

# ADVENTURE AWAITS

 **August 2025**  
Elementary Groups

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### I Am Designed for a Purpose Director Series Guide

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



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We can look back, see, and celebrate the amazing ways that God has worked His plans and purposes in our lives. God has an amazing purpose for our lives.

**Bible:** *Joseph and His Brothers- Genesis 42-50*

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**At a Glance**



**The Code**



**Gospel Page**



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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, Bag of trail mix (1 per group), Bible (1 per group), Construction paper (several), Scissors (1 per group; adult use only), Marker (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

Joseph's life was full of adventure! From angry brothers and being sold into slavery, to becoming the man in charge of all the grain in Egypt. Joseph forgave his brothers for what they did to him in the past. He could look back and see that this was all part of God's design.

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

*(Circle one)* God's design for our lives is perfect. The Bible tells us that in the beginning God created everything, and it was good. From the first day, God had a plan for the world, for Joseph's life, for my life, and for your life. God designed us all to worship Him and to be with Him, but something separates us from God.

*(Circle two)* In today's story, Joseph could have chosen not to forgive his brothers. It seemed like he had every right to stay angry! Joseph's brothers were really unkind, and they hurt Joseph. But when Joseph looked back, he could see that God had always been at work, even when bad things happened in his life. Like Joseph, we can look back and see the amazing things God has done.

*(Circle three)* Joseph didn't stay mad at his brothers. He forgave them and recognized that God had a bigger plan in store than Joseph understood all those years ago. God has a big plan in store for us, too. God offers to rescue us from sin and forgive us through Jesus!

*(Circle four)* No matter what good or difficult things happen, we can look back and see God working in our lives. He created us and designed us for a purpose. Say, "I am designed for a purpose!" (*I am designed for a purpose!*) We can live a new life.

Every day is an adventure that God has designed and created for us. It is not always easy to see in the moment, but when we take a minute and look back, we can see the amazing plan God had for us all along. Say, **"I can look back!" (I can look back!)** Everyone, say, "And see God's plan!" (*And see God's plan!*) Let's pray, thanking God for how incredible He is.

*God, You created everything for a purpose. You made trees to give food and provide shade, You made water to drink, You made the sun and stars, and You made each of us. You designed us to love You, follow You, and live our lives for You. Help us do that today. Remind us to look back and see the wonderful plans You have for us. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

## Adventure Pack

### Game Rules:

1. Create 2 teams from your group.
2. Gather kids from each team to sit on opposite sides of the room. Then they will choose a team captain.
3. Instruct team members in the audience to hold up the item, and their team captain will hurry to grab the item. Whoever brings the item back to the front first wins a point.
4. Return the items back to their original owner after each round.
5. Play multiple rounds. At the end of 10 rounds, the team with the most points wins.

**SAY:** Today, we are going to play a game where we pack our Adventure Pack. To play this game, The object of this game is to get the items to your team captain first so that your team can “pack” your adventure bag. Anyone in the audience who has that item can hold it up in the air, then your team captain will run to you, grab the item, and bring it back to the front. Your adult leaders can help! The biggest rule—everyone, say, “Biggest rule!” (*Biggest rule!*) The biggest rule is that we cannot throw items—we must *hand* the items to our teammates, got it? The team who brings the item to the front first wins a point. The representative has to hold up the item and show it to me to win the point. After each round, all of the items go back to their original owner. At the end of 10 rounds, the team with the most points wins. Are you ready to pack our adventure bag?

**Leader Tip:** Respond with, “Oh, man! I guess we’ll have to stop at the store on our way to our adventure!” if no kid has an item. Then move on to the next item.

**SAY:** All right! Let’s see what we need to pack first.

1. Something soft! If you have something soft, hold it up for your teammate to grab. Great job, \_\_\_\_ (*fastest team*) Team! Take the items back to your teammates. Next item!
2. Something Red! Quick, find something red? \_\_\_\_ (*fastest team*), you won that round. Next!
3. A left shoe! Why just the left? Oh, way to go, \_\_\_\_ (*fastest team*) Put your shoes back on your feet.
4. Now, who can bring us three writing tools? Who has pencils, highlighters, or pens? Good job, \_\_\_\_ (*fastest team*) Team! Next item!
5. Something smaller than your pinky! Fast, fast, fast! \_\_\_\_ (*fastest team*) won that round!
6. Next, we have an adult! Which team can bring an adult to the front the fastest? Wow, \_\_\_\_ (*fastest team*) Team, great job!
7. Now, something that goes on your head! Who brought a hat, headband, or hair-tie? \_\_\_\_ (*fastest team*) Team did! Next item!
8. Something blue. Anyone have blue socks on? Great job, \_\_\_\_ (*fastest team*) Team. Two rounds left!
9. The next item is something with words or letters on it! Does your hat say something? Is there a logo on your shoes? Man, \_\_\_\_ (*fastest team*) Team, that was quick! Last round.
10. Who can bring us a Bible? Good job, \_\_\_\_ (*fastest team*) Team! And good job, \_\_\_\_ (*winning team*) Team! OK, everyone! Take the items, and head back to your seat.

You all did an amazing job packing for our adventure. I don’t know about you, but I love packing my bag for adventures. When I pack my bag, I have to plan ahead for where I am going, what I am going to do, and what the weather is going to be like. I have to have a plan to prepare. Did you know that God has a plan for us? It’s true! God designed us for a purpose, and He has a plan for all of us! Say, “I am designed for a purpose!” (*I am designed for a purpose!*)

(While kids are completing this activity it would be a good time to talk through the discussion questions so they know why remembering Jesus is the only way is important.)

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

## TALK ABOUT IT

### Discussion Questions:

- What has happened in your past that you can look back on and say, “Wow! Something cool happened, even though I did not see it at the time!” (*Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.*)
- The Bible helps us see that we are designed by God and made for His purpose! Let’s open our Bibles to **Genesis 50:19-20** 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.*) **How can we rethink our “bad” situations and look for how God is working in them?** (*Answers will vary but may include spend time asking God for help in a situation, praying, reading the Bible, and so forth.*)
- How can accepting God’s forgiveness turn the “bad things” in our life to things used for His purpose? Do you have any questions about how you can trust in Jesus and what it might look like to follow Him? (*Answers will vary.*)
- Sometimes we might wonder why things happen the way they do, especially when those things are bad. How can our Bible story help when we are struggling with that question? (*Answers will vary but may include seeing and learning from Joseph’s responses to his difficult situations, knowing that God is in control of all our situations, and looking back at how God has been good in hard situations in the past, and so forth.*)
- When we look back, we can see that we are designed by God and made for His purpose! Life is an adventure that we can always look back on and see God at work in even our biggest struggles. What is something encouraging you will remember from 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 always working in our lives even if we can’t see it. Thank You for designing us for a purpose. Help us live up to that purpose by pointing people toward You with our words, thoughts, and actions. Guide us as we live our daily adventure for You. We love You. Amen.*

When we look back, we can see that we are designed by God and made for His purpose! We can know that God’s plan and purpose for our lives is for the good works that He has planned for us to do. We just have to trust God, follow Him, and look back to see His amazing design.

## 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.