

# GET STARTED DOCUMENT

## Welcome!

Thank you for joining us in Good News, an Elevate original series, and an investigative report on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Elevate has created a new format for Good News and this time, *it's all digital!* That's right, this series is in a completely digital format. That means there are new ways to access the files and perform the lessons in a media based computer program so please read this Get Started Document for instructions. When you purchased this series, you receive the following resources as downloadable files:

1. Printable Lesson Materials
2. Training Videos
3. Large Group Media Elements - including pre-built MediaShout® and ProPresenter® files.
4. Environmental Graphics and Audio

**Please be sure to download these files and save them in a single folder/location on your drive.**

## To Download Files

Go online to [ElevateKidsNow.com](http://ElevateKidsNow.com), and **Log In** to your account. Then, click **My Account** and **Downloads** to find the files you need for the series. We recommend downloading the files one at a time and saving them in a single location on your server or external hard drive, starting with the "GN\_L1\_Lesson\_Materials.zip" folder. We encourage you NOT to change the file names. When you keep the file names the same it will be easier for you to find what you are looking for and the media files will remain linked in the worship software. Then, follow the instructions below.

*We recommend using the most updated version of your web browser, or downloading and installing Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox as your web browser to ensure faster downloads. We also recommend downloading on LAN or Local Area Connection and not over WiFi.*

## 1 Lesson Materials

Each lesson in this series includes printable Opening Activities, Large Group Scripts, a Large Group Review Game, and Small Group Activities including instructions and art. As always, you have permission to make as many copies of these materials as you need for your ministry (see Copyright Permission Letter).

Let's start with Lesson 1. To begin, unzip the folder structure titled "GN\_L1\_Lesson\_Materials.zip" in your Windows File Explorer or Mac Finder. Select **GN\_L1\_Lesson\_Materials**, and then select the **GN\_L1\_Scripts\_And\_Review** folder to find the lesson script you need.

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- For one person teaching the lesson to the children, and watching the Skit and Bible Lesson Video, print out the “GN\_L1\_Single\_Teacher\_Digital\_Media\_Script.pdf.”
- For two people teaching the lesson to the children, and watching the Skit and Bible Lesson Video, print out the “GN\_L1\_Teacher\_CoTeacher\_Digital\_Media\_Script.pdf.”
- For two or more people teaching the lesson to the children, and performing the Bible Lesson and Skit live, print out “GN\_L1\_Teacher\_CoTeacher\_Perform\_With\_Digital\_Media\_Script.pdf.”  
(See Section 5, “Perform It Live with a Drama Team” below for more details.)
- Print the Lesson 1 Opening Activities and Review Activity Help Sheets for the additional Large Group elements mentioned in these scripts. Take a moment to look through these documents and familiarize yourself with the elements like the Review Activities. We recommend you watch the Training Videos for each lesson to see additional suggestions. This series does have multiple Opening Activities to choose from, or you can use them all.

In the **GN\_L1\_Small\_Group\_Application\_Activities** folder you will find the Small Group Help Sheets and Small Group Art. Each of these Small Group Activities is designed as an application activity to complement the Main Point being taught in the lesson. The Help Sheet is what your Small Group Leader will need while they lead the activity. The Help Sheet also provides you with a list of materials and props needed for each activity. Choose the Lesson 1 activities you want to use, and then print the Help Sheet and corresponding art (*if applicable*) or gather supplies. Finally, print enough Take Home Sheets for each family to leave with one.

At this time you can also either print, upload to Planning Center, or email this lesson’s Teacher Devotional to your volunteers.

## 2 Training Videos

Next, download and save the “**GN\_L1\_Training\_Videos.zip**” folder to the same spot on your computer that you saved the **GN\_L1\_Lesson\_Materials** folder. Then open the file to watch a detailed Teacher and Co-Teacher Training Video alongside the script you choose. Each video contains a filmed example of everything in the script including the Opening Activities, song motions, how to create the competition between teams, how to host the Review Activity, and sometimes, what to do if you mess up the script and even how to get back on track! To learn how to perform the Bible Lesson and Skit live, be sure to watch the Skit and Bible Lesson Videos in the **GN\_L1\_MediaShout\_Files** Folder.

