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I Am Valued Elementary Leader Guide

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



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People are the only ones in God's creation made in His image. Kids can know that they are not an accident—God made them on purpose and uniquely in His image. We are special because God values us and made us special and unique.

BIBLE- God Made People- Genesis 1:26- 2:25

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, "Mystery Match" printable (1 per group), Adult scissors (1 per group), Stopwatch or Timer (1 per group; optional), "Allergy Alert" printable (1 per group), Marker (1 per group), Balloons (2 per group), Pool noodles (1 per child; optional), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group; optional)

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

Wow, that story is so amazing! We learned how God made the very first people and how He did it in a special way. When God made the animals, stars, and oceans, all He did was speak, and they came into existence! But when God made Adam and Eve, He formed them very carefully and breathed life into them. The Bible tells us that Adam and Eve were made in God's image, which means that they had a special purpose—to show the world what God is like! We are *all* made in God's image too!

Just like Adam and Eve, you were made on purpose! Say, "God made me on purpose!" (*God made me on purpose!*)

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

Circle 1- In the very beginning of the Bible and the very beginning of the world, God made the first people. These people, Adam and Eve, were created on purpose and lived with God in a perfect garden. When God finished creating them, He said that they were good. He declared that they were what? (Good!) He gave them a special job—to have a family and to take care of the earth. They got to enjoy a perfect life with each other, with creation, and with God Himself. But something terrible happened.

Circle 2- Adam and Eve chose to do what they wanted instead of following God's good plan. That is called sin. We all sin, and sin breaks our relationship with God and keeps us from living the way God designed us to live.

No matter how hard we try, we cannot fix our sin problem on our own. We need Jesus to rescue us and bring us back to God. But thankfully, God did not leave us stuck in our sin!

Circle 3- God made people on purpose, and He made a perfect plan to rescue us from sin. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to fix what sin broke. Jesus lived perfectly, and He never sinned. He lived out God's purpose every day! Jesus died to take the punishment for sin that we deserved. He came back to life so that we can be forgiven, making the way to fix our brokenness and relationship with God.

Circle 4- When we respond to God by turning from sin and placing our trust in Jesus, God forgives us and welcomes us into family.

Today's Bible story shows that God made people on purpose. You might wonder if your purpose is the same as everyone else's. While we are each special and different, God made everyone with the same big purpose—to love God and love others. He values us so much that He made us on purpose. He works through us to point others to Him. Say, **"God made me on purpose!"** (*God made me on purpose!*)

God, thank You for the way that You have made each and every one of us on purpose. It is so good to know that we are valued and known by You. Thank You for sending Jesus so that we can be close to You. Help us live out Your purpose for us—to know You more and help others to know You too. Amen.

Team Towers- (20 minutes)

Kids will work together in teams to build towers using a variety of craft supplies.

Big Goal: Celebrate how God works through our unique gifts for His big purpose.

Leader Prep: Set out supplies for 2 teams: 10 plastic cups, 1 clear tape, 1 skein of yarn, 5 rubber bands, 1 pair of child-safe scissors, and 3 pieces of construction paper.

1. Place kids on two teams.
2. Encourage kids to use supplies to build a tower.

Supplies: Plastic cups (20 per group), Clear tape (2 rolls per group), Yarn (2 per group), Rubber bands (10 per group), Child-safe scissors (2 per group), Construction paper (6 per group), Cardboard tubes (6 per group; optional)

What To Do: Listen up, everybody! Today we get to build “Team Towers!” Say, “Team Towers!” (*Team Towers!*) The great part about these towers is there is no wrong way to build them! We are going to make two teams, and each team will have supplies to make a tower. How are you going to help your team? Use your unique skills and ideas to make your tower tall, add tunnels, or whatever you would like! The important thing is that each team works together and encourages everyone on that team. If you are ready, say, “Let’s go!” (*Let’s go!*)

Keep It Going: Make new teams and build again, but this time kids can only use one hand.

Leader Tip: Monitor teams as they build, making sure everybody is getting an opportunity to contribute. Compliment creativity, teamwork, and good communication as teams build. Consider providing cardboard tubes as an extra building supply.

Loud And Clear: Look at these towers! You used your own skills to work with your team and make something amazing. Just like God made Adam and Eve different but a part of His plan, God made you unique and with a purpose! Your gifts matter, and God can work through you for His plan! What was the best part of working together to build a tower? (*Allow responses.*)

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

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- If you could teach the group one valuable thing that you know how to do, what would it be? *(Allow responses and share your own answer.)*
- We talked about a program during the Object Lesson part of Large Group. A program tells us about the roles everyone played in making something happen. For people who get those roles—maybe in a play, a game, or a project—how might it feel to get a special role? *(Allow responses.)* How can thinking about a program remind you that God made you on purpose? *(Just like everyone has a role in a program, we all have a role in God's plan.)*
- The Bible tells us that God made us on purpose. Let's open our Bibles to **Genesis 1:27** (pg. 3) and read about God's purpose 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.)* God created Adam and Eve in His image, with the purpose of knowing, following, and loving Him. The Bible also tells us that each of us is created in His image too! God made each and every one of us to be unique, but we are all working together with the same purpose—to know and love God, care for His creation, and help others love God too. What is one way that you can use something unique about you to show God's love this week? *(Allow responses.)*
- We learned that God made people to love Him and follow Him. Even though we are all different, we all have the same purpose. What is our big purpose? *(We know that God made us to love Him and follow Him.)* What questions do you have about following Jesus? *(Allow responses.)*
- The Bible tells us we that are valued by God. What do you think is part of God's purpose for you this week?

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 making us on purpose. Thank You that we are part of Your plan and that You made each of us with gifts, ideas, and roles that matter. Help us remember that even though we are all different, we all get to love You, love others, and care for Your world. When we are not sure what our purpose is, remind us that we can talk with You and ask for help. Thank You for Jesus, who took the punishment we deserve for our sin and made the way for us to be close to You. We love You. Help us love You even more. Amen.

God made people on purpose. He values every life He created. That same God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, so we could know Him and have life with Him forever. Being made on purpose means that you are really loved by God! Say, "God made me on purpose!" (God made me on purpose!)

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.