



## Elementary Leader Guide

January 4 –The Warehouse 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

**Monthly Theme:** I Am Secure

**Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie:** God Is Always Good

**Bible Story Reference:** Jesus Healed Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

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- *What was the best part of your week?*
- *Besides you, who else lives in your home?*
- *If you could compete in the summer or winter Olympics, which would you like to try and why?*
- *Rainy, sunny, cloudy, or something else—which weather do you think is the best? What do you like to do in that weather?*
- *Would you prefer to swim really fast but have a huge shark fin or to fly but have a beak and why?*

## Countdown Video/ Leader Welcome:

*\*Tweens arrive as countdown video begins.*

Play Countdown Video.

**Script:** Hey, everybody! I am \_\_\_\_\_, and I am so glad to see you today. Think about something you always like to do because you think it is always awesome. Say that activity in 3-2-1! (*Allow responses.*) Those do sound awesome! Today, we are going to learn the truth that God is always awesome! Our Theme is that no matter what, God is, repeat after me (*hold up a thumb after each word*), “Always awesome!” (*Always awesome!*)

## Theme Song/Offering/Worship Song:

Between songs remind children of the purpose for giving an offering. Give them examples of ways the offering contributes to the church and community. Ask students if they know how else our giving reaches out. Then remind them that during the next worship song they can bring their offering forward and drop it into the basket.

*\*Tweens Leave After Worship Song*

## Stage Game:

**Game Rules:**

1. Play a video.
2. Direct kids to move around the room while the music plays.
3. Stop and see what number is on the screen when you hear, “What do we share?”
4. Form groups of that number and find something each of you have in common (season you were born in, how many siblings you have, favorite pizza topping, and so forth).

**Script:** Let’s play a game called “What Do We Share?” What do we what? (*Share!*) I am going to play some totally awesome music. While it is playing, walk around the room. When you hear, “What do we share?” look at the number on the screen. Then get into a group with that number of people and find something in common with the other players in your group. Think outside the box! It could be the season you were born in, how many siblings you have, your favorite pizza topping, or anything else! If you are ready, say, “I am ready!” (*I am ready!*) Stand up and let’s play!

Play Stage Game Video 1.

**Script:** *(After the video stops)* Two! Make a group of two and find something in common! *(Allow time.)* OK, start moving again while the music plays.

Play Stage Game Video 2.

**Script:** *(After the video stops)* Five! Form groups of five and find something in common! *(Allow time.)* All right, time to move!

Play Stage Game Video 3.

**Script:** *(After the video stops)* Three! Find two more friends and find something in common! *(Allow time.)* OK, start moving again while the music plays.

Play Stage Game Video 4.

**Script:** *(After the video stops)* Six! Form a group of six and find something in common! *(Allow time.)* We have got one more, so start moving!

Play Stage Game Video 5.

**Script:** *(After the video stops)* Four! Make a group of four and find something in common! *(Allow time.)* Great job, everyone! Head back to your seats.

How totally cool that we share so many things in common! Say, "So cool!" *(So cool!)* We had leaders help out so you could know for sure that you would always have a group. When we know something for sure, we feel secure. One thing we can know for sure is that we are secure in God. This means God knows what we need and is able to hold us fast no matter what we face. He loves us and is always with us. Say, "I am secure!" *(I am secure!)* We are always secure in God because He is, repeat after me *(hold up a thumb after each word)*, "Always awesome!" *(Always awesome!)*

**Script:** Let me hear you say, "Dynamo!" *(Dynamo!)* Say, "Dinner!" *(Dinner!)* Say, "Dash!" *(Dash!)* Put them all together and say, "Dynamo Dinner Dash!" *(Dynamo Dinner Dash!)* Awesome! We are going to check out a guy named Dominic who races to deliver food for the one and only Dynamo Dinner Dash! Say, "Deliver it, Dominic!" *(Deliver it, Dino!)*

Play Main Idea Video.

**Script:** That was so cool to see that Dominic was willing to stop and be a good friend, even if it meant his delivery might be late. Dominic's actions remind us of the truth that God is always awesome, and He is always good. No matter what, we can trust that everything God says and does is always good. Say **"God is always good!"** (*God is always good!*) Why? Because He is, repeat after me (*hold up a thumb after each word*), "Always awesome!" (*Always awesome!*)

## Object Lesson:

### **Supplies:**

Bible 1 per group

**Script:** I am going to list some foods, and you say, "Yum!" if you like them or "Pass!" if you do not. Ready?

Show Object Lesson Slide 1

**Script:** Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. (*Allow responses.*)

Show Object Lesson Slide 2.

**Script:** Corn dogs. (*Allow responses.*)

Show Object Lesson Slide 3.

**Script:** Root beer floats. (*Allow responses.*)

Show Object Lesson Slide 4.

**Script:** American cheese. (*Allow responses.*)

These are popular foods in America but America *only*. People in other countries might say, "Yum!" or might say, "Pass!"—kind of like all of you in this room! You might think the food in other countries is good or not so good too. It would be impossible to find a food that everyone in the world agrees tastes good!

However, there is one thing everyone everywhere can know is good—God! That is because God's goodness is not based on our opinion. It is a fact! God was good in the past, He is good right now, and He will be good in the future. **God is always good.** His love and presence are available for people everywhere, and all people can experience His goodness. We can trust that **God is always good**, which helps us know we are secure in Him. Let me hear you say, "I am

secure!" (*I am secure!*) Unlike those American foods that only *some* people think are good, God's goodness is for everyone! **God is always good.** Say, "**God is always good!**" (*God is always good!*)

## Bible Story Video:

**Script:** (*Open the Bible.*) We are going to learn from the Bible today. Our story comes from the book of Luke. Everyone, say, "Luke!" (*Luke!*) The Bible is God's true message to us about Himself. In this story, 10 very sick people meet Jesus, God's Son, and experience firsthand how **God is always good.** Say, "I am secure." (*I am secure.*) Because **God is always good!** (*Because God is always good!*)

Play Bible Story Video.

