

Memory Work
2016-2017
1st Marking Period

This marking period students will be memorizing part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount found in **Mathew 6:25-34**. We will start with verse 25, and each week students will memorize and recite an additional verse until they can recite all ten verses at the end of the marking period. Also, each week you will need to write a short journal entry about that week's verse (more information on the back of this page).

September 1

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"

September 9

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

September 16

²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

September 23

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

September 30

²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

October 7

³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?"

October 14

³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

October 21

³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

October 28

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

November 4 (No Journal this week)

³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Journal Entries

Each week you will be required to write a short journal entry about the verse for that week. Below are some ideas of what to write about. You can choose write about any or all of these ideas:

- Explain what you think the verse means in your own words.
- How does this verse apply to you and your life?
- Share how God is working in your life right now. What else is he teaching you? What do you want to improve on as a Christian?

Answer these questions if you have trouble thinking of things to write:

- **Sep. 1:** What does it mean to worry? What kinds of things do you worry about in your life? Is there anything you are worried about this school year? Anything you are worried about in the future? Why do you think Jesus tells us not to worry?
- **Sep. 9:** How does God take care of the "birds of the air"? Do you think that birds worry? Do you think humans should worry? Why?
- **Sep. 16:** What do you accomplish when you worry? Does worrying do any good? Why do you think we worry so much then? Have you been worrying about anything this week?
- **Sep. 23:** Have you ever worried about what you were going to wear? Have you ever worried about how your clothes make you look? Does it really matter what you wear? Why?
- **Sep. 30:** What kind of "clothes" do flowers wear? Do they have to worry about them? Who was Solomon? Do you think he wore nice clothes? How are we like flowers?
- **Oct. 7:** How long do flowers live? Are flowers very important/valuable? How valuable are we to God? Do you think God cares about what our clothes look like? Why?
- **Oct. 14:** Why should we not worry about things? Does not worrying mean that we don't care? What things do you spend time worrying about?
- **Oct. 21:** What are pagans? Do you think people who are not Christians spend a lot of time worrying? Why? Why do we, as Christians, not have to worry?
- **Oct. 28:** Instead of worrying, what should we do? What does it mean to seek God's kingdom and righteousness? Think about it... what kinds of things should we focus on? (Hint: Think about it...)

Other Directions

- Journal entries are due when you come to class on the dates listed on the front of this page.
- Entries must be written in YOUR JOURNAL or typed and submitted online.
- The journal entries will be worth 1/3 of your memory work grade.

Minimum Length Requirements

6th Grade: 45 words 7th Grade: 60 words 8th Grade: 75 words