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I Am Forgiven Elementary Leader Guide

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

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When we experience the forgiveness of Jesus and trust in Him, He gives us new hearts that help us know Him, love Him, and live the way He created us to live.

BIBLE- *Jeremiah Told of a New Promise- Jeremiah 11:1-10; 17:1-10; 31-33*

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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, Plastic cups (2 per child), Timer or stopwatch (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

God made a covenant, or a special promise, with the people of Judah. God promised He would bless them if they obeyed Him. But the people of Judah did not obey Him—they chose to sin. Sin is when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. For example, God says kindness is best, but sometimes, we choose to say mean things to our siblings or friends.

Sin caused a big problem for the people of Judah. They lost their land, their money, and their freedom. Jeremiah warned the people of Judah about the bad things to come because of their sins, but his message also gave hope. He talked about a day when God would change people's hearts and write His name on their hearts. Now, did Jeremiah mean our physical hearts inside our bodies? (No!) Instead, Jeremiah used "hearts" to mean the things we think, feel, and want. The day Jeremiah talked about came when Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the whole world and rose again. Everyone, say, "God gives me a new heart!" (God gives me a new heart!)

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

(Circle one) Adam and Eve were the first people God created. At first, they lived in a perfect world—there was no sin! People did not need new hearts. They lived perfectly—at peace with God.

(Circle two) Adam and Eve sinned, and ever since then, people—including us—cannot live perfect lives. But God promised to give us new hearts, forgive our sin, and help us obey Him so we can belong to Him forever!

(Circle three) Jesus is the only one who lived a perfect life, and He died on the cross to take away our sins. When we trust in Him, He gives us new hearts, forgives us, and makes us part of God's family forever!

(Circle four) If we trust Jesus, He gives us a forever home with Him. Say, "I am forgiven!" and "God gives us a new heart"

Talk to a leader if you want to know more about following Jesus!

The words God gave to Jeremiah many years ago came true when Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect life, died for our sins, and rose again. Now, God gives a new heart to everyone who trusts in Jesus. He gives us a new heart to love Him, serve Him, and worship Him. He also forgives our sins. Everyone, say, "I am forgiven" (*I am forgiven!*) Before we move on, let's thank God for the gift of a new heart He gives to all people who trust in Jesus.

God, thank You for being faithful to Your promise and giving us new hearts when we trust in You. Thank You for forgiving all our sins completely and forever when we trust in Jesus. Help us to remember You make anyone who trusts in Jesus totally new. Amen.

Write Your Message –

Kids write messages about themselves and include **God Gives Me a New Heart** in their messages.

Big Goal: Know that God forgives our sin and makes us totally new.

Leader Prep: Set out supplies.

1. Brainstorm facts about yourself and facts about who you are when God gives you a new heart, writing the second list on the dry erase board.
2. Fold a landscape paper into thirds. Trace along each fold line, marking three different sections.
3. Write a personal fact at the top of each section. Write a fact about who you are when God gives you a new heart at the bottom of each section.
4. Write *God gives me a new heart* in the middle of each section.
5. Decorate each section with pictures and images that celebrate your facts and who you are with your new heart.
6. **Younger Kids Adaptation-** Build the chart together as a group. Include details of everyone on your chart. Help kids copy the pictures or ideas to their papers.

Supplies: Construction paper (1 per child), Markers (several), Dry erase board and marker (1 per group), "Write Your Message Example" printable (1 per group; optional)

What To Do: Today, we talked about Jeremiah telling people of a new promise. God gave Jeremiah a message to share with the people of Judah. We are going to create our own messages. Of course, we are not prophets like Jeremiah, but we will write down messages we know are true.

First, brainstorm three facts about yourself. These facts describe things that make you who you are, like your favorite sport or your birthday. Who can share one fact about yourself? *(Allow responses.)* Next, let's take a minute to brainstorm what happens when God gives those who trust in Him new hearts. You could say, "God helps me follow Him" or "I love God more." Share your ideas, and I will write them on the dry erase board. *(Allow time. Suggested facts could be God forgives me, I can have a relationship with God, and so forth.)*

You pointed out some great facts! Let's hold our papers so the short ends are on the sides, then fold the paper into thirds. After you fold and unfold the papers, draw lines along the creases to separate your paper into three sections. *(Demonstrate and allow time.)*

Now, write one of your personal facts at the top of each section on your paper. Then, write one of the facts about who you are when God gives you a new heart on the bottom of each section. In the center of each section, write *God gives me a new heart* as a reminder that God changes who you are and how you live when you trust and follow Him! When you finish writing, decorate each section with images that remind you God made you to be!

Keep It Going: Allow kids to share their facts with their teammates.

Leader Tip: Share facts about yourself as well.

Loud And Clear: Jeremiah told people of a new hope that is for all of us. That new hope is God. God gives a new heart to everyone who trusts in Jesus! Everyone, say, **"God gives me a new heart!" (God gives me a new heart!)** When He gives us a new heart, He forgives all our sins and makes us totally new. That's a pretty great message we can tell others!

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- When have you replaced something old with something new? What was it, and why did it need replacing? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- In the Bible, Jeremiah told people God will give them a new heart. This promise is for us when we trust in Jesus. This promise is for us too! Let's open our Bibles to **Jeremiah 17:9-10** 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.)* This passage says our hearts are deceitful and incurable on our own. Only Jesus can help us. How can we get a new heart? How can our lives change when God gives us new hearts? *(Allow kids to answer. Remind them God writes His teachings on our hearts to help us love and obey Him.)*
- Anyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven and made totally new. What do you think it means to be totally new? *(Allow kids to answer. Point out that it means all our sins are forgiven, and we have a new heart to love God and serve Him.)*
- The passage we just read teaches that our hearts will lie to us. However, God will always remind us of the truth when we turn to Him. How can we turn to God when we have thoughts and feelings that are not true or right? *(Answers may include We can turn to God by praying and asking Him for help, reading the Bible, and so forth.)*
- The Bible tells us Jeremiah told people of a new promise—that He would give us new hearts. He kept this promise when He made the way for forgiveness and new life through Jesus. This new promise is for all of us, and it makes those who trust in Jesus totally new. What is something encouraging you will remember from 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 giving Your life for ours so we could have a part in the new promise Jeremiah spoke about. God, thank You for making us totally new, forgiving our sins, and giving us new hearts when we trust in Jesus. Remind us You are the only One who can make our hearts right and that You want everyone to trust in Jesus and get new hearts. Amen.

The people of Judah could not stop disobeying God because their hearts were not changed. They were stuck in their sins. Jesus died and rose again to forgive all our sins and give us new hearts. He makes those who trust in Him totally new!

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.