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Have a picture of a squirrel gathering up acorns.

Ask the class: "What do you think this squirrel is up to?" Let the children answer and then discuss how they store up food for the winter. Explain how squirrels begin early because when the storms hit and they can no longer find food, the stored food will help them to survive.

In the same way, all of us will face storms in our lives too.

We won't know what to do unless we have these Bible verses that we are storing up now.

Even our Lord Jesus used His knowledge of Scripture when He faced temptations and trials. That helped pro-

tect Him and helped Him obey His Heavenly Father. If Jesus needed to memorize Scriptures, we surely do too.

Do you understand why memorizing Scripture is important? What if you were in trouble and didn't know what to do? Or suppose you were in a place where no Bibles were available? Would you be able to remember what the Bible says? Verses you learn now will help you in the future.



Power Point

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MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 119:11, "I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Small Group Discussion

While your class is in the large group setting, have someone read the story "Girl Squirrel Daydreams," found on a supplement page to this lesson.

Then, break up into small groups of four or five students to discuss the story and how it applies to the lesson. Small group leaders may use the following discussion questions:

1. What did Girl Squirrel want to do instead of gathering acorns? (daydream)
2. What else did Girl Squirrel decide she wanted to do? (Become a flying squirrel.)
3. Why did Girl Squirrel not know about winter? (She was a Spring Squirrel who had never seen Winter.)
4. Why did all the other squirrels gather acorns and hide them? (So they would survive Winter)
5. How is a squirrel gathering acorns similar to us memorizing Scriptures?
6. Squirrels prepare for Winter. What do we need to prepare for?
7. Did Jesus memorize Scripture? (Yes)
8. How old was Jesus when He impressed the elders in the Temple with His knowledge of Scripture? (12 yr.)
9. Can you tell one time when Jesus quoted Scripture? (His temptation in the wilderness)
10. How many of you can quote a passage of Scripture?
11. What is the prime age for a person to memorize Scriptures? (When they are a child)

M&M Trivia Cards

The Beginning

Legend has it that, while on a trip to Spain, Forrest Mars Sr. encountered soldiers who were eating pellets of chocolate encased in a hard sugary coating. This prevented it from melting.

Inspired by this idea, Mr. Mars went back to his kitchen and invented the recipe for M&M'S Plain Chocolate Candies.

Famous Slogan

When America entered the 1950s, M&M'S Plain Chocolate Candies were quickly becoming a household word, particularly with the growth of television.

In 1954, M&M'S Peanut Chocolate Candies were introduced to the Brand's portfolio, and sales of both varieties continued to grow.

That same year, the universally loved M&M'S Brand Characters and the famous slogan, "The milk chocolate melts in your mouth—not in your hand," debuted in the initial TV advertising.

Colors Added

In 1960, M&M'S Peanut Chocolate Candies added three new colors—red, green and yellow—to the original brown color.

In 1972, the M&M'S Brand Characters first appeared on packaging, and became increasingly known through print and TV advertising, reinforcing Brand awareness. In 1976, orange was added to the M&M'S Peanut Chocolate Candies color mix.

M&Ms in Space

In June 2004, M&M's gained unexpected fame as Mike Melvill, the pilot of SpaceShipOne the world's first manned private suborbital space flight, opened up a package of the chocolate brand when he reached the border of space (100km) in order to demonstrate weightlessness as the candy floated in the cabin. Melvill chose the candies because they were both colorful, therefore showing up well on camera, and because once gravity was restored if they fell into any of the controls they could be easily crushed and not interfere with the mechanisms.

Red Brought Back

1987 was a very important year in the history of M&M'S Brand, as red was returned to the traditional color mix—due to overwhelming request from consumers.

The candies were originally made in six colors: red, orange, yellow, green, brown, and violet. (Peanut candies were made in the same colors, except violet.) In 1949, Violet was taken out of the mix and was replaced by tan. Red was eliminated in 1976 because of health concerns about the red dye amaranth (Red #2), a suspected carcinogen.

