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Large Group

Multiplayer

Series at a Glance for Elevate

About this Series:

It's not always easy working with others. They make mistakes, disagree with you, and even quit. There are things you can't do alone, though. This series, we'll see that if life was a game, it'd have to be multi-player. Our friends have a big impact on our lives. We'll be talking about how to find a good friend, how to be a good friend, and the incredible difference a good friend can make.

Key Verse:

James 1:19- Everyone should be quick to listen. But they should be slow to speak. They should be slow to get angry.

Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Topic:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: September 7/8	Signing On Jesus chooses disciples- Luke 6:12-16	A good friend is worth searching for.
Lesson 2: September 14/15	Player 2 The Good Samaritan- Luke 10:25-37	A good friend puts others first.
Lesson 3: September 21/22	Chatroom Israel Complains, Exodus 16	A good friend has a good attitude.
Lesson 4: September 28/29	Side Quests Mary and Martha, Luke 10:38-42	A good friend pays attention.
Lesson 5: October 5/6	Level Up Ruth and Naomi- Ruth	A good friend is there when life is tough.
Lesson 6: October 12/13	Muted Jesus' brother- James 1:19, John 7	A good friend tries to understand.
Lesson 7: October 19/20	For the Team Paul and Barnabas- Acts 15:36-41	A good friend forgives.
Lesson 8: October 26/27	Endgame Gospel Story- John 18-21	I can choose to follow Jesus.

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Lesson 1: Signing On

When Jesus sent His disciples out on an important mission, one of the things He told them to do was make friends. This week, we'll learn about making friends, and find out why having good friends and being a good friend, can both make a huge difference.

Lesson 2: Player 2

Have you ever felt like you were "Player 2"? Like someone else gets to make all the choices, and you just have to watch? Letting others be first can be tough, but Jesus gives us an even greater challenge—choose to put other people first. This week we'll discover what that looks like, with a story from Jesus Himself.

Lesson 3: Chatroom

Have you ever seen someone bring down a fun time with a bad attitude? Or have you seen someone turn a boring day into an awesome one because they had a great attitude? This week, we'll see how we can make a difference with the power of attitude.

Lesson 4: Side Quests

Have you ever talked to someone who was distracted? It probably felt like they weren't listening or even like they didn't care. This week, we'll see what happened when one of Jesus' friends got distracted and learn how we can show others we care by paying attention.

Lesson 5: Level Up

When your team is losing, would you rather have teammates who quit, or keep on trying? Teams have to keep on trying, of course! It's the same for good friends. When our friend's life gets tough, we can make a huge difference, just by being there for them.

Lesson 6: Muted

Is there someone it feels like you always disagree with? You barely see them, and you're already arguing. This week, we'll see what happened when one of Jesus' brothers completely ignored Him and see the power of understanding someone else's point of view.

Lesson 7: For the Team

Sometimes, even the best of friends disagree. This week, we'll see what happened when two friends named Paul and Barnabas had a big argument and learn how forgiveness can save our friendships.

Lesson 8: Endgame

What does a great friend do? This week, we'll see the greatest example of friendship ever, and learn how being friends with Jesus can change our lives.

Multiplayer Lesson Outline for Elevate

Lesson 6: Muted

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (14:00)	0:00 – 15:00
Media Part 1 (6:00)	
Group Time (15:00)	
Media Part 2 (9:00)	15:00 – 45:00
Application (5:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Challenge (Media) (1:00)	
Wrap-Up (1:00)	45:00 - 60:00



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! 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! Coming up, we've got some games, music, and we'll talk about a really important question. We'll also hear a story about two brothers who had trouble understanding each other.

Team Time

14:00



Series Title Slide: Multiplayer and clear audio

This series that we're in is called "Multiplayer." If you've ever played a game with someone else, that was a "multiplayer" game. Our lives are kind of "multiplayer," too. There are other people we have to be around, work with, trust, and help. That's what we're talking about this series, how our friends and families make a difference in our lives, and how we can change their lives, too.

Right now, let's get moving with a game called "Drum Solo."



Game Title Slide: Drum Solo

In this activity, one person in each group will have to tap the rhythm of a song. The others will try to guess what song they are tapping. You can go ahead and find your groups.

Do This: Give the groups time to get together.

Know This: Each group leader should pick one kid and give them a song card. They should try to tap the song on their lap, the floor, or a table while the other kids guess what it is. Younger groups (1-2nd grade) may hum the song as well to make this game a little easier.

Ready, set, go!



Quiet Game Background Music

Do This: Allow them to play for 5-7 minutes, or until they are wrapping up.



Game Title Slide: Drum Solo (and clear audio)

Great job! When you were tapping the song, it probably seemed super obvious what song you were playing, right?

