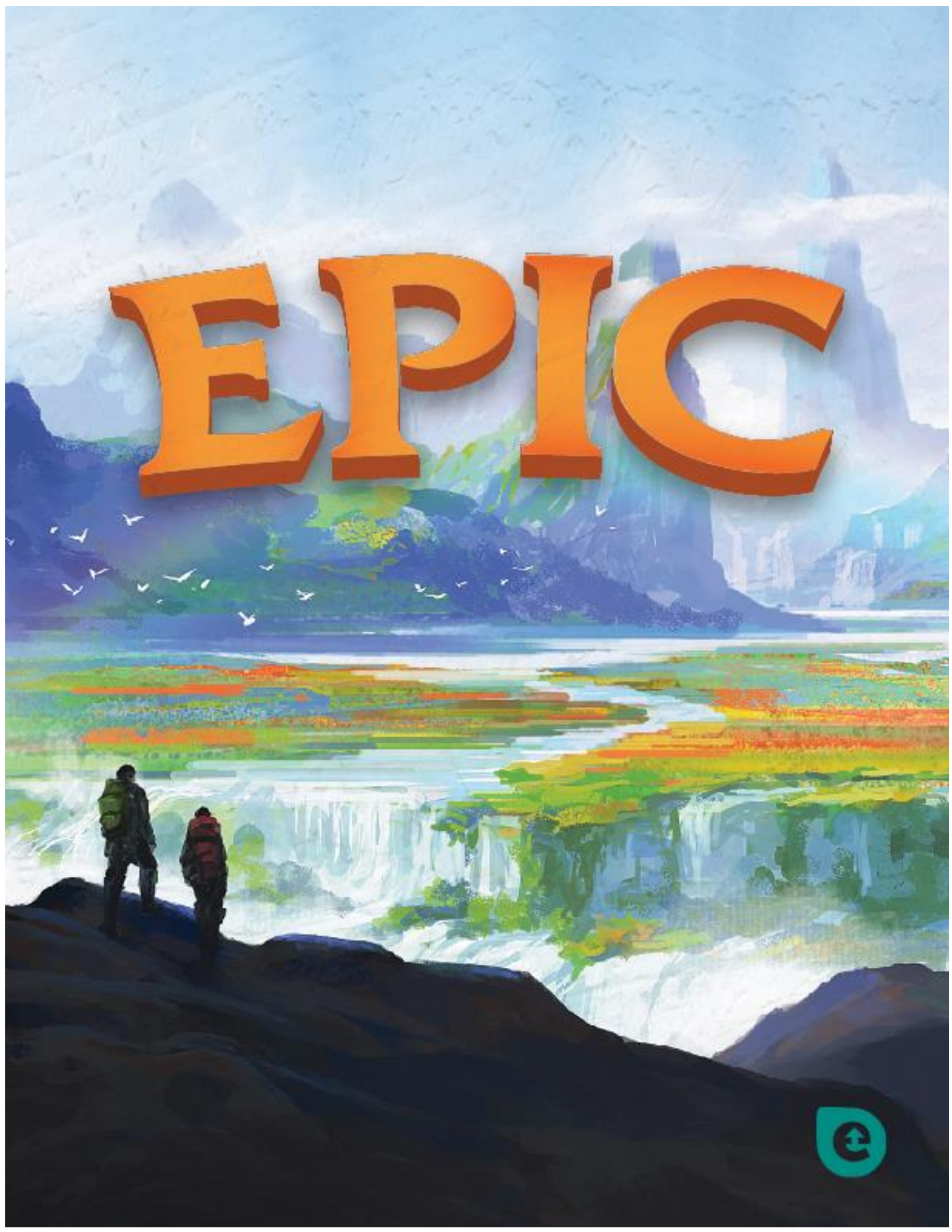


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Large Group

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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	Epic Grace Acts 9	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 6: Epic Love

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00) Team Time (14:00) Media Part 1 (5:00)	0:00 – 20:00
Break Time (1:00) Media Part 2 (5:00) Worship (4:00)	20:00 – 30:00
Media Part 3 (5:00) Decision Time (5:00) Worship (8:00) Media Part 4 (6:00) Wrap-Up (1:00)	30:00 - 55:00



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 to celebrate Easter together! 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 for Easter.

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

For the past few weeks, we've been 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. For our world, there was one day, one thing, one person that changed everything, and that is what we celebrate at Easter.

Today we'll hear how Jesus changed our world forever. To get started, though, we're going to play a game called "Crowd Charades."



Game Title Slide: "Crowd Charades"

In this game, I'm going to have two of you come up on stage to be guessers. Everyone else, be ready to play charades! It'll be your job to act out what I show you on the screen silently, while the two on stage try to guess what you're acting out. Let's give it a try!