## Make the Connection:

**Script:** Ten men were healed of *leprosy* (which is a skin disease), but only one of them came back to thank Jesus. Saying thank you does not seem very hard. We might wonder why only one of the men returned to thank Jesus. Maybe the others were just so excited to be healed that they completely forgot? Maybe they feared going back to where Jesus was because the last time they had been there, they were sick? It does not really matter why they did not go back to say thank you. What matters is that God, through Jesus, remained good no matter how the men responded. Say, "**God is always good!**" (*God is always good!*)

Jesus did not get mad and take away the healing He gave the other men when they did not show their gratitude. But He did say that the man who returned was not just healed physically but also spiritually. This means that not just his body was healed, but also his heart. Now this man could have a relationship with God forever.

(*Circle 2*) You see, we might not realize it, but our hearts are just as sick as those men with leprosy. We call this sickness of the heart sin. *Sin* is when we choose what *we think* is best rather than follow what *God says* is best. Sin makes us think that we know better than God. But deep down, we still know something is wrong. So we try and fix ourselves, without God's help. That is what those 10 men with leprosy were doing. They knew they were sick, but they thought they were only sick on the outside. No wonder nine of them did not come back to acknowledge Jesus or tell Him thank you!

(*Circle 3*) But Jesus knew the men needed more than just physical healing—just like He knows we need more than just physical healing too. The tenth man who returned to Jesus thanked

Him and acknowledged that Jesus was the Lord, or the leader, over his whole life—not just his sickness. That is why Jesus says that the man’s heart was healed along with his body.

Jesus came down to earth to live a perfect life without sin. He also died on the cross to pay the price for our sin instead of us. He took our place! Like the tenth man, Jesus can say to us, “Your faith has made you well!” When we acknowledge that Jesus is the King of our lives and ask Him to forgive our sins, Jesus forgives us and rescues us from sin.

*(Circle 1)* When we thank Jesus for what He has done and recognize who He is, we have a right relationship with God now and forever! And when we have a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus, we can know that **God is always good**. He gives us His peace and presence when He heals our hearts, and we can know He will never take that goodness away. We are secure in God and know He is always good! Say, “I am secure!” *(I am secure!)* Say, “**God is always good!**” ***(God is always good!)***

If you have never experienced God’s goodness this way or have never asked Jesus to forgive your sin so you can have a relationship with God, please come and talk to me or your leader! We would love to tell you more about how Jesus loves you and can heal your heart from sin!

## Team Game:

Kids will race to take cotton balls one at a time from bucket A to bucket B while one kid will race to scoop multiple cotton balls out of bucket B into bucket A.

**Big Goal:** Kids will be reminded that one healed man came back to thank Jesus and gained spiritual healing.

**Leader Prep:** Fill both buckets with an equal amount of cotton balls. Place bucket A across from bucket B.

### **Supplies:**

Bucket 2 per group

Cotton balls 40–60 per group

Paper or plastic cup 1 per group

**Script:** We are going to play “One Versus All!” What are we going to play? *(One Verses All!)* In this game, it is everyone versus, or against, one person. Does that sound fair? *(Allow answers.)* Right! So here is how we will play.

You will line up behind bucket A. *(Indicate one of the buckets.)* When it is your turn, you will go to bucket B, grab one cotton ball, then run back and place it in your bucket A before moving to the back of the line. Then, the next player on the team will do the same. Keep going until I call time.

If you are chosen as the “One,” you will line up behind bucket B. You are also going to run cotton balls, taking them from bucket A to place in your bucket as fast as you can, but you are not limited to one at a time! You can use this cup to carry as many as you can at once!

After I call, “Time,” we will count how many cotton balls are in bucket A and bucket B. The bucket with the most cotton balls will show who won! *(Choose one kid to be the One. Allow kids to line up behind their buckets.)* Ready? On your mark, get set, go! *(Let kids play until you call time, then count how many are in each bucket.)*

**Keep It Going:** Play several rounds, picking a new One each time.

**Script:** What an awesome job! Who knew you could fit that many cotton balls into a cup? Any time a game is all versus one, it can feel pretty unfair. Maybe that is how you felt when you heard that only 1 man came back to thank Jesus after 10 were healed. The good news is that Jesus did not take away the healing of the other 9 men. Jesus, God’s Son, was still good even if it did not seem like other people deserved it. This is good news! No matter what, **God is always good**, and He is always *(thumb up)* awesome *(thumb up)*!

## Theme Verse Video:

### **Theme Verse Motions:**

Jesus Christ is the same *(Point your right hand up to the sky with an open palm.)*  
yesterday, today, and forever. *(Bring your hand down and pretend to slice something. Slice something in the middle with your left hand. Slice something to your left with your right hand.)*  
Hebrews 13:8 *(Hold your hands out like a book.)*

**Script:** Let’s learn our verse together! We have a verse that will help us remember that God is, repeat after me *(hold up a thumb after each word)*, “Always awesome!” *(Always awesome!)*

Play Theme Verse Video.

**Script:** This Bible verse is pretty awesome because it reminds us that we are secure because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever! And why is that good news? Because **God is always good** and always (thumb up) awesome (thumb up)!

## Theme Song:

**Script:** It is totally awesome to know that **God is always good!** We can be secure because our always-awesome God is always with us! Let's sing our Theme song together today!

Play Theme Song Video.

## Small Groups:

\*Big Deal/Key Verse Review & Prayer Requests/Prayer Time

Finish up time in your small group pod by reviewing the Theme for the month, the verse and the "Big Deal" for today's lesson. Ask for prayer requests, pray and wrap up.

## Pick Up Time:

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- *What was the best part of your week?*
- *What is your favorite thing about your name?*
- *If you could time travel, would you rather go to the future or the past? Why?*
- *What is the best flavor of potato chips?*
- *If you could breathe underwater, would you rather live in a lake, a river, a beach, or the open ocean?*

## Countdown Video/ Leader Welcome:

*\*Tweens arrive as countdown video begins.*

Play Countdown Video.

