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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 1: Signing On

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



Keep lights brighter and music lower this week. Many new first graders may be intimidated by the dark room and loud music.



(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! It's so amazing to be here with all of you.



(Auto advance) Elevate Slide and Underscore

I'm so glad you're here for this awesome Fall Kick-Off weekend. My name is _____. We've got some awesome stuff planned for today. You're going to meet with your small groups for a game in just a minute. Then, we'll get to join the Source news team as they start a new school year! We'll talk about a big question in our group time, sing some songs together, and leave knowing one thing you and I can do to make a difference this week.

Let's get started!

Team Time

14:00



Series Title Slide: Multiplayer and clear audio

We're starting an awesome new series today called "Multiplayer." There are tons of different multiplayer games out there, but they all have one thing in common. You need more than one person to play! That's what "multiplayer" means; you don't play those games alone. We don't live life alone, either. If life was a game, it'd have to be multi-

player. In this series, we'll be talking how to make good friends, and be a good friend this school year. Next up, we've got a game called "Team Scavenger Hunt!"



Game Title Slide: Team Scavenger Hunt

In this game, your whole group will be on a scavenger hunt! There are things hidden all around this room for you to find. Your group leader will read a clue, and you'll all have to guess what the clue means. Once you figure it out, find that thing. There will be a challenge for your group to complete on it!

Do This: Make sure all of the scavenger hunt items are placed around the room, and that each has a "get to know you" activity paired with it. Each group will have one object to find, and an activity that goes along with the object.

Know This: There are different get to know you activities with each item. Different activities may work well with different groups or group leaders. Feel free to have them select the activity that fit their group best.

Know This: Make sure you have enough "get to know you" activities hidden to have one for each small group. You may need to hide two of the same activity, in which case you would hide them on the same kind of object. (For example, if the object was a table, you would hide the papers with the activities on two different tables.)

Know This: Older groups may walk around the room looking for the object. For younger groups, it may help if the group leaders read off the clue, have the kids guess what it is, and then walk to grab the item themselves, instead of having the whole group move. If the kids, especially first graders, are struggling with the clue, you may simply have them do the get to know you activity, and not try to find the item.

You may join your groups now! Look for the flag with your grade written on it and go there. If you are in first grade, you will go to the white flag to meet your group leader.

Do This: Allow groups to get organized.

Everyone ready? You'll have seven minutes to find your item and complete the activity that comes with it. Go!



7:00 Countdown and Fun Game Music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: Team Scavenger Hunt (and clear audio)

Good job everyone, you can come back to the front and find a place to sit! For that scavenger hunt, you needed a team. I hope you got to know your groups a little better! Next, I'm excited to learn a little more about each other with our question of the day.



QOTD Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What's your favorite game?

What is your favorite game? Is it a game you play at recess? Is it a board game? A video game? A game you made up? Whatever it is, share it with someone else, and listen to their favorite game, too!

Do This: Give kids about thirty seconds to talk with each other, then move on.



Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

There are so many kinds of games out there, they are super fun!

Media: Part 1

6:00

Last school year, we got to know a group of students who started a newspaper called "The Source" in their school. They had some crazy adventures, and I'm excited to tell you that The Source is back! First we'll hear from our super fun host Rue, then we'll find out how Gabby, Trixie, and Bowie are doing with the start of the new school year.



The Source: Part 1 (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

I think it's clear that the friends we choose make a big difference. You'll get to talk about what you think they should do in group time! Group time is a chance for you to ask big questions and talk about important things with your group leader. Today, be thinking about what a difference our friends make in our lives. Alright, you can look for your group's flag, and meet your group leader there. I'll see you again in a couple 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 an amazing story for us, that might help us see how important our friends are, and how to choose good friends.



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

It's so fun to have the Source back! In their story, and even in Jesus' story, it was so clear that our friends make a big difference in our lives.

Application

5:00

All of that means something important.



A good friend is worth searching for.

A good friend is worth searching for. We started this time with a scavenger hunt, where you got clues that helped you find something hidden in the room. Well, there are clues that help us know if someone is a good friend to have, too. Looking for those things can help us choose good friends. We'll be talking about a lot of those things each week during this series.



Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

But what can we do to find good friends today? Well, there are two steps every one of us can take to find good friends.



1. Be a good friend.

The first step we can take to find good friends is to be a good friend. That's what Jesus did. Some of his followers weren't very popular with other people, but Jesus cared about them and accepted them. Some of them weren't nice to Jesus at first, but He forgave them. Jesus chose to be a good friend to everyone around Him.

How can we be good friends to others? You can probably think of several ways already! Good friends are always there for you. They listen to you. They help you when you need it. They forgive you when you argue. Good friends are the best people to have around! Every one of you can be a good friend to others in school, at home, and here at church!

There's another step we can take to find good friends, though.



1. Be a good friend.
2. Give someone new a chance.

To find good friends, we have to give others the chance to be our friend. Remember how different Jesus' followers were? They were from different places, liked different things, and some of them even disagreed with each other a lot. Some of them were very popular, some of them weren't very well liked at all. Jesus gave them all the chance to be His friend.

That doesn't mean being friends with every person in the world, that's just not possible. You could watch for someone you don't know well, or someone who is new

to your school, and give them a chance, though. Ask them to join you at lunch, or to play a game together. You might just find a great new friend.



Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

You can keep on thinking about someone new you could be a good friend to, but for a few minutes, we're going to worship. "Worship" means showing God that we love Him. We worship every week here by singing about how amazing God is. This is a super fun song, "Jump!" Let's get ready to sing and jump together.



Song #1: Jump



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

God's love for us is so amazing! Let's keep on singing about it with another great song- Heartbeat.



Song #2: Heartbeat



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

It's great singing with you all. You can sit, but let's take a moment to talk to God.

God, thank you for loving us. Help us to be good friends, and look for others we could include this week. In Jesus' name, amen.

Challenge

1:00

Let's check in with Rue one more time, she has a challenge all of us can take this week.



Challenge Video (1:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

I'll take that challenge this week! I hope you will, too. A good friend is totally worth searching for.

Wrap-Up

1:00

Since this is a new series, we have a new Family Connection Card for you to take home!
Do This: Show kids the Family Connection Card.

This card has some great activities and ways you can keep on practicing what we learn here in Elevate, even while you're at home. You can head to free time, and I hope to see you all next week!



Elevate Slide



Start free time music videos