

The image features a solid orange background at the top, from which a thick, glossy, orange liquid drips down. The liquid forms a wavy, irregular barrier across the middle of the frame. Below this liquid, the background is a solid teal color. The text "WHEN LIFE GETS MESSY" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with the words "WHEN LIFE" on the top line and "GETS MESSY" on the bottom line. The text is positioned such that it appears to be partially submerged or dripping with the orange liquid.

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 4: Enemy Territory

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'll discover some interesting things Jesus had to say about relationships.

Let's get started with a game called "Some of my Friends"



Game Title Slide: "Some of my Friends"

Since we are talking about relationships, we are going to play a game that will help us get to know the people in our group better! Here's how it works. In just a minute you are going to go to your grade level flags. In your group, you will sit in a circle and your group leader will pick one person to stand in the middle. The person in the middle will say "Some of my friends..." and then say something they like to do or something else about themselves like their favorite food or animal. For example, if I were in the middle I could say "Some of my friends like to play soccer." Then everyone sitting in the circle who also likes to play soccer would have to get up, run across the circle, and find a new spot to sit. Whoever is left without a spot, will be the next one to stand in the middle. Got it? Let's head over to our group flags and your group leader will help get you started. Go to the flag that says your grade in school on it.

Know This: This game works best with at least 10 people playing. If there are groups that are really small, consider having them combine with another group to play the game.

Know This: Group leaders will be provided some cards that have prompts for kids if they don't know what to say.



Fun background music and countdown timer for 10 minutes!



Game Title Slide: "Some of my Friends" and clear audio

Alright, come on back over to the stage and find a spot to sit. I hope you all had a lot of fun and learned some new things about the people in your group! Now, it's time for us to answer our question of the day.



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: Would you rather swim through a pool of mud or a pool of pudding?

Would you rather swim through a pool of mud or a pool of pudding?

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



Series Title Slide: When Life Gets Messy

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 (2:16)



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

Those are really big questions to think about. What should I do if I can't agree with someone or they are mean to me? Is it okay to do something mean back to them? 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 2 (Bible Story) (3:35)



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

Now, you can head back to your group to do an activity together and talk more about what it means to love our enemies.

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) (4:24)



(Auto advance) Worship Slide

That's something you can try this week. Try showing kindness, even to people who aren't kind to you. God can use your kindness to show His love to other people. Now, we're going to take some time to sing.

Worship

8:00

We call singing to God “worship”, so let's all stand up and worship God together. This first song is all about how our lives are forever changed after knowing Jesus.



Song #1: Movin' Me



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: By Your Love



(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 choose to be kind to the people we don't get along with. 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) (4:00)



(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 as we continue to get messy and learn more about how to make our relationships great!



Elevate Slide



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