

# Memorization



**12 Foundation Stones Class 1B for Younger Children**

# Why Memorize?

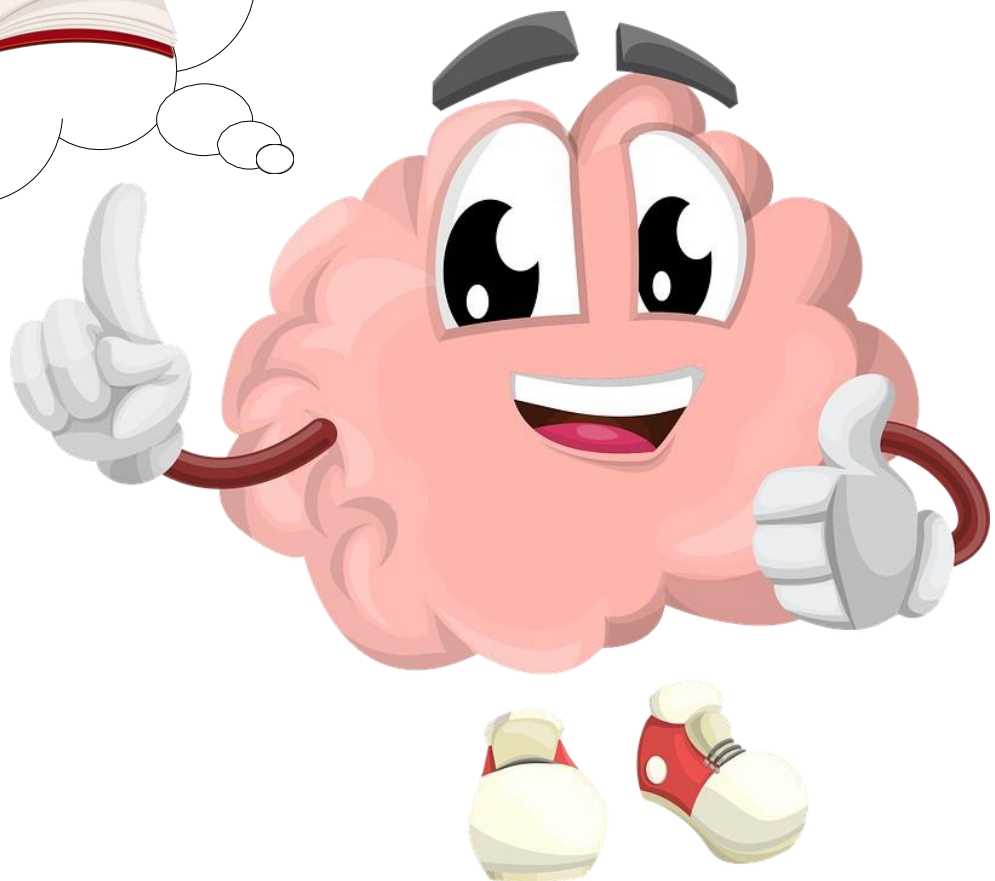
## 1. For your spiritual strength

The mind can be compared to a computer database: It has to be filled with something, good or bad.

Jesus, by His Word, spiritually cleanses us and gives us something positive with which to fill it.

*Romans 12:2a—Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

*Psalms 37:31—The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.*



## 2. God speaks to you through His Word that you have learned

*John 14:26—But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

God knows His own Book better than anybody, and He can bring verses to your remembrance by His Spirit when you need it. If you've faithfully read, studied, and memorized, He'll pop the verses up in your little computer (mind) whenever you need them.



### 3. To help you share God's Word with others

Knowing specific passages and Scriptures also helps us in sharing our faith with others, as Peter advised:

*1Peter 3:15b—Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you.*



## 4. A weapon in your walk of faith

*Hebrews 4:12—For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,*

God has given us His Word to use as our spiritual weapon to fight the battles that beset us. It's up to us to memorize and use it.



## Class Section 2: How to Memorize



- **Your memory can be developed like a muscle**

The more you use it, the stronger it gets, but lack of use causes it to weaken.



- **The more you concentrate, the easier it is to memorize**

Finding a quiet place, free from distractions, will help a lot.

- **Sight, sound, and action**

Most people remember best what they see, while others remember best what they hear, and another portion best what they do in actual motions.



For example, by reading, you use your sight. If you quote your memory work out loud, you hear it too, as well as use your mouth to speak it. Then by writing the same verse to be memorized, it is often better remembered.

- **Memory work is work**

Don't worry if it seems to take quite awhile, especially at first, to memorize a verse. It's not a contest to see how quickly you can learn. The goal is to get it down, and keep it in your heart.

The law of memory is repeat, repeat, repeat!



*Psalm 1:1-2—Great blessings belong to those who... they love the Lord's teachings and think about them day and night.*

### **Class Section 3: Advice For Memorizing Scriptures**

**\* Our decision to memorize shouldn't be based on our feelings**

Feeling enthusiastic about memorizing verses is great, but it's not a good enough motivation because those feelings may not last.

