



July 26, 2026 I Am Broken Elementary Leader Guide

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

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God worked through a widow to provide food for Elijah in a miraculous way. We will teach kids that they can have hope, even in our broken world filled with challenging situations. We have an opportunity to teach kids that no matter what happens, God loves them, cares for them, and provides for them—like He did for Elijah.

BIBLE- God Provided for Elijah- 1 Kings 17:8-16

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, “Emoji Rush” printable (1 per group), Adult scissors (1 per group), Masking or painter’s tape (1 per group)- Buckets (4 per group), Cotton balls (40 per group), Stopwatch or timer (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

Elijah was in a difficult position. There was no rain, which meant no crops could grow, and people ran out of food. That is called a *famine*. Talk about an SOS situation! Say, "SOS!" (*SOS!*) God told Elijah to go to a widow. Even though that widow and her son were also suffering from the famine, Elijah had hope that God would provide, and God did! Elijah had *hope*, which means he trusted that something good would happen.

While we are not in the same situation as Elijah, we all still face brokenness in our lives. Sometimes it is because of something we do, and sometimes it is because of the brokenness in other people and in our world. Maybe you have felt alone at school, you worry about bad things happening in the world, or maybe you said something that hurt someone else. It can be discouraging to know that we cannot fix brokenness on our own. However, like Elijah hoped and trusted God would take care of him, we can have hope that God will rescue us. Say, "I need God's hope!" (*I need God's hope!*)

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

Circle 2- Ever since sin entered the world, people have been separated from God and experienced brokenness, fear, worry, and doubt. We cannot fix this brokenness on our own, so we all need the hope and rescue that only God can give.

Circle 3 - Elijah trusted God to take care of him, and we can have hope in God too. Through Jesus, God gives us forgiveness, new life, and the hope of a forever relationship with Him.

Circle 4- One day, Jesus will return. Everyone who has turned from sin to follow Jesus can have hope and look forward that day!

Circle 1- Jesus will make everything new when He destroys sin and brokenness forever. For how long? (Forever!) Until then, we can have hope that God will continue to help and rescue us from brokenness.

Like Elijah trusted that God would take care of him, the widow, and her son, we can trust Jesus to forgive us, help us, and be with us. When we ask God for forgiveness and follow Him, He changes our hearts and fills us with real hope that never runs out, like the flour and oil in today's Bible story. So when we feel worried, afraid, or unsure, we can have hope that God will help us and give us what we need. Say, **"I need God's hope!" (*I need God's hope!*)** If you questions or want to know more about following Jesus, talk with me or your Campus Leader.

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 always helping us when we are broken because of our sin. Thank You for giving us hope through Jesus. Help us trust You when we feel worried or scared. Remind us that You always love us and never run out of hope for us. We love You. Amen.

Worry Toss- 20 Minutes

Kids will toss “worry” balls into a big “Hope Bucket.”

Big Goal: Remember that hope in God helps conquer fear and worry.

Leader Prep: Tape a tossing line on the floor with tape. Set out supplies.

Supplies: Pit balls (5-10 per group), Bucket (1 per group), Masking or painter’s tape (1 per group)

What To Do: Today we are going to play a game called “Worry Toss!” What is it called? (*Worry Toss!*) Because of the brokenness in our world and the brokenness in our lives due to our sin, we all feel worried or scared sometimes. But today’s Bible story helped us learn that we can turn to God and trust Him no matter what is happening or how we are feeling.

Here is what we are going to do: Everyone will take turns standing behind this line. When it is your turn, pick up a “worry” ball. Think about something you worry about. You can say that worry out loud or just keep it to yourself. Then you can toss your worry ball into our “Hope Bucket!”

When you throw it, say, “God, I give You my worry!” and everyone can cheer when the pit ball goes in. Are you ready? Let’s practice giving our worries to God because we need God’s hope! What do we need? (*We need God’s hope!*) After everyone gets a turn, we will see how many worries we gave to God’s hope together! (*Invite kids to pick up and drop in any pit balls that miss.*)

Keep It Going: Play another round standing farther back and tossing with your eyes closed or tossing backward for fun!

Leader Tip: Celebrate each toss! This helps kids remember that nothing is too small or too big for God to handle.

Loud And Clear: You gave so many worries to God! Like Elijah trusted God to help him, we can trust God too. When you feel scared or worried, remember that God loves you, and He will always take care of you. Our broken and worried feelings can seem overwhelming, but we can always have hope that God is with us and will help us. Say, **“I need God’s hope!” (*I need God’s hope!*)**

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

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever had a tough day and someone did something small that made you feel better? What did that person do, and how did it change your day? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- Though we are broken because of our sin, God gives us reason to hope. Let's open our Bibles to **1 Kings 17:9** and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the verse aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verse so everyone can follow along together.)* In today's Bible story, God told Elijah to go to a new place—Zarephath (ZAR ih fath)—and trust God to provide for him there. How do you think Elijah felt leaving during the famine? How did Elijah show that he trusted God, even during the difficult famine? *(Elijah trusted and obeyed God. Elijah went to the widow and assured her that she would have enough food and water to survive. He encouraged her to trust God's ability to provide.)*
- Elijah had hope that God would provide for him. We can have hope that God will provide what we need through Jesus. Jesus came to rescue us from our sin and brokenness. What does it mean to trust and follow Jesus? *(We must understand that our sin breaks our relationship with God, and we cannot fix it on our own. We need Jesus to save us. He is our only hope of being connected to God and experiencing the life He created us to live.)* If you have any questions about Jesus or how He rescues us, I would be happy to talk with you!
- Sometimes our broken world can leave us feeling sad, worried, or unsure. How can today's Bible story help us when we are in those situations? *(We can recognize that brokenness is the result of sin, but Jesus can rescue us from sin and brokenness. We can turn to God, ask Him for help, and follow what He says.)*
- The Bible tells us that we can have hope, even though we are broken because of our sin. Today we have seen how God loves and cares for people—just like He did for Elijah and the widow. What is something encouraging you will remember from 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 helping us when we feel sad or broken. Thank You for giving us hope, just like You gave hope to Elijah and the widow. Help us trust You to take care of us, even when life is hard. Thank You for Jesus, who fixes what is broken in our lives because of sin. We love You and trust You. Amen.

We are broken because of our sin, but God offers us hope that when we ask for forgiveness and follow Jesus, He will help us and give us what we need. Like God gave Elijah hope, He gives us hope through Jesus. We can trust Him with everything because His love never runs out!

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.