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I Am Broken Director Series Guide



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



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God knows your heart, and He invites all of us to believe in and follow Him.

BIBLE- Jesus Appeared to Thomas- John 20:24-29

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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, costume mask (1 per group) Bible

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

We just learned that Thomas did not believe that Jesus was alive because he had not seen Jesus for himself. However, Jesus knew Thomas' heart and came to him. Jesus wanted Thomas to believe in Him. God knows our hearts too. Say, "God knows my heart!" (*God knows my heart!*) He knows every part of us, including the broken things we think and feel in our hearts. He loves us so much that He came to make us new—including the attitudes in our hearts!

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

(Circle one) When God made the world and people, He made everything perfect. He made people to know, love, and follow Him—with their words and actions as well as the attitudes of their hearts.

(Circle two) But the very first people, Adam and Eve, sinned. Sin is when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. Adam and Eve sinned, and since then, all people sin—including you and me. Sin leads to brokenness in our lives and our relationship with God. Say, "I am broken." (*I am broken.*) That is the bad news.

(Circle three) The good news Thomas learned is the same good news we can believe today! Jesus died on a cross to take the punishment for sin, but on the third day, He came back to life! Jesus made the way for people to be forgiven, to fix our brokenness, and to have a new relationship with God. And what is even better is that we can respond to Jesus and be made new!

(Circle four) "How?" (*How?*) When we admit that we sin and turn from our sin, believe in Jesus as the Savior, or Rescuer, of the world, and commit to love and follow Jesus, we are made new! Say, "Made new!" (*Made new!*) Jesus transforms our hearts from brokenness to newness.

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

Wow! We learned some big things about God today. God knows our hearts! What does He know? (*Our hearts!*) Because we sin, we don't always trust God, but He is always trustworthy. When we do not trust Him, it reminds us that we are broken. Say, "I am broken." (*I am broken.*) Because of what Jesus did for us, we can be made new! Say, "Made new!" (*Made new!*) Now, let's pray and talk to God, thanking Him for making us new.

God, thank You that You know all things about us, including our hearts. You know the times when we do not trust and follow You. Thank You for making the way for us to be made new though Jesus' death for our sins and that Jesus came back to life. Thank You for Your Son, Jesus, who forgives our sin when we turn from it and trust Him. We love You. Amen.

Find and Fix

Kids will search for printed-out phrases of the Theme verse and put them together as a team.

Big Goal: Learn how to memorize the Theme verse in order.

Leader Prep: Print and cut out the “Find and Fix” printable, hiding the cards around the room. Set out supplies. Post the Theme Verse Poster, “*God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*” (Psalm 51:10)

Supplies: “Find and Fix” printables (1 per group), Scissors (adult-use only; 1 per group), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group; optional)

What To Do: I have hidden seven cards around the room. How many cards? (*Seven!*) As a team, you will find these cards which have different phrases from the Theme verse written on them! Once you have found all the cards, our team will put them together in the correct order. Once you think your order is correct, raise your hands, and I will come by and make sure each phrase is in its right place! Lastly, as a team, we will all say the verse out loud together!

Keep It Going: Allow kids to hide the cards for their teammates to find. Time the team to see how quickly they can find and assemble the Bible verse.

Leader Tip: Larger Group Option: Form smaller groups, and assign a color to each group. Print out multiple sets of the Theme verse phrase cards on the color of paper that matches the group colors, and hide them around the room. Instruct the kids to find verse cards that match their group’s color.

Loud And Clear: You did a great job finding the Theme verse phrases! This Bible verse is a great reminder that we are broken, but that we can be made new through a relationship with Jesus! Say, “Made New!” (*Made New!*)

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

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever repaired something that was broken? What did you fix, and what steps did you take to fix it? (Allow kids to answer, and then share your own answer.)
2. The Bible tells us that we are broken, and God knows our hearts. Let's open our Bibles to John 20:29 and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the verse aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verse so everyone can follow along together.) What did Jesus do when He knew Thomas doubted that He was alive? (Jesus came to Thomas and showed Thomas His scars. Jesus showed Thomas that He was alive!) God knew Thomas' heart, and He wanted Thomas to believe. God knows our hearts as well, and He wants us to believe in Him too! How can we trust God, even when we have doubts? (We can read our Bibles. We can pray and ask Him to help us. We can ask others to remind us of the truth about God.)
3. How can it help us to know that God knows our hearts, even in times when we do not trust Him? (Allow kids to answer, and then share your own answer.)
4. At times, the world can make it confusing to know what we should believe. How can you remind yourself of what is true about God and yourself, even when the world or your own heart may try to tell you something different? (Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)
5. The Bible tells us that we are broken, and that God knows our hearts. Even though God knows when we do not trust Him in our hearts, He still wants to make us new through His Son, Jesus. 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 knowing everything about us, even the brokenness in our hearts. We are broken and in need of a Savior, or Rescuer, to forgive us. Thank You that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior, so that we can be made new when we trust in You. Thank You that we can be forgiven for our sin and have a right relationship with You when we have hearts that are made new and follow You. Amen.

God knows everything about us, even when we have doubts in our hearts. When we do not trust God with all our hearts, it reminds us we are broken. God knows we are broken people, and He gave us His Son, Jesus, to make us 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.