Elementary Leader Guide



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

God's goodness is shown in the way Jesus welcomed the leper who came back to say thank you. His love is shown through Jesus, and our salvation is possible because of Him.

BIBLE- Jesus Healed Lepers- Luke 17:11-19

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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, Object Lesson Pictures (1 set per group), Dry erase board and marker (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

Ten men were healed of *leprosy* (which is a skin disease), but only one of them came back to thank Jesus. Saying thank you does not seem very hard. We might wonder why only one of the men returned to thank Jesus. Maybe the others were just so excited to be healed that they completely forgot? Maybe they feared going back to where Jesus was because the last time they had been there, they were sick? It does not really matter why they did not go back to say thank you. What matters is that God, through Jesus, remained good no matter how the men responded. Say, "God is always good!" (God is always good!)

Jesus did not get mad and take away the healing He gave the other men when they did not show their gratitude. But He did say that the man who returned was not just healed physically but also spiritually. This means that not just his body was healed, but also his heart. Now this man could have a relationship with God forever.

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

(*Circle two*) Sin is like a sickness in our hearts—when we choose our way instead of God's way—and it leaves us knowing something is wrong even when we try to fix ourselves. That's why the ten men with leprosy didn't all come back to thank Jesus; they thought their problem was only on the outside, not realizing He was the One who could heal their hearts too.

(Circle Three) Jesus knew the men needed more than physical healing, and the one man who returned showed his faith by thanking Jesus and acknowledging Him as Lord over his whole life. Jesus came to rescue us from sin through His perfect life, His death on the cross, and His forgiveness, so when we trust Him like that man did, He can say to us, "Your faith has made you well!"

(Circle one) When we thank Jesus for what He has done and recognize who He is, we have a right relationship with God now and forever! And when we have a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus, we can know that God is always good. He gives us His peace and presence when He heals our hearts, and we can know He will never take that goodness away. We are secure in God and know He is always good!

If you have never experienced God's goodness this way or have never prayed to signify your belief in Jesus for life, let's talk some more! We would love to tell you more about how Jesus loves you and can heal your heart from sin!

(CIrcle four) Our world can be a bit scary, harsh, confusing, or even mean sometimes. But we can know that there is always Someone who can help everyone, no matter who they are or where they live—God! Whenever you feel scared or insecure, remember that Jesus is the same as He has been—always good and always awesome. Point to yourself and say, "I am secure!" (I am secure!) Point to your neighbor and say, "You are secure!" (You are secure!) Let's pray and talk to God in 3-2-1!

God, thank You for always being awesome and good, no matter our circumstances. There is nothing we can do to change You or Your goodness. That is a relief! Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, so that we can have a right relationship with You. Amen.

Action Packed

Kids will recite the Theme verse while doing various actions.

Big Goal: Remember that Jesus Christ is good yesterday, today, and forever.

Supplies: Dice (1 per group) or foam dice and dice printable (1 set per group), Theme Verse Poster (1 per group)

What To Do: We are going to learn our Theme verse together in a way that is action packed! Let me hear you say, "Action Packed!" (Action Packed!) We will all stand up, and I will invite one of you to be the leader. When you are the leader, you get to pick an action for our team to do. You can choose actions like jumping jacks, running in place, turning in circles, and so forth. After you choose your action, you will roll the dice. The number that it lands on is how many times we will say the Theme verse while we do that action. So, if you choose jumping jacks and roll a four, we will say the Theme verse together four times while doing jumping jacks! Ready for the action? Let's stand up and play! (Play multiple rounds, inviting each kid to be the leader.)

Keep It Going: Invite multiple leaders to choose actions and roll the dice so the kids say the Theme verse with one action, then another. For example, four times through doing jumping jacks immediately followed by four times through running in place.

Leader Tip: Lead the recitation of the Theme verse to set a comfortable speed for the kids.

Loud And Clear: Those were some great actions, and now we know the Theme verse well! You may have gotten tired, but you kept on going! We call that *perseverance*. This Bible verse can help us persevere when things get hard because it reminds us that Jesus is always good. He was good yesterday, He is good today, and He will be good tomorrow. He is what? (Always good!) Why? Because He is always (thumb up) awesome (thumb up)!

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

Discussion Questions:

- When you want to secure something valuable, where could you put it? (Allow answers, and suggest answers such as in a safe or locked in a box.)
- The Bible tells us that we are secure because **God is always good.** Let's open our Bibles to **Luke 17:15-16 and 19** 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.) **Jesus says the tenth man's faith made him well. Since all 10 men were healed physically, what was different about this man?** (Allow answers, which might include he came back, he thanked Jesus, he acknowledged that Jesus healed him, and so forth.) What ways do we need to be made well? (Allow answers. Answers might include we need to be forgiven, our hearts need to be healed, we need Jesus to heal us from our sins so we can live for Him, and so forth.)
- We know that we cannot fix our own hearts from sin. How does God help us when we cannot help ourselves? (Allow answers. Answers might include He forgives us, He heals our hearts, He sent Jesus to save us, and so forth.) If you want to know how you can be forgiven, please come and talk to me! I would love to share with you how God wants a friendship with you!
- God's goodness is good for everyone, no matter who they are or where they live. How can we share about God's goodness with others who have never heard of God? (Allow answers. Answers might include tell my friends about God, show goodness to others, share God with my neighbor, tell others about how God is good all the time, and so forth.)
- The Bible tells us that because **God is always good,** we are secure. **God is always good,** and He is always (thumb up) awesome (thumb up)! What is something encouraging you will remember from today?

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 always being awesome and good! We can know we are secure in You and that You are always good. Thank You that You love us and always forgive us when we ask. 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.