

# 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:

<b>Lesson:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Big Idea:</b>
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 6: River Crossing

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) Decision Time (2:00) Worship (8:00) Media Part 4 (Game) (4:00) 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.

On every adventure, we have choices to make. Today, we're talking about the most important choice of our lives.

We'll learn more about that in a bit, but let's get started with a game called "Ball-Pit Roundup."

**Know This:** Ahead of time, make sure there is a circle taped on the floor for each group, and that the group flags are placed by the circles.



Game Title Slide: "Ball-Pit Roundup"

In this game, there will be a lot of ball pit balls dumped on the floor. Using only your feet, you have to round as many up as you can, into the circles by your group flag. You can only touch them with your feet. Also, you can't kick the balls out of other group's circles, your feet can't go inside their circles at all. If a ball rolls out of their circle, you can touch it, though.

Head on over to your group flag and get ready to play!

**Do This:** Allow kids to get into their groups.

Ready, set, go!

**Do This:** Allow them to play for 4-5 minutes.



Fun Game Music!

Ok, so fun! Group leaders, can you count how many balls are inside your group's circle?

**Do This:** Allow group leaders to count and announce a winner!



Game Title Slide: "Ball-Pit Roundup" and clear audio

Great job, everyone. You can all sit down and get ready to answer our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



*(Auto Advance)* QOTD Slide: When is a time you've had to trust someone?

Our question of the day is: When is a time you've had to trust someone? "Trust" means believing someone, like when you tell them a secret or let them borrow something that is important to you. Turn to someone near you and tell them about it! Make sure to listen to a time they trusted someone, too.

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

**Know This:** You could share briefly about a time you trusted someone.



Series Title Slide: A New Frontier

Trusting someone else can be tough, but it's an important part of our lives.

## 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)* Series Title Slide: A New Frontier

Every one of us can choose to follow God, right here, right now. That is the most important decision you will ever make!

## Decision Time

2:00

Maybe you've already made that choice and decided to follow Jesus with your whole life. If that's where you're at, you can do what Saul did in our Bible story. He wanted to tell as many people as he could about how his life was changed by Jesus. We can tell people about Jesus, too!

Maybe you still have questions about following Jesus. You want to know more about what it means, or why people follow Jesus. I want you to know, that is totally ok. Your questions are so important to God, and I want you to know that this is a safe place to ask all of your questions. Talk to one of the leaders in here, we would love to listen to you, and talk about any questions or worries you have.

Maybe, though, today is the day you want to make the most important decision of your life, the choice to follow Jesus! If you want to make that choice, we're going to talk to God in a moment, and you can tell Him you want to make Him the leader of your life. You'll tell God that you are sorry for the things you've done that you know are wrong, that you believe in Jesus, and that you want him to be your leader, savior, and friend forever.

If you want to make that choice for the first time, you can talk to God with me right now. You should know that just saying these words isn't what changes our lives, what

matters is really making the decision to follow Jesus. I'm going to have all of us bow our heads and close our eyes. If you want to follow Jesus, you can repeat this after me. You can say it out loud or in your mind, God hears you either way.

**Do This:** Say the following prayer word-for-word, pausing after each line to allow kids to repeat it after you.

God, thank you for loving me.  
I am sorry for doing things  
That I know are wrong.  
I believe that Jesus is your son.  
I believe that he died on the cross,  
Took my punishment,  
And came back to life,  
So that I can be forgiven.  
Jesus, I ask you now  
To be my leader,  
Savior,  
And friend forever.  
I choose to follow you.  
In Jesus' name, amen.



Congratulations!

If you just decided to follow Jesus for the first time, congratulations! I am so excited for every one of you, and there is something I want you to have.

**Do This:** Hold up the Following Jesus book.

This is a book all about Following Jesus. It will help you get started and tell you more about what living with Jesus as your leader means. We'd love to give you this and celebrate with you, so if you just made that choice for the first time, you can follow me! Everyone else, you can stay right here and you'll get to sing and worship God.

**Do This:** Lead the kids who just made a decision to a place where you can lead them in a "decision talk." Make sure someone is ready to lead worship after you leave the stage.

Worship

8:00

Next up, let's stand and get ready to sing and worship our amazing God all together.



Song #1: Reckless Love



*(Auto-Advance)* Worship Slide

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



Song #2: God Made a Way



*(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 being our leader, and for how you love us. Help us to follow you every day. Amen.

## Media Part 4: Game

4:00

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)



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## 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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