Instructions

Preparing the Game:

Print and cut out the cards you wish to use. There are 66 sets of cards. The cards will last longer if they are printed on cardstock and laminated, but they can be used just as easily if they are printed on copy paper and laminated or just printed on paper. Cut the cards apart on the lines. You can use all 66 sets of cards to play or choose to use fewer sets if you want a shorter game, such as just the Old Testament or just the New Testament. There is a blank page included that you or the children can use to create your own additional sets if you wish.

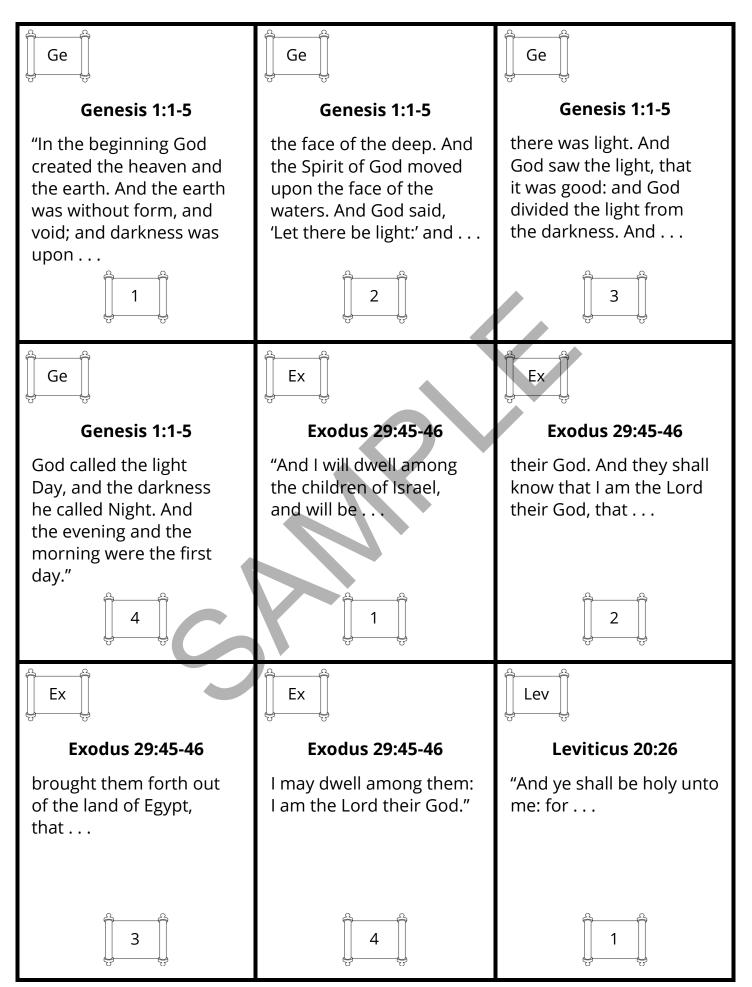
Playing the Game:

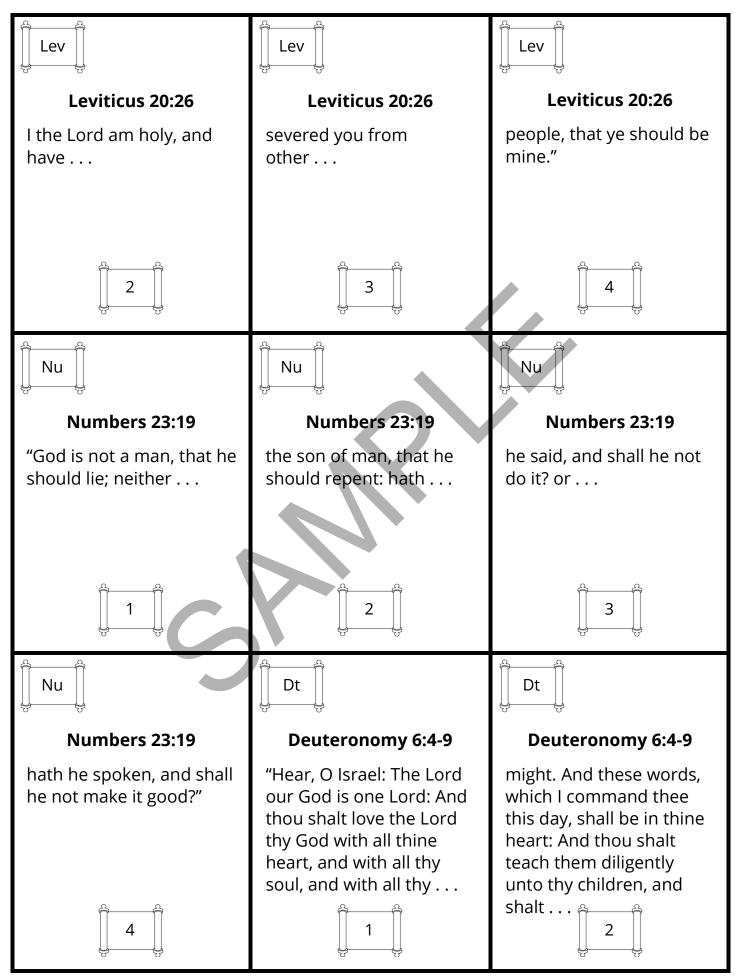
Shuffle or mix the cards together well that are being used. Put the cards in a pile in the center of the table. Each player, starting with the youngest and moving clockwise, draws a card from the pile until each player has four cards. This is the starting hand for each player. The object of the game is to get as many sets of cards as possible. Each set has four cards that have part of a Bible verse on them. Each card also has the verse reference, the abbreviation of the name of the book of the Bible in the upper left corner, and a number that shows what part of the verse the card includes on the bottom of the card. After the players have drawn their cards, they organize them in their hand without showing them to anyone. For example, if a player has a card with part of a verse from Genesis, a card with part of a verse from John, and two cards with parts of a verse from Matthew, they should put the "Matthew" cards side by side in their hand to see what they still need to make a set of "Matthew" cards.

