

# 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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## Series at a Glance for Elevate (continued)

### **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 5: Outlook Point

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.

Let's get started with a game called Noses with Attitude.



Game Title Slide: "Noses with Attitude"

This game is pretty simple. I'm going to show you a picture of someone, and you're going to guess how they're feeling. The catch is, I'm only going to show you a picture of their nose. You'll have to show me how you think they're feeling by standing up or sitting down.

Ready for the first nose?



Nose 1 Image and fun game music!

Stand: Happy

Sit: Sad

Is this nose on someone who feels happy or sad? If you think "happy," stand up, and if you think "sad," sit down.

**Do This:** Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Nose 1 Full Image

**Stand: Happy**

Sit: Sad

They were happy! Now you've got the idea, let's try another one.



Nose 2 Image

Stand: Happy

Sit: Angry

Stand up if you think this nose is happy and sit down if you think it's angry.

**Do This:** Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Nose 2 Full Image

Stand: Happy

**Sit: Angry**



That was an angry nose. Let's look at another one!



Nose 3 Image

Stand: Afraid

Sit: Surprised

Is the person this nose belongs to afraid or surprised? Stand if you think they're afraid, and sit if you think they're surprised.

**Do This:** Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Nose 3 Full Image

Stand: Afraid

**Sit: Surprised**

They were surprised! These are getting tougher, let's look at another nose.



Nose 4 Image

Stand: Sad

Sit: Hungry

Is this person sad or hungry? Stand if you think sad, and sit if you think they're hungry.

**Do This:** Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Nose 4 Full Image

Stand: Sad

**Sit: Hungry**

They were clearly hungry. Let's see if we can sniff out the answer to this next one.



Nose 5 Image

Stand: Flying through space

Sit: Sleeping on a cake

This is a little different. Is this nose attached to someone who is flying through space, or sleeping on a cake? Make your guess, stand for flying through space, and sit for sleeping on a cake.

**Do This:** Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Nose 5 Full Image

Stand: Flying through space

**Sit: Sleeping on a cake**

It's someone sleeping on a cake? They're probably feeling a little confused. Let's take a look at our next nose.



Nose 6 Image

Stand: Tired

Sit: Super excited

Is this person tired, or super excited? Make your guess! Stand to answer tired and sit for super excited.

**Do This:** Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Nose 6 Full Image

**Stand: Tired**

Sit: Super excited

They're looking tired. We are down to our last two noses!



Nose 7 Image

Stand: Singing

Sit: Annoyed

Is this person singing, or annoyed? Stand for singing and sit down if you think they're annoyed.

**Do This:** Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Nose 7 Full Image

**Stand: Singing**

Sit: Annoyed

They're singing! Let's see if you can pick the right answer for our final nose! We only get the very tip of a nose on this one.



Nose 8 Image

Stand: Underwater

Sit: Actually a Shark

Alright, stand if you think this person is underwater, and sit if you think this person is actually a shark.

**Do This:** Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Nose 8 Full Image

Stand: Underwater

**Sit: Actually a Shark**

It's actually a shark. That was really interesting!



Game Title Slide: "Noses with Attitude" and clear audio

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 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.

## 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 difference does my attitude make? 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.



Can you think of a time when having a good attitude made a difference?

Can you think of a time when having a good attitude made a difference? It could be a time you turned a chore you have to do into a game, and suddenly it was fun. It could be a time one of your friends cheered you up by having a good attitude. Talk about that with someone near 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!



Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

I think our attitudes can make a big difference. The super important thing to know, though, is that your attitude is your choice. In fact, check out these verses from the book of Thessalonians, in the Bible.



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18- “Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Give thanks no matter what happens.”

**Do This:** Read the verses from the screen.

Think about that for a minute. That says “always” be joyful. “Never” stop praying. And be thankful “no matter what.” I don’t know about you, but I wonder, how is that even possible? If something bad happens, how can I be joyful? If I feel angry, how can I give thanks?

That’s why it’s so important for all of us to remember, our attitude is our choice. We can choose joy, we can choose to trust God, and we can choose to be thankful. Here’s an example. Could I get two people to help me out?

**Do This:** Choose two kids to come up on stage. Give one of them a bottle of pop, and the other a bottle of water.

This, clearly, is a bottle of pop. This other one is a bottle of water. These are like two different attitudes we could choose. Sometimes, life is going to shake us up.

