Make your pocket verse cards

Eight different Genesis verses, sized for a pocket, lunchbox or small bag. Start with one verse and carry it through the day.

In the combined Print Guide: holder on page 3; page 4 is blank; print test on pages 5-6.

1 Choose one design

Color file: Rainbows, pages 1-2; Moon and Stars, 3-4; Dolphins, 5-6; Unicorns, 7-8; Camouflage, 9-10. Or use the two-page Ink Saving file. Every design has the same eight verses. Print just one pair, not the entire color file.

2 Test your printer first

Use US Letter paper (8½ × 11 in), portrait, Actual size or 100%, and two-sided printing with Flip on long edge. Turn off Fit, booklet mode and multiple pages per sheet. Print the two-page Alignment Test on plain paper first. Match each number front to back and hold it to a light. Printer feed and registration can vary.

3 Print and cut

Use paper or cardstock that your printer supports; check its duplex weight limit. Print your chosen pair. Cut the front side at the corner marks to make eight 3¼ × 2 in cards. The rounded border is decorative; you can gently round the corners after cutting. Leave the small card numbers in place so fronts and backs stay matched.

No two-sided printer?

Print both pages separately, one-sided at 100%. Cut out all fronts and backs. Match the GEN number and verse reference, then glue each matching pair back to back with their top edges aligned. Let the glue dry fully. Manual paper refeeding differs by printer, so test plain paper before using cardstock.

Optional lamination

Cut the paper cards out first. Place them inside a pouch approved for your laminator with at least ¼ in between cards and at least ⅛ in clear space around every paper edge, or more if the pouch maker requires it. A 2 × 4 arrangement fits a Letter-size pouch with these gaps. Laminate and cool as directed. Then trim, leaving at least ⅛ in of sealed clear film around every card. Never cut through the seal.

A grown-up handles the tools

An adult should operate the laminator, paper trimmer and sharp scissors. Round sharp plastic corners without opening the seal. Avoid small rings or loose fasteners for young children. Keep finished cards away from babies and children who put objects in their mouths.

Learn one verse at a time

Read the verse together, talk about its meaning, then turn the card over and try saying it from the reference. Revisit it tomorrow before choosing another.

01 Genesis 1:1 | God creates

Read Genesis 1:1-5. What is one thing God made that you enjoy?

02 Genesis 1:3 | God gives light

Read Genesis 1:1-5. What happened when God spoke?

03 Genesis 1:27 | Made in God’s image

Read Genesis 1:26-28. How can you show care for someone made in God’s image?

04 Genesis 2:3 | A day made holy

Read Genesis 2:1-3. How can our family make time for rest and worship?

05 Genesis 6:8 | Noah finds favor

Read Genesis 6:5-9. What do you notice about Noah’s relationship with God?

06 Genesis 9:13 | A sign of God’s promise

Read Genesis 9:8-17. What promise did God give Noah and the living creatures?

07 Genesis 15:6 | Abram trusts God

Read Genesis 15:1-6. Who does “he” mean here, and whom did he trust?

08 Genesis 50:20 | God works for good

Read Genesis 50:15-21. How did Joseph respond to his brothers?

About the words on these cards

All eight are complete verses from the World English Bible Classic (WEB), with no wording shortened or paraphrased. “Yahweh” is God’s name, often shown as “LORD” in other translations. In Genesis 15:6, “he” means Abram. Read the surrounding story to keep each verse in context.

Genesis 50:20 recalls how God brought good from Joseph’s suffering. It does not excuse harm or ask a child to remain unsafe. Encourage children to tell a trusted adult if someone hurts them.

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