

**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 7: God is Forgiving

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 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 "Up or Down."



Game Title Slide: "Up or Down"

In this game, the goal is to not get tagged. Two people are going to have pool noodles. They are "it." If someone tags you with a pool noodle, you have to sit down, right where you are. If someone who is standing up high-fives you, though, you can stand back up! Ready to give it a try?

Do This: Choose two kids to be "it." Have them come up on stage and give them each a short length of pool noodle.

Let's go!



Game Title Slide: "Up or Down" (and fun game music!)

Do This: Allow kids to play for a couple minutes. After about two minutes, or if the people who are "it" tag everyone, you can restart the game with two different kids being "it."

Know This: You can adjust this game in several ways, depending on your situation. If you have very few kids, only give out one pool noodle. If you have a large group of kids (over 100 for example), you could have the leaders be "it" as well, to help make the game more challenging.

That was fun! You can come back to the middle.



Game Title Slide: "Up or Down" (And clear audio)

A key part of that game was helping others up. Today we're talking about forgiveness, which is a way God raises us up, and a way we can do that for others. Next up 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: What's the biggest animal you've ever seen in-person?

Our question today is: What's the biggest animal you've ever seen in-person? 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!



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That's an interesting question. I wonder if one of our stories today will have a really big animal in it.

Media Part 1

4:00

I'm not sure about the big animal, but I know we're talking about forgiveness today, and from what I hear, we get to meet someone new in the Comics Café today. Let's see what's happening in their world.



Media: Part 1 (4:00)



(Auto advance) Group Time Slide

Forgiving someone can be tough! I wonder if Bryce will be able to forgive Mason, or if he'll make a different choice. We'll see what he does in a few minutes.

Next up, we're headed to our groups for an activity that can teach us more about forgiveness. 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 the Comics Cafe to find out what Bryce is up to.



Media: Part 2 (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Choose Your Character

We'll find out what happens to them in a few minutes, but first you can head to your group area to talk about why we forgive, and how we forgive. Maybe you can even think of some advice you would give Bryce.

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

God tells us to forgive, but why should we, really? To find out, we get to hear a Bible story about someone who didn't want to forgive, even though he knew he should.



Media: Part 3 (4:00)



(Auto advance) Worship Slide

The reason we forgive is because God forgives!

Worship

8:00

Forgiveness is part of how God made us to live. He forgives us when we have done wrong or made mistakes. That's a great reason to praise and worship Him! At church, we worship God by singing every week. Let's do that now. Get up on your feet and get ready to move!



Song #1: All of Me



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Even When



(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 forgiving us. Help us to forgive others in the same way. 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 the Comics Café story wraps up.



Media: Part 4 (4:00)



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Wrap-Up

1:00

I love remembering that. We forgive because God forgives us.

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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