

TRAILBLAZERS



Large Group

Trailblazers

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 10: Backtracked

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 Nailed it or Failed It!



Game Title Slide: "Nailed It or Failed It?"

We're going to play a video of a cat jumping. Your job is to guess whether the cat nails the jump or fails the jump. If you think the cat "nailed it," then stand up. If you think they fail the jump, sit down. Let's give it a try!

Do This: Play the game with the kids!

Let's take a look at our first cat.



Cat #1 Video (pauses)

Do you think that cat nails or fails the jump? Show me your answer!

Ready? Let's find out!



Cat #1 Video (full)

Wow! Let's check out the next one.



Cat #2 Video (pauses)

Do you think that cat nails or fails the jump? Show me your answer!

Ready? Let's find out!



Cat #2 Video (full)

Wow! Let's check out the next one.



Cat #3 Video (pauses)

Do you think that cat nails or fails the jump? Show me your answer!

Ready? Let's find out!



Cat #3 Video (full)

Wow! Let's check out the next one.



Cat #4 Video (pauses)

Do you think that cat nails or fails the jump? Show me your answer!

Ready? Let's find out!



Cat #4 Video (full)

Wow! Let's check out the next one.



Cat #5 Video (pauses)

Do you think that cat nails or fails the jump? Show me your answer!

Ready? Let's find out!



Cat #5 Video (full)

Wow! Let's check out the next one.



Cat #6 Video (pauses)

Do you think that cat nails or fails the jump? Show me your answer!

Ready? Let's find out!



Cat #6 Video (full)

Wow! Let's check out the next one.



Cat #7 Video (pauses)

Do you think that cat nails or fails the jump? Show me your answer!

Ready? Let's find out!



Cat #7 Video (full)

Wow! Let's check out the next one.



Cat #8 Video (pauses)

Do you think that cat nails or fails the jump? Show me your answer!

Ready? Let's find out!



Cat #8 Video (full)

Wow! That was fun! You can all stand up and get ready to sing and worship God!



Worship Slide

Worship

4:00

Worship is what we call singing about God and showing that we love him. In this song, we get to jump and move around! Let's get started!



Worship Song 1: Jump



(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 thought. What should we do when we fail? 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

I've got an example to show you, but first, let's check out this verse.



Proverbs 9:9- Teach a wise person, and they will become even wiser. Teach a person who does what is right, and they will learn even more.

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

This verse isn't really about teaching like in school, it's talking about what happens when someone corrects us, or shows us that we're wrong. Notice what a wise person does when someone tries to teach them. They learn. They become wiser. That's because a wise person knows they can always learn, change, and grow.

Sometimes, people think that some people are just "smart," or some people are just "athletic," and we can't change who we are. When someone says "I'm just not good at math," or "I can't do that," they are saying they can't learn, and they can't change. The problem is, that's just not true. Like the wise person in that verse knows, we can always learn and grow.

Here's an example. These are juggling balls.

Do This: Show kids some juggling balls.



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Can any of you juggle? It's a pretty cool talent. Let's say I can't juggle, I've never tried it before, but I'm going to try.

Do This: Try to juggle and fail. Drop the balls, let them fall.

That didn't work well. Now, I could say "I'm just not good at juggling, I can't do this." I mean, I failed. Tell me this, though, if I said that and gave up, would I ever be able to juggle? Probably not.

What if, though, I practiced? Step one of learning how to juggle is tossing one ball between my hands.

Do This: Toss one ball back and forth between your hands.

Once I can toss it and catch it without looking, I'm ready for a second one.

Do This: Add in a second ball. Toss one, then just before you catch it in your other hand, toss the other one. You only have to do this a couple times, and not very fast.

Now, this doesn't look much like juggling, does it? If I didn't think I could learn and grow, I'd probably feel like giving up here. When we fail, sometimes it feels like we'll never get where we want to be. The thing is, though, sometimes the best, wisest thing we can do is not give up, and choose to keep learning.

Do This: Add in a third ball. Whether you can juggle or not, try! If you can, show the kids! If you can't, that's fine, too, and applicable to what comes next.

The only way we'll never fail is if we never try. When we make mistakes or come up short, we might feel like quitting, but we can choose to learn and try again. Whatever it is we're struggling with, from juggling, to math, to sports, to music, we can learn and grow from it.

Next up, let's complete a challenge from our challenge wheel!



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: High five or elbow bump everyone wearing the same color shirt as you are!

High five or elbow bump everyone wearing the same color shirt as you are! You'll have thirty seconds. Ready, set, go!



30 Second Countdown and fun music!



(Auto-Advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

Nice! You can return to the middle and find a spot to sit.

Media: Part 2

6:00

Let's check in again with the trailblazing team to hear a story about what learning from failure looks like.



Media Part 2 (6:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

Joseph could have given up a hundred times, but each time he learned and grew from what had happened. What an amazing attitude.

Worship

4:00

Joseph knew he could learn from failure because no matter what happened, no matter what he had done, he knew God was always there with him. We can know that today, too! That's what this next song reminds us of. Let's stand up and sing together.



Worship Song 2- Heartbeat



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Singing with you is awesome. Next, we've got an activity to get us all moving!

Team Time 2

8:00

This activity is called "Group Juggling."



Game Title Slide: "Group Juggling"

In this activity, your goal is to get everyone to hit one balloon. The catch is, if you hit the balloon, you have to sit down and you can't touch it again. If the balloon hits the ground, or someone who is sitting, the game is done, and you have to start over.

Know This: If you have a large number of kids, you may want to split them into 2-3 groups and have them compete to see who can complete the challenge first. If their balloon hits the ground, they have to start over! If you play as one group, you may use all the balloons at once, but if one hits the ground, it is out.

Let's see if we can get everyone sitting down. Ready to give it a try?



Fun Game Music!

Know This: If they don't complete it the first time (they probably won't), challenge them to learn from that, and try it another way. Ask if they have any solutions to make it easier. This lesson is all about learning! Then, try again. If they do complete the challenge the first time, you could challenge them to complete it even faster, and see if they can still learn and do better the second time. Either way, try this at least twice.

Great job everyone!



Series Title Slide: Trailblazers (and clear audio)

You can all sit back down in the middle. Even in that game, we had to learn, fail, and try again. It reminds us that all of those things are part of growing and getting better.

Media Part 3

8:00

Let's see what wild game the trailblazers have planned today!



Media Part 3 (8:00)



(Auto-Advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

What an awesome game.

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



Big Idea Slide: "We can see mistakes as chances to learn."

We can see mistakes as chances to learn. Think about that for a minute. What if, the next time you made a mistake or failed, you didn't think "I can't do this," but instead, you thought "What can I learn from this?" It would make a whole world of difference.

The trailblazing team saw that today, too. They showed us how Joseph learned from his mistakes, and trusted God no matter how bad things got.



Trailblazer Guide Image: Week 10

Do This: Hold up the guidebook for this week.

Our guidebook for this week can help us learn from our failures. It will help you learn a new skill, maybe get better at something you want to improve on, and even teach you some fun tricks you can surprise your friends and family with.



Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

Let's finish up today 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 the following prayer with the kids.

God, you are wonderful. Thank you for loving us, no matter what. When we fail, help us choose to trust you and learn. Amen.

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



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