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Key Verse: Judges 12:6 (NIV) - "They said, 'All right, say Shibboleth.' If he said, 'Sibboleth,' because he could not pronounce the word correctly, they seized him and killed him at the fords of the Jordan."

Creative Ways to Memorize:

1. Rhyme Time:

Create a simple rhyme to help remember the verse:

"Near the Jordan, they would test,
Say 'Shibboleth' to pass the quest.
If you said it without the 'Sh',
They'd capture you, oh what a mess!"

2. Hand Motions:

- Act like you're dividing the Jordan River with your hands when saying "fords of the Jordan."
- Pretend to hold a microphone for "say Shibboleth."
- Cross your arms to symbolize stopping or seizing when you reach "they seized him."

3. Sing-Along:

Create a simple tune, like a nursery rhyme, incorporating the verse. For example, to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star":

"Near the river Jordan wide,
Shibboleth was the test to abide,
If not said right, oh no indeed,
They were caught fast with great speed."

4. Word Challenge:

Use flashcards with parts of the verse and challenge the students to put them in the correct order. Add in actions for each card, like pretending to hold a sword for "killed him."

5. Memory Game:

Have students sit or stand in a circle. Go around the circle with each student saying one word of the verse until the entire verse is spoken. Add movements for fun, such as clapping or passing an item while speaking.