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**Because of Jesus I Have Hope and Peace
Elementary Leader Guide**



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

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I am set apart by God—chosen, loved, and created for a purpose. God sent His Son, Jesus, to make the way to have a forever relationship with Him.

BIBLE- *Easter Story- Matthew 26- 28, Mark 15:33-16:8, Luke 23:44-24:12, John 19*

TOOLS

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At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



Leader Devos

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, Blank paper (1 per child), Pencils (1 per child), Dice (1 per group), Plastic egg (1 per group), Music and music player (1 per group), Dry erase board and marker (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

Say- What an amazing story! Jesus took the punishment for sin by dying on a cross. Not only did Jesus give up His life, but He rose again on the third day. Jesus showed that He is stronger than death and sin. The whole reason we celebrate Easter is because Jesus is alive! Say, "Jesus is alive!" (Jesus is alive!) Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today, working in our lives and in the world. He did all of this because we matter to Him, and He cares about us. Say, "God cares about me!" (God cares about me!) God cares about us so much, He made the way for us to have a relationship with Him now and forever through Jesus.

The Gospel Video (10 minutes)

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

(Circle 1) God has cared about people since the beginning of time. God made the world and the people in it. His creation was good. God's perfect design for the world was for people to know and enjoy a relationship where we love and follow Him.

(Circle 2) However, the world is not perfect. When we look around, we can tell our world is broken. Things are not the way God designed. People experience suffering, sadness, sickness, and all sorts of "hurt." Our world is broken because of sin. Sin is when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. The very first people God created sinned, and all people have sinned ever since then. Sin separates us from God and deserves to be punished. Even when we try and be good, we cannot be good enough to fix our sin problem. God knew we would need Someone to rescue us from sin and separation from Him.

(Circle 3) God cares about us so much; He sent Jesus, His only Son, to be our Rescuer. Jesus died on a cross, taking the punishment we deserved for sin. On the third day, Jesus came back to life, showing that He is the true King and more powerful than sin and death. Jesus promised that one day He would return and make everything new and perfect, like it was in the beginning. Everyone who trusts and follows Him will get to live with God forever!

Jesus did all of this because He cares about you. Say, "Who, me?" (*Who, me?*) Yes, you! God loves you so much; He made the way for you to have a relationship with Him. God wants a relationship with you, not because of anything you have done or because you follow instructions and do everything right. God invites you to a relationship with Him because you matter to Him. He cares about you. Repeat after me, "God cares about me!" (*God cares about me!*)

(Circle 4) Everyone, say, "But wait, there is more!" (*But wait, there is more!*) When we trust and follow Jesus, He changes us from the inside out. We are set apart from the world, and our lives look different than they did before. They also look different than other people around us. Everyone say, "I am set apart!" (*I am set apart!*) God works in and through our lives so we can love Him and point others to Him. I know sometimes we may feel like no one sees us and that we are not very important. But with God, we matter. He loves and cares about us so much; He sent Jesus to make the way for us to have a relationship with Him. Now we can live our lives with Him and for Him. We can live set apart! Say, "I am set apart!" (*I am set apart!*)

God, thank You so much for loving us. Thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us from sin. Help all of us to accept the invitation to have a relationship with You. When we do, help us to live our lives set apart, following You every day. Amen.

Gospel Spinners (20 minutes)

Big Goal: Remember why Jesus died and rose again, and practice sharing that truth with others.

Leader Prep: Give kids a spinner, 4 circles stickers and the Gospel Label

1. Ask kids to place the stickers on their spinner.
2. The world should go on the top. The broken heart goes on the right side. The cross goes on the bottom. The Word New goes on the left.
3. They will place the Gospel Label on the back of their spinner.
4. Now, practice spinning the spinner and saying the words written on the label.
5. If a spinner lands in a blank space, kids can spin again.

Supplies: Game spinner (1 per kid), 4 Circles Gospel Stickers (1 set of 4 stickers per kid), Gospel label (1 per kid)

What To Do: One way we can remember why God sent Jesus to die and come back to life is through something called “The Gospel.” We are going to make our own game spinner to help us remember the truth and be able to share it with others.

The world sticker goes at the top of your spinner. This sticker reminds us that God created us and the world perfectly in the beginning of time. You can remember this best by knowing the world equals beginning.

The broken heart sticker goes on the right side of your spinner. This sticker reminds us that sin entered our perfect world, separated us from God, and broke the world. You can remember this best by knowing the broken heart equals broken.

The cross sticker goes on the bottom of your spinner. This sticker reminds us Jesus gave His life on the cross to pay for our sin and invites us to believe in Him. You can remember this best by knowing the cross equals believe.

The NEW sticker goes on the left side of your spinner. This sticker reminds us we become like Jesus by pursuing Him and sharing His with others. You can remember this best by knowing NEW equals become.

Keep It Going: Invite kids to practice sharing The Gospel with each other. Encourage kids to find a partner and practice spinning their spinner and describing the sticker it lands on. Remind them of God’s perfect design, the brokenness that comes from sin, Jesus rescuing us from sin by dying and coming back to life, and the promise that Jesus will return again to make all things new. If you land on a blank space as you spin, just spin again.

Loud And Clear: You all made fantastic Gospel Spinners! You can use this as a tool to share the gospel with family and friends today and this week. This is such good news; we can share it with others! Repeat after me, “I am set apart!” (*I am set apart!*)

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

Discussion Questions:

- Who are some people in your life that care about you, and how do you know they care? *(Allow kids time to respond.)*
- What are some different things you have been invited to do? *(Allow kids time to respond.)* We like getting invitations to things, but what is different about the invitation God offers to love and follow Him? *(You do not have to earn the invite from God; He gives it to you freely.)*
- The Bible tells us that God cares about us and sets us apart. Let's open our Bibles to Luke 24:5-6a 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.)* The women were startled when two men, who were angels, appeared to them. How did the women respond when they discovered Jesus was alive? How can we respond to the truth that Jesus is alive? *(Allow kids to respond and share your own thoughts. The women were terrified and confused, but then they believed and told others. We can have hope that Jesus is powerful, even over death. We can believe that Jesus is God's Son. We can live our lives by trusting and following Him.)*
- God sent Jesus to die on the cross and come back to life to make the way for us to have a forever relationship with Him. How can God's love for us change the way we live? *(We can live with thankfulness that God rescues us. We can live with purpose, knowing we are loved. We can trust and follow what God says. Allow kids to share additional responses.)* Do you have any questions about accepting God's invitation to have a relationship with Him through Jesus? *(Allow responses.)*
- The Bible tells us that God loves us. We have been set apart to trust and follow Him. When we follow God, He helps us live out our faith and point others to Him. We get to live out our lives showing the world that God cares about them. What is something you learned 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 loving and caring for us. Thank You that we can celebrate Easter because You sent Jesus to make the way to have a relationship with You. Help us believe the truth of who You are and what You have done. Help us to live our lives by pointing others toward You. Amen.

God cares about you so much! He showed His love for you by sending Jesus, who died on a cross and rose again to take the punishment for your sin. When you believe in Jesus, He changes your life and helps you stand out as a child God. Repeat after me, "I am set apart!" *(I am 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.