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**I Am Uniquely Designed
Elementary Leader Guide**



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

WIN

God called Samuel by name and gave him a message (1 Samuel 3). Kids learn God made them uniquely and knows them personally. Just like Samuel, their names matter to God and He calls them for a purpose.

BIBLE- God called Samuel- 1 Samuel 3

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, Chairs (1 per child), Dry erase board and marker (1 per group), Construction paper (1 per child; optional), Masking or painter’s tape (1 per group; optional), Where is the Treasure 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

Have you ever heard your name being called, but you did not know who was calling you? You hear your name, so you ask people around you if anyone was trying to get your attention. It can be confusing sometimes to figure out who was calling you! The Bible story said, "Samuel had not heard the voice of God before, so he did not recognize that it was God calling to him." He thought Eli, the priest in the temple, was the one calling him by name, but it was God! God called Samuel by name because He knew Samuel, and He had an important message for Samuel. God also knows us by name too. Our names matter to God. Everyone, say, "My name matters to God!" (*My name matters to God!*) To God, you are priceless.

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

(*Circle one*) People have always been priceless to God. In the beginning of time, God made the first two people—Adam and Eve. God called them and knew them by name. God uniquely designed them and had a personal relationship with Him.

(*Circle two*) Adam and Eve chose to sin, which means doing what we think is best instead of what God says is best, and sin separates us from God. We all sin and deserve punishment, but God gives hope by forgiving us and raising up leaders like Samuel to help people follow Him.

(*Circle three*) God called Samuel by name, and Samuel listened and shared God's messages with others. God knows you by name too, and through Jesus—who died and came back to life—He made a way for you to have a relationship with Him.

(*Circle four*) Sometimes, we may wonder if anyone cares about us. But we can know that God always cares about us! Just like how God cared for Samuel and had plans for him, God sees, knows, and has a plan for each one of us. Even our names matter to Him. Say, "My name matters to God!" (*My name matters to God!*)

God knows you by name, and He wants you to respond to Him and know Him through a personal relationship with Him. He uniquely designed each of us, and He wants all of us to know Him.

God, You uniquely designed each one of us. Even our names matter to You! Thank You for creating us and sending Jesus to forgive us. We are so thankful that You want a personal relationship with each of us, and You made us to know You. Help us to remember who You created us to be. We love You. Amen.

Find My Name

Big Goal: Learn that God knows our names and cares for us.

Supplies: Name tags (1 per child), Pen (1 per group; adult-use only)

What To Do: We get to play “Find My Name!” Everyone, say, “Find My Name!” (*Find My Name!*) To play this game, there is a name tag for each one of you. I will come around and write your name on your nametag. (*Allow time.*)

I will hold up a name tag. If that name tag has your name on it, then you will close your eyes. (*Demonstrate.*) Then the rest of the team will help me hide your name tag somewhere around the room. When it is hidden, we will tell you to open your eyes and start searching for your name tag! We will guide you if you are getting closer or farther away from the tag by shouting, “Hotter” or “Colder!” Once you find it, you get to be a part of helping us hide the next team member’s name tag. We will play this game until all of us have had our name tags hidden and found! Let’s get started in 3-2-1 Go!

Keep It Going: Hide all of the name tags and allow all of the kids to find their own name tag at the same time. Lead kids to clap slowly when a person is far away from the name tag and quickly when a person is close.

Leader Tip: Allow all of the kids to have the opportunity to find their name tags. If you have multiple kids with the same name, also include their last name or initial on the name tag.

Larger Group Option: Allow kids to hide the tags two at a time.

Loud And Clear: That game was so much fun! What were each of us searching for? (*Our name tags!*) Our name tags, right! Each of you on our team has a name that is unique to you, and you made a name tag unique to you. God knows and loves each of us, and He even knows us by name. This is because your name matters to God. Everyone, say, **“My name matters to God!” (My name matters to God!)** Great job!

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

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- Think about a cool gadget, invention, or piece of technology. What makes that design special and unique? *(Allow kids to answer and then share your response.)*
- The Bible tells us that each of us are uniquely designed, and our names matter to God. Let's open our Bibles to **1 Samuel 3:10** 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.)* Eli told Samuel that God was calling him by name and that he should respond to God the next time he heard his name called. Samuel did just that. God spoke to him, and Samuel told Eli all that God had told him. How does this story show us that our names matter to God and that we matter to God? *(Like Samuel, God knows our names, and He has great plans for us.)*
- God uniquely designed each of us and knows us by name. How does this truth remind you that God wants to have a relationship with each one of us, including you? **(My name matters to God because I matter to God. He cares about me, even my name.)**
- Sometimes we may think that nobody cares about who we are. What are things about you that make you unique? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)* How can those things help remind you that God cares about who you are because He uniquely designed you? *(God made me unique because He cares about me.)* How can we share this truth with others who feel invisible and unseen? *(Examples include: I can tell people at school that God uniquely designed them and cares about them. I can tell my friends that God made them and cares about them.)*
- The Bible tells us we are uniquely designed, and our names matter to God. We are priceless in His eyes because we are all uniquely designed by Him. 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 uniquely designing each one of us. We are so grateful that our names matter to You, and that we are priceless in Your eyes. Thank You for sending Jesus so that we can have a personal relationship with You. We could never pay the price for sin on our own, so thank You for doing that for us. Help us be reminded that we are never invisible or alone because You see, know, and love us. Amen.

You are uniquely designed by God. He knows every detail about your life, even your own name! Your name matters to God. God sent Jesus, so you can have a relationship with Him because He designed you and you are priceless 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.