



## Day 1 - Memory Verse

Leader - Depending on the educational level or age of the children, you may choose to use have the children attempt to memorize. For example, you may ask a first or second grade student to memorize only verse 24. After reading over the verse with the children, use the Bible Memory activity below to help the children memorize the verse.



### Genesis 49:22-24

22 "Joseph is a vine that grows a lot of fruit. It grows close by a spring. Its branches climb over a wall. 23 Mean people shot arrows at him. They shot at him because they were angry. 24 But his bow remained steady. His strong arms moved freely. The hand of the Mighty One of Jacob was with him. The Shepherd, the Rock of Israel, stood by him.

### Bible Memory Activity

Adding a funny phrase or a motion while saying a Bible verse is a great way to help children memorize it. Teach children the following added funny phrases and motion to the verse above. Then, with the verse still visible, have the children practice saying the verse with the added funny phrases and motions. Encourage the children to add some emotion when they say the added funny phrases and act out the motions. Once the children have practiced it a few times, challenge them to see if they can say the verse using the added funny phrases and motions without looking at the verse.

Line 1 - **Joseph is a vine that grows a lot of fruit.** (Have the children shout out their favorite fruit.)

Line 2 - **It grows close by a spring.** (Have the children point to each other and say, Don't get wet! )

Line 3 - **Its branches climb over the wall.** (Have the children act like they are looking over a wall while saying, Look out belooooooooooooow! )

Line 4 - **Mean people shot arrows at him.** (Have half the kids act like they are shooting an arrow at the other half. Have the half being shot at shout, Duck!!!! )

Line 5 - **They shot at him because they were angry.** (Have the half that shot the arrow make a mean face and say, Grrrrrrrrrrrr! Have the half who were shot at tremble and act like they are afraid.)

Line 6 - **But his bow remained steady.** (Have the children stand perfectly straight while being silent)

Line 7 - **His strong arms moved freely.** (Have the children flex their muscles and then waive their arms.)

Line 8 - **The hand of the Mighty One of Jacob was with him.** (Have the children hold out an open hand.)

Line 9 - **The Shepherd,** (Have the children act like they have a staff in their right hand.) **the Rock of Israel,** (Have the children pose like a rock) **stood by him.** (Have the children stand straight and tall)

