

TRAILBLAZERS



Large Group

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Series at a Glance for Elevate

About this Series:

Where would you love to explore? The densest jungle? The deepest sea? This summer, we're taking an expedition to learn more about ourselves, and the amazing way God designed every one of us. Get ready to blaze a trail into the unknown, and discover some incredible things about God, our world, and ourselves.

Key Verses:

Philippians 4:7-8- "Then God's peace will watch over your hearts and your minds. He will do this because you belong to Christ Jesus. God's peace can never be completely understood. Finally, my brothers and sisters, always think about what is true. Think about what is noble, right, and pure. Think about what is lovely and worthy of respect. If anything is excellent or worthy of praise, think about those kinds of things."

Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Title:	Big Idea:
	<u>Part 1: Who Am I?</u>	
Lesson 1: June 12/13	Trailhead Creation-Gen. 1, Eph. 2:10	I am uniquely created by God.
Lesson 2: June 19/20	In the Crew Zacchaeus-Luke 19, Rom. 15:7	I am accepted by God just the way I am.
Lesson 3: June 26/27	A new Horizon Moses-Exodus 3, Phil. 4:13	I am capable because God is with me.
Lesson 4: July 3/4	Back on Track Lost Sheep, Ps. 139:17-18	I am valuable to God.
Lesson 5: July 10/11	Outlook Point Paul- Acts 16, 1 Thess. 5:16-18	I can choose to have a good attitude.
	<u>Part 2: How Am I Influencing?</u>	
Lesson 6: July 17/18	Long Way Home Lost Son-Luke 15, John 3:16	I am loved by God no matter what.
Lesson 7: July 24/25	A Fork in the Trail Ruth	My choices impact others.

Lesson 8: July 31/August 1	Way-Words Eph. 4:29	I can choose words that make a difference.
Lesson 9: August 7/8	The Next Step Daniel 5-6	I can take a stand for what I believe.
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Lesson 10: August 14/15	<u>Part 3: Who am I Becoming?</u> Backtracked Joseph- Genesis 37, 45, 50:20.	I can see mistakes as chances to learn.
Lesson 11: August 21/22	Which Way? Samuel- 1 Samuel 2-3	I can do what's right when no one is watching.
Lesson 12: August 28/29	Into the Unknown Joshua- 1:9, 2 Timothy 1:7	God gives me the courage to do hard things.
Lesson 13: September 4/5	Onward! David- 1 Samuel 16-19	God has a purpose for me, wherever I go.

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Lesson 1: Trailhead

Have you ever created something really special? A piece of art, a comic book, a Lego project, or an invention? When you create something, it matters to you. You take time to make it just the way you want it to be. This week, we'll explore what it means to be created by God and how that impacts our lives.

Lesson 2: In the Crew

We all want to be a part of a group. Sometimes we even try to change things about ourselves so that we can fit in with the people around us. This week we will hear about how Jesus accepted someone that most people rejected.

Lesson 3: A New Horizon

Life can be challenging. It can feel like we are on an adventure with mountains to climb, rivers to cross, and obstacles that get in our way. Sometimes we wonder if we really have what it takes to do the things God wants us to do. This week, we will discover how God showed a man named Moses that he was capable.

Lesson 4: Back on Track

Have you ever lost something that was valuable? When that happens, we do anything we can to find it! It is incredible to know that God thinks we are valuable – so valuable that he would do whatever it takes to be close to us.

Lesson 5: Outlook Point

A good attitude is amazing. It can turn something challenging into something fun. A bad attitude, though, can turn even the most fun things into frustrating, difficult, and boring ones. This week, we'll see how our attitudes can change the world around us.

Lesson 6: Long Way Home

Sometimes our mistakes and the wrong things we do make us feel like no one could ever love us. We might feel like we have to do all the right things so that we can earn God's love. This week, we'll hear the story of The Lost Son and learn more about the incredible love God has for each one of us!

Lesson 7: A Fork in the Trail

Sometimes, it's easy to believe our choices don't matter, that they don't affect anyone. This week, we'll hear how Ruth learned that her choices really do make a difference; and we'll see how our decisions can impact others today.

