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Title: Mass Storage

Theme: The more we remember God’s word, the more we can live the way He wants us to.

Object: Slide rule, calculator, smart phone, computer thumb drives.

Text: Psalm 119:11 (NKJV) Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

How many of your parents have a computer at home?

Do any of you kids have your own computer?

We have four laptop computers at our home and two smart phones.

A smart phone is like a little hand-held computer. It can do many of the same things a laptop computer can do.

I brought several types of computer devices in my bag today. Does anyone know what these are? [Show thumb drives.]

These are little thumb drives or USB drives. They’re called a thumb drive because they are about the size of your thumb.

These thumb drives are used to store digital information. It could be pictures, videos, music, books, articles, brochures, spreadsheets PowerPoint presentations…all kinds of information.

And when you plug this into a USB port on a computer, the computer can read all the information on this drive and display it on the screen so you can see it, hear it, and read it.

Now when I was a kid, nobody had a personal computer. Nobody had a smart phone. We did math the old fashioned way by learning in school how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide.

When I got into high school, I learned how to use the slide rule. Want to see my slide rule? [show]

This was neat because it made multiplication and division really fast, but you had to be careful, it was easy to make mistakes, and the answers were only approximate.

When I graduated from MIT, Hewlett Packard had just introduced the first scientific calculator, the HP 35. Here’s my HP 35. My parents bought it for me for a graduation gift. It cost $400! That was a lot of money back then.

Well, in the 1980’s personal computers came along, and now it is really easy to do all kinds of mathematical calculations and so much more.

Now computers are amazing things, but even more amazing is the brain that God gave you.

Your brain can store a lifetime of information that you never forget.

Now you may not be able to recall it all, particularly when you get older like me.

But scientists say it is still there, and if your brain were properly stimulated, you would be able to recall details that you thought you forgot long ago.

To a large degree, your memories make you the person you are. They form your character.

That’s why it is important to remember the important verses from the Bible.

The more we store the Bible in the memory banks of our brain, the easier it will be to remember what the Bible says, and live the way God wants us to.

Have you ever memorized a Bible verse?

Many people believe that the most important verse in the Bible is John 3:16.

If you know it, say it with me: For God so loved the world…

That’s the gospel in just one verse!

God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to die for our sins.

And if we love Him and trust Him and ask Him to forgive us, He will, and He will give us eternal life.

I hope you’ll remember our Bible verse from today: Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.

The more we memorize God’s word, the more we can life the way He wants us to.

Would you like to live the way God wants you to? Let’s ask Him to help us do that.