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**I Am Designed for a Purpose
Elementary Leader Guide**

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

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Jesus taught that people who hear and obey Him are like a builder who built on rock. Storms come, but a strong foundation stands firm. When we trust Jesus, He changes our hearts and helps us follow Him every day.

BIBLE- The Wise and Foolish Builders- Matthew 7:24-29

TOOLS

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ASK Leader



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, Masking or painter's tape (1 per group), Blindfold (2 per group), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group), Rock or Sand" printable (1 per child), Adult scissors (1 per group), Masking or painter's tape (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

Turn to your neighbor and say, "You are designed for a purpose." (*You are designed for a purpose.*) Point to yourself and say, "I am designed for a purpose." (*I am designed for a purpose.*) God has a plan and purpose for each of us. In fact, everything Jesus said had a purpose behind it. In today's Bible story, Jesus explained that when we listen to Him and do what He says, we are like the builder who built his house on the rock—the strong foundation. Jesus taught that wise people choose to trust Him, listen to, and obey His commands. Jesus calls us to live like Him, and that starts with having the right foundation—a relationship with Him. Say, "Let's live like Jesus!" (*Let's live like Jesus!*)

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

Circle 2- Because of sin, we all face storms in life—hard times, wrong choices, and their consequences—but our sin separates us from God and is something we cannot fix on our own.

Circle 3- When we ask Jesus to forgive our sins and trust in Him, He makes us right with God because He died for our sins and came back to life, giving us a strong foundation to stand on and helping us live the way He designed us to live.

Circle 1- Everything starts with a relationship with Jesus, because when we know, love, trust, and follow Him, we have a strong foundation that helps us stand firm through any storm life brings.

Circle 4- Jesus promised to return one day and make everything new, and until then, we can enjoy living in God's design by trusting Jesus, following Him, and choosing to live like Him every day. Say, "Let's live like Jesus!" (*Let's live like Jesus!*)

So if you ever wonder, Who should I look up to? think of the foundation the wise builder built upon—think of Jesus! Remember that life works best when we live according to God's purpose and plan for our lives. Jesus is our ultimate example, and we can live like Him when we trust, listen to, and follow what God says. Repeat after me, "Let's live like Jesus!" (*Let's live like Jesus!*)

Crazy Count

Big Goal: God made us to obey what He says.

Supplies: Dice (2 per group), Paper (1 per group), Pencil (1 per group)

What To Do: Say, “Next!” (*Next!*) Say, “Up!” (*Up!*) Say, “Next Up!” (*Next up!*) Next up is a game called “Crazy Count!” We will start by standing in a circle, and we will count to 12. We will go around the circle and count from 1 to 12. Whoever says, “Twelve” gets to roll the dice. Whatever number is rolled—like three—you replace it with a random word, like *banana*. Then, we will start again, switching the number three for the word *banana*. If you forget and say, “Three” instead, then the count starts again at one. If we count to 12 without making a mistake, we choose another number to replace! Let’s see how far we can get in the crazy count!

(Once you have 2 through 12, roll one dice until you land on 1.)

Keep It Going: Invite kids to pick the numbers instead of rolling the dice. Instead of random words, allow kids to assign movements to the numbers.

Leader Tip: Write down the numbers and words to help keep track.

Loud And Clear: That was some crazy counting! Our team needed a lot of concentration to remember which words went with which numbers. You had to obey your teammates when they assigned the number seven to be “hot dog” or something! Life can feel crazy when we are confused or when we are not sure what to do. But Jesus promised that when we obey God, we live our life on a strong foundation. We can trust and follow what the Bible says and live the way God made us to live. Say, **“Let’s live like Jesus!” (*Let’s live like Jesus!*)**

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

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- What is something cool you have designed or think you could design, and what would the purpose be? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- On game shows, Hosts use cue cards so they know what to say, what to do, and what comes next. How can learning about Jesus be like reading a cue card? *(As we learn about and follow Jesus, we know how to live the way God designed.)*
- The Bible tells us we can live like Jesus when we live according to God's purpose and design. Let's open our Bibles to **Matthew 7:24-25** (pg. 1055) 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 wise builder built his house on the rock, which is a good foundation. This helps the house stand strong when storms come. Jesus says we are like the wise builder when we listen to His words and follow them. Doing that is like building our lives on a rock instead of sand. That means, when we follow what Jesus says to do in the Bible, it's like we are building our whole lives on a firm foundation. So when storms come, like when we face hard things or are dealing with difficult feelings, we can stand firm knowing our trust and our foundation is in Jesus. What can help us trust and follow Jesus when life gets hard? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own. Answers may include I can read my Bible, I can pray to God for help, and so forth.)* If you want to know more about how to respond to Jesus or understand what He did for you, please talk with me!
- We learned today that we can know that we can live like Jesus when we trust, listen to, and obey what God says. When we trust and follow Jesus, He is our strong foundation, and He helps us know how to live. What are ways we can live like Jesus? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own. Answers may include I can obey God; I can love and care for others; and so forth.)*
- The Bible tells us when we live like Jesus, we are living according to God's design and purpose. Next up, **let's live like Jesus!** Say that after me: **"Let's live like Jesus!" (Let's live like Jesus!)** What is one way you can live like Jesus this week? What is something you learned today?

WRAP UP

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 designing each of us for a purpose. Thank You for sending us Your Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. He lived as the best example and is Someone we can always look up to. Please give us courage to show others what it means to live like Jesus. Amen.

God has designed you for a purpose. That purpose is the live Jesus! Build your house on a strong foundation, which means trusting Jesus while you listen to and obey God.

When you do, this others what it means to live like Him! Say, **"Let's live like Jesus!" (Let's live like Jesus!)**

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.