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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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Through everything, Mary and Joseph learned that God would be with them and give them strength to trust and follow Him. Kids can know that God sent Jesus so we can have a relationship with Him. When we do, He gives us strength to trust and follow Him too.

BIBLE- *God Gives Me Strength - Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38*

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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, “Christmas Treasure Hunt” printable (1 per child), “Christmas Pictures” printable (1 per group), Adult scissors (1 per group), Masking or painter’s tape (1 per group), Pencils (1 per child)

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! Joseph and Mary had questions about what the angel shared with them. But even though they had questions, they both decided to trust God and the plan He had for them. Things in life may confuse us too or maybe even feel impossible! Situations happen that we cannot seem to understand. But guess what? We are never alone! God is always with us. Just like He was with Mary and Joseph, He is with you, and He gives you strength! Let me hear you say, "God gives me strength!" (God gives me strength!) When we do not know what to do, we can turn to God, like Mary and Joseph did. We can pray and trust Him! Let me hear you say, "I am never alone!" (I am never alone!)

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

(Circle one) God's plan has always been to be with people and for us to find strength in Him. In the beginning, God created the world, and everything was perfect. There was no reason to be afraid or feel lonely.

(Circle two) But unfortunately, everything changed when sin entered the world. *Sin* is when we choose to do what *we* think is best rather than follow what *God* says is best. Sin separates us from God. This separation can cause fear, confusion, and many struggles in life. Yet God always had a plan in place to bring us back to Him. Say, "Let's hear the plan!" *(Let's hear the plan!)*

(Circle three) God told Mary and Joseph that He was sending His Son, Jesus, and they would be Jesus' parents on earth. Jesus was born to save the world. Jesus would be our Savior, forgiving us of our sins and restoring our relationship with God. Mary and Joseph did not know exactly how things would work out, but they trusted God and followed His plan.

(Circle four) When we face confusion or tough situations, we can do the same! We can trust that God is with us, like He was with Mary and Joseph. Through Jesus, God gives us the strength and hope to follow Him no matter what. Let me hear you say, **"God gives me strength!" (God gives me strength)**

If you have any questions about following Jesus or want to know more about God's strength, talk to me or a leader! We would love to help you understand how much God loves you and how you can follow Him every day!

God, thank You for always being with us. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior and for giving us the strength we need to follow You. Please help us trust You when we are scared or do not know what to do. We know You are always with us, and we can rely on You. Amen.

Build a Christmas Tree (20 Minutes)

Kids will make a Christmas tree using a party hat

Big Goal: Remember that we can trust God, even when things do not make sense.

Leader Prep: Set out supplies. Write *I am never alone* and *God gives me strength* on the dry erase board.

1. Give each kid a party hat, markers and set of stickers.
2. Allow kids to decorate the paper with markers and stickers.
3. Write “I Am Never Alone” at the top of the paper and God gives me strength on the bottom.
4. Add a star to the top of the paper.
5. Instruct Kids to draw a tree trunk on the bottom of the paper.
6. Assemble the party hat

Supplies: White Party Hat and string (1 per kid), Sticker sheet (1 per kid), markers, Dry Erase board with marker and eraser

What To Do: All right, friends, get ready to create something amazing! We are making our very own Christmas trees—but with a twist! Guess what we are using? Our hands! Say, “That sounds cool!” (*That sounds cool!!*)

I want you to decorate the white paper in front of you like a Christmas tree. You can use markers, the sticker sheet in front of you. I will write some words on the Dry Erase Board for you to write on your tree. When everyone finishes decorating their tree, we will assemble them together.

Finally, write *I am never alone* at the top of your paper and *God gives me strength* on the bottom of your paper. Now draw a tree trunk on the bottom of your papers.

Leader Tip: Remind kids of the steps before they start, and offer gentle prompts if anyone gets stuck. Keep the energy high by encouraging teamwork. Allow kids who finish early to help a friend or add more details to their trees.

Loud And Clear: Like how Mary and Joseph trusted God’s plan when the angel told them about Jesus’ birth, we can trust God with our lives too! They did not understand everything at first, but they obeyed and trusted God. When our papers are flipped one way, it just looks like a fun piece of art. But when we turn our paper was assembled the way it is meant to go, we see the tree we created. That is what trusting God is like—even though something may not make sense to us, we know that we can still trust God to work out His good plan in our lives! Shout with me, “God gives me strength to trust Him!” (*God gives me strength to trust Him!!*)

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

Discussion Questions:

- What is the best gift you have ever received, and why was it so special to you? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- A Christmas tree base is important when it comes to having a Christmas tree in your home. What would happen if you did not have a base? *(The tree would fall.)* That is right, the tree would fall because it does not have the strength to stand on its own. We can remember that God gives us strength and helps us stand firm, like a Christmas tree base. When would it help you to remember that God gives you strength? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are never alone, and God gives us strength. Let's open our Bibles to **Luke 1:35 and 37** 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.)* The angel told Mary that God's Spirit would make her the mother of Jesus, God's Son. Even though Mary may have been nervous or confused, God gave her strength to believe this message from the angel. What are some challenging things that kids your age face? How can it help to remember that God is your strength? *(Answers will vary, but may include that people can be mean at school. My family has to move somewhere new. People in my family are fighting. I lied and feel bad about it. I can remember that God is always with me, forgives me, and gives me the strength to follow Him.)*
- God sent His Son, Jesus, so we can have a relationship with God forever and know that we are never alone. How can you be encouraged to turn to God for strength when we you are feeling confused, lonely, or when things are hard? *(Answers may include that I can pray. I can find Bible verses to encourage me. I can talk with friends and adults who love and follow God.)*
- The Bible tells us that, because of Jesus, we are never alone—and what an amazing gift that is! What is something you learned today? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*

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 being so trustworthy and always keeping Your promises. We are so grateful that we can trust You, no matter what happens in our lives. Thank You for giving us the strength to follow You and do what is right, even when it feels hard. We know we are never alone because You are always with us, just like You were with Mary and Joseph. Help us to trust You more every day and remember Your great love for us. Amen.

Remember that the best gift ever, Jesus, was sent to be with us, just like the angel told Mary and Joseph. Jesus gives us strength and walks with us through life, so we are never alone. Like how Mary and Joseph trusted God's plan, we can trust that God will always be with us and give us the strength we need to follow Him.

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.