



CHRISTMAS
Live!

Large Group

Christmas: Live! Series at a Glance for Elevate

About this Series:

And... we're live! If you could interview the people who were there when Jesus was born, what would you ask them? In this series, we'll be hearing the stories of people who God told that Jesus was coming, and who met him after he had been born.

Key Verse:

Luke 2:10-11- "I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."

Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Title:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: November 7/8	The Promise and the Plan Genesis 3	God's plans are for my good.
Lesson 2: November 14/15	Isaiah Isaiah 7; 42:1-9	I can have hope in God's promises.
Lesson 3: November 21/22	Zechariah and Elizabeth Luke 1	I can trust God with everything.
Lesson 4: November 28/29	Wise Men Matthew 2:1-12	I can follow Jesus into the unknown.
Lesson 5: December 5/6	Shepherds Luke 2:1-20	God gives me joy that I can share with others.
Lesson 6: December 12/13	Mary and Joseph Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38	God can give me peace when life doesn't go the way I want it to.
Lesson 7: Christmas Week	Jesus Luke 2:1-20	Jesus can change my story into something new.

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Series at a Glance for Elevate (continued)

Lesson 1: The Promise and the Plan

“Maybe you’ve failed. Maybe you’ve felt like you’ve lost your way. Maybe you’ve wondered if God has a plan for you. I want you to know He does. No matter what has happened to you, no matter what you’ve gone through, or how broken you’ve felt, God has a plan for you, and that plan is for your good.”

Lesson 2: Isaiah

“God’s promise is going to come true. I believe that with all my heart. We can hold onto every promise that God has made, no matter how difficult life becomes.”

Lesson 3: Zechariah and Elizabeth

“God’s instructions seemed so strange. We would have a child, even though we were very old. We would give him a name that was strange to us. We knew we would stand out in so many ways, but we also believed that nothing was more important than trusting God completely.”

Lesson 4: Wise Men

“We knew it was a risk, traveling so far, only to meet a baby. We could give our gifts to any other king and he would reward us, a baby couldn’t give us anything. But how would that show faith, to give gifts to someone everyone knew was a king? We knew God was giving us a special chance, a chance to be part of something amazing.”

Lesson 5: Shepherds

“God takes things that don’t seem important and makes them the most important. With him we see that this world is wonderful, that we are loved, and that every person is valuable. I don’t think this kind of joy will ever end!”

Lesson 6: Mary and Joseph

“Following God’s plan didn’t make our lives easy or straightforward. Actually, it turned them upside-down, changed almost every expectation we had. But it also gave us something incredible, a peace that never changes, never fails, even in the greatest storm.”

Lesson 7: Jesus

“Jesus showed everyone that wherever they come from, whatever they’ve done, whatever they’re running from, he can take their story, and make it new. He made a way for every person in the world to know God and live for him.”

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Lesson Outline for Elevate

Lesson 1: The Promise and the Plan

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: Christmas: Live! and clear audio

I'd like to welcome all of you once again to our annual Christmas show: Christmas: Live! Each week, we're looking at the stories that lead up to the day Jesus was born. We've got some incredible things in store for you today, we'll have some fun, sing some songs, and hear about why we celebrate Christmas.

We're going to get started by playing a game called "What's that Sound?"



Game Title Slide: "What's that Sound?"

I'm going to play a sound for you. Your job is to guess what is making that sound! You'll have some options, so to choose an option, simply move to the sign with that letter on it, A, B, or C. Ready? Let's go!

Here is the first sound!



Sound 1- <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/sounds-alligator.htm>

- A. Alligator
- B. Grizzly bear
- C. Really hungry person

Do This: Read the options from the screen.

What do you think is making that sound? Move to the letter of the answer you think is correct!

Let's find out if you're right!



Alligator image and sound.

It was an alligator! If you guessed "A," you're correct. Let's listen closely to another sound.



Sound 2: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/sounds-bison.htm>

- A. Car engine
- B. Bison
- C. Elephant

Do This: Read the options from the screen.

What do you think is making that sound? Move to the letter of the answer you think is correct!

Let's find out if you're right!



Bison image and sound.

It was a bison! If you guessed “B” you are correct. Get ready for another sound!



Sound 3: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/sounds-orca.htm>

- A. Balloon
- B. Orca Whale
- C. Grey Falcon

Do This: Read the options from the screen.

What do you think is making that sound? Move to the letter of the answer you think is correct!

Let’s find out if you’re right!



Orca picture and sound.

It was an orca whale! Keep listening for the next sound.



Sound 4- <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/sounds-green-treefrog.htm>

- A. Clown Car
- B. Parrot
- C. Frog

Do This: Read the options from the screen.

What do you think is making that sound? Move to the letter of the answer you think is correct!

Let’s find out if you’re right!



Green Tree Frog picture and sound.

It was a frog! We've only got a couple more to go, so keep your ears tuned in.

<https://www.freetousesounds.com/potato-chips-sounds-eating-sound-effects/>



Sound 5 (Chip eating)

- A. Someone walking in snow.
- B. A large group of ants.
- C. Someone eating potato chips.

Do This: Read the options from the screen.

What do you think is making that sound? Move to the letter of the answer you think is correct!

Let's find out if you're right!



Sound 5 and potato chip image.

It was someone eating potato chips! Check out this next one, too.

<https://www.freesoundslibrary.com/rotary-phone-dialing/>



Sound 6 – rotary phone

- A. Someone making a phone call
- B. A hamster running on a wheel
- C. A cat stuck on the roof

Do This: Read the options from the screen.

What do you think is making that sound? Move to the letter of the answer you think is correct!

Let's find out if you're right!



Sound 6 and rotary phone image

That was someone making a phone call!



Game Title Slide: "What's that Sound?"

Good job everyone! That was challenging. You can find a spot to sit back down.

Listening can be tough. Today, we're going to hear a story about a couple people who didn't do very well at listening to God. First, though, let's listen for one more thing- our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What is your favorite song right now?

Since this is a radio themed series, we have to ask: What is your favorite song right now? Go ahead and talk about that with a couple people near you, and make sure to learn their answers, too!

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



Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

All your favorite songs are fun to hear about!

Media Part 1: Big Problem

5:00

Next up, we're going to check in with two amazing people named Josh and Beka. Let's find out what they're up to today.



Media: Part 1 (5:00)



(Auto advance) Group Time Slide

Those are really big problems to think about. Where is God when it feels like things are going wrong? Or: If I do something wrong, could that ruin God's plan for me? Keep

thinking about those questions, because next you're going to talk about them with your groups! Go ahead and follow your group leader to your spot.

Group Time 1

7:00



7:00 Group Time Countdown



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

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: Christmas: Live!

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: Christmas: Live!

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: Christmas: Live!

What a fantastic thought to remember. God's plans are for our good, always. And we can always trust Him, no matter what happens.

Worship

8:00

Next it's time to sing about God, or "worship." Let's get up on our feet and worship together!



Song #1: Heartbeat



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

Let's keep on singing and moving with another fun song about God's love.



Song #2: By Your Love



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

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 planning for our good. Help us to learn more about you today. Amen.

Media Part 4: Game

6:00

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, let's see how Josh and Beka's adventure wraps up.



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



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

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 countdown to Christmas with more Christmas: Live!



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