

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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No matter what is happening around us, we can look around and know nothing can ever stop God's purpose or plans.

Bible: *Joseph Sent Out of Egypt- Genesis 37*

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At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



Leader Devos

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, Dice (1 per group), Joke or Roll Poster (print on 11x 17- 1 per group), 3D Glasses (1 per kid; optional), Bible (1 per group), Roku 3D Video

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 had quite the adventure. He had some amazing dreams from God, but then some hard and unexpected things happened in his life. Do you think Joseph might have felt confused or unsure in that moment? *(Allow response.)* Joseph may not have known why things were happening the way they were, but God knew the big picture. Joseph's story reminds us that we can look around and trust that God has a purpose for our lives. Say, "I can look around!" *(I can look around!)*

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

(Circle two) Like Joseph, things happen in our lives that can leave us feeling upset, hurt, or confused. Our world is filled with brokenness.

(Circle three) The good news is that God loved us so much, He had a perfect plan to rescue us from the punishment we deserve because of sin! He sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from brokenness and separation from Him.

(Circle one) When we trust in God, we can see His design for us. God made the world and people for a purpose—to know, love, and follow Him.

(Circle four) Even when we trust and follow God, we can still run into trouble, like Joseph did. No matter what is happening, we can look around and remember that God has a purpose for us. Say, **"I can look around!" (I can look around!)** No matter what happens, we can know the truth that God designed us for a purpose. He designed us to love and follow Him and share His love with others as we point them to Him. Nothing can stop God's purpose, plans, or His love for us! Talk to a leader if you want to know more about following Jesus!

We have learned that God designed Joseph for a purpose, even when things around him did not look so good. God designed us for a purpose too! Say, "I am designed for a purpose!" *(I am designed for a purpose!)* Sometimes, like Joseph, things happen that are out of our control, and we might struggle to see God's plan for us. But we can look around and remember that God sees everything, and He is always at work. Say, **"I can look around!" (I can look around!)** Let's pray and talk to God, thanking Him for designing our lives for an amazing purpose. *Let's pray in 3-2-1.*

God, thank You for making us on purpose for a purpose. Thank You for loving us so much, You sent Jesus to make the way for us to have a relationship with You and follow You. Help us to look around and recognize where You are working and trust that nothing can stop Your plan and purpose for our lives. Amen.

Head, Shoulders, Knees, Egypt!

Kids will play a reaction-time game, trying to grab a cup before other players.

Big Goal: Remember the Bible story and that we can look around and trust God.

Leader Prep: Set out supplies.

Supplies: Cups (several), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group)

What To Do: We are going to play a game called “Head, Shoulders, Knees, Egypt!” Head, shoulders, knees, what? (*Egypt!*) Egypt is the place where Joseph went after his brothers sold him. Find a friend, grab a cup, and then move around the room so you and your teammate have enough space to place the cup on the floor between you and you can both take a step back without bumping into anyone. (*Allow time.*)

Great job! I call out different words, and you will follow the prompt. If I say, “Head,” you will put both your hands on your head. If I say, “Shoulders,” you will put both your hands on your shoulders. If I say, “Knees,” you will put both your hands on your knees. But when I say, “Egypt,” you will try to be the first person to grab the cup between you and your friend. Each time you grab the cup first, give yourself a point! Let’s see who has the fastest reaction time!

(Play multiple rounds. Instruct kids to change teammates after a few rounds.)

Keep It Going: Consider playing elimination, where winners continue to play new challengers and losers cheer on those still playing.

Leader Tip: Say the words quickly and slowly. For example, say, “Head, knees, shoulders, knees! (*fast*) Head, knees, Egypt!” (*Slow*)

Loud And Clear: You had some super-fast responses and reactions! You knew what to do and you did it. In our Bible story, Joseph knew God had a purpose for his life but the things that happened were probably a bit of a surprise. Yet, even when Joseph was sold and sent to Egypt, God was in control, and His plan and purpose was still happening. We can look around and know that, no matter what is going on, God designed us for a purpose. 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:

- If you could design an adventure for you and your friends, where would you go and what would you do? *(Allow answers, and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us when we look around, we can see that God designed us all for a purpose. Let's open our Bibles to **Genesis 37:9-11** 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.)* Joseph may have thought He understood God's plan and purpose for his life, but when he looked around, things seemed different. What are some things you notice when you look around? Do those things help you or make it difficult to remember that God designed you for a purpose? *(Allow answers, and share your own answer.)*
- God sent Jesus to make the way for us to have a relationship with Him and to help us live out our purpose to love and follow Him. What are ways that you can trust and follow Jesus in your life? *(Allow answer, and share your own answer.)*
- What can we do when things feel out of our control? How can our Bible story help when things are out of our control, and we struggle to see God's purpose for our lives? *(Answers may include that we can pray and ask God for help; we can look around and see the good things God is doing; we can talk with others who love and follow God and ask them to help us remember the truth; and so forth.)*
- The Bible tells us that God sees and knows everything, and we can trust that nothing will get in the way of His purpose and plans. When we go through the adventure of life, we can look around for what God is doing and trust Him in everything. 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 that You see and know everything. Thank You that nothing can get in the way of Your purpose for our lives. Thank You for sending Jesus so we can know, love, and follow You. Help us to look around and see what You are doing and trust that You are working in our lives. Help us live our purpose to love and follow You and help others do the same. Amen.

Know and remember that God designed you for a purpose. He loves you, created you, and sent Jesus so you can have a relationship with Him. Loving, trusting, and following God is an incredible adventure that starts when you look around and see what all God has done for you!

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.