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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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Your thoughts are sometimes broken and untrue because of sin, God knows those thoughts and offers us encouragement and truth.

BIBLE- God called Moses- Exodus 3

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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, Blank paper (1 per child), Dry erase board and marker (1 per group), Iceberg drawing (1 per group; optional), Bible (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

Close your eyes with me for a moment, and imagine what it would have been like to hear God from a bush that was on fire! God told Moses that He would work through Moses to rescue God's people, the Israelites, out of slavery. Moses doubted God and himself, but God still knew Moses' thoughts. God promised to be with Moses. This Bible story reminds us that God is with us and knows our thoughts too! Everyone, say, "God knows my thoughts!" (God knows my thoughts!)

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

(Circle two) Like Moses, we have doubts and broken thoughts too. We have them because of sin. Sin is when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. The Bible says that the consequence of sin is separation from God forever. Because of sin, we are broken.

(Circle one) In the beginning, God made the world perfect. He made people to know Him, love Him, and trust what He says. But sin breaks that perfect relationship, and no matter how hard we try, we can't fix it on our own. However, God does not leave us in brokenness. There is good news!

(Circle three) God loves us so much that He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sin. He lived a perfect sinless life that we could not live. He died on a cross and came back to life to pay the punishment for our sin and make the way for us to be forgiven.

(Circle four) When we know Jesus, we can have a repaired relationship with Him and a repaired understanding of who we are. He makes us new!

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

We learned that God knows our thoughts! What does God know? (Our thoughts!) Yes! We all choose to sin, and that breaks our relationship with God. We are broken and we all have thoughts that are not good or not true. However, because Jesus died for our sin, came back to life, and made the way for us to be forgiven, we can be made new! What can we be? (Made new!) Let's spend some time praying to God in 3-2-1.

God, thank You that You know everything about us, even our brokenness and our broken thoughts. Because You know that we are broken and because You love us, You made a way for us to be made new through Jesus. Thank You for sending Jesus to forgive our brokenness and make the way to have a relationship with You. We love You. Amen.

Thought Bubble Volleyball

Kids will toss balloons out of their team's side, and the group with the least number of balloons wins.

Big Goal: Learn that God knows all our thoughts.

Leader Prep: Print and display the "Allergy Alert" printable, drawing attention to a potential latex allergy. Inflate and tie the balloons, drawing a thought bubble on each. Tape a line across the center of the room.

Supplies: "Allergy Alert" printable (1 per group), White inflated balloons (10 per group), Permanent marker (1 per group), Masking or painter's tape (1 per group), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group), Pool noodles (several; optional)

What To Do: Let's play a game called "Thought Bubble Volleyball"! What is it called? (*Thought Bubble Volleyball!*) Great! To play this game, your team will stand on one side of the tape line, and your opposing team will stand on the other side. Then, when I say, "Go," you will try to keep as many balloons out of your team's side as possible! Then, when I say, "Stop" after 45 seconds, the team with the *least* number of balloons on its side wins!

(Play multiple rounds.)

Keep It Going: Switch teams. Change how kids move the balloons, such as only using one hand, using elbows, or using their heads.

Leader Tip: Provide pool noodles for kids with latex allergies. Do not allow kids to kick the balloons so they do not pop.

Loud And Clear: You did a great job keeping the balloons out of your side! Was it difficult keeping them out? (Allow kids to answer.) Lots of balloons floated in the air, kind of like all the thoughts floating in our minds sometimes! Because of sin, our thoughts are not always true or right. However, because God sent Jesus to forgive us, He made a way to take what is broken, and He makes us new! Everyone, 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. What does it mean for something to be broken? Have you ever broken something? If so, what did it look like before and after it was broken? (Allow kids to answer, and then share your own answer.)
2. The Bible tells us God knows our thoughts—even our broken thoughts. Let's open our Bibles to Exodus 3:14-15 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.) Who did God say He is? (I AM WHO I AM.) How can we respond in truth when we have doubts about ourselves or about God? (God responded by telling Moses that He sent him. God also told Moses that He is the "I AM." When I have doubts, I can remember that God knows every thought I have, and He is always with me. God loves and cares about me.)
3. How can it help us to know that God knows all our thoughts, even the ones that remind us we are broken and in need of Jesus? (Allow kids to answer, and then share your own answer.)
4. Sometimes we question if we are good enough, smart enough, or able to do something. How do you remind yourself of God's truth about you, even when the world or your own thoughts may tell you something different that is not true? (Allow kids to answer, and then share your own answer.)
5. The Bible tells us we are broken, and God knows our thoughts. Even though we have thoughts that are not true or not good at times, God still wants to make us new through a relationship with 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 each and every thing about us, including our thoughts. Our wrong thoughts remind us that we are broken and need Your forgiveness. Thank You that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to rescue us from sin, so we can be made new when we trust and follow You. Help us to trust You with our doubts and love You more. Amen.

God knows every thought we have, even the ones that point to our brokenness. God knows we are broken, so He provided His Son, Jesus, to make us new! We can know that although we are broken apart from Jesus, He can 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.