Lesson 8: Way-Words

Our words can be used to help or to hurt. In Ephesians, Paul challenges us to use words that build others up. We'll find out what that looks like this week!

Lesson 9: The Next Step

Daniel was in a new land with few friends. When others expected him to do things God says are wrong, Daniel had to choose whether to follow God or follow the people around him. This week, we'll discover the impact we can have when we stand up for what we believe.

Lesson 10: Backtracked

Imagine you've made a mistake. Something goes wrong, you mess up, but what happens next? Do you get angry? Give up? Blame someone else? Or could we see our mistakes in a different way? This week, we'll find out how our mistakes might even be a good thing.

Lesson 11: Which Way?

"Integrity" means doing what's right, even when no one is watching. This week, we'll hear how a man named Samuel chose integrity, even when others around him didn't.

Lesson 12: Into the Unknown

In the Bible, we see God tell people to be courageous, but it's not always for the reasons we'd expect. In Joshua's story, Joshua had to fight battles and lead a nation, but God said there was one thing he would do that would take even more courage than those things. We'll find out what it is this week!

Lesson 13: Onward!

King David's story doesn't start in a palace, it starts in a field. David was a shepherd, a musician, and a poet, and all of those were part of God's plan. As this new school year starts, we'll discover how everything we do is part of the way God designed us.

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Lesson Outline for Elevate

Lesson 2: In the Crew

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (11:00)	
Worship (4:00)	
Media Part 1 (4:00)	0:00 – 20:00
Group Time (10:00)	
Media Part 2 (6:00)	
Worship (4:00)	20:00 – 40:00
Team Time 2 (8:00)	
Media Part 3 (8:00)	
Application and Wrap-Up (4:00)	40:00 - 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! We've got some awesome games, stories, and music coming up, I'm excited to get started!

Elevate is an awesome place where we get to have fun and learn about God. It's also a place where we show respect. We respect the leaders in here by listening and following their instructions. We respect others by being kind and keeping our hands to ourselves. And we respect the room by being safe, and not damaging anything. Showing respect like that helps us all have an awesome time.

Team Time

11:00



Series Title Slide: Trailblazers and clear audio

The series we're in is called "Trailblazers." We're on an expedition to learn more about ourselves and the amazing way God designed every one of us. We are answering the question "Who am I?" and today we get to learn that we are accepted by God.

Let's get started with a game called "Animal Round-Up".



Game Title Slide: "Animal Round-Up"

Here is how the game works. I'm going to show you a picture of group of animals. Your job is to guess what that group of animals is called. You will be given 3 options and you will need to stand next to the letter that matches your guess. We have an A, B, and C hanging up in the room. Some of these are tough but give it your best guess!

Here is the first one!



Image of Giraffes

- A. Pillar
- B. Monument
- C. Tower

What do you think a group of giraffes is called? Is it A. Pillar, B. Monument, or C. Tower? Choose your answer and move to the matching letter!

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Image

C. Tower

Great job! Let's try another one.



Image of cats

- A. Arc
- B. Barrange
- C. Clowder

What do you think a group of cats is called? I don't know if I have heard of any of these names! Is it A. Arc, B. Barrange, or C. Clowder?

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Image of cats

C. Clowder

A group of cats is called a clowder. Let's see if we can guess this next one!



Image of Turkeys

- A. House
- B. Rafter
- C. Goggle

What do you think a group of turkeys is called? Is it A. a House, B. a Rafter, or C. a Goggle? Animal groups have some strange names!

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Turkey Image

B. Rafter

Great job! These are not easy! Let's try another one.



Image of alligators

- A. Pew
- B. Church
- C. Congregation

Alligators! What are they called? A. a pew, B. a church, or C. a congregation?

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Image of Alligators

C. Congregation

That's so interesting! That is also the name that can be used for a group of people in a church! Here is another one to try.



Image of Monkeys

- A. Troop
- B. Army
- C. Delegation

Hmm...what do you think a group of monkeys would be called? Are they A. a troop, B. an army, or C. a delegation? Make your guess!

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Image of Monkeys

- A. Troop

A group of monkeys is called a troop! Let's try another one.



Image of Eagles

- A. Graduation
- B. Convocation
- C. Commencement

What do you think a group of eagles would be called? These are some pretty big words! Are eagles called A. a graduation, B. a convocation, or C. a commencement?

