

## **My Verse**

Because this activity asks people to select one verse from a story, it requires people to read the Scripture after hearing the story.

### **Benefits of My Verse Activity**

- Encourages the reading of Scripture
- Promotes deeper understanding of Scripture
- Articulates ideas and thoughts
- Allows everyone to have a voice
- Requires listening skills

### **Types of Stories for My Verse Activity**

- Look for stories with interesting characters and situations and purposeful applications
- Look for longer stories that will offer a variety of verses for individuals to select

### **Directions for My Verse Activity**

1. After telling the story, have all participants open their Bibles to the Scripture.
2. Allow time for them to read the story and select one verse that appeals to them. It might be a verse that applies to someone's life or current events. It might be a verse that reminds them of a different story. Or it might even be a verse that they don't understand and want to discuss. (You might want to consider assigning this as homework. At the next class, tell the story again and then begin the My Verse Activity.)
3. Make sure all participants have copied their verse onto a piece of paper. Try to write it out large enough and dark enough that it can be read from a slight distance by others in your small group.
4. One person reads their selected verse but offers no explanation as to why the verse was selected. After reading the verse, turn the paper so everyone can see what has been written.

5. Members of the group share comments on the verse: what it means to them, connections to other verses or stories, questions about the meaning, etc.
6. After several people have commented, the person who selected the verse explains why it was chosen and perhaps connect to the ideas shared by other members.
7. After all verses have been shared, return to the large group and share any interesting comments from the small group activity.
8. Closing: What did you learn tonight that will help you during this coming week?