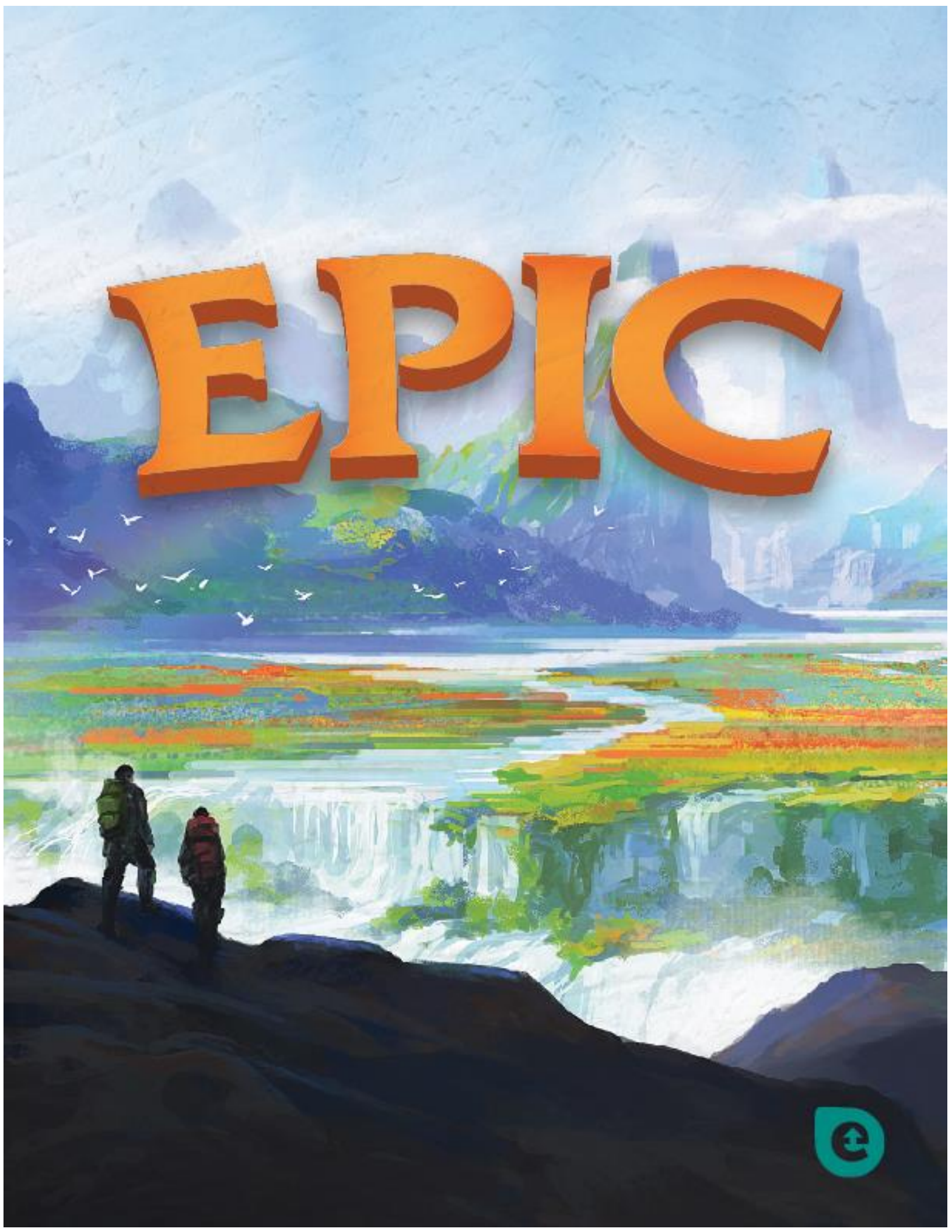


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Large Group

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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 3: Epic Compassion

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! You can come into the middle 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

This week, we're in a series 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 some people's lives through the power of "compassion." First, though, we're going to play a game called "New Perspective."



Game Title Slide: "New Perspective"

In this game, I'm going to show you an object, but from a perspective you may not have seen it before. It might be far away, up close, or from an angle you don't usually see that thing. You have to guess what that object is.

Let's see our first object!



What is in this picture? (Trees image) (And fun game music)

What do you think is in this picture? Call it out when you think you have the answer!

Do This: Listen for the correct answer and point out when a kid says it. If they don't guess it within 15 seconds or so, reveal the answer. (Trees)

Let's look at another object from an unusual perspective.



What is this? (Hamburger scene image)

What do you think that is? Call it out when you think you have the answer!

Do This: Listen for the correct answer and point out when a kid says it. If they don't guess it within 15 seconds or so, reveal the answer. (Hamburger)

Let's look at another object from an unusual perspective.



What is in this picture? (Car junkyard image)

What do you think that is? Call it out when you think you have the answer!

Do This: Listen for the correct answer and point out when a kid says it. If they don't guess it within 15 seconds or so, reveal the answer. (Cars at a junkyard)

Let's look at another object from an unusual perspective.



What is happening here? (Swimmer image)

What do you think is happening here? Call it out when you think you have the answer!

Do This: Listen for the correct answer and point out when a kid says it. If they don't guess it within 15 seconds or so, reveal the answer. (Swimmer)

Let's look at another object from an unusual perspective.



What kind of animal is this? (Baby flamingo image)

What do you think this animal is? Call it out when you think you have the answer!

Do This: Listen for the correct answer and point out when a kid says it. If they don't guess it within 15 seconds or so, reveal the answer. (Baby flamingo)

Let's look at another object from an unusual perspective.



What is this? (Rain from underwater image)

What do you think this is? Call it out when you think you have the answer!

Do This: Listen for the correct answer and point out when a kid says it. If they don't guess it within 15 seconds or so, reveal the answer. (Rain filmed from under water).

Let's look at one more object from an unusual perspective.



Where is this? (Bowling alley backstage)

Where do you think this machine is? Call it out when you think you have the answer!

Do This: Listen for the correct answer and point out when a kid says it. If they don't guess it within 15 seconds or so, reveal the answer. (Behind the scenes at a bowling alley).

Good job everyone.



Game Title Slide: "New Perspective" and clear audio

Next up it's time for our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What's one way you've been kind to someone else?

What's one way you've been kind to someone else? Turn to someone near you and tell them about it! Make sure to listen to their answer, too.

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

Know This: You could share a brief story about something someone else has done for you.



Series Title Slide: Epic

Each of you can be so kind and make such a big difference that way.

Media Part 1: Big Problem

5:00

I think Josh and Beka are going to be learning about the power of kindness today too. Let's take a look!



Media: Part 1 (5:00)



(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 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

Showing compassion can make such a big difference in someone's life, and through that, can change our world. It's amazing how God can do such big things with our small gifts and actions.

Worship

8:00

I love God, and I love learning about Him. Part of what we do to show our love for God is sing and worship Him! Let's stand up and get ready to do that now.



Song #1: I Will Follow You (EBC)



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Who I Wanna Be



(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 showing us compassion. Help us to have compassion on 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) (5:00)



(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.



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Start free time music videos