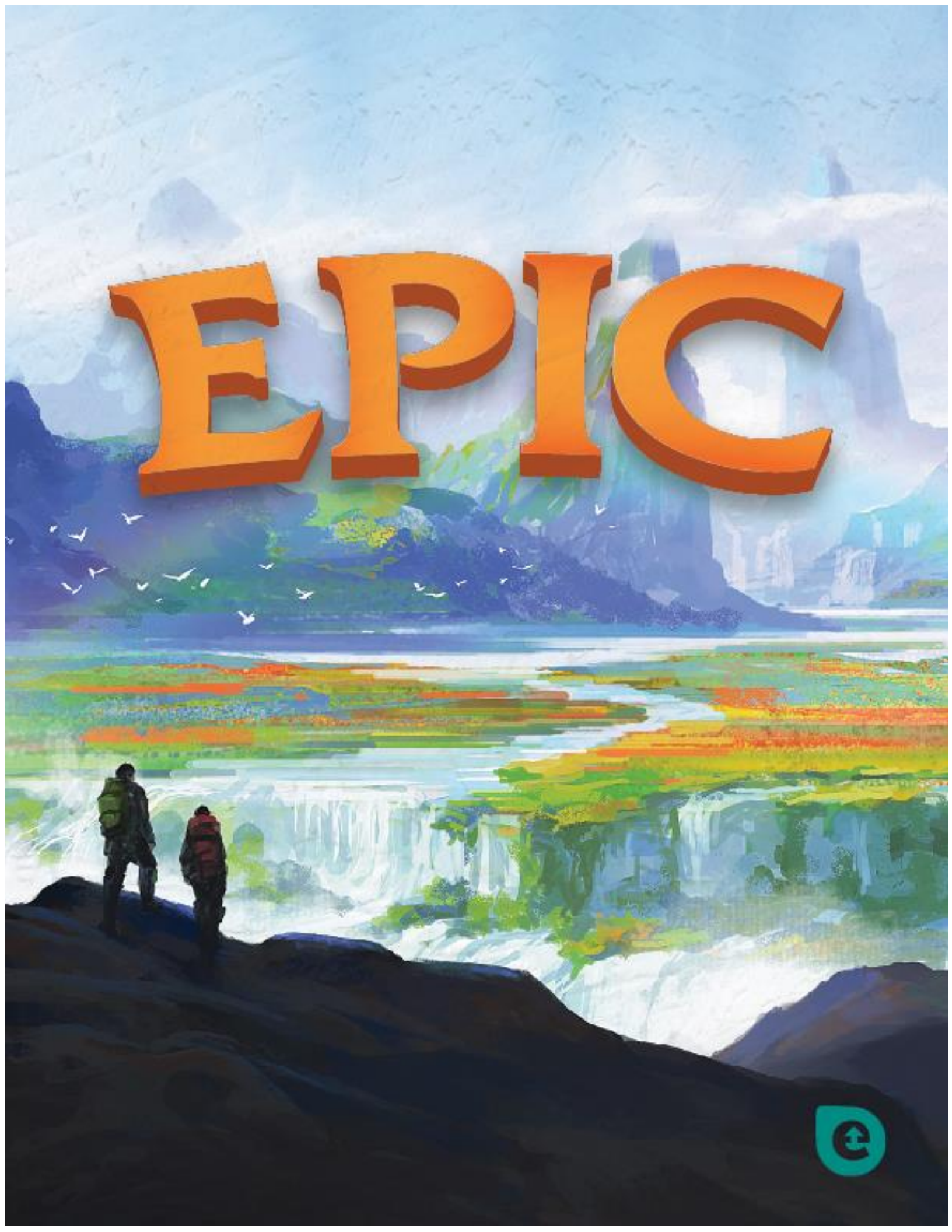


EPIC



Large Group

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Series at a Glance for Elevate

About this Series:

In any story, there's a moment where everything changes. Something unexpected happens, the hero defeats the villain, or something you thought wasn't important turns out to be the key to the whole thing. In this series, we'll be hearing how Jesus changed the story of our world, and how he can change our lives in some truly epic ways.

Key Verse:

Romans 3:24- "The free gift of God's grace makes us right with Him. Christ Jesus paid the price to set us free."

Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Title:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: February 27/28	The Epic Invitation Matthew 9:9-13	Jesus changed lives by including others.
Lesson 2: March 6/7	An Epic Chance John 8:1-11	Jesus changed lives by loving us first.
Lesson 3: March 13/14	Epic Compassion Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus changed lives by showing compassion.
Lesson 4: March 20/21	Epic Healing Luke 5:18-25	Jesus changed lives by healing what was broken.
Lesson 5: March 27/28	Epic Purpose Matthew 16:13-18	Jesus changes our lives by giving us a purpose.
Lesson 6: April 3/4*	Epic Love John 18-20 (Mary M.)	Jesus gave Himself to change our lives.
Lesson 7: April 10/11	An Epic Mission Acts 1	Jesus changes our lives so we can tell others about Him.

