

**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 8: God is Good

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 "What's Good?"



Game Title Slide: "What's Good?"

In this game, I'm going to show you two things, and you'll have to guess which one people like more. Remember, you're not trying to guess which one you like better, but which one most people like more. Ready to give it a try?



Hershey's Kisses ← → Gummy Bears (and fun game music!)

In a survey, which one did people like more- Hershey's Kisses or Gummy Bears? Show me which one you think was more popular by moving to that side of the room!

Do This: Allow kids to respond by moving to either side of the room.

Ready to find out? Let's see the answer.



→ Gummy Bears

The answer is: Gummy Bears! Let's check out two other things.



French Fries ← → Mashed Potatoes

Which one do you think most people like better, French Fries, or Mashed Potatoes? Show me your answer!

Do This: Allow kids to respond by moving to either side of the room.

Let's find out if you're right!



French Fries ←

The answer is French Fries! Check out this next question.



Dogs ← → Cats

This one is tricky. Do more people in America own dogs, or do more people own cats? Show me which answer you think is right!

Do This: Allow kids to respond by moving to either side of the room.

Let's find out if you're right!



Dogs ←

The answer is: dogs! 70% of people who own pets in the U.S.A. have dogs. This next question is a really interesting one.



Crunchy Peanut Butter ← → Creamy Peanut Butter

Do more people prefer crunchy peanut butter or creamy peanut butter? Show me your answer!

Do This: Allow kids to respond by moving to either side of the room.

Let's find out if you're right!



→ Creamy Peanut Butter

The answer is: Creamy peanut butter! Get ready for another one.



Mustard on Hot Dog ← → Ketchup on Hot Dog

Do more people put mustard on their hot dog or ketchup on their hot dog? Show me which one you think is right!

Do This: Allow kids to respond by moving to either side of the room.

Let's find out if you're right!



Mustard on Hot Dog ←

The answer is: Mustard! In fact, one out of every five people in the U.S. says that ketchup should never go on hot dogs.

We've got a couple more choices to make, let's look at the next one!



At Thanksgiving...
Green Bean Casserole ← → Cranberry Sauce

Since Thanksgiving is only a month away, what would more people rather eat on this holiday? Green bean casserole? Or cranberry sauce? Show me your answer!

Do This: Allow kids to respond by moving to either side of the room.

Let's find out if you're right!



At Thanksgiving...
Green Bean Casserole ←

The answer is: Green Bean Casserole! Let's look at our last one.



Black Licorice ← → Candy Corn

Would people rather eat black licorice or candy corn? Show me which one you think is more popular!

Do This: Allow kids to respond by moving to either side of the room.

Let's find out if you're right!



→ Candy Corn

The answer is: Candy corn! Great job everyone, you can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit down.



Game Title Slide: "What's Good?" (And clear audio)

We often look at something and say "that's good" or "that's bad." But it can be really tough to say what makes something good or bad. Today we're talking about "good" in a different way. 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 something good someone else has done for you?

Our question today is: What's something good someone else has done for you? 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

That's an interesting question. Goodness isn't just about things we like, like candy or our favorite things. Good can also mean when someone does something right or helpful.

Media Part 1

4:00

Today in the Comics Café, they're talking about a super important question, and Bri is facing a really big challenge. Let's see what happens.



Media: Part 1 (4:00)



(Auto advance) Group Time Slide

Bri is having a tough day. We'll have to wait a minute to find out what happens next.

Next up, we're headed to our groups for an activity that can teach us more about how God is good. 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 Bri decides to do.



Media: Part 2 (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Choose Your Character

Making smoothies looks fun, and I learned something else from that, too! Do you think God lets us do tough things sometimes, to help us grow and learn? That's an interesting idea, and it's what you get to talk about with your groups, coming up next!

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

Next, we get to hear the same story Mrs. Kirby was about to tell Bri- the story of Esther. Watch closely to see why Esther and the others in this story never stopped trusting that God is good.



Media: Part 3 (4:00)



(Auto advance) Worship Slide

God is good, no matter what happens to us. He loves us and cares for us.

Worship

8:00

Since God is so good, we 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: Brighter



(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 always being good. Help us to trust you and remember your goodness to us every day. 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)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Choose Your Character

Wrap-Up

1:00

I want to remember that no matter what happens, I can trust that God is good.

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 and start a brand-new series!



Elevate Slide



Start Free Time music videos