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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 4: Side Quests

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 someone who got really distracted and learn one thing all of us can start doing today to make our friendships way better.

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. Right now, I'm ready to get moving with a game called Extreme Follow the Leader.



Game Title Slide: Extreme Follow the Leader

You may have heard about "Follow the Leader," a game where one person leads others around somewhere, and they have to just follow. This is totally different. Your whole group has to solve a puzzle together, following your leader's instructions.

Join your groups, and your leader will show you the puzzle you get to solve! Look for the flag with your grade written on it and go there.

Do This: Give the groups time to get together.

Know This: Both groups will be trying to roll balls across a tarp, in a “Labyrinth” style maze game. 1-3rd grade groups should have an instruction sheet that is slightly easier than 4-5th graders’ instructions. For 1-3rd grade groups, the leader should give them instructions, and allow them to talk about how to solve the puzzle. For 4-5th grade groups, the leader may choose one kid to be the speaker to add more of a challenge. That kid is the only one in the group who may speak for the activity.

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: Extreme Follow the Leader (and clear audio)

Great job! That looked super challenging, especially since most of you couldn’t speak. Next, you’ll all get a chance to talk, though, as you answer our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: If you built a robot, what would you want it to do?

If you built a robot, what would you want it to do? Your chores? Your homework? Make food? Turn to someone next to you and talk about that!

Do This: Give kids about thirty seconds to talk.



Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

Those sound like fun ideas. We might be able to build robots that vacuum, clean, and do math problems, but it’s interesting to think about what things only people can do, like listen, care, and be a good friend.

Let's check in with Rue to see what she's talking about 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 got a little distracted.



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

All of us want our friends to pay attention to us and listen. That's an important part of being a good friend.

Application

5:00

That's what I want you to remember today.



A good friend pays attention.

A good friend pays attention. There are so many things that can distract us, and keep us from listening, and those things aren't bad. Remember Mary and Martha's story? Martha wasn't doing anything wrong, but because she was so distracted, she was missing out on something amazing- getting to talk to Jesus and learn from Him.

When we don't pay attention to the people around us, we're missing out, too. We're missing chances to help them, make their lives better, and be good friends to them.



Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

When we stop to listen, we might discover that we've been missing something that was there all along. Here's an example. For twenty seconds, we're going to be totally silent and listen. Only think about the things you can hear. Everyone ready, set, go.

Do This: Listen with the kids for about twenty seconds. If they are struggling, you may end it after ten.



20 Second Timer (no sound)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

What were some of the things you could hear?

Do This: Allow a couple kids to answer.

You could probably hear the air going through the vents in the ceiling. Maybe some birds outside, or the sound of someone's hand scratching the carpet. If we were all talking, could we hear any of those things? Probably not.

Sounds aren't the only thing that keep us from listening, though. Martha was distracted by a lot of things that kept her super busy. All the things we have to do, school, music, sports, homework, games, they can keep us so busy we never take the time to listen. The thing is, we shouldn't stop doing all those things, we just need to remember to stop and listen, especially to our friends and families.

So this week, take time to listen to others. In a minute, we'll hear Rue's challenge for us, but first, let's take a moment to worship God.



Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

God always has time for us, He listens to us, and cares about everything going on in our lives. He's the greatest example of love and friendship we can ever have. That's one of the reasons we worship Him. Let's sing this song about our amazing God together.



Song #1: Higher than the Sky



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Movin Me



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

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

God, thank you for listening to us and caring about us. Help us to pay attention to 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)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Multiplayer

That's a great challenge. I'll be on the lookout this week for a time I can stop and listen, just to show someone else that I care. I hope you will, too!

Wrap-Up

1:00

Before we finish, there's something I want to show you. This series is called "Multiplayer," like multiplayer games, so we wanted to give away a game. Not just any game, though, one that you can't get anywhere else.

Do This: Show kids the board game.

This game was designed just for us here in Elevate. In it, you have to work together with your team to escape a deserted island. The best news is, we're giving this game away in a few weeks! Everyone who comes to Elevate on October 26/27, in four weeks, will get this game to keep. That is an awesome weekend to invite your friends to come. We'll get to see more parts of the game in the next few weeks.

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



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