

Got Questions?



Large Group

Got Questions? Series at a Glance for Elevate

About this Series:

Have you ever had questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, or life? Your questions are so important. This whole series is focused on finding answers to some of the biggest questions kids are asking!

Key Verse:

1 Corinthians 13:12- What I know now is not complete. But someday I will know completely, just as God knows me completely.

Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Topic:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: February 22/23	Why doesn't God give me what I pray for right now? Hezekiah- 2 Kings 18-19	God knows what's best for me.
Lesson 2: February 29/March 1	Why does God let bad things happen? Job	I can trust God when I am hurting.
Lesson 3: March 7/8	What is heaven like? John 14:2-4, Rev. 21:4-7, Colossians 3:1-2	I can live and think in a new way.
Lesson 4: March 14/15	Why should I read the Bible? 2 Timothy 3:15-17	God can use the Bible to lead me.
Lesson 5: March 21/22	Can I be friends with someone when we disagree? Euodia and Syntyche, Philippians 4	We can disagree and still be friends.
Lesson 6: March 28/29	Why does what I watch matter? Mark 7:1-23, Luke 6:45	I can choose what fills my heart.
Lesson 7: April 4/5	How do I know God's purpose for me? Peter's Story- John 21	I can always trust God to guide me.

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Series at a Glance for Elevate (continued)

Lesson 1: Why doesn't God give me what I pray for right now?

Prayer is amazing- we get to talk to the God who made the universe! If God is so powerful, though, why doesn't he always give us what we ask for? This week, we'll see why when God says "wait," or even says "no," it might be a good thing.

Lesson 2: Why does God let bad things happen?

Life can feel unfair sometimes. Why did someone else get what I wanted? Why did I get sick the day before the big game? In Job, one of the oldest books of the Bible, we hear the story of someone who lost everything, and see God actually tell Job about why bad things can happen.

Lesson 3: What is heaven like?

In heaven, we won't play music on harps, won't sit on clouds, and won't even have wings or halos. So, what is heaven really like? This week, we'll learn about heaven from someone who has been there- Jesus himself!

Lesson 4: Why should I read the Bible?

Why do we follow what a book that is thousands of years old says? How do we know that the Bible is true? This week, we'll discover why we can trust the Bible to guide us and help us learn about God today.

Lesson 5: Can I be friends with someone when we disagree?

Sometimes, we all disagree, even with our best friends! This week, we'll learn how we can still be friends with someone, even when we don't see things the way they do.

Lesson 6: Why does what I watch matter?

We watch so many things, from slow-motion videos to YouTube celebrities to our favorite shows on Netflix. This week, we're asking the question: does what we watch matter? Join us as we discover how what we watch can change who we become.

Lesson 7: How do I know God's purpose for me?

God made you for an amazing purpose! The question is: what is it? Why don't we get a step-by-step instruction guide for living out God's purpose for our lives? This week, we'll see how Peter, one of Jesus' closest friends, discovered God's purpose for him in an incredible way.

Got Questions? Lesson Outline for Elevate

Lesson 2: Why does God let bad things happen?

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (14:00)	0:00 – 15:00
Media Part 1 (6:00)	
Group Time (15:00)	
Media Part 2 (9:00)	15:00 – 45:00
Application (5:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Challenge (Media) (1:00)	
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

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! 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! We've got some great things coming up. We'll get to hear some great stories, sing together, and play some fun games, too.

Know This: It's important to say the following paragraph roughly word-for-word. We are using this "respect" language intentionally to give kids clear expectations for how to behave while they are in Elevate. We ask that you don't add to or take away from this language.

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 an awesome time.

Team Time

14:00



Series Title Slide: Got Questions? and clear audio

Have you ever wished we could ask God questions, and get some answers? If so, this series is just right for you! We've taken some of the biggest questions people ask about God, Jesus, church, and life, and we're ready to answer them!

Before we find out what our question is, we've got a game to play together called "Saved it or Wrecked it?"



Game Title Slide: "Saved it or Wrecked it?"

We're going to watch a video of snowboarders, skiers, and other people doing tricks or just falling. Your group's job is to guess whether the person saves it, does the trick, and looks awesome, or if they totally wreck it. To guess that they "save it," you'll stand up. To guess that they "wreck it," sit down. Go ahead and get together with your groups by your group flags! Introduce yourselves quickly, and then we'll show the first video!

Do This: Help kids find their group if necessary. Give them time to go around and say names, if possible.

Alright, let's go to our first video!



Video 1: Saved it or Wrecked It (Clip)

Do you think that person will save it, or wreck it? Make your guess!

Let's find out.



Video 1: Saved it or Wrecked It (Full)

Do This: React to the video with the kids.

Let's go to our next video!



Video 2: Saved it or Wrecked It (Clip)

Do you think that person will save it, or wreck it? Make your guess!

Let's find out.



Video 2: Saved it or Wrecked It (Full)

Do This: React to the video with the kids.


Let's go to our next video!



Video 3: Saved it or Wrecked It (Clip)


Do you think that person will save it, or wreck it? Make your guess!

Let's find out.

 Video 3: Saved it or Wrecked It (Full)


Do This: React to the video with the kids.

Let's go to our next video!

 Video 4: Saved it or Wrecked It (Clip)


Do you think that person will save it, or wreck it? Make your guess!

Let's find out.

 Video 4: Saved it or Wrecked It (Full)


Do This: React to the video with the kids.

Let's go to our next video!

 Video 5: Saved it or Wrecked It (Clip)


Do you think that person will save it, or wreck it? Make your guess!

Let's find out.

 Video 5: Saved it or Wrecked It (Full)


Do This: React to the video with the kids.

