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**I Am Uniquely Designed
Elementary Leader Guide**



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

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In Jeremiah 29:1-14, God told His people to live well in Babylon. Even there, they could seek and follow Him. Kids learn we can know, love, and follow God wherever we are—because where we live matters to Him.

BIBLE- Jeremiah's Message to Israel- Jeremiah 29:1-14

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, Beanbag (1 per group), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group), Guess the Price Roku Game

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

Can you imagine being taken to live in another country for a long time? God's people, the Israelites, lost their home country and had to move to Babylon (BAB ih lahn). They were not happy about it. However, God wanted them to live full lives right where they were. Where they lived mattered to God, and God cares about where we live too. Say, "Where I live matters to God!" (Where I live matters to God!) Whether we live in a big home or a small home, whether we live around lots of people like us or lots of different people, where we live matters to God. God can work through us wherever we live to help us follow Him and point others to Him as well. The Israelites (*IZ ray el ight*) were able to seek and follow God in Babylon, and we can seek and follow Him wherever we are too!

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

(*Circle two*) The Israelites lived in Babylon because of their sin, and they were surrounded by brokenness—just like we live in a broken world too. But there is hope, because even when we sin, God has a plan to help and rescue us.

(*Circle three*) God told His people they could live full lives and follow Him right where they were, because He was with them. Where you live matters to God too, and through Jesus, He made a way for you to know Him and follow Him anywhere.

(*Circle one*) When we turn from our sin to trust in Jesus to rescue us from sin and follow Him, we can live as God originally designed us to live. We can have a right relationship with Him and know that we are forgiven from our brokenness and sin.

(*Circle four*) One day, Jesus will return and make everything new. Everyone who believes in and follows Him will get to live perfect lives in a perfect world. But for now, no matter where we live, we can know, love, and follow God in that place. Whether we like where we live or not, our lives still matter to God, and He can work through us wherever we are. Everyone, say, "Where I live matters to God!" (Where I live matters to God!)

Because God made each one of us, we are priceless to Him. Even where we *live* matters to God. God is with us and can work through us, no matter where we are. We can follow Him and point others to Him in our homes, our neighborhoods, our schools, our communities, and our cities. Our homes and communities do not need to look like anyone else's because God uniquely designed each of us and has amazing plans for us wherever we live. Say, **"Where I live matters to God!" (Where I live matters to God!)** Let's spend time in prayer, thanking God for caring about our lives, including where we live. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for loving us and caring about the details of our lives, even where we live. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to forgive us, so we can have a relationship with You. Help us remember that You designed us to love and follow You wherever we are because we know that where we live matters to You. We love You. Amen.

Escape Room

Kids will complete a series of games and puzzles to complete their mission.

Big Goal: Learn that God cared about the Israelites, and He cares about us too.

Leader Prep: Set out supplies. Directions and preparation instructions for the game:

1. Game 1 will be one page with scrambled words that kids will solve.
2. Game 2 will be a puzzle that kids need to assemble.
3. Game 3 will be 5 cards that kids must find and assemble. Hide the cards around the room.
4. Game 4 will be a one-page decoding puzzle.
5. Game 5 will have kids read a story and count letters to fill out the answers.
6. The “Answer Key” page has the answers for each puzzle. As kids solve each puzzle, you give them a card. Kids will assemble the password cards to “escape” the room.

Supplies: “Escape Room” printable (1 per group), Pencils (1 per child), Adult scissors (1 per group)

What To Do: Today, we get to do an “Escape Room!” To play it, we will pretend we are “the Israelites!” Everyone, say, “Israelites!” (*Israelites!*) We will work together to solve puzzles as a way to accomplish our end goal of living full lives where we are in Babylon. We will form five small groups, and each group will have to complete the puzzle assigned to the group. When your small group completes the task, you will come to me, and I will give you part of the password. If your group finishes before other groups, I will invite you to go and help other groups. Once all the groups have completed your puzzles, we will all come together as a group and put the passwords together to find an answer for the Israelites in Babylon! Let’s begin in 3-2-1!

Keep It Going: Print extra copies of the puzzles and let groups solve other puzzles, even though kids already know the answer.

Leader Tip: Assist kids with the answers as they complete the games, if needed. Instruct kids to choose one person from their small group to write the answer to their game in the space provided.

Smaller Group Option: Allow kids to all work together on one game at a time to complete the escape room.

Loud And Clear: You all figured out the answer! Say, **“Where I live matters to God!”** (***Where I live matters to God!***) As “Israelites,” we received a letter from the prophet Jeremiah that told us how God wanted us to live. What answer did each group receive from your games before you received your password? (*Allow kids to respond.*) God wanted the Israelites to live for Him in Babylon, and we can live for God wherever we are! God showed that He cared about the Israelites when He encouraged them to live for Him in Babylon. God cares for us too, and He made us to love and follow Him all the time and everywhere we live.

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

Discussion Questions:

- If you could create your own city, what would be there and why? *(Allow kids to respond and then share your answer. Examples include I would have a mall so I could buy fun things. I would have a church so I could worship God. I would have my favorite restaurant so I could go there everyday.)*
- The Bible tells us we are uniquely designed by God and that even where we live matters to Him. Let's open our Bibles to **Jeremiah 29:7** 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.)* When God's people, the Israelites, were far from home, God told them to seek peace and pray to God for the city they were in, called Babylon. God told them that they would thrive when the city thrived. Where the Israelites lived mattered to God, and where we live matters to God too. How does today's Bible story help us understand that where we live matters to God? *(It shows us that no matter where we live, God can work in and through us. It shows us that God cares about where we live, and He cares about the details of our lives.)*
- The Israelites had to move to a city called Babylon, and they were not happy about it. However, God was with them no matter where they were, and where they lived mattered to God. In our lives, where we live matters to God too. God sent Jesus, so we could have a relationship with Him. How can this make a difference in our lives no matter where we are? *(It reminds me that God is always with me no matter where I live. It reminds me that God sent Jesus because He cares about every detail of my life, including where I live.)*
- Not all people enjoy where they live. However, whether we like or do not like where we live, we can know, love, and follow God there. We can also help point others in our community to Him. This is because where we live matters to God. How can you live for God no matter where you are? *(I can tell my friends about Jesus. I can go to church. I can read my Bible.)*
- The Bible tells us God cares about where we live because we are priceless to Him. What is something encouraging you will remember from 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 that even where we live matters to You. Thank You for uniquely designing each of us and caring about the details of our lives. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, so that we can have a relationship with You. Help us remember that wherever we live, we can follow and point others to You. You are always with us. Thank You that we are priceless to You. Amen.

We are uniquely designed by God, and we can know and follow Him no matter where we live. God sent Jesus so we could have a relationship with Him and point others to Him wherever we live.

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.