

Early Memorization Brings A Regular Commitment

EMBARC RULES

REGISTRATION

1. Participants must register for EMBARC using the registration form.
2. Participant and their parent(s) select the version of the Bible (NAS, NIV, KJV) that will be used to memorize. The version can not be changed after the first week of EMBARC.

RECITATION

3. Participant is assigned to begin on a level of EMBARC on the first year of participation according to grade level:
 - Grade 2 & 3 - Level 1
 - Grade 4 & 5 - Level 2
 - Grade 6 & 7 - Level 3
 - Grade 8 & above - Level 4
4. Participant advances to the next level of memorization each year in the program.
5. Participant is to memorize the present week's verse(s) assigned for all levels up to and including the highest level he/she is given.
6. Participant is to memorize the verse(s) exactly as they are printed on the EMBARC copies. Do not add, change or leave out any words. The verses have been proofread. Verse(s) may be different in your Bible depending on the edition you own.
7. Participant is to memorize the Bible reference (the location of the verse(s) in the Bible) as printed with each verse or group of verses.
8. Participant is to memorize the topic assigned to each verse.
9. Participant will be assigned a listener and location by the EMBARC coordinator. Report **promptly** to assigned area as many areas are also classrooms.
10. Participant is to have ample enough time to say the assigned verses. No time limit will be in effect. If there is a problem with completion, speak to the EMBARC coordinator and arrangements will be made so that the participant will be able to have the time needed to say the verses.
11. Participant is to recite the current week's assignment without prompting. Begin by saying the topic, reference and verse for Level 1 and proceed up each level saying the topic, reference and verse till all levels assigned have been

completed.

12. Memorize the verse(s) well. Participants will have two chances to say the verse(s) correctly. After the first recitation the listener will be able to tell you where your mistakes are. The listener will repeat the verse back to you and say the word "blank" in place of the incorrect word(s) or phrase. No other prompting, helps or hints may be given. For example: no pointing, no rhyming, no beginning letters, no mouthing, no shaking of the head, etc. You may think and talk out loud to yourself, but please inform the listener that you are doing so. You will be given a second and final chance to say the verse correctly.
13. Beginning week 2 of the program, participants are responsible for all the verses from the previous weeks as recalls.
14. The listener will choose 6 verses, groups of books of the Bible or commandment to be used as recalls. A recall is a verse, a group of books of the Bible or one commandment. If the participant does not have enough verses to have 6 recalls, then the listener will give as many recalls as possible. This means participants in lower levels will be saying the same verses each week until the listener can choose 6 recalls randomly.
15. When asking a participant for a recall, the listener may give the following information:
 - a. for a verse - the level it is found on, the topic, the reference, the week it was assigned.
 - b. for a group of books of the Bible - the level it is found on, the topic(history, gospels, etc.), the week it was assigned.
 - c. for a commandment - the level it is found on, the number of the commandment, the week it was assigned.
16. For the recall, the participant will have 2 chances to say the verse, group of the books of the Bible or commandment correctly. The listener may give the first two words of a verse or the first book of the Bible in a group of book if the participant cannot recall it. This counts as the only help for this verse. In the Beatitudes on Level 4, there are two key words underlined which may be used as the help for those verses. After the 1st recitation the listener will be able to tell you where your mistakes are by repeating the verse and using the word "blank" where the mistakes are. If the participant is not reciting the correct verse, the listener will be able to give the first two words of the recall. This counts as the only help for this verse. There will be no other prompting or helps given. You may think and talk out loud to yourself, but please inform the listener that you are doing so. You will be given a second and final chance to say the recall correctly.
17. If a participant recalls a verse and continues into the next verse it will not be considered incorrect if the verse that was asked for was said correctly. It is important to know the scripture and not necessarily where a specific verse ends. Many of the verses are parts of passages of scripture that would be more beneficial as a whole.

18. A listener may ask for a group of verses or the books of the Old or New Testament when a participant has completed enough weeks to do so. The listener will count the number of weeks the material was assigned and that will be the number of recalls. For example, in Level 1, the New Testament books were learned during a 6 week period. If a listener would ask for the books of the New Testament that would count as 6 recalls.

RESCHEDULING

19. If a participant cannot be present at the time assigned to say EMBARC due to an emergency (sickness, car trouble, etc.)(See rule # 21), it is the participant's responsibility to:
- a. Notify the listener as soon as possible.
 - b. Arrange with the assigned listener a time for make-up. Make -up sessions must be made within 4 days of the assigned time.
 - c. If necessary, make-up sessions may be with a substitute listener. The EMBARC Coordinator will be able to arrange that, as there is a list of individuals who will substitute. Make-up sessions cannot be done over the phone. Parents are not to be substitute listeners for their children.
 - d. Not being prepared is not a valid reason to arrange for a make-up session.
 - e. Not being prompt is not a valid reason to arrange for a make-up session, e.g., if a participant is late in arriving for recitation, the recitation may **not** be postponed until after the meeting or to another date, nor should the recitation extend into the time of the meeting. Participant will lose points as per rule # 21.
 - f. If there are suspected exceptions to the rules needed, speak to the EMBARC Coordinator.
20. If a participant will not be able to be present at the time assigned to say EMBARC due to another commitment(out of town, etc.) the participant is encouraged to say EMBARC ahead of time. It may be possible to say 2 weeks of EMBARC the week before the conflict(there will be 12 recalls then, 6 recalls for the scheduled week and 6 recalls for the week that is being made up early). Another time may be arranged before the scheduled day of EMBARC that would be convenient to the listener. If it is impossible to say it ahead of time, the participant must make it up within 4 days of the assigned time.
21. If the participant fails to make-up the EMBARC when assigned time is missed, the participant will receive zeros for that week's assignment. The participant will also lose 12 points (2 points for each of the 6 recalls) for not saying the recalls. The listener will randomly choose 6 recalls from which to deduct points.
22. If a listener is unable to be present for the time they are assigned to listen, the listener should contact the EMBARC Coordinator as soon as possible. The coordinator will arrange for a substitute listener so that the participant is not inconvenienced.

REWARDS

23. Scoring will be done as follows:
- a. 3 points will be given for each verse, group of books of the Bible or commandment when said on the week assigned. If participant says the verse, group of books of the Bible or commandment incorrectly they will get 0 points.
 - b. When a verse, group of books of the Bible or commandment is not said on the original assignment, only 1 point may be regained when said correctly on recall.
 - c. 2 points will be lost the first time any recall is not said correctly. If the participant continues to miss the recall, they will not be penalized again.
 - d. 1 point may be regained when a participant can say a recall correctly on a following recall.

It is wise to learn the verses early in the week and review them regularly, if you wish to remember them for recitation.

David said in Psalm 119:11, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee". You will be very thankful for the scriptures you will be learning. They will become a part of you, and you will recall them many times during your life.

We are thankful you have chosen to give of your time and effort to learn God's Word.

EMBARC COMMITTEE,

Carolyn Cruise, Coordinator