

WHEN LIFE
GETS MESSY

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:

Lesson:	Title:	Big Idea:
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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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 8: Forgiveness Factor

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! We've got some great things coming up. We'll get to sing, hear some great stories, and play some fun games, too.

Know This: It's important to say the following paragraph roughly word-for-word. We are using this "respect" language intentionally to give kids clear expectations for how to behave while they are in Elevate. We ask that you don't add to or take away from this language.

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 interesting things Jesus had to say about relationships.

Let's get started with a game called "Guess This Mess!"



Game Title Slide: "Guess This Mess!"

In this game, I am going to show you a zoomed in picture of something messy and you will need to try to guess what it is! There will be three different options. We have an A, B, and C hanging on the wall and you will need to stand next to the letter that matches your answer. Got it?



Fun background music!



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Zoomed in image of messy hair

- A. Mud puddle
- B. Hair
- C. Rotten Leaves

Here is the first one! What do you think, is it A. A mud puddle, B. Hair, or C. Rotten leaves?

Do This: Give kids time to walk to their answer.

Let's check out the answer!



Full size image of messy hair

Answer: Messy Hair

Let's try another one!



<https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/compulsive-hoarding-syndrom-messy-kitchen-pile-1316403434>

Zoomed in image of messy kitchen

- A. Messy Kitchen
- B. Messy Bedroom
- C. Messy Garage

What do you think the answer is? Is it A. Messy Kitchen, B. Messy Bedroom, or C. Messy Garage?

Do This: Give kids time to walk to their answer.

Let's find out!



Full size image of messy kitchen

Answer: Messy Kitchen

Great job! That's definitely a mess! Here is the next one.



<https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/man-throwing-pie-womans-face-149463020>

Zoomed in image of pie

- A. Ice Cream
- B. Pie
- C. Frosting

What do you think? Is the answer A. Ice cream, B. Pie, or C. Frosting?

Do This: Give kids time to walk to their answer.

Let's find out!



Full size image of pie in the face

Answer: B. Pie

Wow, she really got that all over her face! Let's try it again!



<https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/pile-rotten-apples-dry-leaves-after-1616089930>

Zoomed in image of rotten apples

- A. Rotten Apples
- B. Rotten Leaves
- C. Rotten Pumpkins

What do you think it is? Is it A. Rotten apples, B. Rotten leaves, or C. Rotten pumpkins?
All of those sound pretty messy!

Do This: Give kids time to walk to their answer.

Let's see the answer!



Full size image of rotten apples

Answer: A. Rotten apples

Let's see if we can guess this next one!



<https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/peanut-flavor-ice-cream-cone-melting-443565445>

Zoomed in image of melting ice cream

- A. Slime
- B. Paint
- C. Ice Cream

What do you think? Is it A. slime, B. paint, or C. ice cream?

Do This: Give kids time to walk to their answer.

Let's check out the answer!



Full size image of ice cream

Answer: C. Ice Cream

That one was tricky! Here is another mess to guess! This is a picture of some kind of animal in some mud.



<https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/french-bulldog-having-fun-mud-puddle-598813682>

Zoomed in image a dog in mud

- A. Pig
- B. Goat
- C. Dog

Do you think we are looking at an A. Pig, B. Goat, or C. Dog? Make your guess!

Do This: Give kids time to walk to their answer.

Let's check out the answer!



Full size image of dog in mud

Answer: C. Dog

That picture is pretty fun! The dog's owner will definitely have a big mess to clean up! Here is the last one!



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Zoomed in image of flour

- A. Glitter
- B. Flour
- C. Snow

Let's try to guess this mess! Is it A. Glitter, B. Flour, or C. Snow? All of those things can get pretty messy.

Do This: Give kids time to walk to their answer.

Let's check out the answer!



Full size image of flour

Answer: B. Flour



Game Title Slide: "Guess This Mess!" and clear audio

Great job! Those were some pretty messy situations! You can all come up to the front and find a spot to sit because it is time for our question of the day.

That was a super fun game! Now, it's time for the question of the day.



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: Would you rather have to sing every time you talked or dance every time you moved?

Would you rather have to sing every time you talked or dance every time you moved?
Turn to someone next to you and talk about it.

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



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Those would both be kind of funny! 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)



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Those are really big questions to think about. Why should I forgive someone if they've done something that hurts me? Should I get them back for what they did? 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



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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)



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Let's head back into your groups to do an activity together and learn more about the importance of forgiveness in our relationships.

Group Time 2

8:00



8:00 Group Time Countdown



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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 we can all try this week. In your relationships with your friends or siblings, try forgiving them when they've done something to make you upset. We can also try to be quick to apologize when we've done something, too. Now we're going to take some time to worship God.

Worship

8:00

We call singing to God "worship," so let's all stand up and worship together! This first song is all about God's amazing love and grace for each one of us.



Song #1: Higher Than the Sky



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

Let's keep on singing and moving with another fun song about God's love!



Song #2: By Your Love



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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 and forgiving us. Help us to forgive others. 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! Last weekend, some of you made the amazing decision to follow Jesus. If you have questions about following Jesus or how to make that decision, I would love to talk with you! Just come up to the front after we're done.

If you've missed any of the Josh and Beka episodes or you would like to watch them again, you can check out the Eagle Brook Kids YouTube channel



Eagle Brook Kids YouTube

You can find all the past episodes here. 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 start a brand new, super fun series called, Christmas: Live!



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