

Index Card Memorization Aid

MATERIALS:

index cards, small flashcard blanks¹, OR pre-printed keyword flashcards from this site (available soon)

Colored index cards, colored flashcard blanks², or print divider flashcards from this site (available soon) on colored cardstock

colored markers ("stinky" smell-good markers are available at Staples.com)

ink pen(s)

metal ring clasps (or use pipe cleaners; clipping off unused lengths after twisting closed)

Downloadable Keyword poster with matching Fill-in-The-Blank poster

hole-puncher

NOTE: This project/game is great for individuals to do as well as for groups.

Blessed	ways	blameless	walk	law	Lord
Blessed	keep	statutes	seek	all	heart
	wrong	follow			

precepts	fully	obeyed		
ways	steadfast	obeying	decrees	
shame	consider	commands		

praise	upright	heart	learn	righteous	laws
obey	decrees	utterly	forsake		

¹ Small-size manilla and colored cards shown in the photos are at teacher or office supply stores such as Staples. See [School Specialty Blank Flash Cards \(2x3\) 1000-ct - Manila](#), or the same set in [assorted pastel colors](#).

² Ibid

Make the Keyword Flashcards:

1. Divide the octrain or passage into meaningful chunks of a few verses each. For example, in Aleph, there are three divisions, or "sections" (v. 1-3, 4-6, 7-8).
2. Use one color of marker to write a keyword on each card from the first section; a separate color for the second section; and a third color for the third section. Work on one section at a time.

Play Shuffle! and Play By Numbers!

3. Lay the keyword flashcards from one section at a time on the table word-side up. Shuffle them around. Then try to put them in order as you say the verses. If you can't remember a part, create a space where that keyword should go and keep going. Sequence together as many phrases as possible. Sometimes the phrases are formed easier than trying to sequence just single words.
4. Number the ordered flashcards in their proper sequence on the back of each card.
5. Play the game each day or class session until the keywords are memorized in order. This makes a great "warm-up" activity, even after the passage has been learned.
6. Lay the cards over so that only their numbers show. Say the passage and point to each card's number as you say the keyword. Lay the cards in sequence as you go. Turn the card over as the keyword is said in order to check accuracy, and to help you as you progress forward.

Making the Card Deck

1. Make a **colored index card** with the octrain name in Hebrew and the scripture reference on the front as a card-set cover: "Aleph Ps. 119:1-8". You can even draw the Hebrew octrain symbol in the middle.
2. **Hole-punch** the top left corner of each of the cards and use a **ring clip** to bind the Aleph-set. Bind the entire Psalm 119 set together when completed by placing all octrain sets on a **master ring clip**.

OPTION: **Illustrate** each section on a separate card (three sections) using key concepts in graphic form. Use them as section dividers within the octrain. See if you can say the verses just by viewing your illustration. (See Photos on pg 3-4.)

Using the Fill-in-the-Blank Poster

A master of this poster should be printed and saved for using again and again to refresh your memory or to check the flashcard drills. Use different color pens or markers to fill in the blanks per color code of each section.

Act Out the Verse:

As an individual, consider using hand motions that make sense to help you as you memorize (using Sign Language or a made-up version of it). For groups, let children make up their own hand and whole-body motion signs.



In this photo, I forgot the writing pens, hole-puncher, and the 2 posters. The duck and mouse are optional. 🐹



