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### I Am Valued Elementary Leader Guide

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

#### WIN

Because God sent Jesus, anyone who believes in Him gets to have new life both now and forever. Kids will learn that rescue from sin through Jesus is the greatest gift. God forgives us and helps us live for Him because He loves and values us.

*BIBLE- New Life in Jesus- Ephesians 2:1-10*

#### 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, Music and music player (1 per group), Hula hoop (1 per group), Playground ball (1 per group), Blindfold (1 per group), "All-Access Wristband" printable (1-2 per group), Adult scissors (1 per group), Clear tape (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

In this Bible story, Paul told the Ephesians that people are dead in their sin. The reason Paul told them that they were dead is not because they were *actually*, physically dead, but because he wanted them to understand that they were separated from God because of their sin. They were not able to live the way God created them to live, and they could not do *anything* on their own fix sin and separation from God. These people needed to know that there was hope—they could be made alive in Jesus! Paul told them about Jesus, and what he wrote applies to you and me today! God sent Jesus for us so that we would no longer be dead in sin—we can enjoy life with Him forever!

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

**Circle 2-** Paul taught that we have a serious problem called sin. Sin is choosing what we think is best instead of following what God says is best. We all sin, and sin separates us from God. We cannot be good enough to save ourselves. Because God is perfect and always does what is right, sin deserves punishment. We need Jesus to rescue us from sin.

**Circle 3-** Sin is bad news, but God gives us good news! He sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us. Jesus lived without sin, died on the cross for our sins, and came back to life!

Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven and have a relationship with God forever. We don't earn this gift. God gives it to us because He loves us. Say it together: "God sent Jesus for me!"

**Circle 4-** Remember how Paul wrote that we are dead in our sin before we follow God? When you turn from sin so you can trust and follow Jesus, He promises to make you alive!

**Circle 1-** This rescue from sin is called salvation. Because Jesus died and came back to life, we can be forgiven and have new life with God now and forever!

No matter what you have done or how far from God you feel, God sent Jesus to rescue you because He loves and values you. When we trust and follow Jesus, we can have a relationship with God forever.

When you follow Jesus, God helps you live the way He created you to live. You can point others to God through your words, actions, choices, and by showing His love.

You are God's workmanship, made to know Him and show others who He is! Say it together: "God sent Jesus for me!"

*God, thank You so much for the gift of Your perfect Son, Jesus. Thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for our sin so that we can have a relationship with You. You take us from death to life and invite us to live for You. Help us to love and follow You. Amen.*

**Hop to Life- (20 minutes)**

Kids will hop beside papers and face off in “Rock, Paper, Scissors” to try and move a beanbag closer to their side.

**Big Goal:** See that we are dead in our sin before we follow Jesus, but we receive new life when we follow Jesus.

**Leader Prep:** Write *SIN* on a piece of paper and *LIFE* on two pieces of paper. Lay 9 papers on the floor with 12 to 24 inches between the papers. Place the “SIN” paper in the center and the “LIFE” papers at each end. Lay the beanbag on the “SIN” paper.

1. Place kids on two teams, each team lining up beside one of the “LIFE” papers.
2. Direct the first players on each team to hop beside (not on) the papers, meet at the beanbag, and play “Rock, Paper, Scissors.” Encourage kids who cannot hop to move alongside the papers as they are able.
3. Instruct the winner to move the beanbag one paper closer to her team’s side before both players hop back to their teams.
4. Continue playing in this way until one player gets the beanbag to his team’s “LIFE” paper.

**Supplies:** Construction paper (9 per group), Marker (1 per group), Beanbag (1 per group)

**What To Do:** In today’s Bible story, the disciple Paul wrote that we are dead in sin. This means that because of our sin, we are not able to live the way God created us to live. But God sent Jesus so we could have new life! Let’s play a game that reminds us how Jesus brings us from death to life. This game is called “Hop to Life!” Hop to what? (*Life!*) Yes! In this game, we will be going hopping. However, remember that when it comes to new life with God, Jesus is the One who does the work and offers us new life. Who is the One who does the work and offers us new life? (*Jesus!*)

First, let’s make two teams. Each team will stand by one of the “LIFE” papers. (*Allow time.*)

When the game starts, the first players from each team will hop beside—not on—the papers and meet at the beanbag. (*Allow players who are unable to hop to move alongside the papers as they are able.*) You will play “Rock, Paper, Scissors,” and the winner will get to move the beanbag one paper closer to your team’s “LIFE” paper. Then you will both hop back so the next players can hop forward, meet at the beanbag, and play again. We will keep playing like this until one team gets the beanbag all the way to your “LIFE” paper. Ready to go from “SIN” to “LIFE”? Let’s play!

**Leader Tip: Smaller Group Option:** Play with the kids to add an additional player.

**Larger Group Option:** Double the supplies and play two different games at the same time.

**Loud And Clear:** Great job hopping and moving! It could feel frustrating in our game if the beanbag got close to your side, then quickly moved away. But the good news we learned today is that not only does Jesus bring us from being dead in our sins and separated from God to new life in Him, but we also learned that this new life lasts forever! How long does new life last? (*Forever!*) Right! God sent Jesus for us because He values us and wants us to live the life He created us for—both now and forever! Say, **“God sent Jesus for me!” (God sent Jesus for me!)** Because God sent Jesus, we get to respond to this amazing act of love by admitting our sin, asking Jesus to forgive us, and choosing to follow Him and live the way God created us to live. That’s the best VIP life we can have!

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

## TALK ABOUT IT

### Discussion Questions:

- If you became a famous VIP for something, what do you think it would be? *(Allow responses and share your own.)*
- Look at the All-Access wristband you made during social today. If you had an All-Access wristband that would give you special access to anywhere, where would you go? *(Invite kids to share responses and share your own.)* All-Access wristbands allow people to access special places and experiences that other people do not have. When it comes to all access, what can we remember about God? *(God sent Jesus so we could have an all-access relationship with Him.)*
- The Bible tells us that God sent Jesus for us. Let's open our Bibles to **Ephesians 2:4-5** (pg. 1297) and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* In these Bible verses, we read that God loves us so much, and He made us alive even when we were stuck in sin, like we were dead! God gave us an "all-access wristband" to Him! God sent Jesus to give us a relationship with Him, now and forever, when we turn from sin and trust Jesus! We are saved by God's grace when we turn from sin and follow Jesus. Then He helps us do good works, which God planned for us from the beginning. What are some good works that you can do this week that would point others to God? *(Allow responses and share your own.)*
- Paul told the Christians in Ephesus that God made them alive through faith in Jesus. How can following Jesus make a difference in our lives? *(Allow responses and share your own.)*
- The Bible tells us that God values us so much that He sent Jesus for us. Who can you talk with this week about how God values you and sent Jesus for you? 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 sending your Son, Jesus. Thank You for making the way for us to have new life with You. Help us turn away from our sins so that we trust and follow You forever. As we follow You, help us do good works as Your workmanship. Thank You that we do not have to earn Your love or forgiveness. Amen.*

The Bible tells us that while we are far from God because of our sin, God does not leave us there. Because of His great love, God sent Jesus for us. We are saved by grace, not by doing a lot of right things, and new life is a gift we receive, not something we earn. When we respond by trusting Jesus, God makes us alive in Him. Let me hear you say, "God sent Jesus for me!" (God sent Jesus for me!)

## 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.