

EXPLORERS OF THE LOST KINGDOM



Large Group

Explorers of the Lost Kingdom

Series at a Glance for Elevate

About this Series:

Have you ever thought about how great boundaries are? They're the frame around a painting, the painted line in a sports arena. Boundaries create space for life, fun, and freedom within them. The laws God gave to his people aren't meant to be rules to check off a list, but boundaries to create spaces where we can live the way God made us to. Join us in this series as we explore the borders God set up for his people thousands of years ago!

Key Verse:

Deuteronomy 10:13- "Obey the Lord's commands and rules. I'm giving them to you today for your own good."

Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Topic:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: February 16/17	The Stone Tablets Exodus 20	God gives boundaries for our good.
Lesson 2: February 23/24	The Broken Statue Exodus 32	Nothing can take God's place.
Lesson 3: March 2/3	The Sign of the Cloud Numbers 12	When rules are broken, no one wins.
Lesson 4: March 9/10	The Royal Robe Joshua 7	I can be happy with what I have.
Lesson 5: March 16/17	The Final Scroll Joshua 23-24	It's time to choose how I'm going to live.

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Lesson 1: The Stone Tablets

This week, we'll journey to recover one of the most precious items in the entire kingdom of Israel: Their rules. What makes these rules so important? We'll find out as we answer the question: What rules do you live by?

Lesson 2: The Broken Statue

This week, we'll excavate the story of how God's people decided to follow a statue, instead of God. Dig down a little more, and we'll find out how Moses dealt with that problem, and showed the people of Israel that nothing can take God's place.

Lesson 3: The Sign of the Cloud

Our adventure continues, as God's people are lost in the wilderness. Following an impressive cloud, they know God is with them, but some of them feel restless. When two people challenge Moses, the leader God chose, they quickly realize that disrespect and disobedience hurts everyone.

Lesson 4: The Royal Robe

Have you ever wanted something that wasn't yours? When Achan saw an expensive robe, and some money just lying around, he decided to take it. As we unearth Achan's story, we'll see why being happy with what we have is a good rule to live by.

Lesson 5: The Final Scroll

Our whole journey has led to this moment. We've discovered the manuscript of the final speech of one of Israel's leaders: Joshua. This week, we'll talk about the choices Joshua made, and how choosing the rules we live by can change our lives.

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Lesson Outline for Elevate

Lesson 1: The Stone Tablets

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (14:00)	0:00 – 15:00
Media Part 1 (Video) (6:00)	
Group Time (15:00)	
Media Part 2 (Video) (9:00)	15:00 – 45:00
Application (6:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Wrap Up (1:00)	45:00 - 60:00



Video Cue



Slide Cue



Audio Cue



Tech Notes

Opening Song and Welcome

1:00



(Roll when directed) Elevate Opener

Hey everyone! It's time to start it up, so come on down front, throw away your popcorn, and give somebody a high-five!



(Auto advance) Elevate Slide and Underscore

Welcome, everyone! My name is _____. I am so pumped to be with you this weekend. This is going to be an awesome time, and the first thing I want you to know is that I am so glad you are here.

Team Time

14:00



Series Title Slide: Explorers of the Lost Kingdom and clear audio

We are starting a new series this week, called Explorers of the Lost Kingdom. We'll be looking back in time and discovering some of the greatest treasures God gave His people, thousands of years ago. We'll also have fun music, time with your groups, and we'll see what our favorite underground news team is up to in the Source. To get started, let's play a game with our groups!



Game Title Slide: Know Rules!

This game is called "Know Rules!" To start, you're going to get into your teams. Look for the flag with your grade written on it, and go there now!

Do This: Allow kids to go to their group flags.

Ok, ready, set, go!



Fun Game Music!

Do This: Pause for effect.



Lower the music when the leader is talking.

Oh, I didn't say any rules yet. Would this game work without any rules at all? Of course not! I'll start you off with a couple rules, but we'll add more as we go.

The first rule is, you have to stay inside the cones set up by your team's flag.

Good. Hmm, I think we need some more rules to make this more fun. The next rule is, if you get hit by a ball, you have to sit down! That means we need some beach balls.

Do This: Allow the group leaders to toss several small beach balls into the space inside the cones.

Ok, rule number three. You can throw beach balls at other people, remember that if you get hit, you have to sit down!

Do This: Let kids play until a lot of them are sitting down.

Let's see, rule number four. When I say so, everyone is back in. Ready? You can stand up!

Do This: Allow kids to play for a bit longer.

That was fun! Pack up all the beach balls, and come back to the front!



Series Title Slide: Explorers of the Lost Kingdom (and clear audio)

Alright everyone, come on up to the front, and get ready for our question of the day! Do you think it'll be a teal, gray, or orange ball this time?



