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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:

<b>Lesson:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Big Idea:</b>
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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## Series at a Glance for Elevate (continued)

### **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 5: Level Up

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



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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 someone who was a great friend through a really tough time.

## 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 "Blanketball."



Game Title Slide: Blanketball

In this activity, you will have to work with a group to play a game of volleyball! You'll be on a team trying to toss the ball into the other team's area. If it hits the ground in their area, your team gets a point! The catch is that you can only touch the ball with your blanket. You must catch the ball in the blanket, and toss it using the blanket, too. Your group leader will divide you into teams and show you where you will play.

**Do This:** Give the groups time to get together.

**Know This:** Each group should have four small blankets, and a mini volleyball court made out of three cones on the ground. Leaders should split the groups into two even teams and give each team two blankets to use. Kids must stand around the blankets, and all hold on to them. Their goal is to toss the ball over the line using their blankets. If the ball hits the ground on their side, the other team gets a point.

**Know This:** More blankets may be sent for bigger groups. Smaller groups may have everyone play this game against each other. Younger groups may simplify this game by having the kids attempt to toss the ball back and forth to each other using the blankets and seeing how many times in a row they can catch it.

Ready, set, go!



Fun Game Music!

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



Game Title Slide: Blanketball (and clear audio)

Great job! Working together can be difficult, but it can also make awesome things happen. As you find a place to sit, get ready to answer our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



*(Auto Advance)* QOTD Slide: What do you think is the best thing about being an adult?

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**Do This:** Give kids about thirty seconds to talk.



Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

Growing up can be great, and it can be tough sometimes, too. Today, we're going to discover a way all of us can be a good friend, even to the adults we know.

## Media: Part 1

6:00

Gabby, Bowie, and Trixie have learned a lot about being good friends in the past couple weeks, let's find out what's happening in their world this week, on the Source.



The Source: Part 1 (5:00)



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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



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**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 was a great friend to her parent.



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



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Sometimes, the best way to be a friend to someone is to just be there for them.

## Application

5:00

That's what I want you to remember today.



A good friend is there when life is tough.

A good friend is there when life is tough. That's a great lesson for all of us. If you're going through a tough time, get help from good friends. Your family, your close friends, and even the leaders here at church, would love to help you if something tough is going on in your life.

If you know someone who is going through tough stuff, choose to be there for them. You don't have to fix everything, just keep on being their friend. Spend time with them. Say hi to them, even if they're grumpy. Let them know they matter to you.

When we support each other, we can do so much more than we can alone. Here's an example of how this works.



Sequoia picture

This kind of tree is called a Sequoia. (Seh-koy-yah). These trees can live up to 3,000 years. The largest one is 379 feet tall. That's taller than the Statue of Liberty! Sequoias

can also be thirty-five feet wide. The trunk of that tree would take up almost this whole room.

We can learn something super important from these trees. People love to look at how tall they grow, but that wouldn't be possible without the roots.



Sequoia roots picture

Many trees have roots that go down super deep, that hold them in the ground. The sequoias roots are very shallow, though. They only go about ten feet down. Think about that, how can roots that are only ten feet deep, hold up a tree that is 396 feet tall? The answer is- they work together. Their roots grow super wide, up to a hundred feet across. They join with the roots of other trees, and all hold each other together. So when a storm comes, all of the sequoias hold each other up.



Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

Who is holding you up? Who can you trust to be there when life gets tough?

Also, who are you holding up? Who could you be there for when their life gets tough? If one of those trees tried to grow on its own, it wouldn't get very far. They are the biggest trees in the world because they work together.

When we work together, we have the chance to change this world. We can help others who are struggling, and we can have others to trust when we're going through difficult things.

I don't mean you have to fix everyone else's problems. Being there for someone listening to someone and caring about them, even if they're having a rough time, or a bad day. It means sitting with someone when they feel sad. It also means choosing to talk to someone when you're going through something tough. You don't have to go through it alone.



Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

The greatest One to trust when we need help is God. He is always there for us, and sometimes, even brings people into our lives to help us when we need it. God is the best friend we can ever have.

Every week here at church, we do something called “worship,” which means showing God that we love Him. We do that by learning about God, praying to Him, and by singing songs about Him. Let’s do that now!



Song #1: Rock This Planet



*(Auto-Advance)* Worship Slide

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



Song #2: I Will Follow You (EBC)



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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 being there for us. Help us to support others, too. 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. Look for ways to encourage others, even the adults you know!

We're only three weeks away from an awesome giveaway! We've got a board game to give to everyone who comes to Elevate on October 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. This game was made just for you, and you can only get it here!

**Do This:** Take out the board of the game and show it to the kids.

It looks like playing this game involves working together to find pieces of your team's crashed helicopter on a deserted island. You'll have to come back in a few weeks to find out more.

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



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