

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 - Christmas Party

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 8: Christmas Party

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (10:00)	
Media Parts 1 and 2 (10:00)	0:00 – 21:00
Application (5:00)	
Media Part 3 (6:00)	21:00 – 32:00
Decision Time and Worship (8:00)	
Media Part 4 (5:00)	
Christmas Party (15:00)	32:00 - 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

10:00



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

Merry Christmas! One awesome part of Christmas is gifts, right? That's why we're in a series called "Gifts that Keep on Giving." When someone gives us a gift, especially a really great gift, that is super exciting. Today we're talking about the greatest gift God has ever given us!

Let's get started with a game called "Lumberjack Tree Toss."



Game Title Slide: "Lumberjack Tree Toss"

I'm going to need three people to play this game.

Do This: Select three kids to play the game and bring them on stage. Make sure the miniature Christmas trees and the target are set up.

I've got some Christmas trees up here. We're going to find out who is the best "lumberjack" by having each of you throw three Christmas trees at the target. The only rule is, you must throw underhand, like you're lifting a heavy tree. Ready to give it a try?

Let's go!



Fun Christmas Game Music!

Do This: Allow each kid to throw their three Christmas trees. Add up the points each of them earns. After they finish, let them go back and sit down. Encourage the other kids to cheer them on as they play!

Great job, all of you! You can all sit back down.



Game Title Slide: "Lumberjack Tree Toss" 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 the best Christmas gift you've ever gotten?

Our question today is: What is the best Christmas gift you've ever gotten? 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

I love learning a bit more about each other. I am so glad every one of you is here to celebrate Christmas together!

Media Parts 1 and 2:

10:00

Next, let's check in with The Elevate Show to see how they're celebrating Christmas!



Media: Part 1 (10:00)



(Auto advance) Group Time Slide

Jesus really is the greatest gift we've ever been given.

Application

5:00

They told that story in a funny way, but it's important to know that the story they were talking about really happened. Why do you think God sent Jesus? Why is Jesus the greatest gift ever? Well, I think I can tell you why. Take a look at this gift.

Do This: Indicate a box on stage. (<https://www.vanishinginmagic.com/childrens-magic/mirror-box-plastic-folding/>)

Do This: Open up the front of the box so kids can see it is empty.

Know This: The rest of this section should be memorized and delivered word-for-word.

Normally, you think of gifts as something you get. You might unwrap a new game, a new book, or something else super exciting. Now, it doesn't look like there is anything in this box, but check this out.

Do This: Close the front of the box. Pull out a string of colored handkerchiefs.

Woah, look at that! Each of these has one of God's promises written on it. "I will never leave you." "I love you no matter what." "I want what's best for you." Those are all things God promises you, and He showed us that those promises are true by sending Jesus, just like it says in 2 Corinthians 1:20.



2 Corinthians 1:20- God has made a great many promises. They are all “Yes” because of what Christ has done.

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

Jesus showed us that all God’s promises are true. There’s another amazing thing Jesus does, though.

Do This: Take out some weights with words on them. Hold up each of them as you talk about it (the underlined words will each have a weight that go with them). Put each of them in the box after you hold them up.

We were made to follow God and live with Him, but we don’t always do that. Sometimes things weigh us down or hold us back. We sometimes call those things sin- which means the things we do that God says are wrong. Things like lying, cheating, or hurting others. Those things deserve consequences, punishments, too. Sin separates us from God and holds us back from being who He made us to be.

When you follow Jesus, though, all that changes. You are forgiven for the wrong things you’ve done. You don’t have to be afraid of being punished because Jesus took the punishment we deserved for every sin. You can know God loves you no matter what. You are never alone because God promises to be with you, and He says you are good enough, because He made you and has a plan for you. It’s like all those sins that were holding you back just disappear.

Do This: Open the front of the box to show all the weights have disappeared.

That’s what happens when we accept God’s amazing gift and choose to follow Jesus.

Media Part 3:

5:00

To tell you more about how you can accept that gift today, let’s go back to the Elevate show.



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



(Auto advance) Congrats! Slide

If you decided to follow Jesus for the first time today, congratulations! I am super excited for you. Following Jesus is such an amazing choice. We have a book for you that can help you learn more about following Jesus.

Do This: Show kids the Follow Jesus book.

Next, let's have everyone stand up.

If you just decided to follow Jesus for the first time, I want to celebrate with you! You can follow me, I'll give you this book and tell you more about what following Jesus is like. Everyone else, you'll get to stay here and sing and worship God!

Do This: Lead the new believers to a good place for the decision talk and lead them through the decision time based on the Follow Jesus book. Make sure another leader is ready to stand on stage and lead worship.

Decision Time and 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 follow you every day. Amen.

