

**CHOOSE YOUR  
CHARACTER**



# Large Group

## Choose Your Character

Series at a Glance for Elevate

### About this Series:

Have you ever created a character in a video game? You might pick what they look like, sound like, and what they can do. In life, our “character” is our personality, the way we live. In this series, we’ll find out what kind of “character” we were made to have by learning about the character of the one who made us: God!

### Key Verse:

Colossians 3:10- You have started living a new life. Your knowledge of how that life should have the Creator’s likeness is being made new.

### Weekly Overview:

<b>Lesson:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Big Idea:</b>
Lesson 1: September 10/11	What is “Character?” Genesis 1:27	I am made to reflect God’s character.
Lesson 2: September 17/18	God is Wise Joseph: Genesis 37-50	God shows me how to live wisely.
Lesson 3: September 24/25	God is Creator Genesis 1-2	God made me on purpose.
Lesson 4: October 1/2	God is Faithful Abraham: Genesis 12-21	God will always keep His promises.
Lesson 5: October 8/9	God is Present 1 Kings 20 - Hills and Valleys	God will always be with me.
Lesson 6: * October 15/16	God is Love Jesus’ Story- John 18-21	I can follow God because He loves me.
Lesson 7: October 22/23	God is Forgiving Jonah	I can forgive because God forgives.
Lesson 8: October 29/30	God is Good Esther	God is good, even when life is tough.

# Choose Your Character Lesson Outline for Elevate

## Lesson 1: What is “Character”?

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (14:00)	
Media Part 1 (4:00)	0:00 – 19:00
Group Time 1 (Activity) (8:00)	
Media Part 2 (4:00)	
Group Time 2 (Discussion) (7:00)	19:00 – 38:00
Media Part 3 (4:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Media Part 4 (4:00)	
Wrap-Up (1:00)	38:00 - 55:00



Video Cue



Slide Cue



Audio Cue



Tech Notes

## Opening Song and Welcome

1:00



*(Roll when directed)* Elevate Opener

**Do This:** During the song, encourage kids to find a place to sit, and let them know it's time to get started.

Welcome everyone, let's get started! I'm so glad you're all here! Come on up and find a place to sit.



*(Auto advance)* Elevate Slide and Underscore

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm so excited to be here with all of you!

Elevate is an awesome place where we get to have fun and learn about God. It's also a place where we show respect. We respect the leaders in here by listening and following their instructions. We respect others by being kind and keeping our hands to ourselves. And we respect the room by being safe, and not damaging anything. Showing respect like that helps us all have an awesome time.

## Team Time

14:00



Series Title Slide: "Choose Your Character" and clear audio

We are starting a brand-new series today called "Choose Your Character!" Have you ever created a character in a video game? You might pick what they look like, sound like, and what they can do. In life, our "character" is our personality, the way we choose to live. When we say someone is kind, helpful, adventurous, or funny, we're describing their character. In this series, we're learning about the "character" of God. God is loving, generous, gracious, and good, and we're going to see why knowing that should change the way we live.

Let's kick off this series with a game called "All Together Now."



Game Title Slide: "All Together Now!"

We've got a bunch of simple things to do, but in this game we have to do all of those things at exactly the same time. So imagine I'm looking in a mirror, and you have to be like my reflection, moving at the exact same time as me. Ready to try?

**Know This:** The key to this game is enthusiasm. Get kids excited with your energy and interest in the game. If they aren't quite able to mirror you exactly, that's ok, the main goal is to have fun!



Clap 10 times (and fun game music!)

First, we have to clap ten times, all at exactly the same time! Ready? Let's try!

**Do This:** Try to complete the activity. If you think you can do better after the first attempt, feel free to say "Let's try again!" and repeat the challenge.

Ok, I think we're ready for our next challenge.



Pretend you're on a roller coaster.

Next we have to pretend we're on a roller coaster. Remember to copy what I'm doing! Ready, set, go!

**Do This:** Pretend you're on a roller coaster for 20 seconds or so, raising your hands, leaning each way for turns, and even shouting like you're going fast. Throw in a steep drop if you feel like it!

Ok, we've got a couple more mirror challenges to complete. Let's see the next one!