**Script:** Everybody, say, “Hello, \_\_\_\_ (your name)!” (Hello, \_\_\_\_!) Well, you all are so welcoming! Hello to you too! I am so glad to be with you today. You know, we do not always have the same group of kids in this room, but one thing definitely stays the same—you are always wonderful to get to know!

Today, we are going to learn a lot about God and how He loves us. But no matter what we learn about God, one thing is always true. He is, repeat after me (*hold up a thumb after each word*), “Always awesome!” (*Always awesome!*) What is He? (*Always awesome!*)

## Theme Song/Offering/Worship Song:

Between songs remind children of the purpose for giving an offering. Give them examples of ways the offering contributes to the church and community. Ask students if they know how else our giving reaches out. Then remind them that during the next worship song they can bring their offering forward and drop it into the basket.

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## Stage Game:

### **Supplies:**

Buckets 6 per group

Table tennis balls 60 per group

**Leader Prep:** Place buckets in two rows, row A and row B, opposite each other. Each team will have a bucket in row A and row B, that are across from each other. Fill the buckets in row A with an equal number of table tennis balls.

### **Game Rules:**

1. Invite one player from each team to the front, assigning red and yellow players to a team, orange and purple players to a team, and green and blue players to a team, making three teams.
2. Instruct one player from each team to pick up a bucket in row A and the other player to pick up the matching bucket in row B. Then listen for the start of the game.
3. Start the video.
4. Grab the table tennis balls one at a time from bucket A and gently bounce them into bucket B without moving your feet.
5. Hold and move bucket B around to catch the table tennis balls without moving your feet.

**Script:** We are going to play "Power Bounce!" Everyone, show me your best muscle arms and go, "Grrrr!" (*Grrrr!*) Wow, you all look so powerful! In this game, you are going to have to demonstrate that power by bouncing table tennis balls from one bucket into another! (*Choose one player from each team, pairing together players from the red and yellow, orange and purple, and green and blue teams to make three teams. Instruct one player to pick up a bucket in row A and the other to pick up the matching bucket in row B.*)

Each team has two buckets. If you have bucket A, you are trying to *bounce* as many table tennis balls into the other bucket as you can. If you have bucket B, you are trying to *catch* as many table tennis balls as you can. But no matter which bucket you have, you cannot move your feet! You cannot move your what? (*Feet!*) Exactly! Whichever team has the most table tennis balls in its bucket at the end wins!

Now, let me hear you cheer for your teammates as we play “Power Bounce!” (*Allow cheers.*) Ready, set, go!

**Keep It Going:** Play multiple rounds, inviting new players for each round. Adjust where players stand to make the game easier or more difficult.

Play Stage Game Video 1.

**Script:** (*Count the table tennis balls in each row B bucket.*) It looks like the \_\_\_\_ Team is the winner! Let’s give them a cheer while our players return to their seats. (*Allow time.*) Wow, those table tennis balls went everywhere! If you tried to bounce them too powerfully, they would just go flying! Instead, you had to keep your power under control. Not only that, but you also had to keep your feet secured to the floor!

Sometimes in this world, we might not feel secure. We might try and try with as much power as we can, but things still seem to go wrong. Well, I am here to tell you that God is here, which means you can always count on and trust Him. The simple truth is that you are secure because God is God, and God is always (*thumb up*) awesome (*thumb up*)! Being secure in God means God knows what we need and is able to hold us fast no matter what we face. Point to yourself and say, “I am secure!” (*I am secure!*)

Think about this: if you could have any food delivered to you right now, what would it be? Let me hear the name of that food in 3-2-1! (*Allow responses.*) That sounds so good! Well, we are not having actual food delivered right now, but we do get to see an awesome food delivery guy named Dominic! Say, “Delivery time!” in 3-2-1! (*Delivery time!*)

Play Main Idea Video.

**Script:** That was a crazy delivery Dominic had to make! He tried really hard to make his superfast delivery , but so many things kept happening! While we may not be speedy delivery people like Dominic, we can feel the same way sometimes. We try and try to make things happen using our own strength, power, and abilities, but we fall short. Today we get to learn that, while we are not always powerful, God is! Say, “**God is always powerful!**” (*God is always*

**powerful!)** He is always strong, always capable, and He can make anything happen! We can know we are secure in God because He is always powerful.

## Object Lesson:

### Supplies:

Bible 1 per group

Battery 1 per group

**Script:** In my hand is something that is small, but very powerful. A battery! Everyone, say, "Cool, a battery!" (*Cool, a battery!*) Batteries store energy. They hold on to that energy until it is needed to power something. Small batteries power small things, like remotes. Large batteries power large things, like cars. It is truly amazing that something so comparatively small can power something much bigger than itself!

However, batteries cannot hold power forever. Eventually, that energy gets used up, and the batteries cannot power things anymore. But God's power is not like a battery. His power is never used up or drained. **God is always powerful!** His strength and power never go away, no matter where you are or what your circumstance. We can always know we are secure in God because He is always powerful. We are secure in God because why? (*He is always powerful!*) That is just one way that God is, repeat after me (*hold up a thumb after each word*), "Always awesome!" (*Always awesome!*)

## Bible Story Video:

**Script:** (*Open the Bible.*) Today, we are going to learn from the Bible. Our Bible story is in the book of Acts. What book is it in? (*Acts!*) The Bible is God's true message about Himself. This story is just one way that shows how **God is always powerful.** Say, "**God is always powerful!**" (*God is always powerful!*) That's right! Because He is, repeat after me (*hold up a thumb after each word*), "Always awesome!" (*Always awesome!*)

Play Bible Story Video.

## Make the Connection:

**Script:** (*Circle 1*) God was powerful in Peter's time, and He is still powerful today. Everyone, ask, "Why?" (*Why?*) Because He has been powerful from the very beginning!

You see, God created our world and everything in it. He made everything, and He made it good! That included human beings, like you and me. He created us to have a relationship with Him.

