



I AM MADE FOR COMMUNITY
SIDE-BY-SIDE

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**I Am Made for Community
Elementary Leader Guide**

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



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Aaron and Hur helped Moses when he grew tired, showing us that God created us to support one another because we are better together.

BIBLE- Aaron and Hur Helped Moses- Exodus 17:8-15

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, Dice (1 per group), Dry erase board and markers (1 set 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

Say, When Moses held up his staff, the Israelites began winning the battle, but his arms grew tired. Aaron and Hur gave him a stone to sit on and held up his arms so he could keep going. Their help made a difference for Moses and all the Israelites. God made us for community, and we can help each other grow closer to Him. Say it with me: "We are better together!"

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

Circle 1- When God created the world, there were no battles. There was no fighting, like there was between the Israelites and Amalek. But do you know what was there? Ask, "What?" (*What?*) There was community! God created the first two people—Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve had an amazing and perfect community with each other and with God.

Circle 2- Adam and Eve broke their friendship with God when they chose their own way instead of God's way—that's called sin. We all sin, and because we can't fix the brokenness it causes on our own, we need someone to help us.

Circle 3- God sent His Son, Jesus, to live without sin, die for our sins, and rise again so we can have a friendship with God. When we ask God to forgive us and trust Jesus, He welcomes us into His family and helps us live as the people He made us to be.

Circle 4- We will still make wrong choices sometimes, but God gives us people who can help us grow closer to Him, just as Aaron and Hur helped Moses. We are better together when we encourage our friends and let them encourage us—everyone say, "We are better together!"

If you have questions about what all of this means or why it is important, find me or one of your Campus Leaders. We would love to talk with you about how you can have a relationship with Him. We are made for community, and part of being in community means helping other people have a relationship with God.

God, thank You for making us for community. Thank You for making us better together and allowing us to help each other grow in our relationships with You. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to make the way for us to have a relationship with You and be better together.
Amen.

Balloon Shuffle —

12 minutes

Kids will travel across the room in pairs while sandwiching a balloon between them.

Big Goal: Celebrate that **we are better together**.

Leader Prep: Inflate balloons. Set out supplies. Print and display the “Allergy Alert” printable for potential latex allergies.

1. Assign kids to pairs, providing one balloon for each pair and directing kids to hold the balloons while standing side by side.
2. Start the timer.
3. Prompt each set of friends to walk to the other side of the room and back while holding the balloon between them.
4. Tell kids to come back to the starting position and try again if the balloon drops.
5. Encourage sets of friends to count how many trips they make to the other side of the room and back.

Supplies: “Allergy Alert” printable (1 per group), Inflated balloons (3–6 per group), Timer or stopwatch (1 per group), Playground balls (3–6 per group; optional)

What To Do: Are you ready to do a shuffle? Say, “Let’s Shuffle!” (*Let’s Shuffle!*) For this game, I will pair you up with a friend. You and your friend are going to walk side by side with a balloon in the middle of the two of you. You will get 60 seconds to see how many times the two of you can walk to the other side of the room and back without dropping your balloon. Ready, set, let’s shuffle our balloons side by side!

Keep It Going: Play again with new pairs in new ways such as knee to knee, back to back, and head to head.

Leader Tip: Provide playground balls rather than balloons for kids with latex allergies.

Safety Tip: Ensure that adults are the ones to inflate and tie balloons.

Loud And Clear: What was it like to walk across the room, side by side, with your balloons between you? (*Allow kids to answer.*) You and your friend helped each other keep your balloon up as you walked. You might even say you were better together! Better what? (*Together!*) This reminds us of what we learned today through our Bible story. **We are better together** because we can help each other grow in our relationships with God. High-five the friend you played the game with and say, **“We are better together!”** (*We are better together!*)

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

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- What kind of foods do you like to eat that go better together, like peanut butter and jelly or popcorn and butter? *(Allow kids to answer and share your answer.)*
- What do you know about apples? An apple ripens faster when it is in a bag with other apples than it does when it is on its own because the other apples help it grow. How do we help each other learn and grow as we follow God? *(Allow kids to answer. Point out that **we are better together** because we can help each other grow in our relationships with God.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are made for community and **we are better together**. Let's open our Bibles to **Exodus 17:12** (pg. 105) 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.)* Aaron and Hur helped Moses so that the Israelites would win the battle. What is special about having community and being friends with people who love and follow God? *(Allow kids to answer. Tell kids that people we are in community with can help us grow in our relationships with God by helping us love God and follow Him.)*
- Part of being better together is helping one another grow to love God more and share His love with others. How can you help other people grow in their relationships with God? *(Allow kids to answer. Bring up examples, such as talking about God and praying for people.)*
- God made us to live side by side in community with other people who love and follow God! What is something you learned today?

WRAP UP

Do you have any questions? *(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 letting other people help us grow in our relationships with You, and for letting us help others grow too. Help us remember that we are made for community. You give us relationships with other people, and You give us the way to have a relationship with You forever. Thank You! Amen.

We are made for community, and we can help each other follow God like Aaron, Moses, and Hur did. God made the way for us to be better together by providing for our biggest need—rescue from our sin through Jesus. God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, die on a cross, and rise again so that we can have a relationship with Him.

When we follow Jesus, we get to follow Him with others because we are better together.

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.