

WHEN LIFE

GETS MESSY

# Large Group

## When Life Gets Messy

Series at a Glance for Elevate

### About this Series:

We are all made to be in relationships, but why do they sometimes feel so messy? There can be conflict, gossip, or unkindness in even the best relationships. In this series, we'll get a little messy as we explore some surprising things that Jesus had to say about relationships.

### Key Verse:

John 15:12 – “Here is my command. Love one another, just as I have loved you.”

### Weekly Overview:

<b>Lesson:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Big Idea:</b>
Lesson 1: Sept. 12/13	Start with Me Matthew 7:1-5	I can choose to focus on my part.
Lesson 2: Sept. 19/20	Tension in the Air Matthew 18:15-16	I can work to solve arguments peacefully.
Lesson 3: Sept. 26/27	Won't You Be My Neighbor? Luke 10:25-37	I can treat other people the way I want to be treated.
Lesson 4: Oct. 3/4	Enemy Territory Luke 6:27-36	I can be kind to people I don't get along with.
Lesson 5: Oct. 10/11	The Greatest of All Time Mark 9:33-35, 10:43-45	I can serve others.
Lesson 6: Oct. 17/18	A Matter of the Heart Luke 6:43-45	What I put in my heart impacts my relationships.
Lesson 7: Oct. 24/25	A Love Like No Other Luke 15:11-32	I can have a relationship with Jesus.
Lesson 8: Oct. 31/Nov. 1	Forgiveness Factor Matthew 18:21-35	I can forgive others because God forgives me.

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## Series at a Glance for Elevate (continued)

### **Lesson 1: Start with Me**

Have you ever been upset with a friend or sibling? It is easy for us to see what they did wrong, but how often do we pause to think about what we could have done differently? This week we'll see how our relationships can improve when we focus on our part.

### **Lesson 2: Tension in the Air**

What can we do when someone is mean or hurts our feelings? Do we hurt them back or is there a better way? This week, we'll discover what Jesus has to say about resolving conflict.

### **Lesson 3: Won't You Be My Neighbor?**

Jesus talks about loving our neighbors, but who is my neighbor? Is it just the person living next door to me or is it someone else? This week, we'll hear a story that Jesus tells to help us understand who our neighbor is and how we should treat them.

### **Lesson 4: Enemy Territory**

We all have people in our lives that are difficult to love. Maybe they have been mean to us or they just bother us. This week, we'll take a look at Jesus' challenge to "love your enemies."

### **Lesson 5: The Greatest of All Time**

Have you ever had an argument with a friend or sibling about who is the best or most important? Jesus' disciples argued about the same thing. This week, we'll find out how Jesus answers them and what he says will make us great.

### **Lesson 6: A Matter of the Heart**

How do the things we watch and listen to affect our heart? This week, we'll talk about the importance of what goes in our heart and how it can impact our relationships.

### **Lesson 7: A Love Like No Other**

Sometimes our relationships can leave us feeling disappointed. Family or friends can let us down, but there is one relationship that we can always count on. This week, we'll hear a story Jesus tells about a man who runs away from home and the father who loved him.

### **Lesson 8: Forgiveness Factor**

What does it take to have peace in our relationships? We try to get along, but sometimes things get messy and someone gets their feelings hurt. This week, we'll discover the importance of forgiveness and how it can impact our relationships.

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## Lesson Outline for Elevate

### Lesson 2: Tension in the Air

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (2:00) Team Time (15:00)	0:00 – 17:00
Media Part 1 (Big Problem) (5:00) Group Time (Discussion) (7:00) Media Part 2 (What Does the Bible Say?) (4:00) Group Time (Activity/Object Lesson) (8:00)	17:00 – 41:00
Media 3 (Application) (4:00) Worship (8:00) Media 4 (Game) (5:00) Wrap-Up (2:00)	41:00 - 60:00



Video Cue



Slide Cue



Audio Cue



Tech Notes

## Opening Song and Welcome

2:00



*(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! I want to say a special welcome to anyone who is here for the very first time! We've got some great things coming up. We'll get to play some games, sing, and hear some great stories too.

**Know This:** We want all kids who are new to feel welcomed, but we never want to single them out by having them raise their hand. Just a quick verbal welcome is great!

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

15:00



Series Title Slide: When Life Gets Messy and clear audio

We're in a series about relationships called "When Life Gets Messy." God made each one of us to be in relationships, but sometimes those relationships can feel a little bit messy. Sometimes we argue with our friends or don't get along with our family. In this series, we're looking at some of the surprising things Jesus had to say about how we can make our relationships better.