(Circle 2) But the first people God created turned away from Him, choosing to follow what they thought was best rather than what God said was best. God calls that sin. Everyone, say, "Sin." (Sin.) All people sin, including us. Sin breaks our relationship with God. We might try to fix this sin problem ourselves, but we cannot. In fact, the Bible says that the consequence for our sin is death and separation from God forever. No matter how hard we try, we do not have the power to fix our sin problem.

(Circle 3) But God loves us, so He sent Jesus, His Son, to forgive our sin and repair our relationship with Him. Jesus lived a perfect life, and He took our punishment for sin by dying on the cross in our place. But God the Father brought Jesus back to life on the third day! Jesus defeated sin and death! God showed His power when, after Jesus died for our sins, God brought Jesus back to life! When we trust in Jesus and ask Him to forgive our sins, He forgives us and restores our relationship with God. When we trust in Jesus, we get a forever relationship with the always-powerful God! God alone has the power to save us and give us new identities. He calls us children of God!

**God is always powerful**, and we can turn to Him and trust Him with any of our problems. When sin brings feelings of guilt and shame that feel powerful, we can know that God is even more powerful. And when we trust in God, He shows us His power, working in incredible ways in our lives. When we trust in God, He shows us His what? (*Power!*) If you want to learn more about how Jesus can forgive you and restore your relationship with God, please come talk to me or one of your leaders! I would love to share how our always-powerful God loves you! Say, "**God is always powerful!**" (*God is always powerful!*)

## Team Game:

Kids will create a "bridge" out of bathroom tissue paper and see how many plastic cups they can stack on the bridge before it breaks.

**Big Goal:** See that, like the people in our Bible story, we should trust in the power of God rather than trust in what we can see or feel.

**Leader Prep:** Set out supplies.

**Supplies:**

New bathroom tissue roll 2 per group  
Plastic cups 20 per group  
Ruler or yard stick 1 per group  
Stopwatch or timer 1 per group

**Script:** Our game today is called “Paper Bridge!” What is it called? (*Paper Bridge!*) You and your teammates are going to create a bridge out of—bathroom tissue paper!

Your team will receive a roll of bathroom tissue. To make your bridge, pick two teammates to face each other and hold the bathroom tissue ends as “Bridge Ends.” The Bridge Ends must be at least 3 feet apart. Your team will have one minute to figure out the best way to build your paper bridge. After one minute, I will place as many plastic cups in the middle of your bridge as I can before it collapses. (*Form two groups of kids. Give each group a new bathroom tissue roll.*) Let’s see which bridge holds the most cups! (*Set the timer for one minute. After one minute, have the groups display their bridges and begin placing the cups.*)

**Keep It Going:** Direct Kid A to hold the roll on one end and Kid B to pull the bathroom tissue paper out. Place a plastic cup on the bathroom tissue paper and have Kid B carefully walk backward to unroll it. See which group’s roll goes the farthest before breaking!

**Script:** Who knew bathroom tissue could be a bridge? Well, one thing is for sure, it is not a very powerful bridge! No matter what powerful substance a bridge is made from, it will never come close to the awesome power of God! God will never collapse under the weight of your problems because He is always powerful! In our Bible story, when Dorcas died, the friends felt upset because they looked and saw that there was nothing they could do. And that was true! Their best and strongest efforts could not bring Dorcas back to life. But God could!

Repeat after me, “**God is always powerful!**” (*God is always powerful!*) That is right! We can count on Him to be powerful in our lives, even when our circumstances look difficult or impossible. God is, repeat after me (*hold up a thumb after each word*), “Always awesome!” (*Always awesome!*)

## Theme Verse Video:

### **Theme Verse Motions:**

Jesus Christ is the same (*Point your right hand up to the sky with an open palm.*) yesterday, today, and forever. (*Bring your hand down and pretend to slice something. Slice something in the middle with your left hand. Slice something to your left with your right hand.*) Hebrews 13:8 (*Hold your hands out like a book.*)

**Script:** **God is always powerful!** God is always what? (*Powerful!!*) Our Theme verse reminds us that we are secure because God is powerful yesterday, today, and forever! Let's learn our verse together!

Play Theme Verse Video.

**Script:** We can know we are secure because God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. That means He was powerful in the past, He is powerful in your life right now, and He will be powerful in your future! **God is always powerful!** Say, "**God is always powerful!**" (*God is always powerful!*) That is right! Because He is, repeat after me (*hold up a thumb after each word*), "Always awesome!" (*Always awesome!*)

## Theme Song:

**Script:** We are always secure because **God is always powerful!** Let's stand up and learn our Theme song to help us remember this great truth!

Play Theme Song Video.

## Small Groups:

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- *What was the best part of your week?*
- *What is a job you might like to do when you grow up?*
- *If you could instantly speak any language, which would it be?*
- *What is something interesting you have learned or you know a lot about?*
- *If you could go to school on the moon or under the ocean, which would you pick and why?*



## Countdown Video/ Leader Welcome:

*\*Tweens arrive as countdown video begins.*

Play Countdown Video.

**Script:** Welcome, everyone! My name is \_\_\_\_\_. What is my name? *(Allow responses.)* Wow, you all are so welcoming! I am so glad you are here today!

I am going to share a list of things that I think are pretty awesome. After I say something, I want you to reply, "That is awesome!" Let's practice! I think dogs are pretty awesome! *(That is awesome!)* Great! Here are a few things I think are awesome: Pizza! *(That is awesome!)* Fuzzy socks! *(That is awesome!)* Playing games! *(That is awesome!)* *(Include your own items that are unique and special to you.)*

Now I know that some of these things might only be awesome to me and not you, but I do know of one thing that is always awesome to everyone everywhere all the time—God! Today we are going to learn about how God is, repeat after me *(hold up a thumb after each word)*, "Always awesome!" *(Always awesome!)*

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## Stage Game:

**Game Rules:**

1. Show the "Epic Facts" slide.
2. Choose an answer and do the corresponding motion.
3. Display the answer.

**Script:** Everyone, say, "Epic!" *(Epic!)* Everyone, say, "Facts!" *(Facts!)* Everyone, say, "Epic Facts!" *(Epic Facts!)* We are going to play a game called "Epic Facts!" *Epic* means something that is

extraordinary, impressive, or awesome! God is always awesome, and He made people to be able to do awesome things too!

