

**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:

Lesson:	Title:	Big Idea:
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.

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Lesson Outline for Elevate

Lesson 5: God is Present

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (14:00)	
Media Part 1 (6:00)	0:00 – 21:00
Group Time 1 (Activity) (8:00)	
Media Part 2 (2:00)	
Group Time 2 (Discussion) (7:00)	21:00 – 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 in a series 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 faithful, kind, curious, or caring, we're describing their character. In this series, we're learning about the "character" of God. God is loving, wise, faithful, and good, and we're going to see why knowing that should change the way we live.

Let's kick things off with a game called "In Your Zone."



Game Title Slide: "In Your Zone"

Do This: To set up the game, split the room down the middle using a line of tape on the floor, and choose a volunteer to hold the "goal" on the far side of each half of the room. The "goal" is a large hula-hoop that the volunteer will hold up in the air.

Alright everybody, in this game you are going to form two teams and you'll each have your own side of the room—that's called your "zone". You also each have someone holding a "Goal" at the back of your zone. Every time you throw a ball through that goal, you get a point! The person holding the goal will count all the balls that go through it.

Know This: Make sure the volunteers are ready to hold the hula hoops and count the balls that go through them. If you have a lot of kids and a large space, you may have volunteers hold up two "goals" on each side. The person holding the goal should not move throughout the game.

Are you ready to play? Let's go!

Do This: Direct kids to enter their team's "zone." Form teams by splitting the room down the middle based on where kids are sitting. Set the balls out along the center line like in dodgeball.



3:00 Time Countdown (and fun game music!)



Game Title Slide: "In Your Zone" *(and clear audio)*

Well done! That was really fun, everybody. Now come on back to the middle, take a seat.

Later today, we're going to hear how God isn't stuck into any one zone, but He's present everywhere we could possibly go. But for now, let's get ready to answer the question of the day.



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: Where is your favorite place to be?

Our question today is: Where is your favorite place to be? 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

Media Part 1

6:00

There are lots of places we can go, and today we're going to talk about how God is always with us, even when we can't see Him. Let's check in with the group at the Comics Café to see what they're up to today.



Media: Part 1 (4:00)



(Auto advance) Group Time Slide

Interesting. I wonder what will happen next? We'll find out in a few minutes, but first it's time to head to our groups for a fun activity. You can meet up with your group, 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 do an activity related to the day's topic.

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 2

2:00

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. Next up, let's check back in with the Comics Café crew and find out what's happening with Bri and Taylor.



Media: Part 2 (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Choose Your Character

Hmm. I wonder what Bri's up to? We'll find out what happens in a few minutes, but first you can head to your group area to talk about how you might handle this situation. 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 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 3

4:00

Just like we learned a few weeks ago, God created the whole world and everything in it, but you might still wonder: can God really hear us anywhere? To find out the answer to that question, we get to hear a story about someone from the Bible who thought they could go places that God couldn't.



Media: Part 3 (4:00)



(Auto advance) Worship Slide

God is with us no matter what, and He hears us whenever and wherever we talk to Him. No matter where you go, or what you face, God is with you through it all.

Worship

8:00

God is always present with us, and He hears us when we sing to him too! At church, we worship God to thank Him for who He is by singing every week. Let's do that now. Get up on your feet and get ready to move!



Song #1: Higher than the Sky



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Remind Me



(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 always being present in our lives and being with us wherever we go. Please help us to remember that and trust you when we need help. Amen.

Media Part 4

4:00

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. Last time we saw Bri, she was asking God for help and trying to find a way to get back at Mason for how he was making fun of her at school. Let's see how the story we've been hearing wraps up.



Media: Part 4 (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Choose Your Character

Wrap-Up

1:00

That's such an amazing thing to know—that God is always with us, no matter where we go.

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 keep learning more about God.



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