You and your volunteers can view the Good News Teacher and Co-Teacher Training Video Playlist **on Elevate’s YouTube Channel** by clicking the link below, or by copying and pasting it into your web browser: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZEMrehliYhZVPdeU4NEJdJJR383l1Ll>

Good News also includes a video demonstration of each lesson’s Small Group Activity. These videos are designed to train your volunteers in each of the Small Group activities provided. From the **GN\_L1\_Training\_Videos** folder, view the video demonstrations for each activity. Watch each video with the corresponding Help Sheet and Art (*if applicable*) for that activity. The “Climbing Training,” “Mountain Climbers” and “Mountain Games Review” Weekly Training Videos for this series are in the **GN\_L1\_Training\_Videos** folder. One of the Opening Activities is in the Teacher and Co-Teacher Training Video for each lesson and the others are in the folder mentioned above.

### 3 Large Group Media Elements

The Large Group Media Elements are meant to be used in a worship software program like MediaShout® or ProPresenter® because we have already created the media files for each of those softwares. Each media element corresponds to a cue in the script. The video, graphics, and audio elements are in their individual lesson folders (i.e. **GN\_L1\_MediaShout\_Files**) or are packaged into the ProPresenter® file (i.e. **GN\_L1\_ProPresenter\_Files**). After unzipping the file of the version you need and saving it on your drive, you can do one of the following:

1. Open the MediaShout® file (i.e. “\_GN\_Lesson\_1.ssc”) which will automatically fill in the cues.
2. Open the ProPresenter® file (i.e. “GN\_Lesson\_1.pro6x”) which will automatically fill in the cues.
3. Or, use the individual media elements from the MediaShout® folders to build a digital media file in another multimedia program. However, we have found the media elements work best in MediaShout® and ProPresenter®.

*Users familiar with Elevate will notice these video elements are the individual elements that normally make up the Watch It/Train DVD and the audio elements are what normally make up the Soundtrack CD.*

See section 5, “Perform It Live with a Drama Team” below to use the Perform It Live digital media files.

### 4 Environmental Graphics and Audio

Each series in Elevate has corresponding art and graphics you can use to decorate your environment. Open the **GN\_Environmental\_Graphics\_And\_Audio** folder to see the Stage Set Art, Bible Verse Posters, and Main Point Posters you can print. Additional art for the digital version of this series may include hallway or atrium art.

Specific to Good News is our “Jr. Reporters Notebook”. This Notebook is an optional activity used to reinforce the weekly lesson. Please watch Lesson 1’s Teacher and Co-Teacher Training Video for more information.

It also includes social media graphics to announce this series to the families in your ministry. Logos and other art are included for you to use on your own promotional materials. Feel free to put logos and series information on your website. We only ask that when you post Take Home Flyers, you take them down and replace them each week.

You will also find the Good News Environmental Audio file for your hallways and rooms in the **GN\_Environmental\_Graphics\_And\_Audio** folder. You can load this into your iTunes or burn it onto a CD to play anywhere you want to extend your environment.

For pre-printed sets you can order and ship to your church, go to <https://elevatekidsnow.com/about/printed-sets/>



## 5 Perform It Live with a Drama Team

Elevate also provides a way to Perform It Live (PIL) with your own drama team instead of watching the Skit on the included video. To prepare to perform the Bible Lesson and/or Skit live, be sure to first print the PIL script, "GN\_L1\_Teacher\_CoTeacher\_Perform\_With\_Digital\_Media\_Script.pdf" and read along while you watch the Bible Lesson and Skit video for the lesson from the MediaShout® or ProPresenter® Lesson 1 file. This will help you prepare for your role, as well as see costume, set, and prop ideas. You will also notice a few differences on the PIL script, notably, the props list is a lot longer, and you will have two costumes or more - one set for the Teacher/Co-Teacher and one set for the Skit actors.

