

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 3: A New Horizon

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 have been answering the question of "Who am I?". Today we are going to discover that we are capable.

But first, let's get started with some Hula Hoop Challenges.



Game Title Slide: "Hula Hoop Challenge"

In just a minute, you are going to do some hula hoop challenges in your group. First, you are going to head over to your group flags.

Do This: There should be one group leader at each flag to help facilitate the game. If you don't have enough group leaders, you could split in half and have the two groups compete against each other.

Okay, are you ready for the first group challenge? Let's get started! For this challenge, your group needs to stand in a circle and link arms. Your leader is going to place a hula hoop in the circle. Your job is to get the hula hoop around the whole circle as quickly as you can. The only catch is that you have to keep your arms linked the whole time. After you try it once, try it a second time and see if you can get the hula hoop around the circle even faster! Alright, listen to your leaders on when to start!



5 minute countdown and fun game music

Do This: Walk around the room, encouraging kids and giving some commentary on how they are doing. Assist group leaders if needed.



Game Title Slide: "Hula Hoop Challenge"

Great job everyone! You worked well together as a team. Now I have one more challenge for your groups! This challenge also involves a hula hoop. This time you will need to be in groups of about 6-10 kids and stand in a circle. You will raise your hands above your head with your index fingers sticking out. Your leader will place a hula hoop on your fingers and your job is to work together to lower the hula hoop to the ground without dropping it. This is harder than it sounds! Everyone in your group has to have both fingers on the hula hoop at all times, but you can't grab the hula hoop with your fingers. Your leaders will help you get started!



3 minute countdown and fun game music

Awesome job! That was definitely a challenge! Next up, 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 who we are because of Jesus! Let's stand up and get ready to move and sing together!



Worship Song 1: Remind Me



(Auto Advance) Worship Slide

I love singing with all of you. You can 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 today.



Media Part 1 (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

What a great question. Am I able to do things that are challenging? Do you ever feel like something is hard and you want to give up? 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.

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



What is one of the hardest things you have ever done? Did you ever feel like giving up along the way?

What is the hardest thing you have ever done? It could be a project you did or a new skill you learned. It could also be something like saying no when your friends wanted you to make a bad choice. Take some time to talk to the person 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.

I got to hear some great examples!



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There are times in our life when we will need to do something difficult. This verse from the book of Philippians, in the Bible, can help us when we go through something hard.



Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.

Do This: Read the verses from the screen.

Christ is another name for God's son, Jesus. Now, this verse doesn't mean that we can do absolutely anything – like I couldn't decide to fly right now or do a triple backflip. The writer of this verse is telling us that whatever we are going through and however tough life gets, we can get through it because Jesus gives us strength.

I want to tell you about two things you can do when you are going through something hard.



Prayer image

The first and most important thing you can do is to talk to God about it and pray. God is always listening to you and he loves when you talk to him. He wants to help you, guide you, and give you the strength you need to keep going.

The second thing you can do is to take one step forward. Here's what I mean. Imagine that you are standing in front of a huge mountain.



Photo of a mountain -

The mountain is tall and rocky and it looks overwhelming to try to get to the top. You think to yourself, "Where do I even start? I can never climb that high!". There are things in our life that can feel like a big mountain in front of us. We try to learn something we have never done before and it feels overwhelming and hard. We might feel like giving up. Maybe for you, something hard has happened in your family, like your parents have gotten divorced or someone is really sick and they aren't getting better. You start to wonder if you will ever make it through.

When you climb a mountain, there are no shortcuts to the top. To climb a mountain, you first need to take one step forward, and then one more, and then one more. They are small steps, but eventually if you don't give up you will get to the top.



Photo of a mountain climber at the top of the mountain.

Maybe after talking to God about it, a step you can take is forgiving someone who has hurt your feelings or apologizing to someone you hurt. If you are going through something difficult, maybe one step you can take is to talk to an adult you trust about the hard things you are going through. Maybe for you, memorizing the verse we talked about could be a step that you take. Jesus is able to give you the strength to take steps forward and get through difficult things.

