

# Memory\_verse

Key Verse: 1 Samuel 22:2 (NIV) - "All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their commander. About four hundred men were with him."

Creative Ways to Memorize:

## 1. Rhyme and Rhythm:

Create a simple rhyme to help memorize the verse:

"In distress, debt, or discontent,  
To David's camp, they all went.  
With four hundred by his side,  
A strong commander, he was their guide."

## 2. Hand Motions:

- Distress: Hold hands on cheeks with a worried expression.
- Debt: Pretend to count money in your hands.
- Discontented: Cross arms with a dissatisfied look.
- Gathered: Bring hands together in a welcoming gesture.
- Commander: Salute with hand on forehead.
- Four Hundred: Flash four fingers then a circle with hands.

## 3. Song:

Set the verse to the tune of a simple children's song like "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

Example:

"All those who were in distress,  
Debt or discontent, what a mess,  
Gathered 'round their leader fair,  
Four hundred men, he showed he cared."

## 4. Challenge:

- Number Game: Count up to '400' by tens as a group, simulating the gathering of the men, and when reaching 400, shout "Commander David!"
- Verse Puzzle: Write each part of the verse on different pieces of paper and have the children put them together in the correct order like a puzzle.