

ADVENTURE AWAITS

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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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Jesus changes the game, and God makes us new and helps us live new lives for Him.

Bible: *New Life in Jesus- Colossians 3*

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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, New Pencils (2 per group) Countdown Video on Roku, Recycle bin with symbol (1 per group; optional), Bible (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

Wow! Isn't it cool that God created the world and everything in it? Isn't it even cooler how that same God created us too? God cares for us and designs us for a specific purpose. Like we saw in our Bible story, when we love and follow Jesus, we become a part of God's special people. This means we are holy and loved by Him—not because of anything we do on our own but because of what Jesus did for us.

Because of sin, our lives are broken without Jesus. We make choices that hurt others, hurt us, and hurt God. Even when we try our very best, we still can't live perfectly. God loved us so much that He didn't want to leave us in our brokenness! He made a way for us to have new life—through Jesus! Jesus took the punishment that we deserve by dying in our place. But Jesus didn't stay dead! He beat sin and death and rose again! We have new life in Him! When we trust and follow Jesus, He makes us new. Ask, "What does that mean?" (What does that mean?) Being made new means that we are different. God forgives our sin and heals our brokenness. He helps us live in a new way, living out the purpose God designed us for us—to honor Him and show people His love. We are designed for a purpose, and that purpose is to glorify God! What a game-changing way to live! God makes who new? (God makes you new!) Let's watch this video to learn more about how Jesus changes the game for us!

Watch the Gospel Video

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

Using the Gospel Stickers, hand out one sticker to each kid. Have them repeat after you.

The Gospel is the good news of God's love and all that He has done for us.

WORLD

From the beginning, God loved us so much that He created a perfect world for us to live in.

BROKEN HEART

But humans chose their own way and this sin separated us from God and broke our world.

CROSS

God sent Jesus, out of His love, to rescue us from this separation. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross, and rose in three days to make the way for us to have a relationship with God.

NEW

When we believe, we become new creations that grow in faithfulness and holiness for the rest of our lives.

Life with Jesus leads us to live out the purpose God designed us for. He makes us new so we can enjoy Him, point others to Him, and show people His love. There are 2 responses I expect from you today. If this is your first time to hear about Jesus and you are ready to believe in Him, I want you to pray with me in a minute. If you have known this for a little bit, I want you to pray on your own while others are praying with me and ask God to show you how you can share the gospel with friends at school or family.

If you are ready to pray, repeat after me:

Jesus, I believe You came to rescue me from sin. I believe You lived, died and rose again so I can have new life in You. I want to live a new life following You. Amen.

Made New**Supplies Needed:** Sticky Notes (4 per kid), pencils/markers

Bible Story: Paul was a man who followed Jesus. He told many people about the good news of Jesus, and he also wrote letters. Paul wrote a letter to the Colossians, people who were people that lived in a place called Colassae (koh LAHS sih) about how to live and follow Jesus. He wanted them to know that Jesus gives new life to those who believe in Him, and they could love and obey Him.

Paul wrote, "If you love and follow Jesus, focus on the things that Jesus values. Set your mind on things that matter to Him in heaven, not things that don't matter here on earth. Put away the wrong things you used to do. God's punishment will come on people who do those things and don't follow Him. You used to do those things, too, but now you are being made new."

SAY: Today we are going to work on ways we can replace the old wrong things with new thoughts and ideas. Let's start with old things. What are some things that you know you do or say that are wrong?

Ideas: Anger, Hate, Lies, Unkind Words, Sin

Let's write the words you thought of on 2 sticky notes. Then stick them to yourself.

Bible Story Continued:

Paul continued to write, "Now then, as God's special people, holy and loved by God, be compassionate and kind. Think of others more than yourself and be gentle and patient. Forgive one another just as God has forgiven you. Most importantly, show love to others. Let the peace of Jesus rule in your hearts and be thankful because God has made you new. Say and do everything in the name of Jesus as you give thanks to God the Father through Him."

When you believe in Jesus, you become a new person. That doesn't mean all the wrong things we do, think or say magically go away, but with the Holy Spirit's help we can make different choices and listen in better ways. Help me think of things that help replace the words you have stuck to you.

Ideas: Love, Compassion, Kindness, Gentleness, Patience, Forgiveness, Peace, Thankfulness

Let's replace our "old words" with new words. Write one or two of these words on your sticky notes. How can you pray and trust God to work to make you new this week?

In life, God takes our brokenness and makes us into new creations. Because of Jesus, we can live in a new way—a better way—a way that points others to Him and shows people His love. We are designed for a purpose, and that purpose is to love Him and to help others do the same!

(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:

- If you could invent anything, what would it be and what would it do? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us we are given new life and designed for a purpose. Let's open our Bibles to **Colossians 3:23-24** 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 do you think our new life in Christ helps us live for Him, and not people? *(Answers may include we know He is where our new life comes from; we know our purpose is to live for Him; and so forth.)*
- Why do we need new life in Jesus? *(Because of sin, our lives are broken, and we need Jesus to fix it.)* How do you think you receive this new life? *(Talk through the gospel, leading kids to understand that to have new life means they admit they are sinners and to turn from that wrong way of living; believe that Jesus came, lived, and died for their sins; and confess that Jesus is their Savior and Lord.)*
- Do you think how you live matters? Why or why not? *(Allow kids to answer. Guide kids to see that God cares about our hearts. When we believe in Jesus, how we live shows others who He is and how He is working in our lives.)*
- The Bible tells us that our new life in Jesus lets us live out the purpose God designed for us. 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, we know our lives are broken without You. We know we can't live a life that glorifies You on our own. We know we don't measure up to Your holiness by ourselves. And we thank You that we don't have to! Thank You that You have made us new through Jesus. Thank You that Your goodness, perfection, and righteousness is given to us when we trust and follow You. We love You, Lord. Help us love You more each day. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

God takes our broken lives and gives us new ones when we trust and follow Jesus.
Following Jesus changes the game!

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.