Let's get started with a game called "Pudding Pictionary"



Game Title Slide: "Pudding Pictionary"

This sounds like it could be messy, right? Here is how this game works! I am going to choose a volunteer to come up on stage. You will be given a chocolate pudding cup that you will spread all over this paper. Then you will be given something to draw. You will use your finger to draw the picture in the pudding. Everyone in the audience will try to guess what the artist is drawing. Got it? Let's give it a try! Raise your hand if you would like to volunteer.

**Do This:** Choose one volunteers from the audience who is willing to get a little messy. Depending on how much time you have, you can end up playing about five rounds of the game, picking a new volunteer each time. Try to pick a variety of different grade levels. As the game is being played, keep the energy up by giving commentary about what you are seeing. Call on kids to make guesses.

**Know This:** We will use an easel for the paper and have a disposable table cloth underneath to protect the stage. Put a piece of poster board behind the paper that kids are drawing on. That will help the pudding to not bleed through to the rest of the paper. Have a big garbage can up on stage with you. When one kid has finished, have them carefully rip the paper off and throw it into the garbage can.



Fun background music.

Great job! That was super fun and definitely a little messy!



Game Title Slide: "Pudding Pictionary" and clear audio

Who knew you could make such amazing art with pudding! Just like our game got pretty messy, our relationships can get that way too. When we argue with a friend or family member, things can definitely feel messy and it's hard to know what to do. Now it's time to answer our question of the day.



Question of the Day Video



*(Auto Advance)* QOTD Slide: Would you rather shrink to the size of an ant or grow to the size of a giant? Why?

Would you rather shrink to the size of an ant or grow to the size of a giant? Why? Turn and talk to someone sitting next to you.

**Do This:** Allow kids to talk for about 30 seconds.



Series Title Slide: When Life Gets Messy

I love hearing all your answers! I think I would rather \_\_\_\_\_.

## Media Part 1: Big Question

5:00

Next up, let's see what big questions Josh and Beka are thinking about today.



Media: Part 1 (5:00)



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: When Life Gets Messy

Those are really big questions to think about. What's the best way to solve an argument? Does it work to yell at each other? Keep thinking about those questions, because next you're going to talk about them with your groups! Get up and follow your group leader to your spot.

## Group Time 1

7:00



7:00 Group Time Countdown



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: When Life Gets Messy

**Do This:** Make sure each kid finds their group. Help group leaders if there is a need. Encourage kids as they work to discuss the question.

**Know This:** During this time, groups are expected to look in the Bible to see if they can solve the big question presented in the media. They'll spend time reading the Bible and discussing the problem. Help group leaders engage kids and facilitate discussion as much as possible.

## Media Part 2: What Does the Bible Say?

4:00

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. I hope you had a great time talking with your group! Next up, Josh and Beka are going to check out what the Bible has to say about the big questions we've been talking about.



Media: Part 3 (Bible Story) (4:00)



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: When Life Gets Messy

Now, it's time to head back into your groups to do an activity together and talk more about solving arguments in a peaceful way.

## Group Time 2

8:00



8:00 Group Time Countdown



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: When Life Gets Messy

**Do This:** Make sure each kid finds their group. Help group leaders if there is a need. Encourage kids as they work to discuss the question.

**Know This:** During this time, groups are expected to complete an activity or object lesson around the lesson we're learning. Make sure group leaders have all the supplies that they need, and that they understand what they're doing in this section ahead of time.



## Media Part 3: Application

4:00

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. I hope you had a great time talking with your group! Next up, let's see how Josh and Beka's adventure wraps up.



Media: Part 3 (Application) (4:00)



*(Auto advance)* Worship Slide

That's something you can try this week. All of us get into arguments with our friends or family members sometimes. This week, let's work to solve those arguments in a peaceful way and see how it makes our relationships stronger. Next, we're going to spend some time singing.

## Worship

8:00

We call singing to God "worship," so let's all stand up and worship together! This first song is all about how Jesus saved us and gave us a new life.



Song #1: Jump



*(Auto-Advance)* Worship Slide

Let's keep on singing with a song all about how Jesus is all we need!



Song #2: All I Need



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: When Life Gets Messy

Singing with all of you is awesome. You can sit, but let's take a moment to talk to God.

God, we love you. Thank you for loving us so much. Help us to work at solving our arguments peacefully so our relationships can be the best they can be. Amen.

## Media Part 4: Game

5:00

Next, we get to see what crazy, messy game Josh and Beka have for us today!



Media: Part 4 (Game) (5:00)



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: When Life Gets Messy

That was super fun to watch!

## Wrap-Up

2:00

I've had an awesome time being here with you all today! I have one more thing to tell you about before you go.



Eagle Brook App

This is our Eagle Brook App. In the section for kids, we have some questions to talk about and fun activities for you to do at home this week. It can help you remember what we're learning during this series. I hope you and your family will check it out!

I'm so glad you were here today! I hope you all come back next week as we continue to get messy and learn more about how to make our relationships great!



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