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I Am Never Alone Elementary Leader Guide

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



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There is incomparable joy when we recognize that Jesus is the best gift ever! Kids can know that, while different things in this world bring us temporary happiness, we can have real and forever joy through a relationship with Jesus.

BIBLE- *God Gives Me Joy- Luke 1: 26-56*

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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, Buddy Scavenger Hunt” printable (1 per child), Pencils (1 per child), Wrapped Christmas present (1 per group), Stool or chair (1 per group), Finish The Lyric Roku Game

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

What an amazing story! Let me hear you say, "Wow!" (Wow!) God gave Mary and Elizabeth joy. Even though their lives were about to change in huge ways, they could have joy because they knew God was with them. When we think about this story, we can remember that we are never alone. Say, "I am never alone!" (I am never alone!) That is right! God was with Mary and Elizabeth, and He is with us too! The joy they experienced was not just a feeling that came and went—it was deep, lasting joy that came from knowing and trusting God.

Joy comes from God and lasts no matter what. Say, "God gives me joy!" (God gives me joy!) That is right! Joy does not depend on our circumstances or what is going on around us. God's joy is something that stays in our hearts because we know that He loves us and is always with us!

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

(Circle one) God knows that if we trust Him, we have so much joy! In the beginning, God created the world and everything was perfect. Everything was good. God created people to have a relationship with Him, and He gave the first people joy through His perfect creation.

(Circle two) The first people disobeyed God, and that's called sin. Sin broke our perfect relationship with God, and we can't fix it by ourselves.

(Circle three) But God gave us hope by sending Jesus to fix our broken relationship with Him. Jesus died and came back to life to forgive our sins so we can be close to God and have His joy forever!

(Circle four) Joy comes from following God. We would love to help you understand how much God loves you and how you can follow Him every day! Repeat after me, "I am never alone, God gives me joy!" (*I am never alone, God gives me joy!*) And remember, because of Jesus, you can have the real, lasting joy that only He can give!

God, thank You for always being with us and for the joy You give us through Jesus. Help us to remember that no matter what we face, You are with us. We are never alone. Fill our hearts with Your joy every day. Amen.

Joy Ornament (20 Minutes)

Kids will create a joy ornament to visually express the joy they have in knowing God.

Big Goal: Understand that God gives us joy and that we can celebrate His goodness with others.

Leader Prep: Set out supplies.

1. Pass out ornaments, markers, glue and a sticker for each kid.
2. Decorate the ornament using stickers, jewels, markers, or multicolored tissue paper.
3. Allow time for the glue to dry.

Supplies: Wood cutout ornament (1 per child), Child-safe scissors (1 per child), glitter Glue, Permanent markers (several), Joy Stickers (1 per kid), Jewels (several), Multicolored tissue paper (several)

What To Do: OK, friends, let's get ready to create something awesome! Shout, "Awesome!" (*Awesome!*) We are going to make a "Joy Ornament" that will remind us of the joy we have in knowing God! Let me hear you say, "God gives me joy!" (*God gives me joy!*) As you decorate your ornament, think about who in your life you can share God's joy with. You can use stickers, jewels, tissue paper, and markers to fill your ornament with all the colorful, joyful things you can think of! You can also use Christmas colors to remind you of the joy we celebrate during Christmas! This ornament will be a reminder that God gives us Jesus as the best gift ever, and that is worth celebrating! Let me hear you say, "Whoo-hoo!" (*Whoo-hoo!*) Let's celebrate God's joy together and make this the most joyful ornament ever!

Keep It Going: Invite kids to write *Isaiah 9:6a* on the banner.

Leader Tip: Encourage kids to take their time with the decorating and to let their creativity shine. As they work, ask the kids to think of someone in their life they could share God's joy with.

Loud And Clear: Great job on your "Joy Ornaments!" As you decorated, you were showing the joy God gives us. Is joy just a feeling that comes and goes? Let me hear you say, "No way!" (*No way!*) Joy is something that stays with us no matter what happens! Say, "No matter what!" (*No matter what!*) That is right! Joy comes from knowing that God is always with us, and we are never alone! Let me hear you say, "God gives me joy." (*God gives me joy.*) Your ornaments is a reminder that God's joy is with us every day!

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

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- What is something that always makes you smile or feel happy? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- When you receive a gift bag, you may feel happy or excited for a time. How is God's joy different from just getting something fun or exciting? *(Unlike a toy or fun gift that might get old or break, God's joy stays in our hearts because it is a gift of His presence and promises that never change!)*
- The Bible tells us that we are never alone, and that God gives us joy. Let's open our Bibles to **Luke 1:41-42** 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.)* Elizabeth felt joy because she knew God was with Mary. How does it make you feel to know that God is with you too? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- When Jesus forgives our sins, He gives us a joy that lasts forever. What do you think it means to trust and follow Jesus? If you have questions about following Jesus, talk with me! *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are never alone because Jesus is always with us! When we put our trust in Jesus, He gives us a relationship with God! 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.)*

Jesus, thank You for being the best gift ever. You came to earth to take away our sins and bring us into a relationship with God. Because of You, we can have joy that lasts forever, no matter what happens in our lives. Thank You for forgiving us and for always being with us so we are never alone. Help us to trust You, follow You, and share Your joy with others. We are so grateful for the gift of knowing You and the hope and joy You give us every day. Amen.

The Bible teaches us that Jesus, the best gift ever, came to be God with us. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus made a way for us to have a personal relationship with God forever. Because of His promise to always be with us, we can know we are never alone.

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.