When you had to listen, though, it was probably way tougher to guess what the song was. Sometimes, that's how it feels talking to others. You're saying something so obvious, but they just don't understand. What can we do about that? We'll find out in a few minutes, but first let's get some talking practice in with our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What are some of your favorite songs to listen to?

What are some of your favorite songs to listen to? Turn to someone next to you and answer that question! Make sure to listen to their answer, too.



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Do This: Give kids about thirty seconds to talk.

We all like different things, like music, and we all think differently, too. That's why it's sometimes difficult to understand each other.

Media: Part 1

6:00

The Source team is going to have some trouble understanding others today, too. Let's find out what they're doing this week.



The Source: Part 1 (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

What do you think they should do? You'll get to talk about that in group time. You can look for your group's flag and meet your group leader there. I'll see you again in a few minutes!

Group Time

15:00



15:00 Group Time Countdown



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

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

Know This: This is a time for kids to search for answers in the Bible and see how they can use the Bible to investigate and better understand life. This time is designed for kids to interact and deepen their understanding. They won't get all the answers but allow them to question and discover as much as possible. Be ready to support group leaders in any way needed.

Do This: Give the groups a warning about one minute before this time is up.

Media: Part 2

9:00

Alright, you can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. You've had the chance to think about what the Source team should do. We'll find out what happens to them in a minute, but first Rue has a story for us about someone who just couldn't understand his brother.



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

Taking time to understand someone can make a huge difference.

Application

5:00

That's what I want you to remember today.



A good friend tries to understand.

A good friend tries to understand. Now, you might be thinking "That's easy! I can understand." That might be true, but the challenge is trying to understand someone, before telling them what you think. Understanding what they're saying, before trying to make them understand you.



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How does that work? Well, a big part of it is what you say. When you are listening to someone, do you tell them what to do, boss them around, tell them what you think, or do you just listen? Let's look at a couple examples. I'll tell you a quick story, and then give you a few ideas of things we could say. What would we say if we wanted to understand and listen to the other person?



School image

Your friend talks to you at school one day and says that they are having a really bad day. They're really upset, and don't know what to do. What could you say?



School image

- A. I had a way worse day last week.
- B. You should try being happier.
- C. I'm so ready for lunch. Let's eat!
- D. Why is today really bad?

Do This: Read the options from the screen.

Which one of those do you think shows them you care, and you want to listen to them?

Do This: Allow a kid to answer.

In A, you start talking about yourself and ignore how they're feeling. It doesn't feel good when someone does that. In B, you try to fix their problem, but it sounds kind of mean. In C you aren't listening, and just ignore them.

Asking someone a good question, though, like in answer D is one of the best ways to listen and understand. Let's try another example. This one is even tougher.



Frustrated friend image

One of your friends doesn't think going to church is fun or important. They make fun of you for it. What could you say?



Frustrated friend image

- A. You're not my friend anymore.
- B. I guess you're right.
- C. Want to watch a movie?
- D. Why do you think that?

Do This: Read the options from the screen.

What do you think a good answer is here?

Do This: Allow a kid to answer.

In A, you fight back, and get mean. That probably won't fix anything. In B, you just decide to lose, and don't say anything. That probably won't help either. In C, you ignore them, which will probably say to them you don't really care.

D is probably the best answer, because it shows that you care what they think. After listening to their answer, you might have the chance to say "I like church because..." and they can listen to what you think.



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This works just about every time you disagree with someone. Ask them a question about what they think. You don't have to change what you think; but let them know that what they think is important, too. You can even do this to your parents. Try to understand what they're telling you, before getting upset or arguing with them. You might give them a huge surprise.



Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

One of the best things about God is that He understands us totally. He gets how you feel, knows why you do what you do, and even understands everything you think. He knows everything about you and loves you completely. That's why we worship and sing about God, to show that we love Him too. Let's stand and sing about how amazing our God is.



Song #1: Heartbeat



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

Let's keep on singing and moving with another fun song about following God.



Song #2: Who I Wanna Be



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I love singing with all of you. You can sit, but let's take a moment to talk to God.

God, thank you for always understanding us. Help us to take the time to understand others. In Jesus' name, amen.

Challenge

1:00

Let's check in with Rue one more time, she has a challenge for us this week.



Challenge Video (1:00)



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That's a great challenge. Find a time to ask questions and try to understand this week, especially if you disagree with someone.

Wrap-Up

1:00

In two weeks, we're wrapping up this "Multiplayer" series, and giving away something amazing, a great multiplayer game! In this game, your team must work together to repair your helicopter and escape a deserted island. You can only get it here, in two more weekends! Anyone who comes on October 26th and 27th will get this game, so invite your friends to that weekend, too.

I'm so glad you were here today, and I hope to see you all next week!



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