Media Part 4: Game

5:00

I'm so excited for all of you who decided to follow Jesus today! 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

Christmas Party

15:00

That was super fun. Next up, it's time for a Christmas Party! We've got a bunch of fun things to do, so let's get started.



Game Title Slide: "Meow Mix: Christmas Edition" and fun game music!

We're going to start out with a game called "Meow Mix: Christmas Edition." For this game, I'll need four people who like to sing.

Do This: Choose four volunteers from among the older kids in the room. Give each of them a card. Make sure they know the carol written on their card. If someone needs a little help when it's their turn, you could help them start singing their song.

On your card there is a Christmas carol. Your goal is to get us to guess what that carol is by singing it. The catch is- you can only sing the word "meow." Everyone in the audience, try to guess what they are singing!

Ready to give it a try? Let's go!

Do This: Give the person with card #1 a try. When you hear someone guess their song, they are finished.

That song was "Jingle Bells!" Let's try card number 2.

Do This: Give the person with card #2 a try. When you hear someone guess their song, they are finished.

That song was “Frosty The Snowman.” Alright, card number 3, I hope you’re ready to meow.

Do This: Give the person with card #3 a try. When you hear someone guess their song, they are finished.

That song was “Deck the Halls.” We’ve got one more song to hear!

Do This: Give the person with card #4 a try. When you hear someone guess their song, they are finished.

That was the 12 days of Christmas! Good job everyone.



Game Title Slide: “Meow Mix: Christmas Edition” and clear audio!

Next up, it’s time for a game that gets all of us moving!



Game Title Slide: “Snowball Destroyers”

Do This: During your description, have volunteers set up the room for this game, by putting cones and the targets out.

Know This: The cones should create two on either side of the room. The targets should be placed on the lines. Then, they should create a center line down the middle of the room.

We’re calling this game “Snowball Destroyers!” We’re going to throw out a bunch of snowballs, but your goal isn’t to throw them at each other. Each side of the room is going to have five targets set up. If your team knocks down all the targets on the other side of the room, you win!

You can’t go past the middle line, and if a target falls over, you can’t pick it back up.

Do This: Split the kids into two groups roughly down the middle of the room. Have each group stand on their side of the room.

Ready? Let’s go!



Game Title Slide: “Snowball Destroyers” and fun game music!

Do This: Allow the kids to play until the game is done. If it ends super quickly, you could have them play a rematch.

We’ve got more games to play, so come back to the middle and find a spot to sit!



Game Title Slide: “Higher or Lower: Christmas Edition”

This game is called “Higher or Lower: Christmas Edition.” I’m going to read you a fact about Christmas, but the number in the fact will be wrong. You have to guess whether the real number is higher or lower than the one I read. If you think it’s higher, stand up. If you think it’s lower, sit down. Ready? Let’s go!



Higher or Lower Slide 1 and different fun game music!

Do This: Read the statement from the slide.

Remember, if you think the real number is higher, stand up! If you think it is lower, sit down.

Let’s find out if you’re right!



Higher or Lower Answer 1

Do This: Read the answer from the screen.

Let’s look at another one!



Higher or Lower Slide 2

Do This: Read the statement from the slide.

If you think the real number is higher, stand up! If you think it is lower, sit down.

Let’s find out if you’re right!



Higher or Lower Answer 2

Do This: Read the answer from the screen.

Let’s look at another one!



Higher or Lower Slide 3

Do This: Read the statement from the slide.

Stand or sit to let me know your answer!

Let’s find out if you’re right!



Higher or Lower Answer 3

Do This: Read the answer from the screen.

Let's look at another one!



Higher or Lower Slide 4

Do This: Read the statement from the slide.

Show me what you think, higher or lower?

Let's find out if you're right!



Higher or Lower Answer 4

Do This: Read the answer from the screen.

We've got a couple more to go!



Higher or Lower Slide 5

Do This: Read the statement from the slide.

Should that number be higher or lower?

Let's find out if you're right!



Higher or Lower Answer 5

Do This: Read the answer from the screen.

Just two left, let's take a look.



Higher or Lower Slide 6

Do This: Read the statement from the slide.

Show me your answer!

Let's find out if you're right!



Higher or Lower Answer 6

Do This: Read the answer from the screen.

Let's look at one more Christmas fact.



Higher or Lower Slide 7

Do This: Read the statement from the slide.

If you think the real number is higher, stand up! If you think it is lower, sit down.

Let's find out if you're right!



Higher or Lower Answer 7

Do This: Read the answer from the screen.

Great job everyone!



Game Title Slide: "Higher or Lower" and clear audio

Everyone, it has been super fun to celebrate Christmas with all of you. You can go out and dazzle your families with all you've learned about Christmas and tell them the awesome reason we celebrate Christmas. It's where God showed us how much He loves us through Jesus.

I'm so glad every one of you could be here today, and just want to say: Merry Christmas!



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