Verse A.B.E.A.R Homework

Verse: _____

A (attention grabber) ☐ Interesting ☐ Brief ☐ Relates to verse	_____ _ _____ _ _____ _ Link:_____ _____ _
B (Bible) ☐ Show visual ☐ Read from _____ ☐ Explain what the _____ is; why it's _____ ☐ Have children _____ it	_____ _ _____ _ _____ _ _____ _ _____ _ _____ _ _____ _
E (explain) ☐ Words & _____ ☐ Entire _____ of the verse	_____ _ _____ _ _____ _ _____ _ _____ _ _____ _

A (apply) ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ Actionable	Application #1: "If you..._____" _____ – _____ – Application #2: "If you..._____" _____ – _____ –
R (repeat) ☐ Fun ☐ Verse is memorized ☐ Repeat _____ times	_____ – _____ – _____ – _____ – _____ –

Sample verse: Matthew 19:14

Verse: But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

A (attention grabber) ☐ Interesting ☐ Brief ☐ Relates to verse	Call up all the adult teachers and the smallest child; tell the kids that everyone up front is going to play a game, ask who they think is most likely to win (adults can flex and look ready to compete); tell them that the game is Limbo (adults look horrified); let the little child win. Link: To win Limbo, you don't have to be the biggest, the strongest, or the fastest. What about God's kingdom? Do only the biggest, strongest, fastest, richest, smartest, prettiest people get in? No!
B (Bible) ☐ Show visual ☐ Read from Bible ☐ Explain what the Bible is; why it's important ☐ Have children find it	In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said... (read from Bible, show visual). The Bible is God's Word, so we know that it is true because God cannot lie. Not only is the Bible true, but God's words have the power to change our lives! That's why we treat it with respect and memorize it! If you have your own Bible, you can go to the table of contents and find "Matthew," the chapter (big number) 19, and the verse (little number) 14 that belongs to chapter 19. Once you find it, raise your hand!
E (explain) ☐ Words & phrases ☐ Entire meaning of the verse	Jesus = Perfect Son of God, came to die for our sin on the cross, buried, rose again; (explain story) Let the little children come to Me = Jesus loves children, wants them to know Him and trust in Him; Do not forbid them = don't stop them from coming to Jesus; of such is the kingdom of heaven = example of what kind of people go to heaven—those who have simple trust in Jesus, like a kid. Summary = Jesus loves children and wants them to know Him as their Savior, and He uses children as an example of putting one's faith in Him.
A (apply) ☐ Believer ☐ Non-believer ☐ Actionable	Application #1: If you have already put your trust in Jesus to save you, you can joyfully tell others about Him, even kids! If you have any little sisters or brothers, tell them about trusting in Jesus to save them from their sin. Application #2: If you have never trusted in Jesus, nothing you can do can make you right with God and able to get into heaven. The only way is to have simple faith/trust in Jesus. Listen to the object lesson later to hear what Jesus did for you and how you can enter heaven.
R (repeat) ☐ Fun ☐ Verse is memorized ☐ Repeat 4-6 times	-Hand motions to learn the verse (say 2x). -Repeat the verse as a group while walking under the Limbo stick/rope in a circle; every time they finish reciting the verse, lower the stick/rope a little (play 3x).