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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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From Ephesians 1, kids learn God loves us and sent Jesus so we can have a relationship with Him—not because we earned it, but because of His love. He gives the Holy Spirit to help us follow Him. We matter to God!

BIBLE- God's Blessing to Believers- Ephesians 1

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, Blank paper (1 per child), Markers or crayons (several), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group), “Treasure Hunt Gems” printable (1 per group), “Treasure Hunt Responses” printable (1 per child), Construction paper (1 per group), Index card (1 per group) Markers or crayons (several), Masking or painter’s tape (1 per group), Bible (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**

Have you ever known or are you a part of a really big family? (Allow kids to respond.) You may know someone who has a lot of siblings and cousins, but God has an even bigger family! And you know what else? Ask, "What?" (What?) God made each one of us to be a part of His family! To become a child of God and be part of His family, we must be adopted into His family by believing in Jesus and asking Him to rescue us from our sin. In today's Bible story, Paul told the Ephesians that before God made the world, He chose them to know, love, and follow Him. He promised to give them the Holy Spirit to help them follow Him and point others to Him. In our lives today, through Jesus, we have the good news of redemption, which means Jesus took on the punishment for sin that we deserve and rescued us from sin by paying the price we owed. This is because each of us matter to God! Say, "I matter to God!" (*I matter to God!*)

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

(*Circle three*) God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to die for our sin and come back to life so we can be forgiven and be part of God's family. When we trust in Jesus, God gives us a special gift—His Spirit—to help us follow Him and share His love with others.

(*Circle one*) This redemption helps us live the way God created us to live. Paul reminded the Ephesians that, before God made the world, He chose for people to be able to know, love, and follow Him. When God created the world, He uniquely designed people to have a relationship with Him.

(*Circle two*) Sin separates us from God, and we all need forgiveness—but there is hope because Jesus died and came back to life to rescue us. God made you special and wants a relationship with you, because you matter to Him.

(*Circle four*) Sin and brokenness can cause us to wonder why God would want a relationship with us. We may think we are not good enough or smart enough. We may think other people are more worthy of being loved. But God uniquely designed each one of us. He made us who we are, and He wants a relationship with us because we matter to Him. Everyone, say, "I matter to God!" (*I matter to God!*)

Jesus invites all of us to trust Him, so we can have a relationship with Him and *redemption* from our sin. This word means that Jesus took the punishment we deserve for our sin and rescued us from paying the price we owed. When we trust and follow Jesus, God adopts us into His family forever! God did this not because of anything we did to earn it, but because of His love for us. Sometimes we may wonder why God would want a relationship with us, but we can know that He wants it because we matter to Him. Let's spend time in prayer, thanking God for how much we matter to Him. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for caring so much about us. We are so grateful that we matter to You. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, so we can have redemption from our sin and a relationship with You. Help us remember how much we matter to You. Amen.

Repeat the Motion

Kids will repeat specific motions based on words from the Bible story.

Big Goal: Learn that we are chosen, forgiven, and adopted because of Jesus.

Leader Prep: None

Supplies: None

What To Do: Today, we get to play “Repeat the Motion!” To play this game, we will all stand in a circle. Then I will call out a word and point to someone. When I point at you, you and the two people on either side of you will repeat the motion that goes with that word! Practice the motions with me. If I say, “Chosen,” you will point to yourself. (*Demonstrate.*) If I say, “Forgiven,” you will place your hands over your heart. (*Demonstrate.*) If I say, “Adopted,” you will make a roof with your hands forming a triangle above your head. (*Demonstrate.*) The longer we play, the faster I will call out the words randomly! Try to keep up! Each time you do the correct motion, give yourself a point. The player with the most points at the end wins! Let’s get playing in 3-2-1!

Keep It Going: Instruct kids to sit down if they perform an incorrect motion. Play until one child is left standing. Allow kids to be the person pointing in the middle.

Loud And Clear: That game was a blast! What were the three words I called out? (*Chosen, Forgiven, Adopted!*) When we trust in Jesus to rescue us from sin, we are chosen, forgiven, and adopted into His family! That is what Paul wrote to the Ephesians, and it is true for us too. God uniquely designed each one of us. He wants to have a relationship with us because we matter to Him! Say, “I am uniquely designed!” (*I am uniquely designed!*) Say, **“I matter to God!” (I matter to God!)**

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

Discussion Questions:

- Who matters so much to you, and why is that person so important to you? *(Allow kids to respond and then share your answer. My mom matters to me because she takes care of me. My dad matters to me because he listens to me. My friend matters to me because she is fun to be around.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are uniquely designed, and we matter to God. Let's open our Bibles to **Ephesians 1:7-8** 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 Bible tells us we matter so much to God that through Jesus, we can have redemption from our sin. *Redemption* means that Jesus took the punishment we deserve for sin and rescued us from sin by paying the price we owed. The Bible says that this redemption and grace He gives is richly poured out for us, like how a waterfall just keeps pouring so much water down! God always gives people redemption and grace when they ask for it. We can receive this redemption by believing that Jesus died on a cross and rose again and asking Him to forgive us. How does this passage help you remember just how much you matter to God? *(Jesus gives us redemption because we matter to Him. The redemption and grace He gives is richly poured out on us.)*
- Paul told the Ephesians (ih FEE zhuhnz) that God chose them to know, love, and follow Him. The same is true for us today! God sent His Son, Jesus, so we could have a relationship with Him. He made us to be adopted in His family because we matter to Him! How is it encouraging to know that we matter so much to God that He wants to have a relationship with each one of us? *(I know that God wants to know me because I matter to Him.)*
- We may wonder why God wants to have a relationship with us. However, God wants us to know that it is because we matter so much to Him. To God, we are priceless because He uniquely designed every single person in the world. How can knowing we matter to God help us remember that God wants to have a relationship with us? *(It helps me remember that He made me and wants to know me. It reminds me that God loves and cares so much about me.)*
- The Bible tells us we are uniquely designed, and we matter to God. We are priceless to Him because we matter 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 each one of us matters to You. We are so thankful that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and come back to life, so that we can be adopted into Your family. Thank You for giving us redemption through Jesus. You uniquely designed us, and we see that we matter so much to You. Help us remember how much You love us and want us to follow You. Amen.

God uniquely designed every single one of us, and He sent Jesus so we could have a relationship with Him. God did this not because of anything we did to earn it but because He loves us! God wants a relationship with us because we matter to 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.