



FILL IN THE BLANKS

Can you remember the missing words? Write them on the lines below.

SEPTEMBER MEMORY VERSE

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— Ephesians 4:11-12 (ESV)

And he gave the _____ the _____ the _____ the shepherds and _____
#1 #2 #3 #4
to _____ the saints for the work of _____ for _____ up the body of
#5 #6 #7
#8

— Ephesians 4:11-12

WORD BANK

- apostles
- prophets
- evangelists
- teachers
- equip
- ministry
- building
- Christ

BONUS CHALLENGE:

Cover the verse and write Ephesians 4:11-12 from memory!

STEP 2 OF 3

SEPTEMBER MEMORY VERSE — FULL PASSAGE

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1 the	2 equip	3 shepherds	4 for	5 ministry,	6 prophets,	7 the
8 teachers,	9 and	10 the	11 the	12 up	13 work	14 Christ.
15 saints	16 body	17 he	18 to	19 gave	20 for	21 of
22 apostles,	23 the	24 the	25 evangelists,	26 building	27 And	28 the
29 of						

WRITE THE VERSE IN ORDER HERE:



COVER & SAY

Cover the verse, say it out loud, and check off each level!

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1

JUST VERSE 11

Cover the box. Say Ephesians 4:11 from memory. Check when you can do it twice in a row!



2

JUST VERSE 12

Now say Ephesians 4:12 on its own. Try using the first word of each phrase as a hint.



3

BOTH VERSES TOGETHER

Say 4:11 then 4:12 back to back without stopping. No peeking — you've got this!



4

TEACH SOMEONE ELSE

Say the whole passage to a parent or sibling, then explain what one of the five roles means.

THINK ABOUT IT

God gave the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers.
Which of these roles do you see in someone you know? Who equips YOU?
What does it mean to "build up the body of Christ" in your family or church?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Each person names someone who has "equipped" them in their faith — a teacher, pastor, or mentor — and says one thing that person taught them. Then pray for them!



GET UP & MOVE!

A physical activity to help lock Ephesians 4:11-12 in your memory.

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BUILD THE BODY

A role-call freeze game • All ages • 5-10 min • No prep needed

SETUP — ASSIGN THE ROLES

Assign each player one of the five roles from verse 11: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Shepherd, or Teacher. If you have more players than roles, double up. Read the passage together once before starting. Everyone stands spread out in the room.

HOW TO PLAY

One person is the LEADER and stands in the middle. The leader calls out a role (e.g. "EVANGELISTS!"). Anyone with that role must freeze and say their part of the verse: "the evangelists." If they say it correctly, they stay frozen — the leader tries to tag them before they can say it. If tagged before finishing, they become the new leader. Rotate through all five roles, then try saying the full verse together as a group.

ROUND 2 — EQUIP MODE

Now the leader calls "EQUIP!" instead of a role name. Everyone must run to one wall and say verse 12 together before the leader tags anyone. If the group says it correctly and no one is tagged, the leader switches. If the leader tags someone mid-verse, start verse 12 over from the beginning.

ROUND 3 — FULL PASSAGE FREEZE

Everyone freezes. The leader points to players one at a time in random order — each pointed player must say the NEXT word of the passage in sequence. Miss a word or pause too long? Everyone does 5 jumping jacks and the passage resets. Keep going until the whole passage is said perfectly!

LEADER TIP

After the game, ask: "God gave each of these roles to EQUIP the saints — that's us! Which role do you think you might have someday? How could you use it to build up your church?"