving us Your Word. Thank You that I can learn about You in it. Please help me to hide Your Word in my heart so that I won't sin against You. Thank You for forgiving me when I do sin. And thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross. Help me to remember the things that I am learning and to work on them every day.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen

Sign Your Name Here _____

Finish the Verse



Fill in the missing words to finish Psalm 119:11. Younger children should dictate the words to an older helper.

Psalm 119: _____ - "I have _____ Your
_____ in my _____ that I
_____ not _____
You."

Congratulations! You have hidden Psalm 119:11 in your heart! Color these numbers in the mystery picture (p. 122) **brown**: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8

Obedience

**Ephesians 6:1 - “Children, obey your parents in the Lord,
for this is right.” NIV**

We all have to obey God. God tells parents to teach their kids about Him; God tells children to obey their parents. When children obey their parents, they are also obeying God. When children do not obey their parents, they are not obeying God. Just like Tommy and Lily learned, obedience has a few parts. We are supposed to obey right away, all the way, and with a happy heart. If we do not have all these parts, then it's not the true obedience that makes God happy. Practice all three parts of obedience every day!



Jonah

Jonah was one of God's prophets. When God had a message to give to someone, Jonah was one of the people God told to deliver it. One day, God told Jonah to bring a message to the people in a city called Ninevah. Jonah had delivered messages for God before. He knew that when he told the people to tell God they were sorry for the bad things they were doing, that if they did, God would forgive them. That should make Jonah happy! But this time it didn't. Jonah didn't want God to forgive the people of Ninevah; Jonah didn't want to deliver the message at all. So, when God told Jonah to go to Ninevah, Jonah decided he would run the other way and go to a place called Tarshish. Surely God couldn't find him there!

Jonah headed to a place called Joppa and got on a ship, thinking he could run away from God. But God knew exactly where Jonah was, and He sent a great storm with thunder and lightning and waves so big that the people on the ship thought the ship would break into pieces. Jonah was below the deck of the ship, fast asleep. The sailors called to him, "How can you sleep through this storm? Get up and talk to your God; maybe He can help us."

The storm didn't seem like it was getting any better. The sailors thought that the storm had come because someone on the ship had done something wrong. Soon, they discovered that it was because of Jonah. "What have you done?" they asked. Jonah told them he was running away from the Lord because he didn't want to obey what God had said. "Well what should we do to make the sea calm again?" the scared sailors asked. Jonah told them to pick him up and throw him into the water. Once they did, the storm would stop.

The men did their best to try and get back to land, but when they couldn't, they decided to do what Jonah said. Picking him up, they threw Jonah overboard into the angry water. Instantly the storm stopped and the water was calm. God sent a great, big fish that swallowed Jonah, and he stayed in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights. It was probably cold and dark and smelly inside the belly of the big fish. But Jonah was alive, and he spent the three days and three nights praying to God. He thanked God for saving him from drowning in the storm by sending the big fish. And he said he was sorry for not obeying, and promised that he would do what God had told him to do.

God told the fish to spit Jonah out of his belly, and when he did, Jonah was safely back on dry land! God told him again to go to Ninevah and deliver His message to the people there. This time, Jonah obeyed God right away and traveled to Ninevah to deliver God's message.

We must always obey God. One of the things God tells us to do is obey our parents (or grandparents, teachers, etc.). When we disobey them, we are also disobeying God.

Use colored pencils to color in the words of Ephesians 6:1.

Ephesians 6:1

— “Children,
obey your
parents in the
Lord, for this
is right.” NIV

Find your way through the maze by drawing a line to connect the words of Ephesians 6:1.

Start

obey Children

me obey

Lord the in parents your

always Lord always father

now for this is today

good right

Congratulations!

R

You unlocked a symbol for the secret code! Go to the Secret Code (p. 123) to fill it in.