In “Epic Facts,” you will see an epic fact and a question on the screen. To answer the question, pick the answer you think is right and do the corresponding action. After you all have made your selections, I will show you the answer. Keep track of how many you get right! Give yourself a high five if you guessed correctly or pat yourself on the back if you did not guess correctly. Ready? Let’s play “Epic Facts!”

Show Stage Game Slide 1.

**Script:** What is the quickest someone has ever climbed Mount Everest? Was it A. 10 hours and 56 minutes? If so, then balance on your left foot! Was it B. 12 hours and 9 minutes? If so, then balance on your right foot! Or if you think it is C. 14 hours and 12 minutes, then jump up and down! (*Allow responses.*) OK, looks like the answer is—

Show Stage Game Slide 2.

**Script:** If you guessed A. 10 hours and 56 minutes and balanced on your left foot, you are right! Give yourself a high five if you guessed correctly or pat yourself on the back if you did not guess correctly. You will get it next time! Let’s see the next one!

Show Stage Game Slide 3.

**Script:** Who was one of the first people to fly non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean? Was it A. Amelia Earhart? If so, bend down. If you think B. Buzz Aldrin, bend side to side. If you think C. John Alcock, then stretch up on your tiptoes with your arms in the air. (*Allow responses.*) What is the correct answer?

Show Stage Game Slide 4.

**Script:** If you stretched up on your tiptoes and guessed John Alcock, then you are right! Give yourself a high five or pat yourself on the back! Let’s see “Epic Fact” number three.

Show Stage Game Slide 5.

**Script:** What is the longest consecutive days someone has ever spent in space? Was it A. 365? If so, wave your hands in the air like you just do not care. If you are going with B. 405, flap your

arms at your sides like wings. And if you think C. 437, turn in circles. (*Allow responses.*) Let's see the answer!

Show Stage Game Slide 6.

**Script:** If you turned in circles and guessed 437, then you are right! Give yourself a high five or pat yourself on the back! Now for the next one.

Show Stage Game Slide 7.

**Script:** The deepest ocean dive was made at what? If you think it is A. the Tonga Trench, pretend to swim forward. If you think it is B. Mariana Trench, pretend to swim backward. If you think it is C. Kermadec Trench, pretend to sink down and float up. (*Allow responses.*) OK, what is the correct answer?

Show Stage Game Slide 8.

**Script:** If you pretended to swim backward and guessed B, the Mariana Trench, then you are right! Give yourself a high five or pat yourself on the back! Time for "Epic Fact" number five.

Show Stage Game Slide 9.

**Script:** What is the length of the longest tightrope walk? Is it A. .75 miles? If so, kick your feet forward—but be careful not to kick anyone! If you think it is B. 1 mile, kick your feet side to side without kicking your neighbor. If you think it is C. 1.4 miles, kick your feet backward without kicking anyone else. (*Allow responses.*) Show us the answer!

Show Stage Game Slide 10.

**Script:** If you guessed C, 1.4 miles, then you are right! Give yourself a high five or pat yourself on the back! We have one more, so let's see it!

Show Stage Game Slide 11.

**Script:** The highest skydive took place in which place? If A. Boston, Massachusetts, then hop on your right foot. If B. Roswell, New Mexico, then hop on your left foot. If C. The Sahara Desert, then hop back and forth, switching feet. (*Allow responses.*) And our final answer is—

Show Stage Game Slide 12.

**Script:** The answer is B. Roswell, New Mexico! Give yourself a high five or pat yourself on the back!

Wow, those facts were epic! Show me with your hands how many facts you got right! (*Allow responses.*) Great job! Sometimes people can do some really awesome stuff! However, I do not think I would be able to do most of these things. Tightrope walking? Living in space? No, thank you! Not for me! I would not feel secure at all!

But sometimes, even our normal lives do not feel very secure. Sometimes we can be sad, scared, or angry. In those moments, we may not be sure what will happen and feel very unsettled. But we can know God is with us! No matter what happens in our lives, we are secure in God. This means God knows what we need and is able to hold us fast no matter what we face. Point at yourself and say, “I am secure!” (*I am secure!*) That is right! We are secure because God is, repeat after me (*hold up a thumb after each word*), “Always awesome!” (*Always awesome!*)

Everyone, stand up. Start running in place as fast as you can until I say stop. Ready? Go! (*Allow kids to start running.*) 5-4-3-2-1! Stop! Go ahead and sit back down. (*Allow time.*) You all seem like you would make very fast delivery people! Let’s check out a video about a delivery man named Dominic who tries—and sometimes struggles—to be the fastest delivery guy ever! Let me hear you say, “Let’s go!” (*Let’s go!*)

Play Main Idea Video.

**Script:** Dominic sure got distracted, but his watch really helped him get back on track! While we may not have to make deliveries like Dominic, we can also get easily distracted. We all struggle with wanting to do our own thing and trusting our own thoughts and feelings—even if those thoughts and feelings are not right. This can leave us feeling unsure or confused. But we have something—or should I say *Someone*—way better than a smartwatch. Ask, “Who?” (*Who?*) God! God’s ways are always right and always best. We can trust God no matter what is happening or how we are feeling. Say, “**God can always be trusted!**” (*God can always be trusted!*) When we trust and follow God, we know we are secure in Him. Say, “I am secure!” (*I am secure!*)

## Object Lesson:

Supplies:

Bible 1 per group

Camping chair 1 per group

**Script:** This is a camping chair! What is it? (*A camping chair!*) Camping chairs are great! They can go with you on any adventure. And no matter where you go, it will always perform the function of a chair—you can sit on it!

