

**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:

<b>Lesson:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Big Idea:</b>
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 7: How do I know God's purpose for me?

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 glad to be here! We've got some great things coming up. We'll get to sing, hear some great stories, 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 our big question, we've got a game to play called "What's the Purpose?"



Game Title Slide: "What's the Purpose?"

**Do This:** Before the activity, make sure the four "ABCD" signs are set up around the room.

I'm going to show you a picture of something and give you several choices of things it might do. Your job is to guess what that thing is used for. Ready?



Fun game music!

Here's our first item!



Floppy Disk Image

- A. Sending messages
- B. Playing computer games
- C. Drawing shapes
- D. Balancing chairs

**Do This:** Read the answers from the screen.

What was this used for? Pick your answer, and head to that sign!

Let's find out if you're right.



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That is for playing computer games! The games used to be stored on those disks, and you had to put one in a computer to play a game. Let's look at another thing. What did people use this for?



TV Test Bar Image

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- B. People used this to test for color blindness
- C. People used this as a mind game puzzle
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That's a little tricky, people used to use this to make sure the colors were correct on their TV. The answer is D! Let's look at another item. What is this used for?



Egg Cutter Image

- A. Cutting eggs
- B. Slicing grapes
- C. Catching mice
- D. Exercising your fingers

**Do This:** Read the answers from the screen.

What was this used for? Move to a letter to make your guess!

Let's find out if you're right!



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That is for cutting boiled eggs! Let's see if you can guess what this next item is for.



Shoe Stretcher Image

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- B. Making shoes bigger
- C. Building furniture
- D. Teaching people to dance

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It is a shoe stretcher! It's used to make shoes bigger. Let's check out another item! What is this used for?



VHS Image

- A. Playing movies
- B. Playing music
- C. Taking pictures
- D. Paying for things

**Do This:** Read the answers from the screen.

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Let's find out if you're right!



VHS Image

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Movies used to be on these VHS tapes! We've only got a couple things left to look at, let's keep moving!





Antique washing machine Image

- A. Making pancakes
- B. Exercising
- C. Washing clothes
- D. Printing newspapers

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Let's find out if you're right!



Antique washing machine Image

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- C. Washing clothes**
- D. Printing newspapers

That's an old washing machine, for getting clothes clean. Let's look at our last item!



Slide Carousel Image

- A. Doing math
- B. Taking notes
- C. Baking cakes
- D. Showing pictures

**Do This:** Read the answers from the screen.

What was this used for? Move to a letter to make your guess!

Let's find out if you're right!



Slide Carousel Image

- A. Doing math
- B. Taking notes
- C. Baking cakes
- D. Showing pictures**

Those are slides, each one is a different picture! Great job everyone, you can come back to the middle and find a place to sit.



Game Title Slide: “What’s The Purpose?” (and clear audio)

It’s not always easy to know what the purpose of something is. Next we’ve got a big question to think about. Let’s find out what it is.



Question of the Day Video



*(Auto Advance)* QOTD Slide: What’s the most challenging thing you’ve done?

What’s the most challenging thing you’ve done? Is it an assignment you finished? A race you won, or an instrument you learned? Turn to someone near you, learn their name, and talk about that!

**Do This:** Let kids talk for about 30 seconds.

You all have done some pretty challenging things.

## Media: Part 1

6:00

Beka and the Source team are talking about a challenge that a lot of us face, figuring out what God’s purpose is for us. Let’s see what they are learning.



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 Beka has a story for us about someone who struggled to figure out what God's purpose for him was, even though he knew God personally.



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Got Questions?

God has a purpose for every one of us. I love that!

## Application

5:00

Here's what I want you to remember today.



We can always trust God to guide us.

We can always trust God to guide us. Like Peter learned, God's purpose for our lives isn't a place that we get to, but a part of our whole journey. Along that whole journey, we can trust that God is the perfect guide.



Marathon Image

You could think about it like this. In a few places in the Bible, people say life is like a race. The people in this picture are running a long race, a marathon. It's over twenty-six miles long. If you ran a marathon, you might take something like fifty thousand steps in that one race. That is a ton of steps. In fact, look at this picture.



50,000 dots image.

There are 50,000 dots in this picture, each one represents a step in a marathon. Here's my question for you, though. You don't have to answer me out loud, just think about it. Which one of those steps is most important? Can you skip one step of the race? Could a racer just hop in a car for a hundred steps, and then run the rest of the race? Of course not! Every single step is part of the race. You can't have the last step without the first step, and the second step, and the twenty-five thousand four hundred and fifty fifth step. Every one of them is part of the race.

So, if life is like a race, is there a part of it that doesn't matter? Can we say "I'll trust God and follow him at church, but at school I'll take a break from following God"? Of course not! Every step in your life matters. The race isn't about crossing the finish line, it's about running every step faithfully. A runner's purpose isn't just to cross a line, but to run the whole race.



Series Title Slide: Got Questions?

God's purpose for our lives isn't something we'll discover in the future, but something we're living in right now. God isn't waiting by the finish line; he's running this race with you. God is with you right now, leading you and guiding you.

So when we say we can trust God, it's because no matter what happens to us, he still has an amazing purpose for us. We find that purpose by following him through every

part of our lives, the easy steps, the hard steps, and the steps where we just feel like giving up. We can trust God through every step of life.



Worship Slide

## Worship

8:00

Next, let's stand, and take some time to sing about how amazing God is! This song is about following God, wherever he leads us.



Song #1: I Will Follow You (EBC)



*(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: Higher Than The Sky



*(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 wonderful. Thank you for always being with us. Help us to trust you whatever happens. Amen.

## Challenge

1:00

Let's check in with Beka 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. Talk to God this week and think about why he might have put you right where you are. How could we live out God's purpose for us right now in our families, our schools, and with our friends?

## Wrap-Up

1:00

I'm so glad you were here today, and I hope to see you all next week to celebrate Easter and start an incredible new series! If there's anyone you want to invite to Easter, now is a fantastic time to do that, we'd love to see them here, too!



Elevate Slide



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