Let's go to our next video!

 Video 6: Saved it or Wrecked It (Clip)

Do you think that person will save it, or wreck it? Make your guess!

Let's find out.

 Video 6: Saved it or Wrecked It (Full)

Do This: React to the video with the kids.

Let's go to our final video!



Video 7: Saved it or Wrecked It (Clip)

Do you think that person will save it or wreck it? Make your guess!

Let's find out.



Video 7: Saved it or Wrecked It (Full)

Do This: React to the video with the kids.

Great job everyone! That was fun, unless you were one of the people who wrecked it, I guess.



Game Title Slide: "Saved it or Wrecked it?"

You can take a seat. While you're finding your spots, we've got a Question of the Day to answer. Let's check it out!



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: If you could un-invent something, what would it be?

If you could un-invent something, what would it be? Turn to someone near you, learn their name, and talk about that.

Do This: Let kids talk for about 30 seconds.

What an interesting question. There are some things we probably just wish didn't exist.

Media: Part 1

6:00

Rue and the Source team are asking a big question that has a lot to do with that. Let's see if they can find an answer.



The Source: Part 1 (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Got Questions?

What do you think is going to happen? You'll get to talk about that in group time. Look for your group's flag and meet your group leader there. I'll see you again in a few minutes!

Group Time

15:00



15:00 Group Time Countdown



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Got Questions?

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

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. You've had the chance to think about what the Source team should do. We'll find out what happens to them in a minute, but first Rue has a story for us about someone who went through some really tough things.



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Got Questions?

Bad things happen to all of us. It can be hard to understand why sometimes, but we can always know God cares, even when life is tough.

Application

5:00

Here's what I want you to remember today.



We can trust God when we are hurting.

We can trust God when we are hurting. Sometimes bad things happen. Sometimes we feel hurt or afraid, and sometimes we just don't understand why something had to happen the way it did. The truth is, we won't be able to completely understand why every bad thing in the world has happened. I can't explain every single one of them, but we can choose to trust God no matter what happens, like Job did.

This is such a big and important question for us to think about. Let's think about what we can learn from Job's story, and the Source team's story.



1. God has a plan for you. (And clay image)

The first thing to remember is that God has a plan for you. Even when we don't understand what is happening, we can have hope, and remember that God is still in charge, and working everything toward an amazing goal. One example that we find in another place in the Bible is of someone who makes pottery out of clay, like this picture.

Sometimes going through difficult things can help us grow and even make us stronger. Check out what this verse says.



James 1:3- Your faith will be tested. You know that when this happens it will produce in you the strength to continue.

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

What the writer here is saying is like what Job learned. When we go through tough things, they can make us stronger. God can use those things to help us grow.



Clay Image

This lump of clay doesn't look beautiful, strong, or useful. At least, not yet. If you were making something out of clay, you'd have to pull on it, push it with your fingers, and mold it into what you wanted it to look like. God does something like that with every one of us. If we choose to trust God, each thing that happens to us can help us become who he's making us to be, even if it's difficult.



1. God has a plan.
2. Difficult things can help us grow. (And kiln image)

The second thing we've learned today is that difficult things can help us grow. When life gets tough, that's a chance for us to learn and trust God more. In The Source, we saw how Trixie became more brave and confident through her mom being sick.

It's still like the way pottery is made. After someone molds the clay, it's still soft. It doesn't become rock hard pottery until it goes into an oven, like the one on the screen. Putting the clay into an oven makes it tougher and stronger. If they didn't put clay into an oven, it'd be ok to look at, but it wouldn't be as strong as clay that has been in an oven. That oven takes the clay and turns it into a piece of pottery.



Complete pottery Image

Just like that, difficult things, times that feel like we're hurting or "in a fire," can work like that clay oven, and help us become stronger. When we choose to trust God, even when life is difficult, those tough things can change us, help us learn, and help us become better. We saw the difference that made in Trixie's life.



Series Title Slide: Got Questions?

Like I said, we won't be able to understand every bad thing that has ever happened, but we can trust God no matter what. God has a plan and purpose for you. He loves you

and is always with you. No matter what happens, good or bad, we can keep trusting and following God.



Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

We're going to sing a couple songs. For this first one, you can stand and think about how wonderful God is while we sing.

Do This: If possible, have a volunteer ready to help kids fill out prayer request forms, and even pray for them.

There's more you can do, though. If you want someone to pray for you, you can write a prayer request, and put it on our prayer request board.

Do This: Show kids a prayer request card. Point kids to where the prayer request board is located in your space.

You can do this anytime, but if you feel like it during this song, someone will be back there to help you write down your prayer, and even pray for you if you want them to.

He loves us, and cares about us no matter what. His love for you is unstoppable and never-ending. That's what this song is about.



Song #1: Reckless Love



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

God's love is so amazing, it makes me want to move and dance! Let's keep on singing and moving with another fun song!



Song #2: Movin Me



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Got Questions?

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

God, you are so wise. Thank you for being with us, even when we're hurting. Help us to trust you, no matter what is going on in our lives. Amen.

Challenge

1:00

Let's check in with Rue one more time, she has a challenge for us this week.



Challenge Video (1:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Got Questions?

What a great challenge. If you are hurting, talk to someone about it, and be honest. If you know someone who is going through a tough time, just be there for them. It's a great way to be a good friend or family member.

Wrap-Up

1:00

We have one other thing for you to grab when you leave.

Do This: Show kids the Family Connection Cards for this week.

This is our family connection card! This series, we're giving out a new card every week, with big questions on it to get your whole family talking. Some are big and serious, like what we talked about today, and some are super fun. Pick up your cards this week!

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



Elevate Slide



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