



# 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 4: Open Prairie

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



Video Cue



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 in a 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.

Have you ever gone out on a super dark night and just looked up at the stars? There are so many, and each one is so far away, it's easy to feel small. Sometimes, all of us

probably feel small, but today we're going to see that God, the one who made every star, knows you, and cares about you, and always listens when you talk to Him.

We'll learn more about that in a bit, but let's get started with a game called "Impossible trivia."



Game Title Slide: "Impossible Trivia"

In this game, I'm going to read off two things that might sound "impossible." The catch is, one of the two things is totally true. Your job is to guess which one is true. You'll vote by pointing in the direction of the one you think is true. Let's go to our first impossible choice!



(Fun Western Game Music!)

← The average cumulus (big fluffy) cloud weighs over a million pounds.  
NASA once used a turkey to help fly a spacecraft. →

Ok, here are our first two "facts." Point left if you think the average cumulus (that means big and fluffy) cloud weighs over a million pounds. Point to the right if you think NASA once used a turkey to help fly a spacecraft.

Think about it for a moment. Ready? Show me your answers!

Now, let's find out if you're right.



← **The average cumulus (big fluffy) cloud weighs over a million pounds.**  
NASA once used a turkey to help fly a spacecraft. →

The average cumulus cloud weighs over a million pounds, but still floats up in the sky. Clouds are filled with water and dust that floats, but still technically has weight. What an interesting fact!

We've got more facts to look at, so let's keep on moving.



← There is a 188 year-old tortoise living right now.  
In Wisconsin, there is a 188 year-old cheese you can eat. →

Our next two “facts” are: There is a 188-year-old tortoise living right now, or in Wisconsin, there is a 188-year-old cheese you can eat. Think about it for a moment. Ready? Show me your answers!

Now, let’s find out if you’re right.



← **There is a 188 year-old tortoise living right now.**

In Wisconsin, there is a 188 year-old cheese you can eat. →

The true one is: there is a 188-year-old tortoise living right now! That is really amazing. Let’s see another set of possible facts.



← A lady in England put together a 1000 piece puzzle in twenty minutes.

A man in Australia solved a Rubik’s cube in 16 seconds while blindfolded. →

Which one of these is true? Did a lady in England put together a 1000-piece puzzle in twenty minutes? Or did a man in Australia solve a Rubik’s cube in 16 seconds while blindfolded?

Show me what you think is the correct answer!

Ready? Let’s find out if you’re right!



← A lady in England put together a 1000 piece puzzle in twenty minutes.

**A man in Australia solved a Rubik’s cube in 16 seconds while blindfolded.**

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Someone solved a Rubik’s cube in 16 seconds while blindfolded! That is incredible. Let’s take a look at another pair of unlikely facts.



← A kid in Colorado ate only flowers for a year.

Students in Ohio played a non-stop game of kickball that was three days long. →

Which one of these is true? Did a kid in Colorado eat only flowers for a year, or did students in Ohio play a non-stop game of kickball that was three days long? Show me which one you think is true!

Let’s find out if you’re correct!





← A kid in Colorado ate only flowers for a year.

**Students in Ohio played a non-stop game of kickball that was three days long. →**

The truth is, students played a three-day long game of kickball! Fun fact, the final score of their game was 431-306.

Let's look at another pair of possible facts.



← Your tongue pattern is as unique as a fingerprint.

Tigers can jump up to twenty feet high. →

Which one of these is true? Is your tongue pattern as unique as a fingerprint, or can tigers jump up to twenty feet high? Pick your answer!

Let's find out if you're correct.



← **Your tongue pattern is as unique as a fingerprint.**

Tigers can jump up to twenty feet high. →

Your tongue pattern is as unique as a fingerprint! Tigers can only jump 12 feet high, which is still a lot, but not quite 20 feet.

We've got one more fact to find out. Let's see what it is.



← People in Los Angeles made a pizza that is over three miles long.

A type of shrimp can punch with the power of a speeding bullet. →

Did people in Los Angeles make a pizza that is over three miles long, or is there a type of shrimp that can punch with the power of a speeding bullet? Make your guess!

Let's find out if you're correct!



← People in Los Angeles made a pizza that is over three miles long.

**A type of shrimp can punch with the power of a speeding bullet. →**



There is a shrimp called a “mantis shrimp” that can punch super-fast! It’s true that a group in Los Angeles has the longest pizza record, but it was just a little over one mile long. Great job, everyone.



Game Title Slide: “Impossible Trivia” and clear audio

You can all take a seat and get ready to answer our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



*(Auto Advance)* QOTD Slide: If you could set a record, what would it be for?

If you could set a record, what would it be for? Turn to someone near you and tell them about it! Make sure to listen to what they’d set a record in, too.

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

**Know This:** You could share briefly about something you might set a record in.



Series Title Slide: A New Frontier

People do a lot of wild things to set records. Some of them are things we probably haven’t even thought about or tried before, but other people have worked super hard at. That’s interesting to think about.

## Media Part 1: Big Problem

5:00

Next up, we’re going to check in with 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. 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

It's so important to remember that we can bring everything to God. Whatever we're thinking about, whatever is going on in our lives, big or small, difficult or simple, God cares about it all.

## Worship

8:00

Next up, let's stand and get ready to sing and worship our amazing God all together, because of how much He loves us.



Song #1: By Your Love



*(Auto-Advance)* Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Jump



*(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 caring about us and letting us bring every part of our lives to you. 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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