Do This: Choose 2 kids and have them come up on stage. For each of the following slides, have them close their eyes while you show the audience what they are going to be acting like.



Fun Game Music!

Ok, guessers, close your eyes, and everyone else, get ready to act like what's on the screen.



Bunnies



Game Title Slide: "Crowd Charades"

Ok, open your eyes! Ready everyone? Go!

Do This: Listen for the correct guess from the guessers.

Ok, guessers, close your eyes again, and everyone else, get ready to act again.



Eggs



Game Title Slide: "Crowd Charades"

Ok, open your eyes! Ready everyone? Go!

Do This: Listen for the correct guess from the guessers.

Ok, guessers, close your eyes again, and everyone else, get ready to act again.



Flowers



Game Title Slide: "Crowd Charades"

Ok, open your eyes! Ready everyone? Go!

Do This: Listen for the correct guess from the guessers.

Ok, guessers, close your eyes again, and everyone else, get ready to act again.



Chocolate



Game Title Slide: "Crowd Charades"

Ok, open your eyes! Ready everyone? Go!

Do This: Listen for the correct guess from the guessers.

Ok, guessers, close your eyes again, and everyone else, get ready to act again.



Birds building a nest



Game Title Slide: "Crowd Charades"

Ok, open your eyes! Ready everyone? Go!

Do This: Listen for the correct guess from the guessers.

Good job everyone! You can all find a spot to sit.



Game Title Slide: "Crowd Charades" and clear audio

Next up we have a question for you to answer: our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What's something you like to do on Easter?

What's something you like to do on Easter? 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 you do on Easter.



Series Title Slide: Epic

Some of us might have Easter traditions, but some of us might just love to sleep and eat chocolate. Those are all really fun! There's a super incredible reason we celebrate Easter, though.

Media Part 1: Big Problem

5:00

Josh and Beka are going to be telling us more about what we celebrate at Easter. Let's take a look!



Media: Part 1 (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Epic

What a great question from Josh and Beka. Next, we're going to take a quick break and stretch out!

Break Time

1:00

Let's stand and stretch!

Do This: Stretch with the kids. This will get them moving and help them pay attention through the rest of the lesson. You could stretch up, down, left, right, and run in place.

Alright, you can find a spot to sit again.

Media Part 2- Bible Story

5:00

Next up, Josh and Beka have a story for us about why we celebrate Easter. Let's check it out!



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



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Epic

Jesus' story really can change all of our lives. I want to find out what happens to Josh and Beka, but first let's stand up and sing this song about what Jesus did for us.

Worship

4:00

Let's all stand up and sing along with this song: "I will follow you."



Song #1: I Will Follow You (EBC)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Epic

I love singing with you. You can find a spot to sit down.

Media Part 3: Application

5:00

Let's check back in with Josh and Beka, to find out how following Jesus has changed their lives.



Media: Part 3 (Application) (5:00)



(Auto advance) Worship Slide

Jesus loves every one of you so much! He gave His life for you, and for me.

Decision Time

5:00

You might have heard all of this before. If you have already decided to follow Jesus, that is amazing! Every Easter, we want to take time to really remind ourselves of what Jesus did for us, so I hope this is such a special celebration for you, like it is for me.

Maybe, though, you still have some questions. You're not totally sure about following Jesus. I want you to know: that's ok. No one can make this decision for you, not your parents, not me, not any of your friends. God knows you, loves you, and wants you to choose to follow Him on your own. If you have questions, any of the adults in here would love to talk with you about them. Your questions are so important to us, and to God.

If you've never made that choice, though, today could be your day to make that amazing decision to follow Jesus. This could be the day you choose to trust God with your whole life, the day He changes your life into something new, the day you get to know the one who made all of us, and loves you enough to give His life for you. If that's you, you can talk to God with me in just a moment. I'll say a prayer, and you can repeat it after me.

You should know that the important thing isn't that you say the words just right, there's nothing magic about these words. What's important is that you really mean what you're saying. You'll say sorry to God for the wrong things you've done, ask Him to forgive you, and choose to follow Him with your whole life.

I'm going to have everyone close their eyes and bow their heads while we talk to God. If you're ready to choose to follow God for the first time, you can pray this prayer with me either out loud or in your head, 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

This first song we're going to sing is about God's amazing love for all of us. You can stand or sit, but let's sing this song together.



Song #1: Reckless Love



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

Let's all stand up and keep on singing and moving with a fun song!



Song #2: God Made a Way



(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 your life for us. Help us to share your love with others. 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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