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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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### **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 7: For the Team

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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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 friends who disagreed, and had a big argument.

## 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 "Get Off My Lawn."



Game Title Slide: Get Off My Lawn

I've got a couple hundred ball pit balls up here. We're going to split the room in half for teams. Your goal is to throw the ball pit balls onto the other side of the room. Whichever team has the most ball pit balls on their side at the end loses. Go ahead and move to your side of the room!

**Do This:** Divide the room in half, roughly down the middle. If it works for your space, you may divide them by grade (especially for 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade spaces). Give the groups time to get to their sides of the room.

**Know This:** Divide the room with cones, leaving about four feet of empty space between the two sides. Kids may reach into this space, but not go into it. This will help prevent kids from throwing the balls at each other or running to the other side of the room.

One rule is to remember, you're trying to throw the balls as far as you can to the other side, you can't throw them at the people on the other team. Ready, set, go!



1:00 Countdown and Fun Game Music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: Get Off My Lawn (and clear audio)

Great job! It looks like the \_\_\_\_\_ are the winners!

**Do This:** Play 2-3 times, as time allows. You should use about 8 minutes playing this game.

Now, everyone pick up at least two ball pit balls, and put them back in the bins.

**Do This:** Make sure the ball pit balls get mostly cleaned up.

That game was fun, but what do we do when our friendships feel like we're fighting with each other, or trying to win? We argue, say mean things, and try to prove we're right. We all disagree sometimes, but it's what we do when we disagree that can change our friendships forever. We'll talk more about that in a minute, but first, we have a challenge from our challenge wheel!



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: Find someone with a different favorite animal than you.

Find someone with a different favorite animal than you. Make sure you learn what their favorite animal is, and their name. Ready, set, go!

**Do This:** Allow kids to find someone.



Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

Great job! We all disagree on some things, even our favorite animals.

## Media: Part 1

6:00

The Source team disagrees about some things, too. Let's see what they're having trouble with 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 two super close friends who had a big argument.



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



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We're going to disagree with people, but what you do when you disagree is super important.

## Application

5:00

That's what I want you to remember today.



A good friend forgives.

A good friend forgives. Sometimes, that means forgiving someone else, even if they are still mad. Sometimes that means forgiving someone, even if you still feel mad. Forgiving isn't always easy, but without it, our friendships can't grow. In fact, if we never forgive, we'll end up being trapped.



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What do I mean by that? Well, let's test it out. Can I get someone to help me?

**Do This:** Choose a kid to help you. Have them stand a few feet away from you on stage.

Awesome. All you have to do is stand right there, while I work on this wall.

**Do This:** Take out several giant Legos. As you talk, build a wall between you and the other person. You may speed up this process by having three or so blocks stacked ahead of time.



When we argue with someone, say mean things, or are unkind, or they do those things to us, it's like we are adding a brick to a wall in-between us. This brick might be a mean comment they said. This one might be a time I talked behind their back.

This one might be just a time we argued with each other. We fought about what game to play, or about who was better. All these things build a wall between us, just like Ms. Maine was talking about in the Source.

**Do This:** Complete the wall, so you are cut off as much as possible from the other person.

Does it look like we have an awesome friendship right now? Probably not.

This is what happens when we don't forgive, and this just represents one friendship. The more people you don't forgive, the bigger this wall gets. That's how not forgiving others traps us. The answer isn't easy, but it is simple.

**Do This:** Remove a brick from the wall.

Say to the person "I forgive you." Forgive them for what they said, for that time you argued. I forgive you for what you said. I forgive you for talking behind my back. I forgive you for being unkind.

**Do This:** With each thing you forgive them for, take another brick out of the wall. Get down to the lower blocks.

Sometimes, you might still feel mad about something that happened a long time ago. You might think if they don't remember it, you shouldn't say anything. But if you still need to forgive them, tell them about it, no matter how long ago it was. That's the only way the walls between us start to break down.

If there's someone you need to forgive, don't wait! Tell them you forgive them today.



Worship Slide

## Worship

8:00

It's so important to remember that we forgive others because God forgave us first. He loves us and shows us how to have the best possible friendships. That's one reason we worship God, showing how much we love Him, every week. Let's do that by standing up and singing together!



Song #1: Remind Me



*(Auto-Advance)* Worship Slide

Let's keep on singing and moving with another fun song about God's love for us.



Song #2: Higher Than the Sky



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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 forgiving us. Help us to forgive others in the same way. 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. Forgiving others is so important, we shouldn't put it off.

## Wrap-Up

1:00

Next week, we're giving away something amazing, a board game designed just for you! The most important thing is, everyone who comes next week will get one of these games.

**Do This:** Show kids the board game.

If you bring a friend, you'll get even more than the game, too! You and your friend will both get one of these super cool hats, as well as the awesome board game.

**Do This:** Show kids the two hats.

Everyone gets the game, but the only way to get the hat is to bring a friend who is new to Elevate. You can't get these anywhere else, so make sure you come next week, and invite a friend to come, too!

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



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