

# A NEW FRONTIER



# Large Group

## A New Frontier Series at a Glance for Elevate

### About this Series:

Join us on the greatest journey of all! When we choose to follow Jesus, we're starting an incredible adventure. In this series, we'll be taking a look at some landmarks that can guide us on our way.

### Key Verse:

Hebrews 12:2- "Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And He is the one who completes the journey of faith."

### Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Title:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: January 2/3	Expedition Leader Follow Jesus: Mark 4:35-41	I can hold on to Jesus no matter what happens.
Lesson 2: January 9/10	Frontier Map Bible: 2 Kings 22	I can let the Bible guide my life.
Lesson 3: January 16/17	Wagon Train Community: 1 Cor. 12	The church is on this journey together.
Lesson 4: January 23/24	Open Prairie Prayer: Luke 18:35-43	I can bring everything to God.
Lesson 5: January 30/31	Circle the Wagons Serve Others: Philippians 2	I can think about what's best for others.
Lesson 6: February 6/7 *	River Crossing Decision Week: Paul's Conversion- Acts 9	I can choose to follow God's way.
Lesson 7: February 13/14	Camp Generosity Giving: Mark 12:41-44	God has given me something to share.
Lesson 8: February 20/21	Celebration Valley Worship: Psalm 111	I can celebrate what God has done.

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## Series at a Glance for Elevate (continued)

### **Lesson 1: Expedition Leader**

"You must never forget who our leader is. We don't always understand what He says or does, but He's always the leader, because He's walked every step of this journey before."

### **Lesson 2: Frontier Map**

"The map shows us the big stuff, the important landmarks on our journey. It leads us through the unknown, with the wisdom of people who have crossed this land before."

### **Lesson 3: Wagon Train**

"Keep your eyes on the trail and watch for those white wagon covers. The best way to travel is to join a wagon train. We share what we can, so everyone has enough, we listen to each other's stories, there really is nothing like traveling together."

### **Lesson 4: Open Prairie**

"Look up at the stars. Each one of those is a new frontier, bigger and farther than we can ever imagine. It's easy to feel small among the stars, but remember, the one who made every one of those stars made you and hears you every time you talk to Him."

### **Lesson 5: Circle the Wagons**

"When someone gets hurt, we all stop, we all help. It's what we want them to do, so it's what we need to do, too. The key to success on this journey isn't thinking about only ourselves, but about what's best for others."

### **Lesson 6: River Crossing**

"At the river you face a choice. Cross it, and your life will be changed forever. This is the start of a new adventure filled with risks and challenges, but they're challenges our leader has already overcome. Let's go!"

### **Lesson 7: Camp Generosity**

"The doctor heals diseases, the mechanic fixes wagons, the musician gives us hope through music. No one is any more or less important than another, from the oldest to the youngest, the biggest to the smallest. Every one of us has something valuable to give."

### **Lesson 8: Celebration Valley**

"God has led every step of this journey, and we need him just as much for every step going forward. His love for us is something worth celebrating!"

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## Lesson Outline for Elevate

### Lesson 1: Expedition Leader

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (14:00)	
Media Part 1 (Big Problem) (5:00)	0:00 – 20:00
Group Time 1 (7:00)	
Media 2 (Bible Story) (5:00)	
Group Time 2 (7:00)	20:00 – 40:00
Media 3 (Application) (5:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Media Part 4 (Game) (6:00)	
Wrap-Up (1:00)	40:00 - 60:00



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Slide Cue



Audio Cue



Tech Notes

## Opening Song and Welcome

1:00



*(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, let's get started! 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!

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

14:00



Series Title Slide: A New Frontier and clear audio

We're starting a brand-new series today called "A New Frontier." Our lives can feel like an adventure. We face tough challenges, have to work with other people, and usually have to work to get where we want to be. In this series, we'll be finding out how God can lead us every day of our lives.

Today we're talking all about knowing who the leader of our adventure is. Knowing our leader, Jesus, is one of the most important parts of our journey.