**Do This:** Have the kid holding the pop shake it up really well.

Someone says something that just makes us mad. Our brother or sister takes our things. Our parents have a rule that we don’t like. We can choose to have a bad attitude when those things happen. We can get angry, talk back, and think about all the mean things we could do to those people who made us mad. When we do that,

we're acting like this bottle of pop. Eventually, all that bad attitude builds up inside us, and we let it all loose!

**Do This:** Have the kid holding the bottle of pop open it above the container.

Have you ever seen that happen? You say something to a friend, and they snap back at you and get mean? Maybe you've felt that way. There is a different choice, though.

**Do This:** Have the kid holding the bottle of water shake it up while you talk.

When bad things happen, when life is tough, we can choose to say "I can have a good attitude." We can't control all the things that happen to us, but we can choose to be joyful, thankful, and trust God through it all. When we do that, we're choosing to be more like this water.

**Do This:** Have the kid holding the water bottle open it.

Nothing happened! Thanks for helping me out, both of you. You can find your seats.

**Do This:** Let both kids go back and sit down. Hold onto both bottles as you talk.

When someone says something mean to us, a good attitude can say "I won't let that ruin my day." When we make a mistake, a good attitude can say "I'll learn from that and try again." See the difference? Let's talk about another question.



What is one thing you could choose to have a good attitude about this week?

What is one thing you could choose to have a good attitude about this week? It could be a chore, something you have to go to or do that you're not really excited about, or just about anything! 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.

A good attitude can make a great difference. In fact, when we have good attitudes, people will probably ask us why we're peaceful, why things don't bother us as much. Then we get to tell them about God! He helps us have the right attitudes, and give us peace, hope and joy. Our attitudes can even help lead other people to know God and follow him. 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: Do as many jumping jacks as you can in 20 seconds!

Do as many jumping jacks as you can in 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 the power of our attitudes.



Media Part 2 (6:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

Wow, our attitudes can make such a big difference!

## Worship

4:00

Let's stand up, stretch out, and sing about our amazing God, who loves us, and shows us how to have peace and joy no matter what.



Worship Song 2- Higher Than The Sky



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

What a great thing to remember, God's love for us has no limits at all! Find a place to sit, everyone, I'll tell you about the activity we have coming up.

## Team Time 2

8:00

This activity is called “Reaction Time”



Game Title Slide: Reaction Time

In this game, half of you will line up on one side of the room, and half of you will line up on the other side. There will be a ball in between your lines. I'll choose one person to pick up the ball. When the person from your team grabs the ball, all of you have to run for your side of the room. If you make it past the cones, you are safe. When someone on the other team tags you, though, you have to switch and be on their team. When the person from the other team grabs the ball, you have to try to tag the people on the other team before they make it to their side.

**Do This:** You could demonstrate with a couple volunteers.

Then, it's the other team's turn to pick up the ball. Remember, though, you can't move until someone grabs the ball!

**Do This:** Set up the cones ahead of time. Divide the kids in half, just based on where they are sitting in the room. Have them line up on their starting lines. You may adjust this for your room's size, splitting the kids into four groups if necessary.

**Know This:** Make sure a starting line and finishing line is set up for each team, made out of cones. The starting lines should be about 6-8 feet apart. The ball will be placed in the middle. The finishing lines should be about 15-20 feet behind the starting lines on either side.



Fun Game Music!

Ready? As soon as someone grabs the ball, you can go!

**Do This:** Point to which team will grab the ball, alternating each time. If a team tags all of the members of the other team, they are the winners! You may play multiple times, if time allows, and kids are enjoying the game.

That was fun to watch! 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: "We can choose to have a good attitude."

We can choose to have a good attitude. Whatever happens, we can choose to give God control.

The trailblazing team said that our attitudes determined who was in control of our life. When we let God lead us, he will always help us to be more peaceful, loving, joyful, and thankful. I've got something to give you that can help you do that this week!



Trailblazer Guide Image: Week 5

**Do This:** Hold up the guidebook for this week.

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

This one is about setting out your attitude. By yourself, or with an adult, you can sit down and choose some words that you want your attitude to be like this week. You'll write them on here, then look at them, to remember what attitude you want to have. You could write words like "Joyful," "Helpful," "Listening," "Funny," "Friendly," and so many more! This list can help you choose your attitude ahead of time.

There are also instructions on here for how to make something really cool. I'll have to let you figure out what it is, though.



Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

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 to choose good attitudes this week. Amen.

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



Elevate Slide



Start free time music videos