



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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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 some 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 7: Jesus

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (4:00)	
Media Part 1 (5:00)	
Application Intro/ QOTD (4:00)	
Media Part 2 (9:00)	0:00- 23:00
Decision Time (4:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Media Part 3 (Game) (5:00)	
Wrap-Up (1:00)	23:00-41:00



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

4:00



Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live! and clear audio

Do This: If your stage has a desk and microphone, sit down behind it. You can act like a radio announcer as much as you feel comfortable.

Welcome to our annual Christmas show: Christmas: Live! We've got some incredible things in store for you today, we'll have some fun, sing some songs, and hear the story of the day Jesus was born, and how he changed the world.

We're going to get started by playing a Christmas game called "Which One Is Different?"



Game Title Slide: “Which One is Different?”

Know This: This game is a video where four pictures are shown to the kids, and they have to guess which one is different. Make sure the signs “A, B, C, and D” are hung up around the room ahead of time.

In this game, you’re going to see four pictures, marked A, B, C, and D. You’ll have to pick which one you think is different from the others and run to the sign with that letter on it.

It goes fast, so as soon as you’ve answered one, be ready to choose another answer.

Do This: Stay on stage and call out the correct answers as the video shows them.



Which One Is Different? Game (2:30)



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: “Which One Is Different?”

Great job everyone! You can come back to the middle.

Media: Part 1

6:00

Next, we get to check in with Josh and Beka to find out how they’re celebrating Christmas!



Media: Part 1 (5:00)



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

Application Intro/QOTD

4:00

We’ll find out what happens to Josh and Beka in a minute, but first, I have a question for all of us to answer. It’s our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What is something you used to like, but don't anymore?

What is something you used to like, but don't anymore? It could be a toy you got last year that you don't have anymore, something you thought was great when you were younger, but don't care about it much now. Talk to a couple people near you about that for a few seconds!

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



Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

That's a normal feeling to have. All of us grow out of things, or sometimes things break, or we lose them. The things we have don't last forever. That's kind of what Josh and Beka were struggling with, too.

I think sometimes all of us feel there's something that should be part of our lives that we're missing.

Sometimes, we think "If I just had more money, I'd be happy and that would be enough." Or: "If I just win this award, or my team wins this tournament, then I'll be successful." Or "If I just get enough likes, make enough friends, or I'm the most popular, then everything will be great."

We fill up our lives with stuff, with accomplishments, and with popularity, but do you know what? None of those things last forever. In fact, many people who have all these things, like celebrities, athletes, and other people who are "on top" are still wondering "what am I missing?" All of these things will leave us feeling empty.

So what can we do? Is there anything that can really fill our lives, that can show us why we were made? The good news is, God made us for a purpose, and he had a plan to show us what it was. To find out what God's plan is, we're going to hear from Josh and Beka again.

Media: Part 2

9:00

Let's find out what happens next in their story.



Media: Part 2 (9:00)



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Decision Time

4:00

This is the most important thing I can tell you today.



Jesus can change our stories into something new.

Jesus can change our stories into something new. He came as a baby. He didn't have a lot of money, not many people knew who he was, and he didn't seem powerful at all. But this baby changed our world forever. He made a way for us to have what has been missing in our lives, and in the lives of every person since the beginning of time! I'm talking about a relationship with God, the God who made us and loves us. Jesus lived a perfect life, took our punishment, and tore down everything that stood between us and God. That's why when we choose to follow Him, our stories are changed into something new.

We have a purpose, a meaning, and a leader through every part of our lives. We also have a hope and a promise, that we will live with God forever. All we have to do is decide to follow Him.

Now, there are three kinds of people here today. Maybe you've already decided to follow Jesus. That is awesome. You've made the most amazing decision you ever could. I hope what you're hearing is a reminder to you of how much Jesus loves you and cares about you.

Maybe you still have some questions. You don't feel ready to decide to follow Jesus yet. That's ok. Your questions are so important, and my challenge for you is to talk to someone about them. Ask a leader here at church, or another adult who loves God about whatever you're wondering. We would love to sit and talk with you about that.

Maybe though, today is your day. It's the day you decide to trust Jesus with your whole life. You decide to let Him lead your story and live for him. If you're ready to do that, we're going to talk to God and Jesus in just a moment, and you can tell him that you want to decide to follow Jesus. Now, you should know that just saying the words isn't what changes our lives. What matters is that you really mean what you are saying, and you make the decision to follow Jesus.

If you want to make that decision to follow Jesus, you can talk to God with me. You'll tell God that you know you've done wrong things, you're sorry, that you want to follow Jesus, and that you want him to be the leader of your life. You can say this out loud or in your mind, God hears you either way.

Let's all close our eyes.

Do This: Read the following prayer word-for-word, giving enough time after each line for kids to repeat after you, even if it is silent.

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 made that amazing decision, congratulations! You have made the most amazing, important decision of your life. If you just decided to follow Jesus, I want to celebrate with you, and give you this book.

Do This: Show kids the Following Jesus book.

This book can help you get started on your friendship with Jesus. So now, I'd like everyone to stand up!

Do This: Have everyone in the room stand up.

Ok, now if you just decided to follow Jesus for the first time, you can follow me to get this book, and we'll also celebrate this amazing decision you have made!

Do This: Have another leader come on stage and lead the rest of the kids in worship.



Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

Let's stay standing and sing about our amazing God!



Song #1: Oh What a Glorious Night



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Joy to the World



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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 loving us. Help us to follow you. Amen.

Media 3 (Game)

5:00

We've got a party to get set up for, but while we get ready, check out Josh and Beka's Christmas challenge!



Media Part 3 (Game) (4:00)



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Know This: During this time, volunteers should be setting up all the activities around the room, so they are ready by the time this video is done.

Wrap-Up

1:00

I'm so glad you were here today, but we're not quite done. Now it's time for a Christmas party!

Do This: Explain the different activities going on around your room. Take time to point out each of them, and make sure the volunteers have time to finish getting them all set up while you are talking.



Elevate Slide



Start Christmas free time music videos