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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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God's grace gives us forgiveness, changes us from the inside out, and fills us with joy and peace.

BIBLE- *The Forgiving God- Psalm 103*

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, Five plastic cups, five table tennis balls, table or floor space, Two tissues per child

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

Psalm 103 teaches that God is loving, patient, and ready to forgive our sins. We cannot earn His forgiveness by being perfect or doing good things. God offers forgiveness because He loves us, and this undeserved love is called grace. Because of God's grace, we can turn to Him, receive a fresh start, and live free from guilt and shame.

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

Circle 3- Before the world was made, God and Jesus had a plan to show us love and forgiveness. Jesus died for our sins and came back to life, making the way for us to have a relationship with God forever.

Circle 2- Our sin breaks our relationship with God, and we cannot fix it or earn forgiveness on our own. But God showed His grace by sending Jesus to die for us while we were still sinners. When we turn to God and ask for forgiveness, He forgives us, removes our sin, and gives us a fresh start.

Circle 1- When we trust and follow Jesus, we experience God's compassion, grace, and forgiveness.

Circle 4- Until Jesus returns and makes everything right again, we can enjoy God's undeserved love and let Him help us love and follow Him.

Sin can leave us feeling sad, guilty, or ashamed, but our sin is never greater than God's love. We can confess our sin, ask God to forgive us, and turn from sin to follow His way. God gives us a fresh start and replaces our shame with His love, grace, and forgiveness. His forgiveness brings freedom, peace, and joy while helping us make choices that honor Him.

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 sending Your Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sin while we were still sinners. Thank You that You are a forgiving God who is full of grace. Help us remember that You love us, offer to give us a fresh start, and help us turn from sin to follow You. Amen.

Grace Compass (20 minutes)**Big Goal:** Know that God can give us grace and remove our sin.**Leader Prep:** Print copies of the “Grace Compass” for each kid. Set out supplies.

1. Draw and decorate a picture of yourself on the right side of the compass.
2. Decorate the inside of the compass with words and images that remind you of God’s forgiveness.
3. Fold each side in, stopping at the farthest fold lines. Then, fold them back to the second fold line. Unfold them, then refold both sides in so the folds meet in the middle.

Supplies: “Grace Compass” printable (1 per kid), Markers or crayons (several per child), “Grace Compass Example” printable (1 per child; optional)**What To Do:** We are making something fun today that will remind us of our Bible story and how God can give us grace when we experience His undeserved love and forgiveness.

First, draw a picture of yourself on the right side where you see the word “Me.” Then decorate the inside of the compass with pictures and words that remind you of God’s grace and forgiveness and how they can make a difference in your life. Make it bright and fun! *(Allow time.)*

Now, fold the paper on the left side in toward the middle along the dotted line. Nice and neat folds. Then fold the paper on the right side into the middle along the dotted line. *(Demonstrate and allow time.)* Awesome job!

Keep It Going: Allow kids to share their crafts with each other, demonstrating how open and close it.**Leader Tip:** Circulate around the room and encourage kids as they complete the craft.

Loud And Clear: Today’s craft reminds us of something important. When we make wrong choices, we can feel like we are lost and don’t know what to do next. But God’s is always ready to forgive us and help us follow Him. We do not have to be perfect or do a bunch of good things to earn God’s love and forgiveness. That is why we say that God can give us grace! *Grace* is God’s undeserved love and forgiveness. Psalm 103 tells us that God is loving and forgiving. No matter what wrong choices we make, we do not have to earn God’s love or prove ourselves to Him. Instead, God gives us grace and a fresh start! Say, **“God can give me grace!” (God can give me grace!)**

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

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- What would you do if someone gave you a total surprise, out-of-the-blue present for no reason, like you did nothing to earn or deserve it? *(Allow answers and share your own.)*
- If you have a plan to make something out of clay and something gets messed up, do you throw away the clay or keep working and trying? *(Allow answers and share your own answer.)* When it comes to us, we mess up when we make wrong choices, like a clay project that gets messed up. How does God respond when we make wrong choices? *(God shows us grace—His undeserved love and forgiveness. God does not give up on us.)*
- The Bible tells us that God can give us grace. Let's open our Bibles to **Psalm 103:8 (pg. 660)** and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the Bible verse aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the Bible verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the Bible verse so everyone can follow along together.)* Compassion means that God sees the suffering we experience because of sin and takes action to help, which He does through forgiveness. He is not easily angered, and He has so much love for us! How can remembering God's compassion and grace help when you make wrong choices? *(We can remember that God loves and forgives us when we do not deserve it. We can know that God will always love and forgive us, which is why He sent Jesus.)*
- Our Bible story from Psalm 103 talked about how God is forgiving. What do you think it is like to experience God's forgiveness? What happens and what changes? *(Allow answers and share your own.)*
- The Bible tells us that God gives us a fresh start when He forgives us! 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 for Your love and forgiveness, which we do not deserve and cannot earn. Help us turn to You when we make wrong choices and live the way You designed us to live. Thank You for always being with us and for giving us a fresh start. Amen.

Psalm 103 shows us that God forgives us and gives us compassion and grace. That means His forgiveness is not just for people long ago, it is for you and me today! Jesus came to forgive our sins and give us a fresh start! Remember that He gives you His love and forgiveness freely.

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.