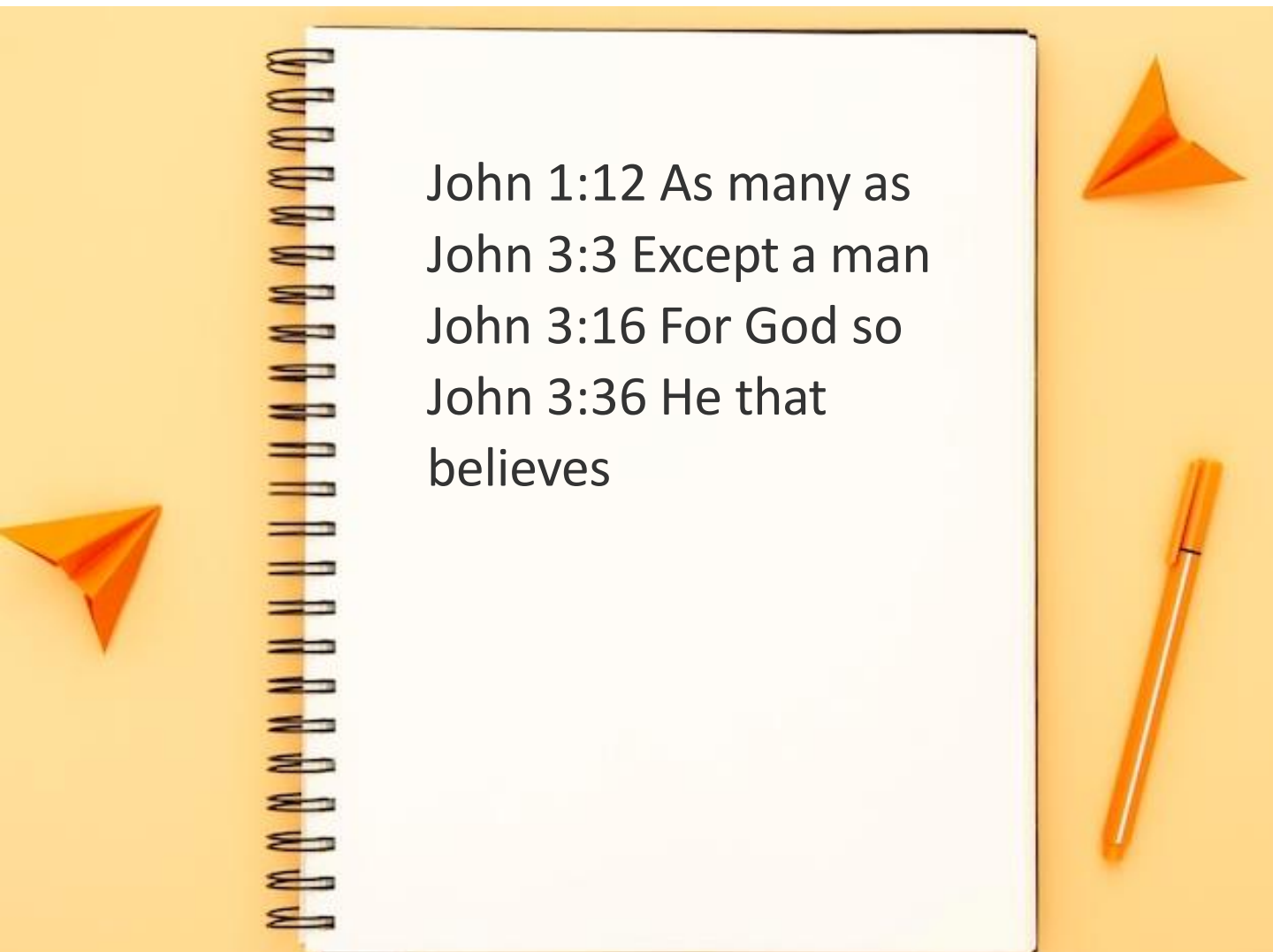
What are some of the facts about memorizing upon which we should base our decision?

- God's Word tells us to hide the Word in our heart.
- It helps us in our spiritual walk with the Lord.
- It helps us to help others.

## Reviewing

You can write out your memory verses in a small, sturdy notebook. If you carry it with you wherever you go, you can pull it out to review in spare moments.

- In a notebook, you can write down the references and first few words of each verse you memorize and then use this for reviewing.



John 1:12 As many as  
John 3:3 Except a man  
John 3:16 For God so  
John 3:36 He that  
believes

*Thank You, Lord, for Your Word and its power. Please do help us all to be faithful to memorize Your Word, so we can quote it for our own benefit and for the sake of others. Amen.*



## Selecting verses to memorize

### Illustrated memory verses and chapters for children:

- [Feed My Lambs: Memory Verses for Children](#)
  - [Psalm 1](#)
  - [Psalm 8](#)
  - [Psalm 19](#)
  - [Psalm 23](#)
  - [Psalm 91](#)
  - [Psalm 100](#)
  - [Psalm 121](#)
  - [Psalm 150](#)
  - [John 1:1-14](#)
  - [John 3:1-8; 14-17](#)
    - [John 14](#)
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