I can set this chair up anywhere and know that it will hold me. The legs of the chair sit on the ground, and the fabric of the chair holds my weight. However, if something breaks on this camping chair, I cannot trust it to hold me up! If one of the legs breaks, can I still trust it? (*No!*) If the fabric rips, can I still trust it? (*No!*) You are right! This chair could break, which would make it not completely trustworthy.

But when it comes to God, it is a different story! He is always trustworthy. We can count on Him no matter what to keep us secure in Him. God is always right and always knows what is best. Nothing about God will break. Nothing about God will ever change or become untrustworthy. Unlike this chair that is mostly trustworthy (until something happens to it), **God can always be trusted**. Say, “**God can always be trusted!**” (*God can always be trusted!*)

## Bible Story Video:

**Script:** (*Open the Bible.*) Our Bible story today is from the book of 1 Samuel. What book is it in? (*1 Samuel!*) First Samuel is a book of the Bible! The Bible is God’s true message to us about Himself. In this story, we will learn about a young man named David who trusted God completely. David was secure in God, just like we can be secure in God. Say, “I am secure!” (*I am secure!*) David’s story is just one example of how **God can always be trusted**. Because God is, repeat after me (*hold up a thumb after each word*), “Always awesome!” (*Always awesome!*)

Play Bible Story Video.

## Make the Connection:

**Script:** Up against Goliath, I do not know if I would have shared David’s reaction! I would have been so scared! Show me your scared face! (*Allow kids to respond.*) I probably would have screamed! With all of you in here, a super loud scream might be too much, so give me a medium scream! (*Aaaahhh!*) I might have even run away! Pat your legs quickly to make a running sound! (*Allow kids to respond.*) David’s faith in God was on full display when he faced Goliath!

Instead of running away, screaming, or being scared when he saw and heard Goliath, David knew he could trust God for the victory! David knew that God had been trustworthy in the past and that God does not change. Therefore, David could trust God in the moment against the giant Goliath. Say, "I am secure!" (*I am secure!*) Say, **"God can always be trusted!"** (*God can always be trusted!*)

(Circle 1) **God can always be trusted** to carry out His plans, even when things seem hard or impossible. We can believe this because God has never changed! God created the whole world. He made everything out of nothing! That would be absolutely impossible for any person, but not for God! If God can create the whole world and take care of everyone in it, and He never changes, then we can trust Him to take care of us today.

(Circle 2) But instead of trusting God, people turn from His perfect plan and try to be in charge of their lives. All people—including us—trust ourselves instead of Him. When we choose what *we think* is best rather than trusting and following what *God says* is best, God calls this sin. Sin has broken our world and broken our view of ourselves, others, and even God. Instead of trusting God and others, we feel let down and wonder who we can trust. And there is no way for us to fix the problem of our sin by ourselves.

(Circle 3) But God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to fix our sin problem and restore our relationship with Him! The punishment for sin is death and separation from God forever. Jesus died on a cross to take the punishment for our sin, then showed that He is more powerful than sin and death by coming back to life on the third day. When we ask Jesus to forgive our sin, trust that He is the only One who can save us, and turn from sin to follow Him, Jesus restores our relationship with God!

Even if people around you are not always trustworthy, God is. Even when your situation or circumstance seems confusing or intimidating, God is with you and will take care of you. We can always trust Him because He has been, is, and will be trustworthy forever. If you have never trusted God but want to, please come and talk to me or your Team Leader! We would love to share how you can trust that God made the way for you to have a relationship with Him through Jesus.

We are secure and can always count on God because He can always be trusted. Say that with me, **"God can always be trusted!"** (*God can always be trusted!*) That is right! Because God is, repeat after me (*hold up a thumb after each word*), "Always awesome!" (*Always awesome!*)

## Team Game:

Kids will roll table tennis balls to knock over paper cones, while others will defend the cones with pool noodles.

**Big Goal:** See that, like David's fight against Goliath, God is trustworthy, and He can handle anything that comes our way.

**Leader Prep:** Set out supplies.

### **Supplies:**

Paper 1 per child

Tape 1 per group

Pit balls 4 per child

Pool noodles 2–4 per group

Stopwatch or timer 1 per group

Markers or crayons Several per group (optional)

**Script:** When I say, "Knock," you say, "out!" Knock! (*Out!*) Knock! (*Out!*) We are going to play a game called "Knockout!" In this game, you will make a paper scroll and place it in the center of the circle. One group of kids, the "Defense," will make a circle around the scrolls. The other group of kids will be the "Offense."

First, we must make the paper scrolls! (*Distribute paper.*) Take your paper and roll it into a loose scroll. Next, tape the scroll so that it is secure. Test the scroll to see if it will stand upright and place it in the center of the playing area.

Offense, you will each have pit balls. When I say, "Go," you will roll the pit balls along the ground to try and knock over the paper scrolls.

Defense, you will use pool noodles to block or knock away pit balls and protect the scrolls. When time is up, we will count how many scrolls are knocked down and switch teams!

(*Assign kids to be Offense or Defense. Instruct Defense to encircle the scrolls and give them pool noodles.*) Ready for "Knockout?" 3-2-1, Go! (*Start timer for 30 seconds. After the timer goes off, count the scrolls, replace pit balls, switch teams, and play again.*)

**Keep It Going:** Decorate the scrolls with a picture of Goliath before playing.

**Script:** Wow, what a knockout! Great job, Offense and Defense! Offense, you trusted in the pit balls to knock the scrolls down. Defense, you trusted in your pool noodles to defend the scrolls. Sometimes your trust worked out, but sometimes your trust was broken, and things did not go your way.

