

# Beginner Book for Early Learners Guide

A Guide to use with your set  
of Beginner Book Cards

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Beginner Book for Early Learners is my new contribution to the world of Homeschool With Index Cards. After I wrote Homeschooling With Index Cards: A Quick Guide to Incorporating Index Cards Into Your Homeschool, I realized that I needed to create something specific using index cards for early learners. This was really where we began our index card adventures. When my daughter was in kindergarten, we created a booklet that had all the information we were working on at the time. I printed letters, numbers, shapes, and colors each on a different page. We could then take this book with us in the car, to the doctor, where ever we were going. We did not only use it on the "go" however. This was the primary resource we used in those early days. After I took my son out of preschool, I created him one as well.

Each day, we spent time reading Bible stories, coloring correlating Bible coloring pages, reviewing the concepts on the cards, with a few other activities spread throughout. (My preschooler did the coloring pages as desired, but mostly looked through his book.)

Although we used a Bible coloring book (Bible Story Coloring Pages), you can find free Bible coloring pages, at <http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm> (We did not have internet access when we started homeschooling.) This will be a website that you will want to make a note of. You will be able to use the coloring pages and activity sheets for many years to come. The activity sheet guidelines start at first grade. In the beginning, just start with the coloring pages.

Your Beginner Book will be broken down into sections:

COLORS  
SHAPES  
LETTERS  
NUMBERS-WORDS AND VALUES  
DAYS OF THE WEEK  
MONTHS OF THE YEAR  
ADDITION CARDS

You can place these cards in an index card binder. In that binder you can separate the sections by using tabbed index card dividers. You can buy blank ones or simply use the backs of preprinted ones.

If you choose not to buy the binder, you can use the index card file boxes.

You can also hole punch one corner of each card and keep all your cards on an "o" ring.

Whatever you decide is perfect! Use your Beginner Book in the form that is most helpful to your family.

The following information is written to help you get the most out of your Beginner Book. The ideas below are in no way all-inclusive. I am sure you will have ideas that are better than what I have listed.

#### FILE FOLDER GAME BOARD

For most of the cards, you will be able to create some type of game with a file folder. We made ours by opening up the folder and tracing an outline of the cards for the number of spaces we needed. In the following sections, I list ideas on how to use the game boards with the cards.