

Gifts That Keep on Giving



Large Group

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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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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 7: Evangelism

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! 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

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 "World Christmas Quiz."



Game Title Slide: "World Christmas Quiz"

In this game, I'm going to read you a fact about the way Christmas is celebrated somewhere in our world, but I won't quite finish the fact. You'll have to guess what the ending is by choosing answer A, B, C, or D. To choose an answer, just move to the sign around the room that has that letter on it.

Let's look at our first fact!



"In Ukraine, it is traditional to decorate your Christmas tree with..." and Christmas game music!

- A. Turnips
- B. Plain ol' Christmas lights
- C. Miniature Kittens
- D. Spiderwebs

Do This: Read the question and answers for the kids.

Which one do you think is right? Run to the letter that matches your answer.

Let's find out if you're right!



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The answer is D. Spiderwebs! They do so because of a traditional story where some spiders decorate a Christmas tree with sparkling webs for a family who couldn't decorate their tree that year.

Let's look at another fact!



In Caracas (Krr-ahh-kuhs) Venezuela, many people get to church on Christmas week by...

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- C. Donkey ride
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The answer is B, roller skates! They actually close down the roads in the mornings, so people can roller skate to church. That is pretty awesome.

Let's look at another fact!



In Oaxaca (Waa-haa-kuh) Mexico, on December 23rd, they have a festival called...

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- B. Day of the potato
- C. Morning of the corn
- D. Early-to-mid-evening of the cauliflower

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The answer is A. Night of the radishes! It's a really cool festival where people carve radishes into amazing displays and sculptures.

Let's look at another fact!



In Chandler Arizona, they have the largest Christmas tree in the world made out of...

- A. Cactus
- B. Salsa
- C. Tumbleweeds
- D. Nachos

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The answer is C, Tumbleweeds! They use over one thousand tumbleweeds every year to make the tree.

Let's look at another fact!



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- B. Have all their socks turn purple
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The answer is D: Be eaten by a giant cat. Wow.

Let's check out another Christmas fact!



In Greenland, Christmas dinner includes "mattak," which is another name for...

- A. Teriyaki beef jerky
- B. Whale blubber
- C. Cold fruit soup
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The answer is B: Whale blubber!

Great job everyone! You can all come back and find a spot to sit.



Game Title Slide: "World Christmas Quiz" and clear audio

Next, let's get ready to answer our question of the day.



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What is something you are excited for?

Our question today is: What is something you are excited for? It could be something you are doing for Christmas, or something other than Christmas you're excited for, too! 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

When I'm excited about something, I usually love to talk about it and share it with others. There is something God gives us that all of us can be excited about, and all of us can share! That's what we're learning about today.

Media Part 1: Big Problem

5:00

What is that thing we can share? Let's watch The Elevate Show to find out!



Media: Part 1 (5:00)



(Auto advance) Group Time Slide

God wants us to tell other people about Him! There are so many ways we can do that. Next, we get to go to group time to talk about what we're learning. Look for your group's flag and meet up with your group leaders 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 story about some people who wanted to tell everyone they could about what God did for them.



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



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

The shepherds were so excited to tell others about Jesus because they knew God had sent Jesus for everyone, and wanted everyone to know about Him!

Next, it's time to meet up with your group leader for an activity that can help us tell others about Jesus. You can head to your groups 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 with the Elevate Show!



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



(Auto advance) Worship Slide

God has given us a mission to tell other people about Him. He loves every person, and wants them all to know who He is. We can do that this week by inviting people to join us for Christmas! At our Christmas services, people will learn about God's love, and have the chance to decide to follow Him.

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. Let's stand up and sing together!



Song #1: Joy to the World



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Oh what a Glorious Night



(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 loving us and sending Jesus. Help us to share your love with others by telling them about you. Amen.

Media Part 4: Game

6:00

Next, 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. Before you go, we have some invitations you can take with you today!

Do This: Show kids the Christmas invitation.

This is a great way to invite someone to our Christmas services, which are coming up in just a couple days! There will be games, and everyone will leave with a very special gift. Invite someone to come with you to Christmas, and I hope to see you all then!

I'm so glad you were here today, and I hope to see you all next week!



Elevate Slide



Start Christmas Free Time music videos