# **GRAMMAR: Understanding Verbs**

# Activity: "Action Word Fun!"

## **Objective**:

• Introduce students to the concept of verbs as action words, helping them understand that verbs are words that show what people, animals, or things do.

#### Materials/Resources:

• None required, but you could use a whiteboard and markers if desired.

#### **Instructions:**

#### 1. Introduction to Verbs:

- Start by teaching this week's memory fact.
- Explain: "A verb is an action word! It tells us what someone or something is doing, like running, jumping, or talking!"
- Give a few examples: "For example, if I say, 'I **run**,' the word 'run' is the verb because it tells us what I'm doing!"

#### 2. Action Game:

- Step 1: Tell the students you're going to play a fun game where you all act out verbs.
- Step 2: For example:
  - "I'm going to act out the verb 'jump.' Watch me jump like this! What's the action?"
  - "Now, I'm going to pretend I'm swimming. What am I doing?"
- After each action, ask the students to say the verb aloud together: "Swimming!" or "Jumping!"
- Give each child a chance to act out a simple verb while the others guess what the action is.

## 3. Wrap-Up:

- Review the concept of verbs: "Remember, verbs are action words! They tell us what someone or something is doing. Can you think of any verbs you do every day?"
- Allow a few students to share their ideas (e.g., running, eating, playing).