



## April 26, 2026 I Am Set Apart Elementary Leader Guide

the place for kids to take  
their first steps with Jesus.



### WIN

In Philippians 2:1-18, we see that God cares about our actions and that when we follow Jesus' example of humility—putting others first and serving with gentleness—we point people to God and live like Him.

*BIBLE- PreK- Moses and Pharaoh - Exodus 3-12*

*Elem-Humble Actions - Philippians 2:1-18*

### TOOLS

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Leader Devos



Like It Counts

### SOCIAL TIME

**The first 10 minutes as kids arrive is a very important time in your small group. Because of this, we provide you with intentional activities to engage their interests and help lead into a great discussion. All of this is so that “boredom” is not an excuse. Everything is only available one time.**

Every week you have:

- Roku Games to play together that are changed out monthly.
- 2 month specific games or group activities.
- Plus 2 Social Activities. *\*\* Use one now and save the other for an incentive to participate in all the activities.*

#### Games and Music (10 minutes)

*What You Need:* Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, painter's tape, Music and music player (1 per group)

#### What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

**Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

## Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

### Bible Story Recap- Say This

Paul wrote that if we love and follow Jesus, the way we live changes. Other people may look out for themselves first and only want to take care of themselves. Sometimes, we may even feel that way. But this Bible story teaches that we can be different when we live with humility by putting other people first. Paul did not say we have to figure this out for ourselves! He wrote that we live this way by having the same attitude as Jesus. Paul wrote that Jesus obeyed God in everything He did—and we can too! Say, **“God cares about my actions!”** (God cares about my actions!)

### Gospel Connection: (refer to the 4 Circles poster in your small group spaces)

*(Circle two)* Because of sin, people naturally struggle with selfish choices and actions that do not follow God’s ways. Sin separates us from God, and no matter how hard we try to be good, we cannot repair that relationship on our own.

*(Circle one)* Paul wrote that we are to shine like stars when we trust and follow God’s way. That is the way God designed the world to be from the beginning! God made the world perfect and made people to love, trust, and follow Him. So when sin broke God’s perfect creation, He made a plan to love and rescue people.

*(Circle three)* God sent Jesus, who lived perfectly and obeyed God, to take the punishment for our sin so we could have a relationship with Him. Because Jesus died and rose again, we can follow His example by obeying God and showing caring, humble actions toward others.

*(Circle four)* When we admit that we are sinners, ask Jesus to forgive us, and turn away from sin to follow Him, He changes us. He helps us live like Him, and He promises that, one day, we will get to live with God forever.

Talk to a leader if you want to know more about following Jesus!

Paul taught that our actions matter. Say, “God cares about my actions!” (God cares about my actions!) When we follow Jesus, we get to shine like stars! If we love Jesus, it shows. Our actions affect other people because our actions can help point people to God. We live like Jesus when we obey God and help others. We even show that we are set apart when we do not complain and do not argue. Jesus shines through us!

When we struggle with our actions, we can ask God to help us. We can read the Bible and follow the example of Jesus and other amazing people who loved God. We can even learn from and follow the examples of other amazing Christians in our lives. Everyone, say, “I am set apart!” (*I am set apart!*) Let’s pray and talk with God in 3-2-1.

*God thank You for making us to shine like stars and point others to You. Whenever we wonder how we should live our lives, help us turn to You and follow Your example. Thank You, Jesus, for setting the best example by obeying God and giving up Your life to rescue us from sin. Help us to live like You and have actions that honor You. Amen.*

### **Trio Cup Towers**

Kids will have 60 seconds to build cup towers in groups of 3.

**Big Goal:** Know that we can live like Jesus with humility when we help others.

**Leader Prep:** Make stacks of 12 cups for every 3 kids.

**Supplies:** Plastic cups (36 per group), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group)

**What To Do:** We are going to build cup towers in this game called “Trio Cup Towers.” A *trio* is a set or group of three people or things. How many people do you think will be in your cup tower groups? (*Three!*) Right! Your group of 3 will have 60 seconds to build the tallest tower you can with each person adding 1 cup to your tower at a time. But there is a twist! Say, “Ooo, a twist!” (*Ooo, a twist!*) You cannot talk to your teammates! If your tower falls over, you will start again. Let’s make our trios and get building!

**Keep It Going:** Challenge teams to build again while decreasing the time. Instruct kids to only use one hand. Change around the teams.

**Leader Tip:** Allow teams of four to ensure all kids can participate.

**Loud And Clear:** It was challenging at times in this game to let people have their turn because you may want to put a cup in a certain spot to beat the clock. Not being able to talk made it hard too because you may have wanted to direct a teammate to put a cup in a specific position. All our teammates had to focus on putting our own desires aside and work as a team. But when we are humble and help others rather than just helping ourselves and doing our own thing, we can know we are living like Jesus. He had an attitude of surrender and gentleness toward others. God cares about our actions because they can help others know, love, and follow Him. Let me hear you say, **“God cares about my actions!” (God cares about my actions!)**

*(While kids are completing this activity, it would be a good time to talk through the discussion questions so they know why remembering Jesus is the only way is important.)*

Let’s chat about this more by looking at some questions that make us think deeper.

**Discussion Questions:**

- What are ways kids your age can be kind, helpful, and live with humility? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us God cares about our actions. Let's open our Bibles to **Philippians 2:3-4** and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* In today's Bible Story, Paul wrote that people who follow Jesus live like stars that shine brightly. How can we live out the different things Paul listed in these Bible verses? *(Suggested answers include not being selfish, not being proud and putting ourselves first, being humble, seeing others as more important than ourselves, caring about other people and not just ourselves.)*
- Jesus showed humility. He always obeyed God, and He helped and served others, even though He did not have to. He showed love and care for people. Jesus even showed humility when He died to take the punishment for our sin. When Jesus rose again, He made the way for us to have a relationship with God forever. What does it look like for us to follow Jesus and live like Him with our actions? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- How does today's Bible story help answer whether our actions affect others?? What are ways we can have actions that honor God? *(Our actions affect others because our actions can point other people to God. We can help people and treat them with love like Jesus did. We can encourage others and pray for them.)*
- The Bible tells us our actions show we love and follow God. If we follow Jesus, we shine like stars and live like Him. What is something encouraging that you will remember from today?

Is there anything you have questions about? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)* Let's pray and talk to God. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

*God thank You for the chance to open the Bible and learn about You. Help us to live set apart and live out the truth that we love and follow You. Thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us from sin and give us the best example of how to live. Help us live our lives with actions that help others and honor You. Amen.*

Jesus shows us the best way to live. We can humbly obey God and help others. When we do, we shine like stars and point others to God. God cares about our actions because He works through our actions to help others know and love Him. So let's live it out by following God and living set apart!

**GOING HOME**

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.