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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 2: Player 2

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! 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 _____. 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 watch the Source news team's adventure this week. 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 be good friends to others this week.

Let's get started!

Team Time

14:00



Series Title Slide: Multiplayer and clear audio

We're in a series called "Multiplayer." It's not always easy working with others, but every time we're on a team, in a group, or just spending time with friends, we have to work together. If life were a game, we wouldn't be able to play it alone, it'd be multiplayer. This series is all about how the people in our lives impact us, and how we make a difference in their lives, too. Let's get started with a game called "Team Builder."



Game Title Slide: Team Builder

In this game, your group will be competing to see who can build the best bridge! Your group leaders will split you into two groups and give each group something different to build with. Whichever group can build the best bridge wins!

Do This: Make sure each group has the items they need: Paper and tape.

Know This: The groups may bridge between two chairs, tables, or have two kids hold the ends of the bridge.

Know This: Make sure group leaders understand how this works ahead of time. They will divide their group in half and tell them to build the best bridge possible. They'll give one half the tape, and one half the paper. The kids may start working to build using only what they've been given, which will not work well. The goal is for them to realize that they can build a better bridge by both groups working together. The leaders should encourage them and guide them toward that realization.

Know This: For younger groups, the leaders shouldn't let the kids struggle, as they may not understand what's happening. The leaders may simply ask questions like "If I gave you only paper, could you build a very good bridge? No. If I gave you only tape, could you build a good tower? Not really. Let's see what kind of bridge we can make when we all work together."

Know This: If you have extra-large groups, they may split into four or six smaller groups, still giving half of them tape, and half of them paper. Then, leaders should still encourage two opposing groups to work together.

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 build your bridges! Let's go!



7:00 Countdown and Fun Game Music!



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

Good job everyone, you can come back to the front and find a place to sit! I hope you learned a little bit about your team. The only way to build a good bridge was to work together. Each of your groups had a different important thing to build the bridge with. The bridge couldn't happen until you decided to share, and work to help each other.

Next up, we have another chance to learn more about each other, it's our question of the day!



QOTD Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What is one team you'll be part of this year?

What is one team you'll be part of this year? It could be a sports team, a band or choir, a group you're part of at school, or any other team you're on! Turn to someone next to you and share your answer! Then, make sure to listen to theirs, too.

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



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Whatever team you're a part of, I can promise you'll have to work with others to have a good team.

Media: Part 1

6:00

Even the Source news team has to work together to make their newspaper happen. Let's find out how they are practicing teamwork this week.



The Source: Part 1 (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

That's a big problem. You'll get to talk about what you would do in group time. Group time is a chance for you to ask big questions and talk about important things with your group leader. 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



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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 an amazing story for us, that might help us see a way we can be good friends, and change our teams, families, and friendships in the best way.



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

What an amazing story. By putting someone else first, we can change everything for them.

Application

5:00

That's what I want you to remember today.



A good friend puts others first.

A good friend puts others first. Jesus' story was an amazing example of that. The Samaritan saw someone he didn't know, who probably wouldn't have even been nice to him, and decided to help. The Samaritan put the man who was hurt first. He did what was best for that man, before thinking about himself. Jesus challenged everyone listening to that story to act like the Samaritan and put others first. That's why I want to ask you: Who could we put first today?



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Let's talk about that for a minute. We probably won't walk by someone hurt on the road like the Samaritan did, but there are people around us every day who desperately need help. They need someone to be a friend, to show that they care, and to put them first.

You can look for ways to put anyone first, you friends, family, and anyone you meet. Right now, though, let's talk about two kinds of people we could put first.



"Someone New" and kid image

The first kind of person is someone new. Many of you might feel like you're new, you have a new class, maybe even a new school. Having someone welcome you, invite you to be their friend, or even just show you around, can make a big difference. Starting something new can be tough, so when there's a new person in your grade, on your team, or in your group, what's one way you could put them first? Talk about that with someone near you.

Do This: Allow kids to talk for about thirty seconds. If there is time, allow one or two of them to share their ideas.

Awesome. Just including someone can be a way to put them first. On your team, be sure to pass the ball to them. Say hi. Ask them a question. You might find a new friend. Let's try another, even tougher example.



"Someone you don't agree with." And argument image.

What about someone you don't agree with? Wherever we go, there will always be people we don't get along with. It might be someone at school, and sometimes we might even disagree with our brothers or sisters. How would you feel if someone you were arguing with was still very kind to you, or they listened closely to you, even though they disagreed? That would make me feel like they really cared about me. We have the chance to do that for others!

If you don't agree with someone, maybe you're even arguing with them, how could you put them first? Talk about that with someone near you for a moment.

Do This: Allow kids to talk for about thirty seconds. If there is time, allow one or two of them to share their ideas.

One great way to put them first is to let them talk. Try to understand what they're saying before you tell them what you think. You could also do something kind for them, even though you don't agree with them. We can be friends with someone, even if we disagree with them.

Now, putting someone first never means just letting them do whatever they want. You don't have to agree with them all the time or say they're always right. That's not healthy at all. But you can treat them kindly, listen to them, and respect them, even if you disagree.

After all, that's the example Jesus gave us.



Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

Rue has a great challenge for us coming up, but before that, we're going to worship God. To "worship" means to say or show how much we love God. It means to focus on how wonderful and amazing God is. Every week, we worship by singing to God. Let's do that now!



Song #1: Higher than the Sky



(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, and putting us first. Help us to put others first 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)



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That is a great challenge. You can find a way to put someone first this week! I'll be looking for a chance to do that, too.

Wrap-Up

1:00

If you missed it last week, we have a Family Connection Card for you to take home! This card can help you keep on practicing what we've learned here while you're at home.

Do This: Show kids the Family Connection Card.

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



Elevate Slide



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