

# SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE

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**PURPOSE:** To promote the habit of memorizing scripture

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## PROCESS:

### Each participant will:

- Demonstrate memorization of 50 or 100 verses (see guidelines below for more detail)
- Mail submission material to event coordinator no later than the Challenge Event Deadline (two weeks before the MWLTC Convention). (See guidelines on “submitting documentation”). Your church coordinator can help you with this.

### The Event Coordinator will:

- Assume responsibility for the MWLTC Scripture Challenge Event.
  - Receive & log Scripture Challenge Certification Forms.
  - Send confirmation of receipt of Certification Forms, if requested by Church Coordinator.
  - Report results to the Awards Committee.
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## GUIDELINES:

### Participant Eligibility

- This event is open to any student in grades 3 through 12. Participants will be awarded based on their memory work and grade level (3-6 or 7-12)

### Scriptures to Memorize

- *Grades 3 – 6:* Participant may choose to memorize any **50 verses** from this year’s Bible Bowl book. The award earned is based on the number of sittings required to recite the verses.
- *Grades 7-12:* Participant may choose to memorize any **100 verses** from this year’s Bible Bowl book. The award earned is based on the number of sittings required to recite the verses.

### Demonstration of Memory Work

- *When:* Demonstration of memory work is done prior to the convention and early enough to send submission packet no later than two weeks before MWLTC Convention.
- *What:* Memory work shall be recited verbatim (within reason) to the chosen text. The student may use any translation except those referred to as paraphrased or condensed. *Our goal is to encourage putting God’s word into our hearts. A participant may become discouraged and want to quit when trying to recite verbatim. Therefore, a proctor may help a participant by prompting him/her with a word or two if they get stuck. We want to encourage scripture memorization, not discourage it. Proctors should use their best judgment on how much help is acceptable and still vouch that the participant has memorized the passage(s).*
- The participant may use a list of scripture references during the sittings, but may have no other notes.
- *Examples:* A student in Grade 9, attempts to recite 100 verses in 1 sitting, but is only able to recite 60. This student returns twice and recites 30 and 10 verses. This student would earn a Silver medal. (60 + 30 + 10 = 100 in 3 sittings). Alternatively, the same student can “reset” by returning for a second attempt to recite all 100 verses in one or two settings to earn a Gold.

### Certification of Memory Work

- The Church Coordinator will specify one or more individuals to listen to the students and verify their accomplishments. He/she must certify that the student has memorized and recited the required number of verses. The adult must complete a certification form indicating that the memory work has been completed.

### Submission Material

- The participant is responsible for mailing the following material no later than the Challenge Event Deadline (two weeks before the MWLTC Convention). If emailed, the **church coordinator** MUST send the materials to the event coordinator and vouch for their authenticity. (A Microsoft Word version of the form is available on the website.)
    - a. A completed “Scripture Challenge Certification Form”.
    - b. A personal bio (one paragraph is sufficient) and digital picture of the participant taken during the event process. This is used to help recognize the participant for his/her achievement.
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## AWARDS:

Awards will be given according to their grade level and number of sittings needed to recite a total of 50 or 100 verses. See “Scripture Challenge Certification Form” for specific details.

# SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATION FORM

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This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has successfully completed the requirements of the Scripture Challenge. This participant has met the requirement for a [ **GOLD** **SILVER** **BRONZE** **PARTICIPANT** ] award (circle one). The number of verses and sittings are indicated in the appropriate box below:

## Instructions

Indicate in these boxes student's grade category and number of scriptures memorized. (Circle appropriate box of numbers.) (For example, if a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student is able to recite 50 verses (accumulative) during 4 sittings, you would circle the "3 to 5" box in the rightmost column. This student would receive a Silver medal.)

	<b># of Sittings to Recite Required Number of Verses</b>	
<b>Medal</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade 100 verses</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 50 verses</b>
Gold	1 to 2 sittings	1 to 2 sittings
Silver	3 to 5 sittings	3 to 5 sittings
Bronze	6 to 10 sittings	6 to 10 sittings

\_\_\_\_\_ **Check here** if participant attempted Scripture Challenge but did not achieve a Bronze. They are eligible for a "Participant" medal.

## Scriptures for MWLTC 2012

For MWLTC 2012, the participant may choose to memorize **any 50 or 100 verses from the book of Genesis**. Participants are encouraged to read through the book a few times and pray about which verses to memorize. You decide which portions mean the most to you and commit them to heart. Please include a list of the verses you memorized below.

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Adult Certifying Completion \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_