



## MEMORY VERSE

*“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.”  
(Isaiah 40:8)*

### INTRODUCTION

*(Show a picture of grass and a picture of a flower or bring in some grass or flowers.)* On the count of three I want you to tell me what I am holding in my hands. *(Allow response.)* Tell me some things about grass and flowers. *(Allow response, including things like color and smell.)* Animals and people around the world depend on grass and plants for food. Flowers are beautiful to look at. What are some things people use flowers for? *(Allow response.)* The thing about grass and flowers is that they don’t last very long. The Bible tells us about something that will last longer than grass and flowers—something that lasts forever!

### PRESENTATION

*(Read the verse from Bible and have children follow along on visual.)* What does the verse say will last forever? The word of our God! We call God’s Word the Bible. It is 66 smaller books made into one big book, which has two parts—the Old Testament and the New Testament. The books are divided into chapters and verses. We call the name of the book, the chapter number, and the verse number the address (reference) of the verse. The address for today’s verse is Isaiah 40:8. That means the verse is from the book of Isaiah, which is in the Old Testament part of the Bible. *(Point out in Bible or on Books of the Bible Poster.)* The chapter is 40—one of the big numbers in the book of Isaiah. *(Point out in Bible.)* The verse is 8; we look down in chapter 40 until we find the little number 8. *(Point out in Bible.)* And there is our verse for today! Say the address with me in a quiet voice. Now say it in a medium voice. Now say it in a loud voice. *(Do with children.)* Good! Now you know where this verse is found in the Bible. But what does this verse tell us?

### EXPLANATION

*The grass withers, the flower fades*—Grass and flowers fade and die. When grass is alive it is green and soft. When flowers are alive they are beautiful and colorful. But grass and flowers wither and fade—grass dries up and the flowers’ colors are no longer bright. Nothing in our world lasts forever. Everything in our world is dying. Even people get old, lose their strength and eventually die. When God made the world, He made it to be perfect. He made people to know Him and love Him. But they chose to go their own way. Choosing to go your own way instead of God’s way is sin. Because of sin, things do not last forever.

*but the word of our God will stand forever*—God is eternal. He has always been and always will be. The Bible is God’s message to us. God’s true Word, written in the Bible, will last forever! God’s Word is how we know who He is and what He is like. It is not a human’s idea; it is God’s book. God chose to tell us what He is like through the Bible. Through the years, the Bible has been carefully copied over and over again. God has protected His Word through thousands of years. We call God’s protecting His Word preservation. Can you say the word preservation? *(Allow response.)* The Bible will last forever!

### Preschool Memory Verse

For preschoolers, teach “...the word of our God will stand forever.” Isaiah 40:8

#### Introduction

Ask the children if they have a favorite flower or other plant. Ask them if they have ever seen flowers being used to decorate somewhere. Tell them that plants are nice, but they do not last forever. The memory verse for today tells about something that does last forever.

#### Presentation

Show the children where the verse is in your Bible. Tell them the Bible is a big book made of two part, the Old Testament and New Testament. Today’s verse is from the Old Testament part.

#### Explanation

Tell the children that everything God says is right and true. God’s Word does not change; it lasts forever. God’s Word is true for you and me today!

#### Materials

“The Grass Fades” card  
*(See GNC Resource Pack.)*

#### Materials

Visualized Bible Verse Booklet  
Books of the Bible Poster  
*(See GNC Starter Resource Pack and Resource Pack.)*

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## Lesson 1

### Preschool Application

**Unsaved:** If you have not believed in Jesus as your Savior, God's Word tells you how you can be forgiven for your sin. Listen closely in the Bible lesson to learn more.

**Saved:** If you have already believed in Jesus as your Savior, you can know the Bible is always true! You can trust what it says no matter what time it is.

### Materials

Word Up! Booklet  
(See GNC Resource Pack.)

### Preschool Repetition

"Fading or Forever Junior"

Simplify the suggested game for younger children by having them repeat the entire verse quickly or slowly depending on which hand is chosen. If the Bible is chosen, repeat verse slowly. If the flowers are chosen, say the verse quickly.

### Materials

"The Grass Fades" card  
(See GNC Resource Pack.)  
Bible

## APPLICATION

**Unsaved:** Maybe you don't have a Bible at your house. Maybe you never saw a Bible until today. All of our lessons are from the Bible. You can know that they are true. Later we are going to talk more about why you can know the Bible is true. The Bible is God's true message to you. It tells you about your sin, God's love for you, and how He made a way for your sin to be forgiven. It also tells how God helps you to live on this Earth once you know Him. Say with me, "**The Bible is true!**" (Say with children.) You can read the Bible to learn more about God.

**Saved:** If you have already believed in Jesus as your Savior, **God speaks to you through the Bible.** You can be confident (know for sure) that the Bible is true and will never pass away. Try to read God's Word every day to learn how to love Him and live for Him. Will you do that starting today?

## REPETITION

**Verse game:** "Fading or Forever"

(Hold your Bible in one hand and a plant [real, artificial, or a picture will work] in the other. You may use the plant from the introduction if you wish. Put both hands behind your back and have a child choose one word from the memory verse. Next, have a child choose your right or left hand and reveal which object is in that hand before repeating the verse with the children. If the child chooses the hand with the Bible, the chosen word must be said very slowly as the verse is repeated. If the hand holding the plant is chosen, the chosen word must be said quickly. Emphasize the fact that while plants and other things don't last long, God's Word keeps going and going. It has no end!)