

The image features a vibrant orange background at the top, which transitions into a teal background at the bottom. A thick, glossy orange liquid is shown dripping down from the top edge, creating a jagged, wavy border between the two colors. The text 'WHEN LIFE' is written in white, bold, uppercase letters across the orange section, while 'GETS MESSY' is written in the same style across the teal section. The overall composition is clean and modern, with a strong visual contrast between the orange and teal colors.

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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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 3: Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (2:00)	
Team Time (15:00)	0:00 – 17:00
Media Part 1 (Big Problem) (2:38)	
Group Time (Discussion) (7:00)	
Media Part 2 (What Does the Bible Say?) (5:04)	
Group Time (Activity/Object Lesson) (8:00)	17:00 – 40:00
Media 3 (Application) (4:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Media 4 (Game) (3:18)	
Wrap-Up (2:00)	40:00 - 58:00



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'll discover some of the things Jesus had to say about how to make our relationships better.

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



Game Title Slide: "Guess This Mess!"

I am going to choose two volunteers to come up on stage. The volunteers will be blindfolded and will have to reach their hand into something messy. The first person to "guess the mess" gets a point! Audience, you will be able to see what they are sticking their hands into, but don't give away any clues! Alright, let's get started. Raise your hand if you want to give it a try!

Do This: Quickly choose two volunteers to come up on stage. Have all items prepared in advance in plastic cups so you can quickly swap out items.



Fun background music!

Okay, we have our volunteers. Let's get a blindfold on each of you.

Do This: Have volunteers stand at the table with space between them. Help them get the blindfold on if needed.

Do This: Put the pancake mix in front of the volunteers.

Now that you can't see, I want both of you to roll up your sleeves and put your hand into the cup in front of you. What do you think you are touching? Can you describe what it feels like? Let's hear your guesses!

Do This: As they are describing what they feel, repeat it so the audience can hear. Say their guesses out loud, too

Let's see if they are right! On the count of three, take off your blindfold. 1, 2, 3!



Photo of Pancake Mix <https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/pancake-mix-dry-bowl-spoon-two-1703251291>

The answer is pancake mix! Great job! Let's try another one. Put your blindfolds back on and make sure your sleeves are rolled up.

Do This: Put the mandarin oranges in front of the volunteers.

Now put your hand into the cup. What do you think you are touching? Tell us how it feels and let's hear your guesses!

Do This: Repeat some of the things the volunteers are saying. Let the kids know what their guesses are.

Let's reveal the answer. Ready? Take off your blindfolds!



Image of Mandarin Oranges <https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/group-mandarin-segments-light-syrup-on-239835991>

The answer is mandarin oranges! I bet those were interesting. Let's try another one, so put your blindfolds back on.

Do This: Put the kidney beans in front of the volunteers.

I want both of you to roll up your sleeves and put your hand into the cup in front of you. What do you think you are touching? Tell us how it feels and let's hear your guesses!

Do This: Repeat some of what you hear the volunteers saying. Make sure you say their guesses into the microphone.

Let's reveal the answer. On the count of three, take of your blindfold. 1, 2, 3!



Image of canned beans <https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/can-kidney-beans-isolated-on-white-135353720>

It was canned beans! I bet those felt pretty weird. Let's try one last messy item! Wipe your hands off on the paper towel if you need to and put your blindfold back on.

Do This: Put the maple syrup in front of the volunteers.

I want both of you to roll up your sleeves and put your hand into the cup in front of you. What do you think you are touching? Tell us how it feels and let's hear your guesses!

Do This: Repeat some of what you hear the volunteers saying. Make sure you say their guesses into the microphone.

We've got our guesses, so let's reveal the answer! Ready? Take off your blindfolds!



Image of maple syrup <https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/maple-syrup-isolated-on-white-background-148560014>

Answer: Maple Syrup

The answer is maple syrup! That is definitely sticky!

Great job everyone! Thanks for playing “Guess This Mess!” A lot of those items were pretty messy, and sometimes our relationships can be messy, too. That’s what we’re going to be talking today. Right now, though, it’s time for our question of the day.



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: Would you rather have really smelly feet or have really bad breath?

Would you rather have really smelly feet or really bad breath? That’s a tough one. Neither one of those sound good. Talk to someone near you and tell them what you think.

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



Series Title Slide: When Life Gets Messy

I think I would rather have _____, but that’s a tough choice!

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. How should we treat other people? What do you think we should do in a situation like the one Josh and Beka talked about? 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 try to find some answers the big questions we've been talking about by looking in the Bible.



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



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

That was an incredible story. Now, let's head back into your groups to do an activity and talk more about how to treat others.

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. Instead of just doing what is easy, treat the people around you in the same way you would want to be treated. It can be challenging, but it can make a big difference in our relationships! Now, it's time to sing together.

Worship

8:00

We call singing to God "worship," so let's all stand up and worship together! This song is all about God's love.



Song #1: By Your Love



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Higher than the Sky



(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 treat other people the way that we would want to be treated. 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 and 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 to see what Josh and Beka are up to as we continue to get messy and learn more about how to make our relationships great!



Elevate Slide



Start free time music videos