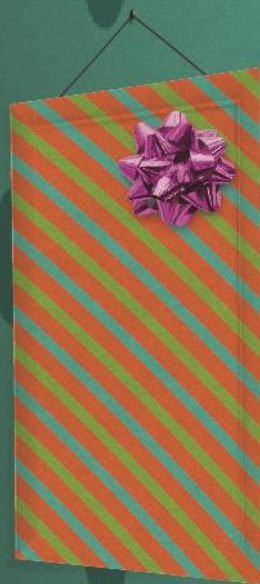


# Gifts That Keep on Giving



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Series at a Glance for Elevate

### About this Series:

Everyone loves getting a good gift, yet we've all heard that it is better to give than it is to receive. What if the *best* gifts were gifts we received so that we could share them with others? In this series, we'll learn about some of the gifts God gives us, whether they're things we can enjoy every day or in special circumstances.

### Key Verse:

1 Corinthians 12:4 - There are different kinds of gifts. But they are all given to believers by the same Spirit.

### Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Title:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: November 6/7	Leadership Ephesians 4:11-13	God gives us people who help us learn & grow.
Lesson 2: November 13/14	Mercy Matthew 18:21-35	We can be kind to others, even when they're not expecting it.
Lesson 3: November 20/21	Wisdom Matthew 7:24-27	God gives us guidance to help us make wise decisions.
Lesson 4: November 27/28	Languages Acts 2	God wants us to connect with Him.
Lesson 5: December 4/5	Encouragement John 12:1-8	We can encourage others with our words and actions.
Lesson 6: December 11/12	Prophecy Isaiah 9:1-7	We can share God's truth with others.
Lesson 7: December 18/19	Evangelism Luke 2:8-20	God gives us something worth telling the world about.
Lesson 8: * Christmas Week	Christmas Party Matthew 1:18-25	God gave us the gift of His son, Jesus.

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## Series at a Glance for Elevate (continued)

### **Lesson 1: November 6/7 - Leadership**

Aren't you glad we don't go through life all alone? This week, we'll learn about the people God has given us who help us learn and grow.

### **Lesson 2: November 13/14 - Mercy**

Most of us like receiving generous gifts, but how do we feel about giving to others? This week, we'll talk about what it means to show kindness to others even when we don't have to.

### **Lesson 3: November 20/21 - Wisdom**

Sometimes life can be confusing. Thankfully, God is with us! This week, we'll talk about how God gives us guidance when we're not sure what we should do.

### **Lesson 4: November 27/28 - Languages**

Have you ever felt left out when someone gets a gift that you didn't? This week, we'll talk about how God wants to give the gift of His Spirit and connect with all of us, no matter where we come from or what language we speak.

### **Lesson 5: December 4/5 - Encouragement**

While big gifts usually get our attention, it's the personal gifts that often mean the most. This week, we'll see that while God can do spectacular miracles, He can also do awe-inspiring things through us in everyday moments when we show kindness and help one another.

### **Lesson 6: December 11/12 - Prophecy**

It's exciting to get a delivery, isn't it? There's something special about someone bringing us something that's addressed to us. This week, we'll talk about what it means to look forward to what God is sending our way, and how we can serve as messengers to deliver what God wants to offer to other people.

### **Lesson 7: December 18/19 - Evangelism**

It can feel hard to know how to talk about Jesus with others sometimes. This week, we'll talk about what leads us to tell other people about what God has done in our lives and our world.

### **Lesson 8: Christmas Week**

The greatest gift that God has ever given us is His son, Jesus. God sent Jesus into the world to rescue us and make a way for us to have a relationship with Him. This week, we'll hear the story of Christmas and discover why Jesus came.

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## Lesson Outline for Elevate

### Lesson 2: Mercy

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 (8:00)	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



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## 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! Come on up 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 a great time.

## Team Time

14:00



Series Title Slide: Gifts that Keep on Giving and clear audio

Today we are in a series called "Gifts that Keep on Giving." Gifts are awesome, right? When someone gives us a gift, especially a really great gift, that is super exciting! In this series, we're going to be talking about some gifts that God Himself gives us. The thing to remember is, God doesn't just give us these gifts for ourselves, He wants us to share them with others, too!

Let's get started with a game called "Bow on Top."



Game Title Slide: "Bow on Top"

In this game, one person in your group will be sitting on the floor blindfolded. Your goal is to set a bow on their head or one of their shoulders without them knowing where you set it. Your group leader will give you each a gift bow, and you'll take turns trying to set your bow on the person on the ground.

If you are the person on the ground, after they put the bow on you, you will have one chance to say whether you think it is on your head or shoulder. If you are right, you switch places with the person who placed their bow. If you are wrong, you stay there and stay blindfolded.

Ready? Go and find your groups!



Fun Game Music!

**Do This:** Give groups 5-7 minutes to play the game. If they begin to look tired of it, bring them back to the middle.

That looked fun! You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit.



Game Title Slide: "Bow on Top" and clear audio

Let's get ready to answer our question of the day.



Question of the Day Video



*(Auto Advance)* QOTD Slide: How have you seen someone show "mercy"?

Our question today is: How have you seen someone show "mercy"? Mercy can mean being kind to someone else, even if they haven't earned it or don't really deserve it, or taking it easy on someone who is having a tough time. Is there a story you think of about mercy? 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 can share your answer briefly, too!



Series Title Slide: Gifts that Keep on Giving

Forgiving someone is showing them mercy. Being there for someone who is feeling hurt or helping someone who is having trouble are both merciful things we can do. Mercy is a gift that God gives us and one He wants us to share with others, too.

## Media Part 1: Big Problem

5:00

Next, we are going to learn a bit more about mercy by checking in with The Elevate Show! Let's see what they're doing today.



Media: Part 1 (5:00)



*(Auto advance)* Group Time Slide

What a great gift to think about. Have you ever been shown mercy? Or have you ever showed someone else mercy? Next, we get to meet up with our groups to talk more about mercy. 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: Gifts that Keep on Giving

**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, we're going to hear a Bible story about the gift of mercy God gives us.



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



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Gifts that Keep on Giving

What a great story! It can be hard to show mercy, especially when we feel like someone else doesn't deserve it. But being kind, forgiving, and having mercy on someone can make a huge difference in their lives. After all, that's what God does for every one of us.

Next, it's time to meet up with your group leader for an activity all about the power of mercy. You can go there now!

## Group Time 2

8:00



8:00 Group Time Countdown



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Gifts that Keep on Giving

**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

That looked like a fun activity. Let's keep on learning about mercy with the Elevate Show!



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



*(Auto advance)* Worship Slide

I love that God shows us mercy. That's why it's so important for us to have mercy on others, too.

## Worship

8:00

Next up, we get to sing some songs about our amazing God! We call singing about God "worship." Worship reminds us about who God is and how much He loves us. Last week learned a brand-new song, and we get to sing it again this week. Let's stand and sing about God together!



Song #1: Move



*(Auto-Advance)* Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Jump



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Gifts that Keep on Giving

Singing with all of you is awesome. You can sit, and let's take a moment to talk to God.

God, we love you. Thank you for giving us the gift of mercy. Help us to share your love with others by using that gift. 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 The Elevate Show wraps up.



Media: Part 4 (Game) (4:00)



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Gifts that Keep on Giving

## Wrap-Up

1:00

That was super fun. I'm so glad you were here today, and I hope to see you all next week!



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