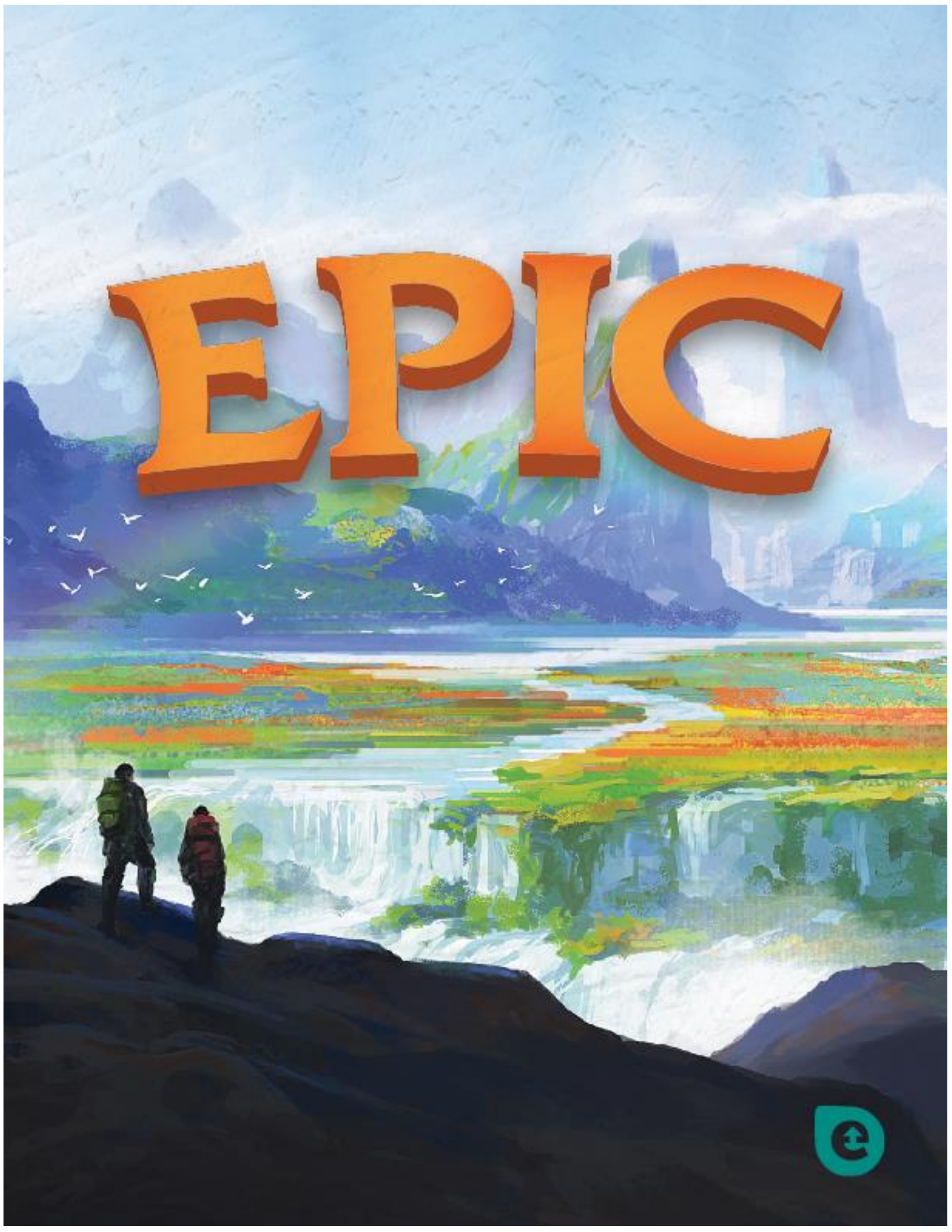


# EPIC





# Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: “Brokenness” Cards

## 1. Time to Talk

**Look Up and Read:** 1 Peter 2:23-25. These verses are about how Jesus “heals” us from sin, from all the wrong things we’ve done.

- How do you think Josh is feeling? Can you think of a time when you felt like that?
- What are some things that can hurt us? (Point out that there are physical hurts, but our feelings can be hurt by other people’s words and actions, too.)
- What are some ways we can be healed from a cut or a hurt? (Go to the doctor, use a band-aid for a smaller hurt.)
- If someone has said or done something mean, it can feel like something is broken. How can we “heal” our relationship with them? (Forgiving them. Point out that Jesus often helped people by forgiving them.)

**Do This:** Pray, thanking God for helping us. Ask Him to help you be kind to others, too.

## 2. Activity

**Discuss:** Why did Jesus forgive the man in the Bible story before healing his legs? (Jesus knew forgiveness was more important. He wanted to heal the man’s “heart,” the part of him that feels and loves.)

**Do This:** Look at each of the “brokenness” cards and discuss what problem the people in them might be facing. Talk about the questions on each card, such as: What would you do in their place? And: What could you pray for God to do in this situation?

**The Point:** God won’t always “heal” what is broken or hurting in our life right away. Sometimes, He wants us to learn, and trust Him, even when we are hurting. No matter what happens, though. He will be with us, and He will forgive us when we have done things we know are wrong.

**Discuss:** Is there anything in your life you would like God’s help with?