In our Bible story, David said that instead of trusting in spears and weapons, he would trust in the Lord. David's fight with Goliath was not actually his, it was God's! David knew that **God can always be trusted!** God can always be what? (*Trusted!*) That is right! Because God is, repeat after me (*hold up a thumb after each word*), "Always awesome!" (*Always awesome!*)

## Theme Verse Video:

### Theme Verse Motions:

Jesus Christ is the same (*Point your right hand up to the sky with an open palm.*) yesterday, today, and forever. (*Bring your hand down and pretend to slice something. Slice something in the middle with your left hand. Slice something to your left with your right hand.*) Hebrews 13:8 (*Hold your hands out like a book.*)

**Script:** God is always awesome! And **God can always be trusted!** God can always be what? (*Trusted!*) That is right! We can trust Him because He never changes! Let's learn our Theme verse that tells us this truth!

## Theme Song:

**Script:** What an always-awesome God! How wonderful to know that we are secure because God is trustworthy! Let's stand and sing our Theme song to remind us of this truth!

Play Theme Song Video.

## Small Groups:

\*Big Deal/Key Verse Review & Prayer Requests/Prayer Time

Finish up time in your small group pod by reviewing the Theme for the month, the verse and the "Big Deal" for today's lesson. Ask for prayer requests, pray and wrap up.

## Pick Up Time:



*During this time children may wait around the room while videos play on the screen. There must be a leader at the door to receive parents and a second leader checking tags as they exit the room.*



## Elementary Leader Guide

January 25 –The Warehouse 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

**Monthly Theme:** I Am Secure

**Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie:** God Is Always with Me

**Bible Story Reference:** Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)

*\*Previews of all videos listed below can be found on the Teacher Resource Page in the corresponding digital media folder.*

## Arrival & Small Groups

Upon arrival children will go to their designated pod based on their grade level for small group connections time. Each “pod” will have a leader waiting for them to begin connections conversations to start the morning.

**Small Group Leaders:** Introduce yourself to families you don't know and use this time to welcome kids as they arrive.

Use these questions to help you get to know kids as they arrive. Ministry happens best through relationships. By spending this time with kids at the beginning, you will be able to make stronger connections as you begin teaching about how God knows them!

- *What was the best part of your week?*
- *What is the first thing you like to do on a Saturday?*
- *If you could visit the North Pole, South Pole, or the equator, which would you visit and why?*

- *What is your favorite thing about school?*
- *Would you rather be able to see sound or hear color?*

## Countdown Video/ Leader Welcome:

*\*Tweens arrive as countdown video begins.*

Play Countdown Video.

**Script:** Hi, everybody! I am \_\_\_\_\_, and I am so glad you are here today! To get us started, I am going to list some things that always happen, like the sun always rises in the east! Where does the sun rise? *(In the east!)* Spring comes before summer, and summer comes before fall. Which season is between spring and fall? *(Summer!)* Because of gravity, what goes up must come down! What goes up must come what? *(Down!)* That is right!

Those are some things that are always going to be true. But I have one more always-true thing. No matter where you are, what time it is, or what is happening, God is always awesome! That is our Theme for today, God is, repeat after me *(hold up a thumb after each word)*, “Always awesome!” *(Always awesome!)*

## Theme Song/Offering/Worship Song:

Between songs remind children of the purpose for giving an offering. Give them examples of ways the offering contributes to the church and community. Ask students if they know how else our giving reaches out. Then remind them that during the next worship song they can bring their offering forward and drop it into the basket.

*\*Tweens Leave After Worship Song*

## Stage Game:

### **Supplies**

Music and music player

1 per group

**Leader Prep:** Prepare music. Consider playing the “Always Awesome” Theme song.

### Game Rules:

1. Crouch down in the “Shoes” pose.
2. Find someone else also in the Shoes pose.
3. Play “Rock, Paper, Scissors.”
4. Move to the “Belt” pose, and find a Belt pose teammate if you win.
5. Stay in the Shoes pose, and find a Shoes pose teammate if you lose.
6. Progress to the next pose each time you win.
7. Drop down a pose if you lose.

**Script:** We are going to play “Rock, Paper, Scissors!” What are we going to play? (*Rock, Paper, Scissors!*) But this game of “Rock, Paper, Scissors” has a twist—I call it “Armored Rock, Paper, Scissors!”

A long time ago, knights wore suits of armor. This armor was made up of several different pieces, like shoes, a belt, a shield, a sword, and a helmet. We are going to play “Rock, Paper, Scissors” to see who can get their armor on first!

Show Stage Game Slide.

**Script:** Here is how you play. Everybody will be in the “Shoes” pose. (*Crouch down.*) You will find another player who is also in the Shoes pose and play “Rock, Paper, Scissors.” If you lose, you stay in the Shoes pose. If you win, you move up to the next pose—“Belt!” (*Bend over halfway.*)

If you are in Belt pose, find another player in Belt pose and play “Rock, Paper, Scissors.” If you win that game, move up to “Shield” pose! (*Cross your arms in front of your chest in an X.*) If you lose, drop back down to Shoes pose, and look for someone else who is also in that pose to compete in “Rock, Paper, Scissors.”

In this way, each time you win, move up to the next pose—Shoes (*crouch*) to Belt (*bend halfway*). Then Shield (*arms in an X*), Sword (*one arm out to the side*), and Helmet (*both hands above your head*). If you lose, drop down a pose until you get back to Shoes. If you lose when you are in Shoes pose, just stay there and keep playing.

I will play some music. Let’s see who can get all their armor on before the music stops! (*Start the music and continue to remind kids of how to do the poses and what to do when they win and lose.*)

**Keep It Going:** Play multiple rounds. Direct the kids who reach Helmet pose to play each other until there is one winner.

**Script:** Pretend like you are holding a phone and push an app icon to order an incredible food delivery. Let me know you are done by showing me how excited you are for your “delivery!” (*Allow time.*) So excited! Stay excited as we watch a video about a delivery guy named Dominic. If you are ready for our video to get delivered, say, “I am ready!” (*I am ready!*)

Play Main Idea Video.

