

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 3: The Sign of the Cloud

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 and sit down front, throw away your popcorn, and tell me, what's the last game you played?

Do This: Chat with the kids as they come up and sit. Talk about the last age appropriate board/card game or sport you played.



(Auto advance) Elevate Slide and Underscore

Welcome, everyone! My name is _____. I am so excited to be with you this weekend. I am so glad every one of you is here today, it's going to be a lot of fun!

Team Time

14:00



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

We're in a series called Explorers of the Lost Kingdom. We're looking back in time and discovering some of the greatest treasures God gave His people thousands of years ago. Today we'll 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 in our groups!



Game Title Slide: Eye-To-Eye

This game is called "Eye-To-Eye." Your whole group will stand in a circle, and look at the floor. Your group leader will count down, three, two, one, go! When they say "go," you must look up at the eyes of someone else in your group. If your eyes meet, and you are both looking at each other, you both have to sit down. The last one or two people

standing are the winners! If you end super quickly, you can play again. Ok, go ahead and find the flag with your grade on it, move over there, and get ready to play!



Fun Game Music!

Do This: Allow the groups to play! When there is one minute left, or you notice groups finishing, encourage them to wrap up, 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. To play that game, you needed to be honest, and have something called integrity. Integrity means doing the right thing, even if you wouldn't get caught. We're going to find out whether the Source team chooses to do the right thing in a challenging time, but first, we have a challenge to complete! Let's spin the challenge wheel!



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: Learn three people's names in ten seconds!

Learn three people's names in ten seconds? You'll have to move fast! Ready? Set? Go!

Do This: Learn three of the kids' names.



10 second countdown



(Auto-Advance) Series Title Slide: Explorers of the Lost Kingdom

Wow, that was a challenge. I hope you met someone new!

Media: Part 1

6:00

Next, we're going to check in with some of our favorite friends, Rue, and the Source news team.



The Source: Part 1 (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Explorers of the Lost Kingdom

What choice are they going to make? What should they do? Should they just cheat, or is it worth it to make the right choice? You'll get to talk about that next, in group time! You can head over to your group's flag to meet your leader, and I'll see you in a few minutes.

Group Time

15:00



15:00 Group Time Countdown



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Explorers of the Lost Kingdom

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 excited to find out what happens to the Source team, let's watch and see!



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Explorers of the Lost Kingdom

Wow, what a story.

Application

6:00

Rue said something really important.



Big Idea Slide: When rules are broken, no one wins.

When rules are broken, no one wins. That's so true, isn't it? Imagine, you're playing a board game, and the other person decides to cheat. Is the game still fun? No, it's probably not. Even if you don't get caught, winning by cheating isn't very fun, because you know you didn't win honestly. When someone cheats, it just makes everyone sad.

That was true for the Source team, it was true for Rue, and for Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, but what about us? If you got away with it, do you think cheating would be ok? Here's one way to think about it.

Do This: Show kids a game of Candy Land.



Board game

You and your friend are playing Candy Land, and you have the chance to cheat. You draw a card that moves your piece back, but you lied, and said the card you drew made you win. How do you think you would feel?

You might feel a little good, you won, but you didn't really win, because you cheated. Even if you don't get caught, you might feel bad about cheating. How might your friend feel?

They might feel sad that they lost, but if they found out you cheated, they'd probably be more sad, and angry. They might not even want to play games with you anymore. It's just not fun to play when someone cheats. The most important thing I want you to know, though, is this.

Do This: Take out the Candy Land box, and pack everything inside of it as you talk.

When you're done with this game, you're going to put it away, and it'll be over. The game ends, but do you know what doesn't stop after the game? Your relationship with your friend or family member you're playing with. Cheating can hurt for a long time after the game is over. In the end, it feels way better to lose fairly than it does to cheat and win.

Eventually, a lot of the things we spend our time on will finish, like school.

Do This: Show kids a pencil.



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School won't last forever, even though it sometimes feels like it. You'll finish this grade, you'll go to a different school, and like this game, it will end one day.

Do This: Put the pencil in the Candy Land box.

The relationships we have with our friends and teachers, though, will still matter after school is done. Cheating in school hurts those relationships by disrespecting our teachers and your friends who are being honest. It also will keep us from learning, which is the point of school.

Wherever we cheat, it hurts our relationships. Cheating disrespects leaders and isn't fair to our friends. So, what can we do? You can start by choosing to have integrity. Integrity means doing the right thing instead of cheating.

You may not have to worry about this today, tomorrow, or even this week, but when you have to choose between cheating or doing things honestly, it helps to have this boundary set up. That's why there is a section on your personal mission statement called "Boundaries."

Do This: Show kids the big personal mission statement on an easel.

Your boundaries are rules that you are choosing to follow, no matter what. This is something to think about, and even talk to your family about. If you have one of these already, that's awesome, you can fill it out at home today. If you don't, pick one up on your way out! Under "Boundaries," you could write things like "Follow God," "Respect my parents," and "Make the right choice, even if no one is watching." These are such important choices to make now, and then do your best to follow every day. This

mission statement can help you remember who you want to be, even when you have to make tough choices.



Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

God made us to be honest, live fairly, and to follow Him. That's what this song is about, how we can be who God made us to be! Let's stand and sing together.



Song #1: Who I Wanna Be



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

I love worshipping God with all of you. Let's keep it going with another awesome song!



Song #2: Rock This Planet



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

God, you are amazing. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for giving us great rules to follow. Help us to respect others and live with integrity. In Jesus' name, amen.

Wrap-Up

1:00

We're almost done, but if you don't have a mission statement to fill out, you can still pick one up!

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. Last week, we filled out the "Priorities" section, and this week we talked about the "Boundaries" section. Take the chance to talk about this with your families, and find out what boundaries they live by, 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