



July 19, 2026 I Am Broken Elementary Leader Guide

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

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Jesus had compassion on the crowd, meaning He saw their need and acted to care and help. Kids will learn that we need God's compassion, too, and He gives it to us.

BIBLE- Jesus Provided Bread from Heaven- Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-34, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-14

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, "Sticky note pads (3 per group), Stick it to Win It on Roku

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

What an incredible story! Say, "Incredible!" (*Incredible!*) This Bible story is not just about Jesus feeding a lot of hungry people. It is a story about the love and compassion Jesus has for people. *Compassion* is seeing a need and then taking action to help. Jesus saw the crowd's hunger and need for food, so Jesus fed them. What did Jesus do? (*He fed them!*) Jesus took the five loaves and two fish that were given to Him, and He made that little bit more than enough to feed over five thousand people!

We need God's compassion too! Say, "I need God's compassion!" (*I need God's compassion!*) We might not be hungry on a hillside, but we need something even greater—a relationship with God.

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

Circle 1- God created us to know, love, and follow Him. When God made the world and people, He said it was good, and every person is special because we are made in God's image.

Circle 2- Sin breaks our relationship with God, and we cannot fix our sin problem on our own. Just like Jesus had compassion on the crowd and cared for their biggest need, He has compassion on us and came to rescue us from sin.

Circle 3- Jesus showed compassion by caring for people's needs, and God showed compassion by sending Jesus to rescue us from sin. Because Jesus died and came back to life, anyone who believes in Jesus for life can be forgiven and have a forever relationship with God.

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.

Sometimes we may wonder if God really cares about us. The truth is that He does! Even though we are broken because of our sin, He has so much love and compassion that He made the way for us to have a relationship with Him. No matter what we do or how we feel about what is going on, we can remember and find joy because God gives us what we need most—love, compassion, and forgiveness through Jesus! Say, "I need God's compassion!" (*I need God's compassion!*) 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 Your love and compassion. We have sinned by doing things our way instead of Your way, and we are sorry. Help us trust and follow Jesus so we can have a forever relationship with You! Thank You for caring for us so much. Amen.

Food Fight- 20 Minutes

Kids throw crumpled paper balls in a fun “food fight” to see which team can keep their side the cleanest.

Big Goal: See that God knows our need and provides for us.

Leader Prep: Tape a line down the middle of the room. Set out supplies.

Supplies: Paper (2 per child), Markers or crayons (several per child), Masking or painter’s tape (1 per group), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group)

What To Do: Who is ready for a food fight? Say, “Food Fight!” (*Food Fight!*) Not with real food—don’t worry! Here is how it works. Each of you will grab two pieces of paper. Draw five loaves of bread on one paper and two fish on the other. Then crumple the papers to make two paper “food” balls. Hold onto them until we start the game. (*Allow time.*)

We are going to make two teams, and each team will stand on one side of the line in the middle of the room. When I say, “Go,” your team will try to throw as much food as you can to the other side—but watch out! The other team is throwing food back at the same time! Grab the paper food that falls on your team’s side and throw it back!

I will say, “Time’s up!” after one minute. The side with the least amount of food wins! Ready? (*Ready!*) 3–2–1 Go!

Keep It Going: Challenge kids to play using their non-dominant hands to throw! Switch teams for additional rounds.

Leader Tip: Remind kids to watch out for each other and keep it safe—no throwing at faces! If needed, pause and reset the boundaries to keep everyone playing fairly.

Loud And Clear: That food just kept coming! In our Bible story, the disciples kept passing out food, and it never ran out—just like we kept throwing food in our game! God knows what we need most, and He never runs out of love or help for us. He met our biggest need by sending Jesus, who showed us compassion and love by making the way for us to have a relationship with God. Is that not amazing? (*Pause for kids to respond.*) God’s compassion is the best!

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

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- When was a time this past week that you needed help? What did you do? Did someone help you? *(Allow responses and share your own response.)*
- When someone puts sunscreen on us, it is a way of showing love and compassion because that person is caring for us and giving us what we need to prevent sunburn. How can sunscreen remind us of God's compassion? *(God loves, cares for, and protects us even though we sin.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are broken, and we need God's compassion. Let's open our Bibles to **Mark 6:34,41-42** so we can 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 saw that the people were hungry, and He also saw that they were like sheep without a shepherd who needed help. How did Jesus show compassion to the people? *(Jesus taught them about God and forgiveness, and He and fed them.)*
- God showed us compassion by sending His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve because of our sin. How does God sending Jesus for us show God's love and compassion? *(Jesus showed God's love for us by giving up His life. He suffered and died on a cross to take the punishment that we deserve for our sin.)* If you have any questions about what it means to trust and follow Jesus, you can ask me anytime!
- The Bible tells us that we need God's help because of our sin, and He helps us! 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 Your amazing love for us! We are broken because of our sin, and we need Your compassion. No matter what is happening or what we do, help us remember that You love and care for us and will forgive us when we ask. Thank You for Your compassion. Amen.

SOS! We need God's help. We are broken because of our sin. God created us to know and love Him, but when we do things our way instead of God's way, our relationship with Him is broken. God showed us compassion when He sent Jesus to take the punishment we deserve for sin. We can have a forever relationship with God when we ask for forgiveness and trust and follow 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.