

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: Galatians 5	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 3: Wagon Train

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.

When you're going on a long journey, one of the best things you can do is to have someone on the journey with you! God has given us people to travel through life with,

too. He made the church to be a group of people who learn about God together and help each other. Today, we're talking about how each of us can be part of the church, the group of people following God together.

We're going to get started by playing a game called "Follow the Herd."



Game Title Slide: "Follow the Herd"

In this game, I'm going to give you a choice between two things. You'll have to vote by either standing or sitting. We'll find out which thing has the most votes! Since this is a western series, you'll have to choose between things from the wild west.



Would You Rather... (and Fun Western Game Music!)

Stand: Ride a bucking bronco.

Sit: Have to wear a cowboy hat all day, every day.

Ok, would you rather ride a bucking bronco, or have to wear a cowboy hat all day, every day? Show me your answers in three, two, one, go!

Do This: Quickly guess whether there are more people standing or sitting. If there is a tie, you can say that as well.

Interesting. We've got more questions for you, so let's keep on moving!



Would You Rather...

Stand: Ride a horse

Sit: Ride a camel

Would you rather ride a horse or a camel? For a fun fact, did you know at one point they considered bringing in camels for cowboys and cowgirls to ride instead of horses? Make your choice in three... two... one... go!

Do This: Quickly guess whether there are more people standing or sitting. If there is a tie, you can say that as well.

Let's take a look at another one!



Would You Rather...

Stand: Sleep on a bed of hay for a week

Sit: Eat a rattlesnake

Would you rather sleep on a bed of hay for a week, or eat a rattlesnake? If you're wondering, yes, you can eat a rattlesnake without getting poisoned. Show me your answers in three... two... one... go!

Do This: Quickly guess whether there are more people standing or sitting. If there is a tie, you can say that as well.

Let's take a look at another one!



Would You Rather...

Stand: Be able to play the harmonica

Sit: Be able to spin a lasso really well

Would you rather be able to play the harmonica, or be able to spin a lasso really well? Show me your answers in three... two... one... go!

Do This: Quickly guess whether there are more people standing or sitting. If there is a tie, you can say that as well.

Let's take a look at another one!



Would You Rather...

Stand: Wear a pair of boots you can never take off.

Sit: Wear a cowboy hat you can never take off.

Would you rather wear a pair of boots you can never take off, or wear a cowboy hat that you can never take off? Show me what your answer would be in three... two... one... go!

Do This: Quickly guess whether there are more people standing or sitting. If there is a tie, you can say that as well.

Let's take a look at one more.



Would You Rather...

Stand: Ride across the country on a horse.

Sit: Ride across the ocean on a boat.

Would you rather ride across the country on a horse, or ride across the ocean on a boat? Show me your answer in three... two... one... go!

Do This: Quickly guess whether there are more people standing or sitting. If there is a tie, you can say that as well.



Game Title Slide: "Follow the Herd" 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: What's a talent you have?

What's a talent you have? Turn to someone near you and tell them about it! Make sure to listen to what they're good at, too.

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

Know This: You could share briefly about a talent you have.



Series Title Slide: A New Frontier

You all are good at so many things! All of us can do things that others can't, that's part of why it's so fun to get to know each other.

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 (2:16)



(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) (3:50)



(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) (3:53)



(Auto advance) Worship Slide

The church is on this journey together! God brought all of us here for a reason, and He has a special purpose for each person. That's part of why everyone is welcome in church, God designed all of us!

Worship

8:00

I'm so thankful that God brought all of us together. Next up, let's stand and get ready to sing and worship our amazing God all together!



Song #1: Remind Me



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Rock This Planet



(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 starting the church, help us to work together to learn about you and help each other. 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) (5:51)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: A New Frontier

Wrap-Up

1:00

There is one more thing I want to mention before we go today. If you have decided to follow Jesus, one of the next ways you can follow Him is by being baptized. Being baptized is what we call it when a pastor lowers you under some water and pulls you back up again. It reminds us of how Jesus died and came back to life, and is a way of saying that you are committed to following Him with your whole life.

We have a baptism service coming up in a couple weeks. If you are interested in being baptized, come up and talk to me, and I'll get you connected with our kids pastor who can tell you all about that amazing step in your life with Jesus.

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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