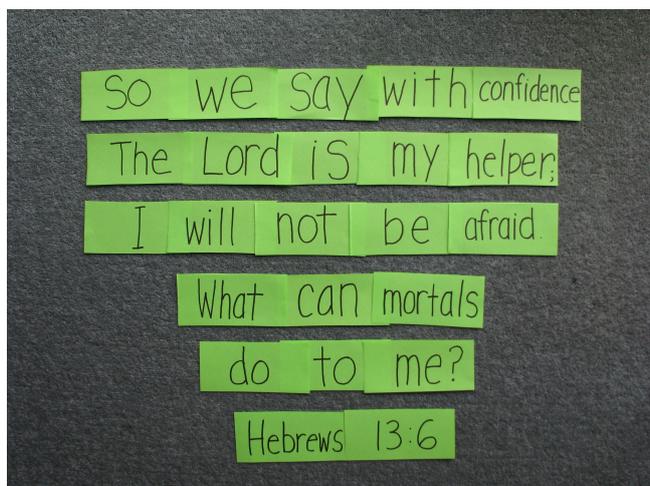




use the Bible to look up the verse. (Keep it fun).

- **Self-Discovery:** Place the scrambled words and Bible on the table and let the children try to figure out the verse before you tell them what it is. In a wordy verse like the example given, the children will inevitably turn to the Bible for the answer. This is a lesson in itself!
- **Hide and Seek:** Hide the words around the room and let children find them. As they unscramble the verse then they will know they still need to find missing words.
- **Make My Own:** Help the children find the verse in the Bible and make their own paper puzzle to unscramble. They can take these home to share with their families.
- **For younger children, early readers or mixed language classes:**
  - Only use part of the verse. In the example shown you might just use “The Lord is my helper” or “I will not be afraid.”
  - Combine more than one word on each paper so there are not so many words to unscramble.
  - Do part of the puzzle before the children start.
  - Cut the pieces of paper so that the words will fit together like a puzzle. This gives clues as to the order of the words.
  - Use a combination of pictures and words. For example, use a picture of an eye for “I” or a bee for “be”. Use a picture of a face showing fear for the word “afraid.”
  - Use an easy-to-read version of the Bible for the memory verse. Try these:
    - [ICB: \(International Children’s Bible\)](#)
    - [NIRV: \(New International Reader’s Version\)](#)
    - [CEV: \(Contemporary English Version\)](#) or
    - [ERV: \(Easy-to-Read Version\)](#)
- **For large groups or large spaces:**
  - Give each child one of the papers. Ask them to hold the papers and “put themselves in order.” The final result would be children standing in a row holding the words of the verse in order.
  - Have a relay race with two teams. Each team has a duplicate set of papers and a Bible. The children run and put the words on a table or board. After all the words are up, then the relay continues with children taking turns running up to switch any words around until it is correct.



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