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: If you were in charge, what is the first rule you'd make up?

If you were in charge, what is the first rule you'd make up? Turn to the person next to you, tell them your idea, and find out their answer, too!

Do This: Emcee as the kids are sharing their answers. Encourage them to share with the people around them, and encourage any kid whose story you hear.

Know This: Allow kids time to interact with one another. Feel free to ask a few of them what their answer is, but you don't have to make them share with the whole group. Make sure this time only takes a minute or two.

Some of those sound like great rules.



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Media: Part 1

6:00

It seems like there are rules everywhere we go. Sometimes it's frustrating, but could rules actually be a good thing? To find out, let's check in with our friend Rue, and the Source news team!



The Source: Part 1 (5:00)



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Do you think they'll follow the rule? Should they follow the rules? We'll have to find out what happens later. Right now, it's time for group time! Look for the flag with your grade on it, and head over there. I'll see you in a few minutes!

Group Time

15:00



15:00 Group Time Countdown



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Do This: Make sure each kid finds their group. Help group leaders if there is a need. Encourage kids as they work to answer the question.

Know This: This is a time for kids to search for answers in the Bible, and see how they can use the Bible to investigate and better understand life. This time is designed for kids to interact and deepen their understanding. They won't get all the answers, but allow them to question and discover as much as possible. Be ready to support group leaders in any way needed.

Do This: Give the groups a warning about one minute before this time is up.

Media: Part 2

9:00

Come on back, everyone! I'm so ready to find out what happens to the Source team, let's watch and see!



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



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Wow, the boundaries and rules we live by really are important, and super good for us.

Application

6:00

Sometimes, we think rules stop us from doing fun things, but really, they usually keep us and others safe, and help us have more fun than we would if we broke the rules. Like Moses said so long ago, God gives us boundaries and rules for our good.



Big Idea Slide: God gives boundaries for our good.

The word "boundaries" can be a good word to use when we think about rules. That's what good rules do, they set up boundaries that keep us safe.



Cliff railing picture

Like a railing on the side of a cliff, they keep us from going too far in the wrong way, or getting hurt, or just wasting our time.



Soccer field picture

Another example is like the lines on a sports field. If those lines didn't exist, you could just run anywhere at all, the game wouldn't work. What if someone just kept dribbling a soccer ball for miles and miles? The game wouldn't be any fun without guidelines and rules.



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The thing about guidelines is, someone has to make them. For sports, there are referees who enforce the rules. At school, the teachers and principals set up guidelines for you to follow. At home, it's your parents or other grown-ups. But did you know that there is one thing only you can set up the guidelines for? It's your life. It's up to you to decide what is most important to you, how you will live, and what rules you are going to follow. Right now, some of those rules are being set by others, but one day, you'll have to choose them for yourself.

How can we do that? Well, this series we're using something called a mission statement.



Mission Statement image

Writing a mission statement means writing down your mission, the dreams you have, and the way you want to live. It can help you create boundaries in your life, so you know how you want to live, and what choices you want to make.

Do This: Show kids the large mission statement handout.

You'll get one of these when you leave today, but you don't have to fill it all out at once. We'll talk about the different sections over the next few weeks. This week, I just want to challenge you to think about the first question: Who am I? I would answer that question like this.

Do This: Write your answers underneath the "Who Am I?" section of the poster. Potential answers include: Child of God, son/ daughter, brother/ sister, student, parent, granddaughter/son, and other basic roles you are in.

As you write these things down, ask yourself, what kind of a brother or sister do I want to be? What kind of a daughter or son do I want to be? Since I'm a child of God, how do I want to live? That's a great way to start thinking about your mission.

God is the one who made us and gave every one of you such a great purpose. That's part of why we sing and worship God, because He is so amazing to us.



Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

This song is all about how God can remind us of who we are. When we feel sad or stuck, or have a tough choice to make, we can ask God to remind us of who He says we are.



Song #1: Remind Me



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

God is amazing. Let's keep worshipping Him with another great song, one that is perfect for this series. It's about living the way we want to be, the way God made us!



Song #2: Who I Wanna Be



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Awesome singing, you can sit, but let's take a moment to talk to God.

God, you are wonderful. Thank you for giving us a purpose. Help us to trust you and what you say is right, no matter what. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Wrap-Up

1:00

We're almost done, but there's one thing to make sure you get on your way out.

Do This: Show kids the Family Connection Card

This Family Connection Card is a great way to bring what you learned today home. Be sure to pick it up, and check out the back! That's where you can make your own personal mission statement. Start with the question: "Who am I?" this week. You can talk about this with your family, too! You might inspire some of them to think about the mission God has given them, too.

I've had a lot of fun hanging out with you all today, I hope to see you all next week!



Elevate Slide



Start hangtime music videos