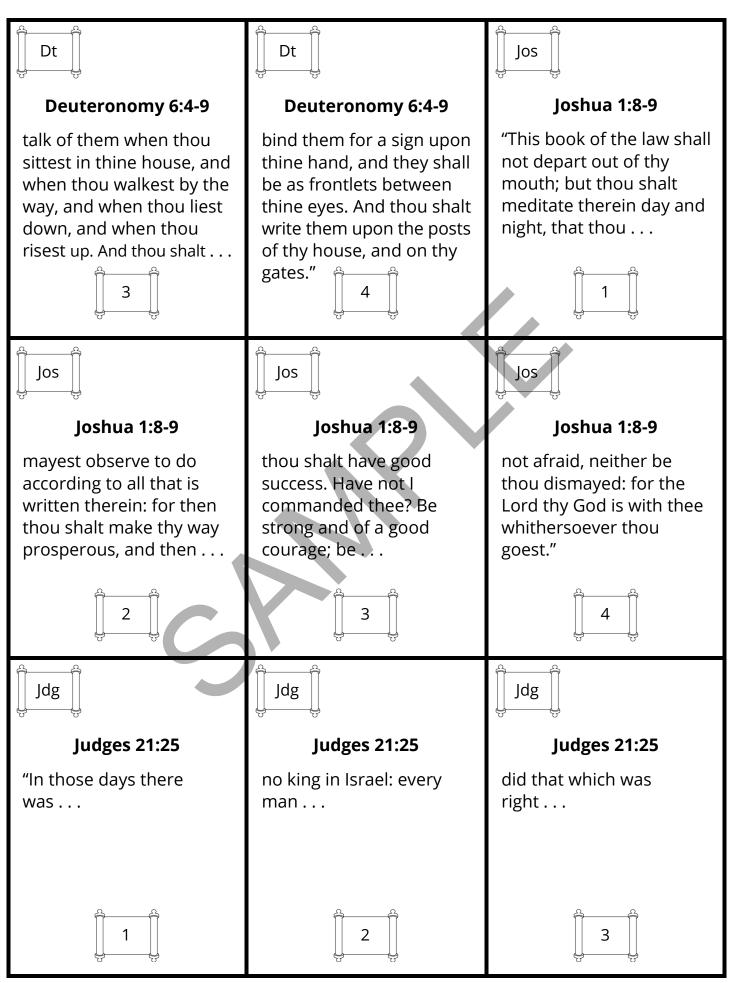
The first player draws two cards from the pile of cards in the center of the table. They decide if these cards will help them make a set of cards. The player takes one card from their hand (either one they already had or one of the cards they have just drawn) and mixes it back into the pile of cards on the table. Whenever a player has a full set of four cards (four parts of the same verse), they should play the set instead of discarding a card. Play continues until all the cards have been drawn. After the final card is drawn, anyone holding a complete set that has not been played (such as one that the player may have forgotten to play on their turn), they should play the set. The player with the most complete sets at the end of the game wins.

