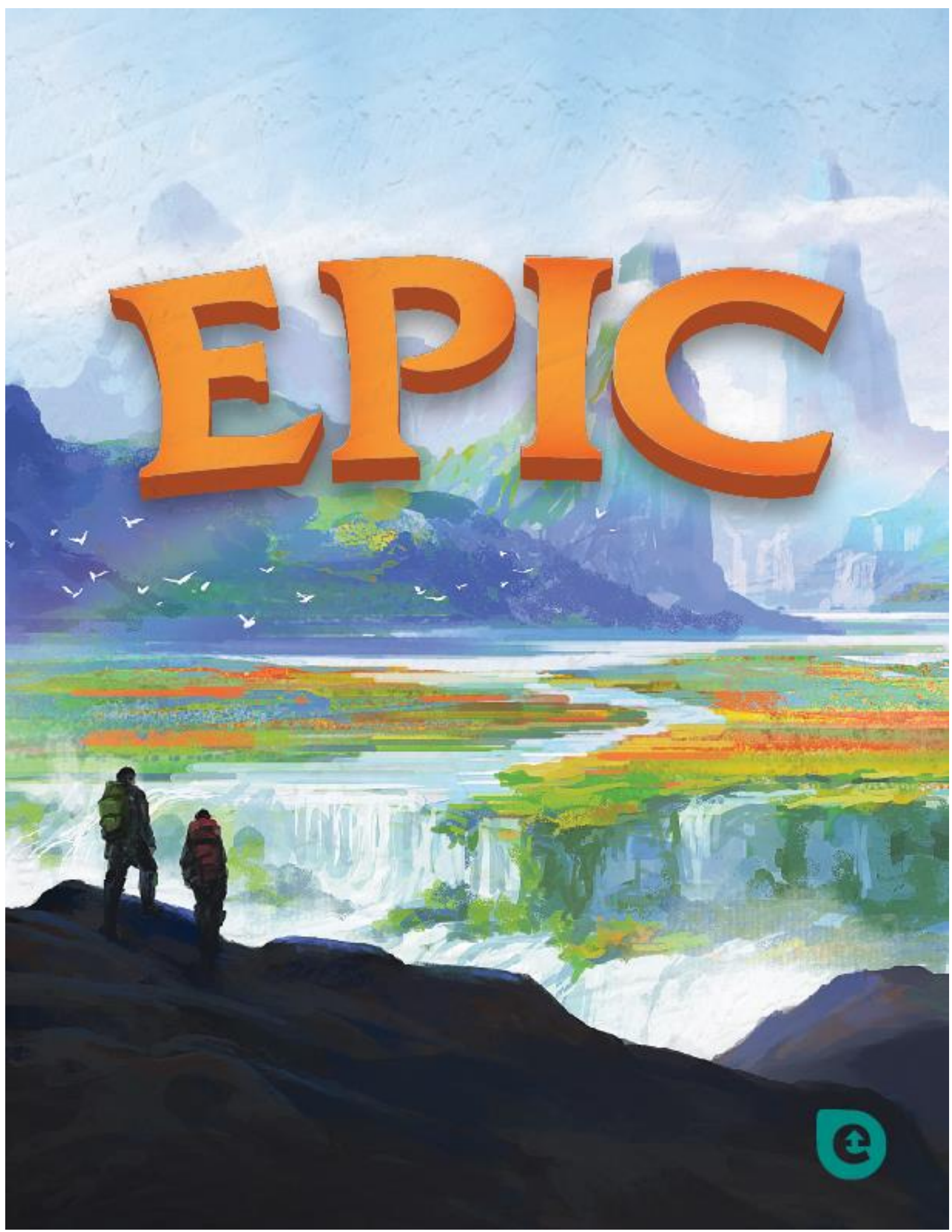


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Large Group

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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 5: Epic Purpose

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 showed one of his followers his purpose, and how Jesus can give us purpose today, too. First, though, we're going to play a game called "Impossible Shot."



Game Title Slide: "Impossible Shot"

In this game, some of you are going to have the chance to make an impossible shot. Who would like to give it a try?

Do This: Choose 5 kids and bring them up on stage. Make sure there is a basketball hoop set up in the back of the room, or about 30 feet away if the room is larger than that. If you do not have a basketball hoop, you may have a volunteer hold a small hula hoop instead. Make it technically possible for kids to do, but still very difficult. If they are shooting the ball over the audience, that is great.

In this game, your job is simple. Just make this impossible shot! Throw a basketball from this stage into that hoop in just one try. Think you can do it? Let's find out!



Extreme Game Music!

Do This: Have a basketball set out for each kid. Let each of them take the shot, one-by-one, getting the crowd excited for each one of them.

Know This: This game is all about hype. Get the kids in the crowd hyped up by asking things like: "Do you think they can make the shot?" Celebrate kids that even get close to making the shot.

Great job everyone! You can all go back to your spots and sit.



Game Title Slide: "Impossible Shot" and clear audio

That was a challenge! We'll have to let each of you try to make the impossible shot another time. Up next, we have our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What's something unique you can do?

What's something unique you can do? Maybe it's a talent, a skill, or something you can do that most people can't. 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 unique you can do.



Series Title Slide: Epic

All of us have things that we are good at, and sometimes really unique talents! You are all pretty incredible.

Media Part 1: Big Problem

5:00

Josh and Beka are going to be learning about how Jesus showed someone how incredible they are. 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

Jesus shows each of us that God made us for a purpose. Just like Peter was made with a purpose, God made and designed you, too!

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: Rock This Planet



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: I Will Follow You (EBC)



(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 giving us a purpose. Help us to show others how much they matter to you. 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.



Elevate Slide



Start free time music videos