



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:

<b>Lesson:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Big Idea:</b>
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 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 4: Wise Men

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) (5:00)	
Wrap-Up (2:00)	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

**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.

Now, 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 the story of some people who traveled around the world to find Jesus.

We're going to get started by playing a game called "What are they looking at?"



Game Title Slide: "What are they looking at?"

I'm going to show you a picture, and you're going to have to guess what the person in the picture is looking at! To guess, you can hold up one hand, two hands, or no hands. Since we're only a few weeks away from Christmas, all these pictures will be Christmas themed! Let's get started!



Image 1: What is she looking at? (And Christmas game music!)

One Hand: A messy bunch of decorations

Two Hands: A partridge in a pear tree

No Hands: A dog dressed just like herself

**Do This:** Read the question and options from the screen.

Show me your guess by raising one hand, two hands, or no hands.

Let's find out if you're right!



Answer Image 1

**One Hand: A messy bunch of decorations**

Two Hands: A partridge in a pear tree

No Hands: A dog dressed just like herself

It was a bunch of decorations! Let's look at the next picture.



Image 2: What is this cat concerned about?

One Hand: A fake mouse

Two Hands: A candy cane

No Hands: A potato

**Do This:** Read the question and options from the screen.

Show me your guess by raising one hand, two hands, or no hands.

Let's find out if you're right!



Answer Image 2

One Hand: A fake mouse

**Two Hands: A candy cane**

No Hands: A potato

It was a candy cane! Let's take a look at the next one.



Image 3: What is this gift-giver dressed as?

One Hand: A gorilla

Two Hands: A dinosaur

No Hands: A giraffe

**Do This:** Read the question and options from the screen.

Show me your guess by raising one hand, two hands, or no hands.

Let's find out if you're right!



Answer Image 3

One Hand: A gorilla

Two Hands: A dinosaur

**No Hands: A giraffe**

It was a giraffe! Let's take a look at the next picture.



Image 4: What gift is she not happy about?

One Hand: Socks

Two Hands: A power drill

No Hands: A miniature giraffe

**Do This:** Read the question and options from the screen.

Show me your guess by raising one hand, two hands, or no hands.

Let's find out if you're right!



Answer image 4

One Hand: Socks

**Two Hands: A power drill**

No Hands: A miniature giraffe

The answer is: A power drill! Let's take a look at another picture.



Image 5: What is this child holding?  
One Hand: A giant hat  
Two Hands: A miniature house  
No Hands: An accordion

**Do This:** Read the question and options from the screen.

Show me your guess by raising one hand, two hands, or no hands.

Let's find out if you're right!



Answer Image 5  
One Hand: A giant hat  
Two Hands: A miniature house  
**No Hands: An accordion**

It was an accordion! How would you even play with mittens on? Let's take a look at the next one.



Image 6: Why is she making this face?  
One Hand: She's surrounded by snow  
Two Hands: She's in a giant stocking  
No Hands: She's wrapped in wrapping paper

**Do This:** Read the question and options from the screen.

Show me your guess by raising one hand, two hands, or no hands.

Let's find out if you're right!



Image 6: Why is she making this face?  
One Hand: She's surrounded by snow  
**Two Hands: She's in a giant stocking**  
No Hands: She's wrapped in wrapping paper

She's in a giant stocking! We have one more picture to look at, so check it out.



Image 7: What gifts did they get?  
One Hand: An apple and a jar of pickles  
Two Hands: A fish and a squid  
No Hands: Ants

**Do This:** Read the question and options from the screen.

Show me your guess by raising one hand, two hands, or no hands.



Let's find out if you're right!



Answer Image 7

**One Hand: An apple and a jar of pickles**

Two Hands: A fish and a squid

No Hands: Ants

It was an apple and a jar of pickles! Good job everyone, you can find a spot to sit.



Game Title Slide: "What are they looking at?" and clear audio.

Those were tough. Next up, we've got our question of the day to answer!



Question of the Day Video



*(Auto Advance)* QOTD Slide: If you could give one person an amazing gift today, what would you give?

If you could give one person, aside from yourself, an amazing gift today, what would you give?

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



Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

Giving gifts can be super exciting!

## 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

That's a really big question. What do we do when we aren't sure what's going to happen? Keep thinking about that, because next you're going to talk about it 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 3: Application

5:00

I wonder what Josh and Beka learned from all they've done today? Next up, we get to find out!



Media: Part 3 (Application) (4:00)



*(Auto-Advance)* Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

What an amazing idea to remember. We can follow Jesus, even into something unknown. We can face things that frighten us, or times when we're unsure, because we can always know that God is with us.

## Worship

8:00

Next, we're going to stand up and sing about following Jesus. We call singing to God "worship," so let's get up on our feet and worship together!



Song #1: I Will Follow (EBC)



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

Let's keep on singing and moving with a Christmas song!



Song #2: Oh What a Glorious Night



(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 leading us. Help us to follow you through every unknown we face. Amen.

## Media Part 4: Game

6:00

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. I love getting to sing with all of you. Now 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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