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Image of Eagles

- B. Convocation

Convocation is the right answer. We're down to our last two animal groups!



Image of Jellyfish

- A. Smack
- B. Slap
- C. Punch

This is a funny one! Is a group of jellyfish called an A. smack, B. slap, or C. punch?

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Image of Jellyfish

A. Smack

Jellyfish are called a smack! That is a funny name for a group. Here is our last one!



Image of Bears

- A. Roar
- B. Sleuth
- C. Slouch

Do you think a group of bears is called A. a roar, B. a sleuth, or C. a slouch? Make your best guess!

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Image of Bears

B. Sleuth

A group of bears is called a sleuth. Great job everyone!



Game Title Slide: "Animal Round Up" and clear audio

All of us want to be a part of a group and feel like we belong. We're going to talk more about that in a little bit, but first we get to sing. We call this "worship," because we're singing to show that we love God.



Worship Slide

Worship

4:00

This song is about how amazing God’s love is! Let’s stand up and get ready to move and sing together!



Worship Song 1: By Your Love



(Auto Advance) Worship Slide

I love singing with all of you. Go ahead and sit down.

Media: Part 1

4:00

Next, we get to check in with the trailblazing team, and find out what challenge they’re facing on their show: “Trailblazers.”



Media Part 1 (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

What a great question. What can I do to be accepted and feel like I belong? Do I have to act a certain way or be a certain kind of person? That’s what we’ll get to talk about next, in group time!

Know This: You will have to decide ahead of time whether to do group time in small groups or as a large group. If there are enough group leaders, it is recommended to spend this time in small groups, divided up by grade. If that’s the case, tell the group leaders one minute before their time is up, and skip the “Group Time” portion of the script. If you have to run this as a large group, move on through the group time portion of the script.

Group Time

10:00

The first thing we get to do is turn to someone near us and talk about this question.



What is your favorite group you have been a part of?

What is your favorite group you have been a part of? Was it a sports team, a band or choir, your family, a group at school, or something else? Talk about it with the people next to you.

Do This: Allow kids to talk for about 30 seconds. After they talk for a bit, you may ask 1-2 of them to answer out loud. If you talked to anyone who had a good answer during this time, you could also ask them to share it out loud.

Thanks so much for sharing!



Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

All of us want to feel like we are a part of a group and know that we are accepted. People aren't always going to accept us, though, and there may be times that we feel left out. The good news is that God always accepts us. Check out this Bible verse from the book of Romans.



Romans 15:7 - "Christ has accepted you. So accept one another in order to bring praise to God."

Do This: Read the verses from the screen.

Christ is another name for Jesus. This verse doesn't say Jesus has accepted you only if you look a certain way. It doesn't say that you only get approval from Jesus if you are good at sports or have a lot of friends. The verse just says that Jesus has accepted you. You don't have to do anything to earn it.

There might be people in your life who will label you and tell you what they think you are. Sometimes what they say about you can make you feel good, but sometimes what they say about you can be hurtful.

Do This: Have the sticker labels out and a marker ready to use. Write the word on the label and stick it on yourself as you talk about each word.

Maybe people have called you smart or friendly.

Do This: Say each label slowly and put each sticker label on yourself as you say it.

Those labels can make you feel good and you might like to be called those things. But maybe you have gotten a more hurtful label like weird or annoying.

Do This: Say each label slowly and put each sticker label on yourself as you say it.

When that happens to us, we might start to feel bad inside about who we are. We walk around with all of these labels, feeling good or bad about ourselves depending on what other people say about us.

Many of us try to earn certain labels by changing things about ourselves. You think to yourself, if I just wear these clothes I will fit in with this group. Or maybe if I talk like this people will like me. You work hard and do anything you can just to be accepted.

What if instead of worrying about what other people say about you, you started believing what God says about you.

Do This: As you are talking, start removing the labels until you have removed them all.

The labels you have would start to fall off. Both the good and the bad labels wouldn't matter anymore because the only thing that would matter is who God says you are. And God says that you are accepted and loved right now, just the way you are.

Let's talk about another question.



Have you ever done something just to be accepted into a group? What was it?

