

**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.

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## Lesson Outline for Elevate

### Lesson 6: God is Love

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 (8:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Media Part 4 (4:00)	
Wrap-Up (1:00)	38:00 - 59:00



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 "Would You Rather?"



Game Title Slide: "Would You Rather?"

Alright everybody, you can stand up. In this game, you'll have to decide what you'd rather choose out of two options. If you would rather choose the first option, walk to the left side of the room. If you'd rather choose the second option, walk to the right side of the room. If you're not sure... don't worry, just pick one! Are you ready to play? Let's go!



Would you rather... eat pizza or tacos for lunch?  
*(add fun game music!)*

**Do This:** Read the question out for everyone to hear. Allow the leaders to answer.

Wow, both of those are great choices. You can't go wrong! Let's try another one.



Would you rather... play a sport, or read a book?

**Do This:** Read the question and answers out for everyone to hear. Allow the kids to move to their answers.

Move to the side of the room that matches your answer! These are both fun in their own way.

Ahh, very nice. Let's move on to the next one.



Would you rather... go outside, or stay indoors?

**Do This:** Read the question and answers out for everyone to hear. Allow the kids to move to their answers.

I think the answer to this one can depend on the weather, wouldn't you agree? Next up:



Would you rather... have a pet giraffe, or a car that could talk?

**Do This:** Read the question and answers out for everyone to hear. Allow the kids to move to their answers.

Interesting... Let's see what the next one is!



Would you rather... learn how to drive a submarine, or practice to become an expert pogo stick bouncer?

**Do This:** Read the question and answers out for everyone to hear. Allow the kids to move to their answers.

These are really random choices. Here's the next one.



Would you rather... work a job where you had to inflate balloons all day, or work a job where you had to hang streamers from the ceiling all day?

**Do This:** Read the question and answers out for everyone to hear. Allow the kids to move to their answers.

These sound like you're getting ready for a party. Which would you pick?

Alright, one more:



Would you rather... live in a city under the sea, or on the moon?

**Do This:** Read the question and answers out for everyone to hear. Allow the kids to move to their answers.

Living underwater or on the moon would be pretty wild, wouldn't it?



Game Title Slide: "Would You Rather?" *(and clear audio)*

Life is filled with a lot of choices. Today, we're going to be talking about one of the biggest choices we can make when it comes to our relationship with God. Right now, you can all 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 could transform into anything, what would you choose?

Our question today is: If you could transform into anything, what would you choose? It could be a certain kind of animal, vehicle, or object. 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 are some creative answers!

## Media Part 1

4:00

Transformation is a big word, but all it really means is changing from one thing to another. It's amazing to think about all the change—or 'transformation'—that happens in our own lives as we grow. Today, we're going to be talking about the transformation God can bring to our lives, too. But first, I've heard that the Comics Café is going through a transformation of its own today. Let's see what's going on there.



Media: Part 1 (4:00)



*(Auto advance)* Group Time Slide

It seems like there's something going on with Taylor. I wonder what it is?

Next up, we're headed to our groups for an activity that can show us a bit about how helpful it is to have God's help and direction in our lives. 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

4:00

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. Next up, let's check back in with our friends at the Comics Café and find out what the Bri-tective and her brother are up to.



Media: Part 2 (4:00)



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

We'll find out how the story wraps up in a few minutes, but first you can head to your group area to talk about how God's love might be making a difference in Taylor's life, and how that's changing the way she treats others.

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

8:00

God's love is incredible—so incredible that it can make a big difference in someone's life. To find out more about how that works, let's hear what the Bible says about God's love for us.



Media: Part 3 (4:00)



*(Auto advance)* Worship Slide

God loves you, and He is always faithful to His promises.

You might have heard all of this before. If you have already decided to follow Jesus, that's fantastic! You have the chance to live for God every day, doing the things He made you to do, and showing everyone His amazing love.

Maybe, though, you still have some questions and you're not totally sure about following Jesus. That's OK! Asking questions is a good thing. If you have questions, I'd encourage you to talk to your adults at home or one of the leaders here at church. We'd love to talk about questions you have about God.

If you've never made that choice, though, today could be your day to make that amazing decision to follow Jesus. You can do that right here, right now. In a moment, we're going to talk to God together. I'll say a prayer, and you can repeat it after me. Now, just saying these words isn't what's important, what matters is really meaning what you say.

I'm going to have everyone close their eyes and bow their heads while we talk to God. If you're ready to choose to follow God for the first time, you can pray this prayer with me either out loud or in your head, God hears you either way.

Let's pray together.

**Do This:** Read the following prayer word-for-word, giving enough time after each line for kids to repeat after you, even if it is silent.

God, thank you for loving me.  
I am sorry for doing things  
That I know are wrong.  
I believe that Jesus is your son.  
I believe that he died on the cross,  
Took my punishment,  
And came back to life,  
So that I can be forgiven.  
Jesus, I ask you now  
To be my leader,  
Savior,  
And friend forever.  
I choose to follow you.  
In Jesus' name, amen.



Congratulations!

If you just made that decision, congratulations! I want to celebrate with you and give you this book.

**Do This:** Show kids the Following Jesus book.

This book can help you get started following Jesus. So now, I'd like everyone to stand up!

**Do This:** Have everyone in the room stand up.

Ok, now if you just decided to follow Jesus for the first time, you can follow me to get this book, and we'll also celebrate this great decision you have made!

**Do This:** Have another leader come on stage and lead the rest of the kids in worship.

## Worship

8:00

For the rest of us, we're going to remain here and sing, praising God for who He is and how He loves us. Let's do that now.



Song #1: By Your Love (EBC)



*(Auto-Advance)* Worship Slide

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



Song #2: I Will Follow You (EBC)



*(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 loving us and sending your Son Jesus to die for us. Help us to follow you today and every day for the rest of our lives. Amen.

## Media Part 4

4:00

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. As you may remember, our story left off with Bri and Blake going to apologize to Taylor. Let's see how this wraps up.



Media: Part 4 (4:00)



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

## Wrap-Up

1:00

I love remembering that. God loves us, and we can follow Him because of that. Congratulations to all of you who decided to do that today!

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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