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February 22, 2026 I Am Loved Elementary Leader Guide

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

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Deuteronomy 29–32 reminds us that God’s love is faithful. Moses told the Israelites how God had loved and cared for them, even when they made wrong choices. God’s love never changes. Kids can know His faithful love is always available to them because of Jesus.

BIBLE- *God was Faithful to His People- Deuteronomy 29-32*

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, “My Story” printable (1 per kid), pencils, “My Story Categories Poster” (1 per group), Feb 22 Social Video

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**

When you retell a story, you are usually telling it to teach a lesson to others or to remind them of something that is true. In our Bible story, we learned about how God worked through Moses to remind His people, the Israelites, of God's faithfulness that He displayed during the 40 years they spent wandering in the wilderness.

God promised to be faithful to His people going into the Promised Land—the land of Canaan which God promised to Abraham and his descendants. God told Moses that some of His people would turn to other gods, so Moses wrote a song to remind God's people that should continue to trust and follow God. God's love has always been and will always be faithful, which means that God's love is trustworthy, and we can count on it. Even when we do not faithfully love and follow God, He faithfully loves us. Everyone, say, "God's love is faithful!" (God's love is faithful!)

The Gospel Video (10 minutes)**Gospel Connection: (refer to the 4 Circles poster in your small group spaces)**

Circle 1- In the beginning of time, God showed His faithful love by creating the world, and He made each detail perfectly. He created people to trust and enjoy His faithful love forever.

Circle 2- The first people God created disobeyed Him, and that is called sin—choosing our own way instead of God's way—and we all still sin today. Sin separates us from God, but God showed His people, the Israelites, that turning back to Him is always better and that we need Someone to rescue us.

Circle 3- Even when God's people were not faithful, God always kept loving them, and He showed His greatest love by sending Jesus to rescue us from sin. Because Jesus died and rose again, we can be forgiven and trust that God's love is always faithful—no matter what!

Circle 4- God loved the people of Israel so much, and He showed them His faithful love. God has shown us His faithful love too by sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and come back to life. By trusting and following Jesus, we can be forgiven and have a restored relationship with God. His love is always faithful!

God's love is always faithful and never changes. We can always rely on and trust in His love. God sent His Son, Jesus, to die and rise again so that people can be forgiven from their sin and experience the fullness of His faithful love! Because of God's faithful love, anyone can trust in Jesus and follow Him, including you! Everyone, say, "I am loved!" (*I am loved!*) Say, "God's love is faithful!" (*God's love is faithful!*)

God, thank You for Your love that is so faithful. Thank You for showing Your faithful love to the people of Israel and to us as well. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to pay for sin, so that anyone who believes in Him can be forgiven and experience the fullness of Your faithful love.

We love You. Amen.

Shine Through

Big Goal: Learn that God's love is faithful to us through Jesus.

Leader Prep: Print copies of the "Shine Through" printable for each kid. Cut yarn into 8-inch strands, 1 per child. Fill plastic cups with water for the watercolor paints. Make an example craft in advance. Set out the supplies. Consider covering the table with a plastic tablecloth or butcher paper to make for easy clean up.

Shine Through Craft Instructions:

1. Draw a cross in the middle of the heart using a white crayon by pressing down hard and creating several layers to make the cross.
2. Use watercolors to paint over the cross on the heart.
3. Let the hearts dry.
4. Decorate the tag using markers or crayons.
5. Cut out the heart and tag.
6. Hole punch the tag and the heart.
7. Use the yarn to tie the tag onto the heart.

Supplies: "Shine Through" printable (1 per child), Yarn (1 per child), Child-safe scissors (1 per child), Single hole punch (1 per group), Watercolor paints and paintbrushes (1 per child), Plastic cups (several), Paper towels (1 per child), White crayons (1 per child), Markers or crayons (several), Plastic tablecloth or butcher paper (1 per group; optional), Painting smock (1 per child; optional), "Shine Through Example" printable (1 per group; optional)

What To Do: We get to make a fun craft called "Shine Through!" Are you excited? Everyone, say, "Oh yeah!" (*Oh yeah!*) In this craft, you will create a cross that "shines through" paint and reminds you that God's love is faithful and always available for you. You will start by drawing a cross on your heart with your white crayon. Make sure you press down hard with your crayon and trace over your cross multiple time. (*Demonstrate and allow time.*)

Next, you can paint your heart! If you would like to switch colors, just rinse off your brush in the water cup, and keep going. Once your heart is done, you can use the markers to decorate the tag while your heart dries. (*Allow time.*)

Now you can cut out your heart and tag. I will come around and help you punch a hole at the top of your tag and at the top of your heart. Then, you can use the strand of yarn to tie them together!

Keep It Going: Allow the kids to watercolor the tags, rather than use markers.

Leader Tip: Consider providing an option for the kids to put a painting smock over their clothing while painting. Use new or lightly-used crayons and encourage kids to press the crayons down hard for the best results.

Loud And Clear: Your crafts look amazing! Today we learned about how God showed His faithful love to the Israelites, and how He shows His faithful love to us through Jesus! The cross reminds us that Jesus died and rose again to pay the price for our sins! Everyone, say, "God's love is faithful!" (*God's love is faithful!*) Everyone, say, "I am loved!" (*I am loved!*) Great job!

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

Discussion Questions:

- How do you show people that you love them? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that **God's love is faithful**, and that we are all loved by Him. Let's open our Bibles to **Deuteronomy 30:19-20** 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.)* God warned His people, the Israelites, by showing them the blessings of obeying Him and the curses of disobeying Him. The Israelites had a choice to follow God or not, and He reminded them that He is their life. We have a choice to follow God with our lives too! We can pray to God, read about Him in the Bible, and tell others about Him. What does it mean to follow someone? What are some ways can we follow God? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- God's love and faithfulness to His children never ends, even when we are not always faithful to Him. God always keeps His promises, and He has been faithful to show us His love forever through Jesus. God sent His Son, Jesus, to show us the greatest display of faithful love anyone could ever give us. To trust in Jesus, we need to believe that Jesus is who He says He is and really did what He said He would do through His life, death on the cross, and *resurrection*—when Jesus came back to life, defeating sin and death. How can we respond to God's faithful love shown to us through Jesus? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- Things in our world change so quickly, and it is easy to ask ourselves if there is anything in life that never changes. However, the Bible tells us that **God's love is faithful** and never changes. How could today's Bible story help answer that question? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that God loves us, and His love is faithful. God's faithful love truly is the greatest love we could ever receive. 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 that Your love is always faithful and never changes. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life here on earth, die on the cross, and then rise again so that we can experience Your faithful love forever. Thank You for Your faithfulness, even though we do not deserve it. You love us so much, and we are so grateful that You are faithful to love us and fulfill Your promises. We love You.
Amen.*

We learned today that God's love has always been faithful. He has shown us His faithful love by sending His Son, Jesus, to come to earth to live a perfect life, die on the cross, and then rise again from the grave so that we can be rescued from our sin!

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.