Bible Verse Scramble

This game helps children (even non-readers) learn to memorize Bible verses and encourages them to witness to others.

MEMORY VERSE

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." —Mark 16:15

PREPARATION

Duplicate the pattern on page 52, glue it to poster board or lightweight cardboard, and cut apart the boxes. Color the pictures, if desired, and laminate the cards or cover them with clear adhesive-backed plastic.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Teach children the memory verse: hold up the cards in order, one at a time, and have the class read them. Repeat until everyone knows the verse.
2. Have five children stand before the class. Shuffle the cards and give one, face down, to each child. At your signal, they must turn over their cards and arrange them in the proper order. Time this action. Repeat with five other children, and continue, until each child has participated.
3. Time the teams, if desired. The team which unscrambles the verse most quickly wins. Discuss the meaning of the memory verse with the children. What are some ways they can help preach the Gospel? (Invite a friend to church, tell others about Jesus, be a good example, etc.)

ANOTHER WAY TO PLAY

1. Make additional cards. Select other memory verses, draw appropriate pictures (or cut them from magazines) for each phrase, mount the verse on cardboard, cut the phrases apart, and laminate the cards. Play as above.
2. Lay the cards on a table, face down and scrambled. Group the children in pairs (or have each child play separately), and time them as they try to arrange the cards in the correct order. Scramble the cards, and continue until each child has had a turn. The child or team to unscramble the verses most quickly wins.