M&Ms for a New Millennium

The memorable moment of 1997 was the debut of Green, the first female M&M'S Brand Character. This multifaceted '90s woman and author has starred in a number of popular M&M'S Brand commercials. She toured the U.S. promoting her autobiography, "I Melt for No One", and quickly achieved the celebrity status of her male colleagues—Red, Yellow and Blue.

Game: M&M Candy Trivia

Create game cards from the above list.

Divide your group into teams and give each team a set of cards to study. (*Two minute time limit.*)

Now quiz each group giving points for right

answers. (*You could even give out packs of M&M candies for prizes.*)

Apply: Have fun with the game and then apply to the lesson by saying: We have demonstrated that you have good memories. If you can learn facts about candy, you can also learn God's word.

“Girl Squirrel Daydreams” by Sammy Jamison



Girl Squirrel was born in the Spring. The world around her was beautiful. She lived in a lush green forest with a carpet of green grass. There were wildflowers blooming all around her.

Her favorite thing to do was to lay down in the soft grass on a warm day and daydream.

She barely noticed how busy everyone around her was. The birds were building nests and hatching baby birds. The ants were storing up food. And the other squirrels were gathering up acorns and hiding them, but Girl Squirrel was lost in her daydreams.

One day Girl Squirrel saw a flying squirrel! He could glide gracefully from one tree branch to another. “That’s what I want to be,” thought Girl Squirrel, “I want to be a flying squirrel so I can glide through the air.”



Girl Squirrel decided that if she was going to become a flying squirrel, she would have to stop daydreaming about it and do something. So, she started to practice flying. First, she would run and jump over a stump to see how long she could stay in the air. It was fun, but she didn’t think she was really flying yet.



A bear came along and saw Girl Squirrel jumping. He said, “What are you doing Girl Squirrel?” “I am practicing so I can become a flying squirrel,” she replied. “I don’t think you can just “decide” to become a flying squirrel. Why aren’t you busy gathering up acorns like the rest of your friends? Winter is coming.” “Winter?” questioned Girl Squirrel, “What is this Winter everyone keeps talking about?” “Oh my! You must be one of those silly Spring squirrels who has never seen Winter.” And Bear just ambled off into the woods shaking his head.

Girl Squirrel wondered what Bear meant, but she didn’t let it bother her. She had more daydreaming to do. She began to think of ways to become a flying squirrel. She could see herself sitting in her own plane. Oh yes! She could imagine herself taxiing past her friends, and they would wave at her and admire her and her new plane.



She could taxi out to the meadow and use it for a runway. After she got up speed, she would fly up up into the sky and look down on all her friends in the forest.

Then she imagined what it would be like to be the first squirrel to go up in a hot air balloon. That would be like flying. She thought of how fun it would be to be so high up in the air. She wondered what it would be like to fly over the forest that was her home.



Her daydreams were interrupted because she got very hungry. While she was up in a tree looking for some food, the flying squirrel glided onto the same branch she was sitting on. She told him, “I was just daydreaming about how much I want to be a flying squirrel and glide through the air like you.” “I have noticed that you haven’t been gathering acorns like all of your friends.” Said the flying squirrel. “I would rather just daydream,” said Girl Squirrel.

“See this acorn?” asked Flying Squirrel, “It holds the secret to all of your dreams.” “It does? How?” asked Girl Squirrel. “You need this acorn for food. Squirrels store them up in safe places so they can survive the Winter. Our absent-minded ancestors would hide them in the ground and forget where they hid them, and those acorns grew into this great forest home of ours.”



After her talk with Flying Squirrel, Girl Squirrel had a whole new attitude. Now she understood why all her other friends were busy gathering up acorns. Now she wanted to gather them for herself. Then, she began to look around for a safe place to hide them.

Most of the good hiding places had been taken by other squirrels and birds by now, but Girl Squirrel finally found a hollow tree that she could hide her acorns in. She decided that she would make this hollow tree her home for the coming Winter. She could still hear Flying Squirrel warning her, “Don’t be a silly Spring Squirrel that daydreams her days away because she has never seen Winter!”



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Psalm 119:11

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