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I Am Forgiven Elementary Leader Guide

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

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Jesus freely forgives us, makes us whole, and invites us to share His love with others.

BIBLE- *Jesus Forgave Peter- Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-27; 21:12-19*

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, 20-30 sheets of scrap paper, masking or painter's tape, Music and music player (1 per group- optional), Whistle (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

Peter denied knowing Jesus, but Jesus forgave him and welcomed him back. Our sin can leave us feeling ashamed and broken, but Jesus offers us forgiveness and a fresh start. God makes us whole by forgiving us, helping us choose what is right, and teaching us to live as He created us to live.

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

Circle 1- God created a perfect world where people lived in a close relationship with Him, trusted Him, and followed His ways. Jesus invited Peter into that same kind of friendship—to know God and live His way.

Circle 2- The first people chose their way instead of God's, bringing sin and brokenness into the world, and now everyone sins and needs forgiveness. We cannot fix our sin by doing good things, but God still loves us and offers us forgiveness, wholeness, and a fresh start.

Circle 3- Jesus lived without sin, died to take our punishment, and came back to life, making forgiveness and new life possible. Like Peter, we can confess our sin, ask God to forgive us, turn from sin, and follow Jesus as He helps make us whole.

Circle 4- Jesus gives us a fresh start and a new life with Him. Until He returns, we can spend our whole lives growing closer to Jesus and following Him with everything we are and do.

So what can you do when you feel ashamed or embarrassed because of a wrong choice? You can talk with God by praying. Tell God you are sorry and ask for His forgiveness. Peter got a fresh start and was made whole because Jesus forgave him and restored him. Jesus can do the same for you. Let me hear you say, **“God can make me whole!” (God can make me whole!)** That is right!

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 more about how Jesus gives us a fresh start.

To mark your belief in Jesus today say this prayer with me:

Jesus, I believe. I believe that I am a sinner who needs a Savior and you are the Savior of the world. Thank you for coming for me, for dying in my place and being raised from the dead.

Today I believe. Thank you for giving me life. Amen!

Congrats on your new life with Jesus.

Let's all pray this together:

God, thank You for Your forgiveness. Sin brings brokenness and shame to our lives, but Your love and forgiveness makes us whole when we turn from sin and trust in You. Thank You for giving us a fresh start and helping us live the way You made us to live. Amen.

Made Whole Masterpiece (20 minutes)**Big Goal:** See that God's forgiveness makes us whole.**Leader Prep:** Print a copy of the "Made Whole Masterpiece" for each child. Set out supplies.

1. Complete the other half of the face to make it whole.
2. Add features to make it look like yourself.

Supplies: "Made Whole Masterpiece" printable (1 per child), Markers or crayons (several per child), Skin-toned markers or crayons (several per group), Pencils (1 per child), "Made Whole Masterpiece Example" printable (1 per group; optional)**What To Do:** Let's make a craft called "Made Whole Masterpiece!" On your papers, you will notice that only half a face is drawn. It is not whole! Your job is to draw the other half and complete the face, making it whole. Once you finish drawing, you can color it and make it look like you. *(Allow time.)***Keep It Going:** Invite kids to share their drawings, talking about what it might be like to have God make them and their lives whole through His forgiveness.**Leader Tip:** Offer guidance and encouragement. Ask kids about their choices and colors.**Loud And Clear:** Look at your amazing drawings! You did a great job completing the other half of your face drawing. Your pictures are real masterpieces! When you look at your pictures, you can remember that God makes us whole when He forgives us! God's love and forgiveness make us whole and help us follow Him. Repeat after me, **"God can make me whole!" (God can make me whole!)** Like Jesus did for Peter, God gives us a fresh start!

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

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- If you were working on a puzzle or making something out of building blocks and you discovered a piece was missing, how would you feel and what would you do? *(Allow answers and share your own answer.)*
- Think back to the art kit we saw in the video today. What are the different things you might find in an art kit, and what can you do with those supplies? *(Allow answers and share your own answer.)* The supplies in an art kit can help us when we need a fresh start with an art project. How can this remind us of what God's forgiveness does in our lives? *(When we make wrong choices, God forgives us and gives us a fresh start. God makes us whole when He forgives us.)*
- The Bible tells us that God's forgiveness makes people whole. Let's open our Bibles to **John 21:15 (pg. 1194)** 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.)* Jesus talked with Peter after Peter lied about knowing Him. Instead of being mad, Jesus welcomed Peter and gave him an important job. Jesus showed Peter that he was forgiven and could start fresh. We see that forgiveness fixes our broken relationship with God and makes us whole too. How can remembering that God forgives you help when you feel embarrassed or feel bad for making a wrong choice? *(Allow answers and share your own answer.)*
- When Jesus forgave Peter, He made him whole again and gave him a fresh start. What do you think it looks like to live with a fresh start through God's forgiveness? *(Allow answers and share your own.)*
- The Bible tells us we are forgiven when we respond to God by admitting our sin and turning away from sin to follow Jesus. God can give us a fresh start and make us whole, no matter what wrong choices we have made. What is something you learned 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 so much for loving us and forgiving us, even when we make wrong choices. Thank You for giving us a fresh start and making us whole so we can follow You and live the way You made us to live. Help us remember Your forgiveness, follow You, and show Your love to others. Amen.

Sometimes we make wrong choices and feel sad, embarrassed, or ashamed. But when we ask for forgiveness and turn away from sin, God forgives us and gives us a fresh start. God's love can make us whole again. We can trust Him and follow Him every day, knowing His forgiveness 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.