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I AM BROKEN



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Elementary

## July 12, 2026 I Am Broken Elementary Leader Guide



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

### WIN

Jesus met a Samaritan woman at a well in the middle of the day. Kids will learn that Jesus came to offer us living water—eternal life and forgiveness—because God desires to have a relationship with us.  
*BIBLE- Jesus and the Samaritan Woman- John 4:1-42*

### 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, “Shape Up, Team Up” printable (1-2 per group) Masking or painter’s tape (1 per group), Beanbags (6 per group), Cones (1 per group), Yarn (1 per group), Paper plates (18 per group), Table tennis balls (6 per group), Cups (6 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**

Jesus stopped at a well in the middle of the day. He was tired and thirsty. Jesus was what? (Tired and thirsty!) A Samaritan (suh MEHR ih tuhn) woman came to the well to get water. When Jesus asked the woman to get Him a drink of water from the well, she was surprised. Why was this surprising? Back then, Jews and Samaritans did not get along and men did not usually speak to women they did not know. But Jesus did. He told the Samaritan woman that if she knew who He really was, she would ask Him for living water. Living water was not water from a well; it was something much greater. Jesus was offering her forgiveness, a fresh start, and a relationship with God. Living water is a relationship with God and His help to live the way He created us to live. The same way she needed God's forgiveness, we need God's forgiveness too. Say, "I need God's forgiveness!" (*I need God's forgiveness!*)

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

**Circle 2-** The Samaritan woman needed God's forgiveness because sin had broken her relationship with God, and we need God's forgiveness too. Even when we try to make good choices, we still sin, and only Jesus can give us the forgiveness and new life we truly need.

**Circle 3-** The Samaritan woman felt hopeless until Jesus showed her that He could forgive her sin and give her new life with God. Jesus died and rose again to rescue us too, and when we believe in Him for life, He gives us the forgiveness we need most.

**Circle 1-** From the very beginning, God created all people for a relationship with Him. When the first people sinned, it broke their relationship with God and brought brokenness into God's perfect world. But God's amazing forgiveness rescues us from brokenness.

**Circle 4-** One day Jesus will return and make everything new, removing sin and brokenness forever! Until then, we can enjoy a relationship with God through the forgiveness we have by trusting and following Jesus. The living water Jesus gives fills our lives with love and joy! We get to have a close relationship with God where we talk with Him, trust Him, and live in ways that show we love Him.

It does not matter if we "feel" like we are broken because of sin or if we make a lot of good choices and do the right thing. We are all broken and need God's forgiveness. God knows this, and He rescues us through Jesus. If you have questions about how God rescues us from sin or want to know more about following Jesus, talk with your Small Group Leader or Campus Team. We know we need God every day and we are more than happy to talk with you about it.

Now let's take a moment to talk with God and thank Him for always being with us. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

*God, thank You for loving us even though we have sinned. We know we are broken, and we need Your forgiveness. Thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us and give us living water. Help us turn away from sin and follow You and what You say is best. Amen.*

## Watch the Well- 20 Minutes

Teams race to move paper “water drops” from one bucket to another using a plastic cup—one “drop” at a time.

**Big Goal:** See that Jesus offers us living water, like He did with the Samaritan woman.

**Leader Prep:** Set out supplies. Place the buckets on opposite sides of the room and the plastic cup by one of the buckets.

**Supplies:** Blue construction paper (1 per child), Buckets (2 per group), Plastic cups (1 per group), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group)

**What To Do:** Today we get to play a game that reminds us of the woman who met Jesus at the well! It is called “Watch the Well!” What is it called? (*Watch the Well!*)

Each of you has a blue piece of paper—this is your “water!” Rip it in half and crumple it up into two “water drops.” Put them in this first bucket with the cup, or “ladle,” next to it. This is our team’s “well!” (*Allow kids to complete this step.*)

Now here is the fun part. One at a time, you will use the ladle cup to scoop just one water drop and hurry across the room to the other well and put it in the other bucket. Then hurry back and give the ladle to the next teammate.

We will keep going until all the water has been moved! How quickly can our team move all the water from one well to the other? Ready to cheer on your teammates? Let’s go!

**Keep It Going:** Play another round and switch directions! Let kids be creative—hop, crabwalk, or tiptoe while carrying their ladle.

**Leader Tip:** Encourage teamwork and cheering. If kids drop the ladle, they can pick it up and keep going—no stress! Celebrate every child who participates.

**Larger Group Option:** Play with four buckets, two cups, and two teams.

**Loud And Clear:** Great job, everyone! That was fun—but carrying water one drop at a time is hard, right? The woman at the well had to get water every day, but Jesus told her He could give her something better—*living water!* That means a new life with Him, full of love and forgiveness. She was broken because of her sin, and Jesus let her know that God’s forgiveness is living water—which is talking about relationship with God and His help to live the way He created us to live. This leads to life with God forever. Because of Jesus, we can have a relationship with God, and **He helps us live** the way He created us to live. We are also broken because of our sin, and we need God’s forgiveness. Say, **“I need God’s forgiveness!” (I need God’s forgiveness!)**

And like the Samaritan woman, Jesus offers us what we need most—Himself! Who gives us living water? (*Jesus!*)

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

**Discussion Questions:**

- What is something you wish could never break? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are broken by our sin, but God offers forgiveness through Jesus. Let's open our Bibles to John **4:13-14** 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.)* Jesus was not just talking about regular water here. He was talking about something much better—*living water*. That means a new life with God, where He fills our hearts with His love and forgiveness. When we turn from sin and ask Jesus to forgive us, He gives us what we need most. What do you think Jesus meant when said the living water meant “never get thirsty again”? *(Jesus fully satisfies our need for forgiveness and new life. When we trust in Jesus, we can let go of the idea that we must try hard to do and say all the right things. We do not have to earn our salvation because Jesus has already done the work on our behalf!)*
- How does God's gift of forgiveness through Jesus change our lives? *(We get to have a relationship with God now and forever. God fills us with His love and helps us follow Him.)* If you have questions about following Jesus, let me know and we can talk more!
- Jesus knew everything about the Samaritan woman, even though she had not told Him about herself. God also knows everything about us. Even if we try to make choices and do the right thing, do we still need God? Why? *(Our efforts to be good and do what is right still end in failure. No matter what we do, we cannot be perfect. Jesus lived a perfect life and is the only One who can offer us God's forgive us.)*
- The Bible tells us that even though we are broken, God offers us forgiveness and new life through Jesus. God's rescue plan is for everyone. 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 knowing everything about us—even the broken parts—and still loving us. We know we are broken and need Your forgiveness. Thank You for sending Jesus to give us living water—forgiveness that makes the way for us to have a relationship with God and leads us to love You. Help us to follow You and ask for help when we need it. Amen.*

The Samaritan woman came to get water at the well, but Jesus offered her something even better—*living water*! Jesus has come to offer you and me that same gift— forgiveness from our sin and life with Him now and forever. God loves us so much, and He is faithful to forgive our sin and welcome us into new life with Him.

**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.