There are various ways to perform the Skit live, limited only by your imagination and the number of people you have on your drama team. You can either have the Teacher and Co-Teacher change and become the main characters in the Skit, or you can have separate main characters. Either way, there are video transitions to allow your Teacher and Co-Teacher time to enter and exit the stage.

Below is a step by step of how to add the Perform It Live cues to the pre-created MediaShout® or ProPresenter® files.

To create the Perform It Live (PIL) Media for Lesson 1:

1. Be sure to follow all instructions in Section 3 and then open the MediaShout® or ProPresenter® file for Lesson 1.
2. Open the **GN\_L1\_Perform\_It\_Live\_Elements** folder.
3. Import the media elements from the **GN\_L1\_Perform\_It\_Live\_Files** folder into the Lesson 1 MediaShout® or ProPresenter® file by folder. For example, if you are performing both the Bible Lesson and Skit live, first open the Bible Lesson folder and add *by cue number*. For example: File "14 Track 05" from the **GN\_L1\_Perform\_It\_Live\_Files/Bible Lesson** folder becomes cue 14 on the script, etc. When you add all the additional cues, the existing cues move further down the list and correspond with the Perform It Live script. We suggest you add the Bible Lesson cues and then the Skit cues, in that order.  
*Note: Occasionally there will be two cues with the same number in the script because the same sound effect can be used twice in a row.*
4. Some Perform It Live scripts have "Universal Assets" as cues. For example, the "GN\_Kids\_SkitIntro" will need to be added to its appropriate cue per lesson. Always refer to the script for the correct cue numbers.
5. Compare to the "GN\_L1\_Teacher\_CoTeacher\_Perform\_With\_Digital\_Media\_Script.pdf" before the weekend to make sure all cues match.



## ! Additional Resources:

### At Home:

Good News Kids Bible Lessons are provided on the free website **LeadershipForKids.com** to assist parents in teaching their children lessons from the Bible. You can also link to [LeadershipForKids.com](http://LeadershipForKids.com) on your own website so families can easily find the videos. Contact us at [Info@ElevateKidsNow.com](mailto:Info@ElevateKidsNow.com) for more information.

### Race Video:

For this series there is a Race Video called, "Tim Hunter's News Van Race." The Race Video is already a cue in each lesson Script as an additional part of your Large Group Experience. It is also already a part of every Perform It Live script as it is used as the transition from performing the Skit live back to the Teacher and Co-Teacher banter.

### Large Group Competition:

For this series, similar to other Elevate series, the Teacher and Co-Teacher give candy (*Sour Patch Kids*) out to each of the teams. While the Scripts mentions how to do this, feel free to adjust the competition in your own Children's Worship to reflect what will help motivate your children.

### Special Salvation Message Note:

Good News does include a Salvation/Resurrection lesson - in fact it's the fifth one. The lesson includes the verbiage about the ABC's and gives time for prayer. While the lessons are chronological in order, you can remove a lesson or two to adjust the timeline so Lesson 5 falls on Easter Weekend..

### Additional Graphics and Set/Decoration Elements:

For this series we created several "Jr. Reporter" elements to capture each child's attention and help them connect with the theme. You can find this additional art and signage in the **GN\_Environmental Graphics And Audio** folder. We also encouraged our stage volunteers to wear fedoras with their "reporter outfits" to children's church for this series. Check out our Pinterest board, Facebook Page, or the Skit Video for ideas.

As always, you can go to [ElevateKidsNow.com/blog](http://ElevateKidsNow.com/blog) to find tips and tricks for every digital series, and you can go to our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ElevateKidsNow) page to see how others are decorating for Good News!

*Note: Please feel free to call Elevate, or have your media volunteer call us with questions. For MediaShout® or ProPresenter® questions or errors, please contact those companies directly. For MediaShout® go to [Mediashout.com/support](http://Mediashout.com/support) and for ProPresenter® email [support@renewedvision.com](mailto:support@renewedvision.com).*

### Questions? We're here to help!

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