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Series at a Glance for Elevate (continued)

Lesson 1: February 27/28

“Being a tax collector had a lot of perks. You were wealthy, you knew the right people, you got special privileges, but Matthew rarely felt included. In fact, people usually didn’t want him around, until the day Jesus stopped at his booth. Jesus’ simple invitation changed Matthew’s life.”

Lesson 2: March 6/7

“Jesus knew who she was, what she had done. But it was clear that the first thing He saw wasn’t her mistakes, her sin, or her punishment, it was how much she was loved. As she learned that day, that kind of love is life-changing.”

Lesson 3: March 13/14

“We just wanted to be alone, but when thousands of people showed up to meet us, Jesus didn’t even hesitate. He started caring for them, talking to them, and helping them, even though He had to be exhausted Himself. It was then we understood the power of compassion.”

Lesson 4: March 20/21

“I thought Jesus would heal my legs, make me able to walk again, but I didn’t know there was something I needed even more. Jesus healed my broken relationship with God and gave me the chance to live in a new way.”

Lesson 5: March 27/28

“Jesus has given each of us so much. We’ve learned, changed, and seen more than we ever imagined. He also gave us something we didn’t even realize we were missing: a purpose. Wherever we go, whatever we do, now we are doing it in a new way, all because of Him.”

Lesson 6: April 3/4

“When I think of Jesus’ love, there’s one moment that is greater than any other. Jesus took the punishment for a crime He didn’t commit. He gave Himself for every person and showed us love that would change the whole world.”

Lesson 7: April 10/11

“If Jesus has changed our lives, how can we not tell others about Him, too? Jesus gave His life for the whole world, and it’s up to us to share that amazing news with everyone.”

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Lesson Outline for Elevate

Lesson 1: The Epic Invitation

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (14:00)	
Media Part 1 (5:00)	0:00 – 20:00
Group Time 1 (7:00)	
Media Part 2 (5:00)	
Group Time 2 (7:00)	20:00 – 40:00
Media Part 3 (5:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Media Part 4 (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: Epic and clear audio

We're starting a brand-new series today called "Epic." In most stories, books, or movies, there's a moment where everything changes. Something unexpected happens, the hero defeats the villain, or something you thought wasn't important turns out to be the key to the whole thing. In this series, we'll be hearing how Jesus changed the story of our world, and how he can change our lives in some truly epic ways.

Today we'll hear a story about how Jesus changed someone's life, just by giving them an invitation, by making them feel welcome. I want to get started, though, with a game called "Epic Scenery."



Game Title Slide: "Epic Scenery"

In this game, your group is going to be given a scene that you have to recreate, and it's going to be something epic. The catch is, you have to make that scene using only yourselves, and you can't touch each other. You'll have five minutes to get your scene set up. Go ahead and meet up with your group leaders! Look for the flag with the grad you are in, you can find them there.

Do This: Allow kids to get to their groups, then start the countdown.

The five-minute countdown starts... now!



5:00 countdown and fun game music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: "Epic Scenery"

Alright, let me see your epic scenes! Let's see if you can guess what the other groups are acting out.

Do This: Have each group show the scene they come up with and give the other groups a few seconds to guess what it is.

Good job everyone! You can find a spot to sit down again and get ready to answer our question of the day.



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What's the most epic thing you've seen?

What's the most epic thing you've seen? Were you at a super cool game, did you visit an amazing landmark? Did you just see something amazing happen? Turn to someone near you and tell them about it! Make sure to listen to their epic story, too.

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

Know This: You could share a very brief story about something epic you've seen.



Series Title Slide: Epic

Those were some incredible things! This world can be pretty amazing, because it was made by an absolutely amazing God.

Media Part 1: Big Problem

5:00

Next up, we're going to check in with two pretty epic 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

What a great question from Josh and Beka. How did Jesus make such a big difference in our world? Next, we get to meet up with our groups to talk about that. 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: Epic

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 questions we've been talking about.



Media: Part 2 (Bible Story) (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Epic

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: Epic

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) Worship Slide

We can change someone's life just by including them. We love it when others include us, so Jesus calls us to include them, too.

Worship

8:00

The best part is, God has chosen to include us! He loves us and wants us to live for Him every day. That's one thing we remember when we sing and worship God. Let's stand up and get ready to do that now!



Song #1: Rock This Planet



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Heartbeat



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Epic

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 including us and giving us a purpose. Help us to include others, too. 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) (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Epic

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 epic journey.



Elevate Slide



Start free time music videos