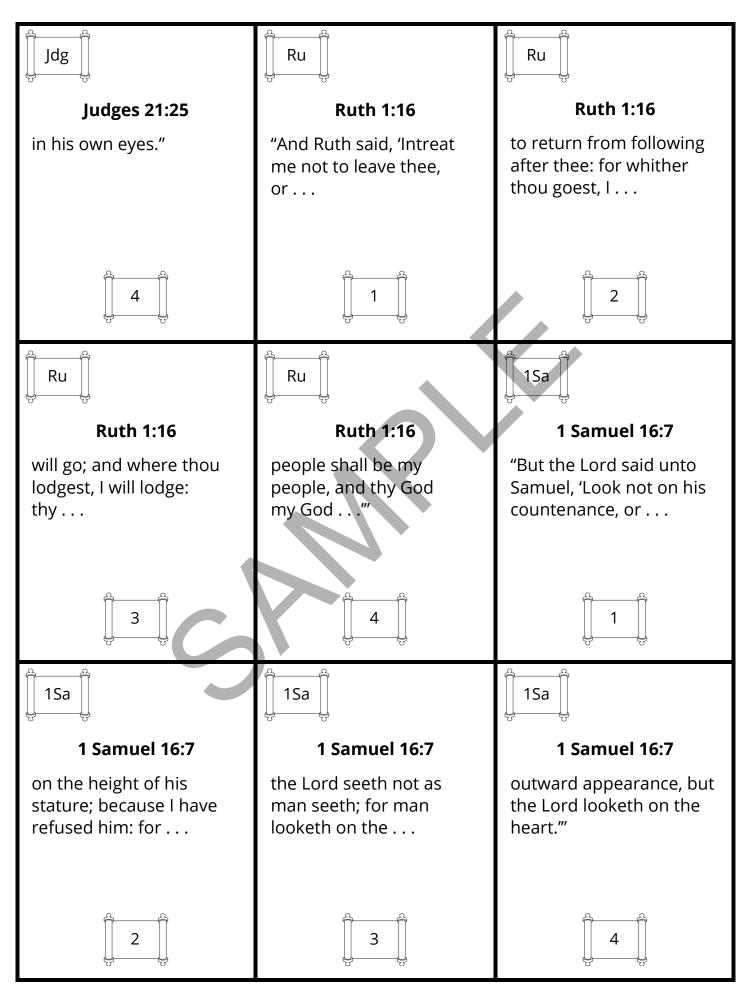
A Fun Twist:

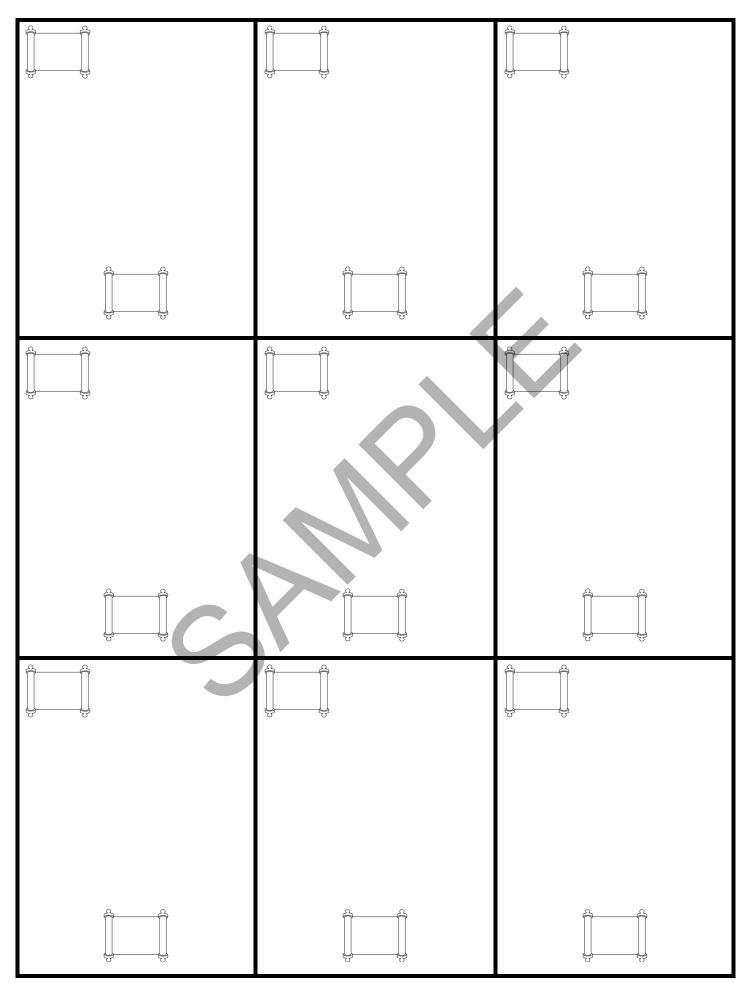
As children learn the verses used in the game, play the game with one card missing from each verse. When a child has a set of three cards from the same verse, they can play it if they can recite the full verse when they play the set. You may want to decide before playing how much the other players can help the child remember the missing piece so they can play a set of cards. A list of the complete verses used in the game is included in the back of the book.













"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light:' and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." Genesis 1:1-5



"And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the Lord their God." Exodus 29:45-46



"And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine." Leviticus 20:26



"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

Numbers 23:19



"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." Deuteronomy 6:4-9



"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:8-9



"In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Judges 21:25



"And Ruth said, 'Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God . . ." Ruth 1:16



"But the Lord said unto Samuel, 'Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7