Let's talk about another question.



What is something that you want God's help with this week? Can you think of one small step you can take?

What is something you want God's help with this week? Can you think of one small step you can take? Talk about your answer with someone near you.

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

Here's what I want you to know. You are capable and you can do things that are hard because Jesus will give you strength. We're going to check back in with the Trailblazer Team in a moment, but first, we're going to stand up and complete a challenge from our challenge wheel!



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: Run in place as fast as you can for 20 seconds!

Run in place as fast as you can for 20 seconds! Stand 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 named Moses who thought he wasn't capable.



Media Part 2 (6:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

We can do the things God wants us to do, because he is with us and will give us strength!

Worship

4:00

Let's stand up, stretch out, and sing about our amazing God, who loves us and says that we are capable.



Worship Song 2- Jump



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

It is fun to jump around and celebrate all that God has done for us! Find a place to sit and I'll tell you about the activity we have coming up.

Team Time 2

8:00

We are going to play a game to review some of the things we learned today.



Game Title Slide: "Rewind Your Mind"

In this game, you will need to stand in the middle of the room. A question will appear up on the screen with two possible answers. Each answer will have an arrow pointing in a different direction. You will pick the answer you think is correct and move to that side of the room.

Let's try this first one! Everyone stand and move to the middle of the room.

Do This: Give kids time to move to the middle of the room.

After I read the question, I want you to walk to the side of the room the answer is on. Here is the first one:



The verse we read in Philippians said we can do everything if we try really hard.
TRUE or FALSE

Great job! That is false. The verse said we could do all things because of the power of Jesus who gives us strength. Okay, move back to the middle.

Here is another one.



Moses told God he didn't want to do what God was asking him to do because he was:
NOT A GOOD SPEAKER or NOT A GOOD SHEPHERD

Yes! Moses didn't think he was a good enough speaker. He was afraid to do what God was asking him to do because he felt like he wasn't capable. Move back to the middle!

Here is another question.



During group time, we used the example of this object in nature when we learned about being capable:

A RIVER or A MOUNTAIN

Great job! We talked about a mountain. It feels so big and hard, but to get to the top you need to keep taking one step at a time. Move back to the middle.

Here is the next one.



When Moses thought he wasn't capable, God told Moses he had to try harder and figure things out on his own.

TRUE or FALSE

Yes! That is false. God said he would be with Moses and help him all along the way. Move back to the middle.

Let's see if you can answer this next one! When you have your answer, walk to whatever side your answer is on.



I can only talk to God when I am at church.

TRUE or FALSE

False. You can talk to God anywhere – at home, at school, at the park, or anywhere you go. God is always listening to you so you can talk to him anytime. Move back to the middle.

Ok! This is our last one!



Two of the things I can do when I face something challenging are to pray and to take one step forward.

TRUE or FALSE

That is true! You did great! You can find a spot to sit down.

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! Those were some pretty fun silly human tricks!

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 capable because Jesus gives me strength."

I am capable because Jesus gives me strength. We can get through anything because Jesus will be with us and he will give us strength.

In the video today, they talked about the story of Moses. Moses was afraid to do the things God was asking him to do because he didn't think he had enough talent or ability. God showed Moses that it wasn't about how talented he was, but instead God's power was going to work through Moses. He just had to take the next step in following what God wanted him to do! I've got something to give you that can help you remember what we talked about this week!



Trailblazer Guide Image: Week 3

Do This: Hold up the guidebook for this week.

Grab this guidebook when you leave today! It's got super fun things to do in it.

This activity is about taking a next step. It is a picture of a mountain to remind us that we can do challenging things because Jesus gives us strength. By yourself, or with an adult, you can sit down and figure out one or two small steps you can take this week to do something that feels challenging for you. You'll write it here and then have it to look at and remember throughout the week.

There are also some super fun challenges that you can try at home. I'm not going to tell you what they are – you will have to look inside the book!



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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 amazing. Thank you for loving us, no matter what. Help us to remember that we are capable because Jesus will give us strength. Amen.

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



Elevate Slide



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