We're going to get started by playing a game called "Wrangler, Lasso, Bear."



Game Title Slide: "Wrangler, Lasso, Bear"

This is a game kind of like Rock, Paper, Scissors, except you'll have to choose whether to be a wrangler, lasso, or bear. If you haven't heard the word before, a wrangler is like a cowboy or cowgirl. The wrangler beats the lasso, the lasso beats the bear, and the bear beats the wrangler.

**Do This:** Demonstrate the actions for each option for the kids. To be the "wrangler," kids will stand with their hands on their hips. To be the "lasso," they'll act like they're twirling a lasso above their heads. To be the "bear," they'll hold their hands out like claws, and act like they're snarling. Have them try the actions with you.

Now, say this with me. The wrangler beats the lasso, the lasso beats the bear, and the bear beats the wrangler. Ready? Let's give it a try! First, find someone to play against, and stand about six feet apart. Then, turn your backs to each other, pick what you're going to be, and get ready to turn around when I say go. You have to turn around right when I say go, you can't wait for the other person to turn around first. If you tie, you can both try again. If you lose, you're out. You can find a spot to sit and cheer your friends on! Let's give it a try!



Fun Game Music! (Western?)

**Do This:** Once every kid has found a partner to play with, countdown "3... 2... 1... go!" so they know when to go. After each round, have the ones that lost sit down, and have everyone find a new partner. If this game is taking too long, you could have everyone who tied sit down as well. You may go until there is only one person left, or you may end the game whenever feels appropriate to you.



Game Title Slide: "Wrangler, Lasso, Bear" and clear audio

That was great! You'd all make great wranglers, and great bears I guess, too. Next up, we're going to answer our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: Have you ever been lost?

Have you ever been lost? Turn to someone near you and tell them about it! Make sure to listen to their story, too.

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

**Know This:** You could share a very brief story about a time when you were lost.



Series Title Slide: A New Frontier

Feeling lost can be frightening, but I'm glad you all found your way back, and that you're all here!

## Media Part 1: Big Problem

5:00

Next up, we're going to check in with our friends Josh and Beka. Let's find out what they're up to today.



Media: Part 1 (5:00)



(Auto advance) Group Time Slide

What a great question from Josh and Beka. What does following Jesus look like? Some of you may have decided to follow Jesus a long time ago, some of you may have decided to follow Him just this last Christmas. Some of you may still have questions about Jesus. Wherever you're at, I'm so glad you're here. Next, we get to meet up with our groups to talk about the questions Josh and Beka were asking. Look for your group's flag and meet up with them there!

## Group Time 1

7:00



7:00 Group Time Countdown





*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: A New Frontier

**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- Bible Story

5:00

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 have a Bible story for us that might help us think of an answer to the big questions we've been talking about.



Media: Part 2 (Bible Story) (4:00)



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: A New Frontier

What a great story! Next, your group leaders have an activity for you, so meet them in your group's spot.

## Group Time 2

8:00



8:00 Group Time Countdown



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: A New Frontier



**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

5:00

I wonder what Josh and Beka have learned from all they've been doing today? Let's find out!



Media: Part 3 (Application) (5:00)



*(Auto advance)* Worship Slide

Life can be tough, but one of the best decisions we can make is to always hold on to Jesus, listen to the things He said, and live the way He did.

## Worship

8:00

I'm so thankful for what Jesus did, and how much He loves every one of us. That's one of the reasons we worship God, to show that we're thankful. Let's stand up and get ready to sing and worship!



Song #1: By Your Love



*(Auto-Advance)* Worship Slide

Let's keep on singing and moving with another amazing song.



Song #2: Brighter



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: A New Frontier

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 always leading us. Help us choose to follow you every day. Amen.

## Media Part 4: Game

6:00

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. Next up, let's see how Josh and Beka's adventure wraps up.



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



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: A New Frontier

## Wrap-Up

1:00

I'm so glad you were here today, and I hope you all come back next week as we continue our adventure in A New Frontier.



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