**Script:** Things would have gone a *lot* better for Dominic if he always had his backpack with him! Everyone, say, “*So much better!*” (*So much better!*) Today, we get to learn that our lives are so much better when we know we are secure in God! We can know we are secure in God when we remember that God is always with us. Point to yourself and say, “**God is always with me!**” (*God is always with me!*) Point to a neighbor and say, “God is always with you!” (*God is always with you!*) No matter where we are or what is happening, we can know that God is always with us.

## Object Lesson:

### Supplies:

Bible 1 per group

Locket and chain 1 per group

**Script:** This is a locket. What is this? (*A locket!*) A *locket* is a necklace that holds something special inside. (*Open the locket.*) On the inside of a locket is a secret compartment! Some people put a picture of their loved ones in a locket. Others might put a scrap of fabric that reminds them of someone special in the secret compartment. But why would people put anything like that in a locket? Ask, “Why?” (*Why?*)

Well, a locket allows you to keep a reminder of your loved one close. When you have a picture of someone you love in your locket and wear it around your neck, that picture is close to you! You could do many things, and this locket will not leave you!

Even if you were to put on three shirts and four jackets, this locket would stay close to you. Even if you were going swimming across the ocean, this locket would stay close to you. Like a locket, when you trust and follow Jesus, you can know that God is always with you. Who is always with you? (*God!*) You could be anywhere in the world and know that God is always with you. In anything you can imagine happening, you can know that God is always with you. No

matter what, no matter where, God is always with you. We are secure because God is always with us. Say that after me! **“God is always with me!”** (*God is always with me!*)

## **Bible Story Video:**

**Script:** (*Open the Bible.*) Today we are learning from the Bible. The what? (*Bible!*) The Bible is God’s true message about Himself. Our story today is from the book of Ephesians. Everyone, say, “Ephesians!” (*Ephesians!*) Let’s look together in Ephesians to see how God wants us to know we are always secure in Him! Point to your neighbor and say, “You are secure!” (*You are secure!*) Point to yourself and say, “I am secure!” (*I am secure!*)

Play Bible Story Video.

## **Make the Connection:**

**Script:** Paul reminded the Christians in Ephesus that, while they would face trouble in this world, their battle was not against people but against spiritual forces. When we experience brokenness and difficult things in this world, we can stand strong by remembering that God is always with us. We can resist the devil and temptation when we “put on” on the armor of God.

We can put on the *belt of truth*, which means we can remember and believe what God says is true. We can put on *righteousness* like armor over our chests, which means we protect our hearts and thoughts by following what God says is right. We can put on the *gospel of peace* like sandals, which means we walk in the peace and security that comes from having a right relationship with God. We can carry a *shield of faith*, which means we trust and believe that God is with us and will help us. We can wear *salvation* like a helmet, which means our minds are sure and confident in the forever relationship we have with God through Jesus. And we can carry the *Word of God* like a sword, which means that we can fight the lies of the enemy with truth from the Bible.

Paul knew it would not always be easy to stand strong. But when we are tempted to sin or struggling with a choice, we can pray and ask God for help. Praying is like putting on this armor over and over again. When we pray and talk to God, asking Him for help and guidance, we can know that He loves us and is always with us. Say, **“God is always with me!”** (*God is always with me!*)

(Circle 2) But why do we have those struggles and feelings in the first place? Ask, “Why?” (Why?) We can struggle with wrong feelings and responses because of brokenness. The brokenness of our world leads to broken relationships with people, which can feel like a big deal. God even has a word for our brokenness—sin. *Sin* is when we choose to do what *we think* is best rather than what *God says* is best. Sin breaks our relationship with God, our Creator, and it carries a punishment—separation from God forever. Everyone has sinned. No one is perfect! No matter how hard we try, we cannot fix our sin or our relationship with God on our own.

(Circle 3) But there is good news! Everyone, say, “Good news!” (*Good news!*) God sent His Son, Jesus, so we could have a restored relationship with Him and with others. Jesus lived a perfect life because He never sinned. Jesus came to take the punishment for our sins instead of us. He took that punishment by dying on a cross. Jesus rose on the third day, showing that He is more powerful than both sin and death and that He is the King over everyone and everything! We can ask Jesus to forgive our sins and be the leader of our lives. That is called trusting in Jesus! When we trust in Jesus, we can see that our biggest enemy is not people but sin and God’s enemy, the devil, and the temptations the devil brings. We can know that we can talk to Jesus, ask Him for help, and listen to Him all the time. He fights on our behalf.

(Circle 1) When we trust in Jesus, our relationship with God is restored! That means we can be assured our prayers are heard by God, even if He does not answer our prayers like we expect. Like Paul demonstrates in Ephesians, our prayers help us stay close to God. It is like we are putting on armor to stay strong in the battle against sin. If you have questions about having a relationship with God through Jesus or want to know more about prayer, please come and talk to me! God loves you so much and made a way for you to be with Him forever!

We are secure in God and can know that God is always with us. God is always what? (*With us!*) That is right! Say, “**God is always with me!**” (*God is always with me!*) Because He is, repeat after me (*hold up a thumb after each word*), “Always awesome!” (*Always awesome!*)

## Team Game:

Kids will lock their arms with one another and race to move hula hoops from one end of a course to the other.

**Big Goal:** Remember that we are secure because God is always with us.

**Leader Prep:** Lay down masking tape to designate the starting and ending lines of the relay course, about 3 feet longer than your group standing side by side.

**Supplies:**

Hula hoops 10 per group

Timer 1 per group (optional)

**Script:** This game is called “Stick with Me!” Stick with who? (*Me!*) In this game, you will play on two different teams. Your whole team will need to stick together! Each team has a starting line, a finish line, and five hula hoops. Between the two lines, your team will line up shoulder to shoulder and link arms. The last teammate must have a foot on the starting line. When I say, “Go,” the last teammate will grab a hula hoop with a free hand and step through it, passing it on to the next person. Once the hula hoop reaches the other end of your line, your whole team must shuffle sideways until you can drop the hula hoop across your finish line. Then, you must all shuffle back to get the next hula hoop.

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