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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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Peter helped other people believe that Jesus is the Son of God. God offers us all that same new identity when we trust and follow Jesus.

BIBLE- *Jesus Called Peter- Luke 5:1-11*

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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, Theme Verse Poster (1 per group), beanbags (4-5 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

Peter's life changed in a major way when he met Jesus on the shore that day. One night Peter went out fishing as usual, and he ended up leaving his normal life behind to follow Jesus. Jesus' miracle showed Peter that Jesus is holy. That means Jesus is set apart and different than anyone else because He is God's Son. Peter also recognized he was a sinner who needed a new identity. God gave Peter a new identity as a child of God right away when Peter chose to follow Jesus. Just like Peter, God gives all of us a new identity when we trust in Jesus. Everyone, say, "God Gives Me a New Identity!" (God Gives Me a New Identity!)

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

(Circle one) When God created the world, the first people—Adam and Eve—had a perfect identity as God's children. Everything was perfect. People knew God, knew they were His, and spent time with Him.

(Circle two) People chose their own way instead of God's way, and sin broke the perfect life God planned for us. We need Jesus to rescue us from sin and give us a new identity as God's children.

(Circle three) God had a plan from the very beginning—He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and take the punishment for our sin on the cross. Jesus came back to life, and now anyone who trusts Him can be forgiven and made part of God's family forever!

(Circle four) When Peter met Jesus, his life completely changed, and Jesus does the same for us when we trust Him. No matter what else we do or who we are, the most important part of our identity is being a follower of Jesus.

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

God forgives all our sins when we trust in Jesus. He takes our old, sinful lives away and gives us a new identity. Everyone, say, **"God gives me a new identity!" (God gives me a new identity!)** When we trust in Jesus, our sins are forgiven forever, and our new identity lasts forever! We will always be God's children! This is a great truth to remember! Let's spend some time thanking Him for our new and forever identity in Him.

God, thank You for forgiving all our sins when we trust in Jesus. Thank You for taking our sin away forever and giving us a new identity as Your child. Help us remember our identity is always in You. Help us to follow You each day as You change our lives. Amen.

A New Identity – Older Game

Kids try to guess their new names as other kids give them clues.

Big Goal: Celebrate that God gives us new identities.

Leader Prep: Use paper and tape to create name tags.

Supplies: Blank paper (1 per child), Marker (1 per group), Masking or painter's tape (1 per child)

What To Do: God gave Peter a new identity, and He wants to give all of us new identities as well. We know our real identities come from God, but today, we are going to pretend to give you *new* identities. A leader will give you *pretend* new names! You will get a name tag with your *new* name on your back, but do not look at it! Ask kids around you for clues to help you guess your new name. When you think you know your name, take a guess. Here is the first clue for everyone: your first name is a color, and your last name is a type of fruit. When you guess your new name, move your name tag to the front of your shirt and tell us if you like the color or the fruit in your name. Let's see what your new names are!

Suggested New Names:

Green Banana

Orange Pumpkin

Purple Grape

Yellow Apple

Red Blueberry

Pink Raspberry

Blue Tangerine

Teal Watermelon

Brown Orange

Silver Lemon

Keep It Going: Allow kids to play another round by using different categories for their first and last names.

Loud And Clear: Was it hard to guess your new names? (*Allow kids to answer.*) People around you knew your names because they could see your name tags. These names will not last forever, and you will go right back to your normal name when you leave here. When God gives us a new identity, it *does* last forever! No one can change it or take it away from you! Everyone, say, **"God gives me a new identity!" (God gives me a new identity!)**

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- What could happen to make us feel like our identity changes? *(Allow kids to answer. Some examples include switching to a new school, changes in the family, moving to a new town, and so forth.)*
- The Bible tells us God forgives us and gives us new identities when we trust in Jesus. Let's open our Bibles to **Luke 5:10b-11** 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.)* Peter and Andrew left their jobs—the only way they made money—when Jesus called them. Is it worth it to give up things to follow Jesus? If so, why? *(Allow kids to answer. Point out that following Jesus means saying yes to what He wants, and His plan for us is always perfect.)*
- Peter recognized he was a sinner and Jesus was *holy*—set apart and different than anyone else. This made Peter realize he needed forgiveness and a new identity in God. Have you realized this? What does it look like when we have new identities in God? *(Allow kids to answer. Point out that God gives us forgiveness and a new identity when we trust and follow Jesus. Jesus is more valuable than any possession or identity could have anywhere else.)*
- What is the best way we can live our lives when God gives us a new identity? *(Allow kids to answer, and remind kids that Jesus calls us to tell others about Him, like Peter did after he decided to follow Jesus. Being a follower of Jesus, child of God, and fisher of men are all part of the new identities we have in Jesus.)*
- The Bible tells us God forgives all our sins when we trust and follow Jesus, like Peter did when Jesus called him. 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.)*

God, thank You for giving us a new identity when we trust and follow Jesus! Thank You for taking away all our sins, making us totally new, and making us Yours forever! Thank You that no one can take away the new identity You give us. Like Peter spent the rest of his life telling people about You, help us to share who You are and about Your love and forgiveness with people in our lives. Amen.

We are forgiven when we trust and follow Jesus because He takes all our sins away. God gives us a new identity as His children. The things we like and enjoy will always be a part of us, but the identity that God gives us as His children is the best thing we will ever have!

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.