Do 10 jumping jacks.

We need to do 10 jumping jacks, let's give it a try!

**Do This:** Lead the kids to complete the activity, all moving at once. Feel free to vary the speed you do the jumping jacks at, so kids have to change how fast they're moving to mirror you.

Good job! Let's look at our last challenge of the game.



Run in Place!

Let's see if we can run in place, all at exactly the same time. Let's go!

**Do This:** Lead the kids to complete the activity, all moving at once. Feel free to vary the speed you run at from slow motion to fast running, so kids have to change how fast they're moving to mirror you.



Game Title Slide: "All Together Now!" and clear audio

It was tough to stay perfectly together! Good job everyone. You can find a spot to sit, and get ready to answer our question of the day.



Question of the Day Video



*(Auto Advance)* QOTD Slide: If you were a superhero, what power would you choose?

Our question today is: If you were a superhero, what power would you choose? Turn to someone near you and tell them about it. Make sure to listen to their answer, too.

**Do This:** Allow kids to talk for about 30 seconds.

**Know This:** You can share your answer briefly, too!



Series Title Slide: Choose Your Character

Those were some interesting superpowers!

## Media Part 1

4:00

This series we're in is all about our "character," the way that we live. And to help us learn about character, we get to meet some interesting "characters" in a brand new show called Comics Café! Let's check it out.



Media: Part 1 (4:00)



*(Auto advance)* Group Time Slide

That sounds like a tough day for Blake. I wonder what's going to happen? When we have to make choices or we face problems in our lives, that's when our character really shows.

Next up, we're headed to our groups for an activity that can teach us more about character. Look for your group's flag, and I'll see you in a few minutes!

## Group Time 1: Activity

8:00



8:00 Group Time Countdown



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Choose Your Character

**Do This:** Make sure each kid finds their group. Help group leaders if there is a need. Encourage kids as they work to discuss the question.

**Know This:** During this time, groups are expected to look in the Bible to see if they can solve the big question presented in the media. They'll spend time reading the Bible and discussing the problem. Help group leaders engage kids and facilitate discussion as much as possible.

## Media Part 2

4:00

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. Next up, let's check back in with Blake and Bri to find out what they discover.



Media: Part 2 (4:00)



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Choose Your Character

We'll find out what happens to them in a little bit, but first you get to chat with your groups about why character matters.

Find your group's flag again, and I'll see you back here in a few minutes.

## Group Time 2 (Discussion)

7:00



7:00 Group Time Countdown



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Choose Your Character

**Do This:** Make sure each kid finds their group. Help group leaders if there is a need. Encourage kids as they work to discuss the question.

**Know This:** During this time, groups are expected to complete an activity or object lesson around the lesson we're learning. Make sure group leaders have all the supplies that they need and that they understand what they're doing in this section ahead of time.

## Media Part 3

4:00

Sometimes we might wonder why things are right or wrong. Why should we live a certain way? Why should we listen, obey, tell the truth, be kind, and other things that are "right"? To find out the answer, let's check in with our friend Beka to find out what the Bible says about the topic of "character."



Media: Part 3 (4:00)



*(Auto advance)* Worship Slide

God made our whole world, and He made it to reflect who He is. That's what we were made for, too! Part of how we remember and think about who God is, is by worshipping Him.

## Worship

8:00



When we sing together about God, that's what we call "worship." Let's do that now!



Song #1: Something Good



*(Auto-Advance)* Worship Slide

Let's keep on singing and moving with another amazing song.



Song #2: Jump



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Choose Your Character

Singing with all of you is awesome. You can sit, and let's take a moment to talk to God.

God, we love you. Thank you for making this whole world, and for making us to reflect who You are. Help us to do that today. Amen.

## Media Part 4

4:00

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. Next up, let's see how Comics Café wraps up for today.



Media: Part 4 (4:00)



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Choose Your Character

## Wrap-Up

1:00

That is so important to remember. God made us to reflect who He is. God is loving, good, kind, and fair, and He made us to be like Him, too.

I've had a lot of fun learning with you today! I'm so glad you were here, and I hope to see you all next week to continue this series.



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