



**ALWAYS
AWESOME**

ELEMENTARY

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I Am Secure Elementary Leader Guide

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



WIN

David had to fight a giant named Goliath, but he trusted God to help him win. No matter what big problems we face, we can feel safe because we can trust God with everything.

BIBLE- David Trusted God- 1 Samuel 17

TOOLS

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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, Allergy Alert” printable (1 per group), Inflated balloon (1 per group), Pool noodles (several; optional), Music and music player (1 per group), Epic Facts Video on Roku

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

Up against Goliath, I do not know if I would have shared David's reaction! I would have been so scared! Show me your scared face! (Allow kids to respond.) I probably would have screamed! With all of you in here, a super loud scream might be too much, so give me a medium scream! (Aaaahhh!) I might have even run away! Pat your legs quickly to make a running sound! (Allow kids to respond.) David's faith in God was on full display when he faced Goliath!

Instead of running away, screaming, or being scared when he saw and heard Goliath, David knew he could trust God for the victory! David knew that God had been trustworthy in the past and that God does not change. Therefore, David could trust God in the moment against the giant Goliath. Say, "I am secure!" (I am secure!) Say, "God can always be trusted!" (God can always be trusted!)

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

(Circle one) God can always be trusted to carry out His plans, even when things seem hard or impossible. We can believe this because God has never changed! God created the whole world. He made everything out of nothing! That would be absolutely impossible for any person, but not for God! If God can create the whole world and take care of everyone in it, and He never changes, then we can trust Him to take care of us today.

(Circle Two) People—including us—often turn from God's perfect plan and choose to trust ourselves instead of Him, and the Bible calls this sin. Sin has broken our world and our view of ourselves, others, and God, and there is nothing we can do on our own to fix it

(Circle three) Because God loves us, He sent His Son, Jesus, to fix our sin problem—Jesus took the punishment we deserved by dying on the cross and then proved He is more powerful than sin and death by rising again on the third day. When we ask Jesus to forgive our sin, trust Him as the only One who can save us, and turn from sin to follow Him, He restores our relationship with God.

(Circle four) Even if people around you are not always trustworthy, God is. Even when your situation or circumstance seems confusing or intimidating, God is with you and will take care of you. We can always trust Him because He has been, is, and will be trustworthy forever. Let's pray and talk to God in 3-2-1!

God, thank You that we can always trust You no matter our circumstances. You care about us deeply and have a good plan for our lives. Help us trust You more and tell others about Your awesomeness! In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Always There

Kids will race to find the matching objects before the other group.

Big Goal: Know that we can trust and be secure in God, no matter how confusing or unsure our circumstances may seem.

Leader Prep: Print and cut out two sheets of the “Always There” printable, creating two sets of cards. Mix up and place each set in a 4-by-3 grid.

Supplies: “Always There” printable (2 per group), Adult scissors (1 per group), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group)

What To Do: We are going to play a game called “Always There!” What is it called? (*Always There!*) That is right! In this game, you will be on two teams, and each team will line up across from a set of facedown cards. The first player on each team will turn over two of your cards. If they match, leave them faceup and move to the back of your line. If they do not match, turn them back over and hurry to the back of your line. Your team will need to pay attention to what you turn over to see where the matching cards are.

The first team to match all of your cards and have them faceup first wins! Let’s play “Always There!”

Keep It Going: Allow the other team to mix up the cards between rounds. Challenge kids to stand farther away from the cards so they cannot see when other teammates get the matches right or wrong.

Leader Tip: Ensure that kids are only turning over two cards at a time.

Loud And Clear: Great job playing “Always There!” It was cool to see that each picture had a match, even if we did not know where it was. We could be certain that the match was always there somewhere! Better than trusting the matches in the game, we can trust that God is always here and always taking care of us! We can feel secure because God remains the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is always there, always trustworthy, and—repeat after me (*hold up a thumb after each word*)—“Always awesome!” (*Always awesome!*)

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

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever had something that you trusted to work stop working? What did that do to your trust in the object? *(Allow answers, which might include I stopped trusting it, I was afraid to use it next time, and so forth.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are secure because **God can always be trusted**. Let's open our Bibles to **1 Samuel 17:45 and 47** 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.)* David said that it was not weapons or strength that would win the battle; God would win the battle against the Philistines (fih LISS teens). David trusted in God rather than what other people might have trusted in to fight. What are some "giant" things we face in our lives? What are some things we trust in other than God? *(Allow answers, which might include things like my good grades, my athletic ability, and so forth. Be sensitive to kids who might not want to share.)*
- Jesus came to earth to restore our relationship with God and forgive our sins. The Bible says that if we ask for forgiveness, Jesus is faithful to forgive! How can we be sure that Jesus will forgive our sins? *(Allow answers, which might include because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever; Jesus said He is faithful to forgive us; and so forth.)* If you have never asked Jesus to forgive you and restore your friendship with God, I would love to tell you more! Jesus loves you so much and wants you to get to know Him!
- Because sin has broken people's trust in each other, the world often asks, "Who can I count on?" What is the difference between trusting in people and trusting in God? *(Allow answers, which might include people may not always be trustworthy, but we can always trust God.)*
- The Bible tells us we are secure because **God can always be trusted**. And **God can always be trusted** because He is always *(hold up one thumb)* awesome *(hold up the other thumb)*! 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 for sending Your Son, Jesus, to forgive our sins. We can trust that You are faithful to forgive us when we ask and to restore our relationship with You. Help us to trust and follow You, no matter what is happening or how we are feeling. Give us the courage to tell others about how You are trustworthy yesterday, today, and forever! Amen.

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.