Have you ever done something just to be accepted into a group? What was it? Talk about that with someone next to you.

Do This: Let kids talk for about 30 seconds. After that, you could ask one or two of them to share their answers.

Thanks for sharing! When we know and believe we are accepted by God, we can stop working so hard to fit in with different groups of people. We can be ourselves, just the way that God created us to be. We're going to check back in with the Trailblazer Team in a moment, but first, let's stand up and complete a challenge from our challenge wheel!



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: Hop on 1 foot for 20 seconds!

Hop on 1 foot for 20 seconds! Stand up and get ready... set... go!



20 Second Countdown and fun music!

Great! Find a spot to sit!

Media: Part 2

6:00

Let's check in again with the trailblazer team to hear a story about a man who had been given some labels by others, but who Jesus accepted.



Media Part 2 (6:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

Wow, I am so thankful that God accepts us just as we are and also helps us to grow into the people he wants us to be!

Worship

4:00

Let's stand up and sing about God, who accepts us and calls us his child.



Worship Song 2- Who I Wanna Be



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

Thanks for singing with me! Find a place to sit and I'll tell you about the activity we have coming up.

Team Time 2

8:00

This game is called "Some of my Friends"



Game Title Slide: Some of my Friends

Know This: This game will work best with groups of about 20-30 kids. Depending on the amount of kids you have, you could play this game as a whole group, divide the group in half, or break up into your grade level groups. Do whatever works best with your numbers and space available.

In this game, your group will form a circle and sit down. One person will stand in the middle and the people sitting in the circle should make sure there are no open spots. The person in the middle will say, “Some of my friends....” and then fill in the blank with something they like. For example, they could say “Some of my friends like pizza”. Then everyone in the circle who likes pizza will need to stand, run across the circle, and find a new spot to sit. The person who ends up without a spot becomes the person in the middle. Some other examples could be “Some of my friends like dogs” or “Some of my friends play soccer”. If you agree with what the person in the middle says, you need to stand up and find a new spot in the circle. Alright, get into your groups and let’s get started!



Fun Game Music!

Do This: Help break kids up into groups and form their circles. There should be a group leader with each group that can help lead them through the game. You can help lead a group if needed.

That was fun! You can find a spot to sit.

Media Part 3

8:00

Let’s see what crazy game the trailblazing team has planned today!



Media Part 3 (8:00)



(Auto-Advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

Wow, what a fun game!

Application and Wrap-Up

4:00

We've learned a lot today. In fact, let's look back at the super important thing we should all remember.



Big Idea Slide: "I am accepted by God just the way I am."

I am accepted by God just the way I am. You can believe what God says about you – that you are perfectly created by Him, loved, and accepted. You don't have to do anything to earn God's acceptance.

In the video today, they told us the story of Zacchaeus and how Jesus accepted him just the way he was. The cool thing is that Jesus accepted him right away, but he also helped him grow into the person God wanted him to become. I've got something to give you that can help you remember what we talked about this week!



Trailblazer Guide Image: Week 2

Do This: Hold up the guidebook for this week.

Grab this book when you leave today! It's got super fun things to do in it. Here are a couple of them.

This one is an experiment that includes pepper and dish soap. You can try it at home and see how it relates to the labels that people sometimes give us.

There is also an activity that can remind us of the story of Zacchaeus and how Jesus accepted him, but also helped him to grow. In your book, you will have instructions on how to make something grow. I hope you will check it out when you leave!



Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

I have one more thing to show you before you go. If you have completed first grade and you've decided to follow Jesus, there is an amazing step you can take to follow Him. That step is called Baptism, and we have a baptism weekend coming up in just a few weeks. Here's a video to explain it a little more.



Calvin Baptism Video

If you are interested in being baptized, talk to your adults at home and have them get you signed up to talk to our kids pastor. Baptism is on July 10/11, so now is the time to get signed up!

Let's finish up by talking to God! Let's close our eyes and put our hands in our laps, so we can focus on what we're saying to God.

Do This: Pray with the kids.

God, you are wonderful. Thank you for loving us, no matter what. Help us remember that we are accepted by you just the way we are. Amen.

I'm glad you were all here today! Have an amazing week, everyone.



Elevate Slide



Start free time music videos