



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.

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Lesson Outline for Elevate

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

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 ready to get started. We've got some great things coming up. We'll get to hear some great stories, sing, 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!

Next up, we've got a game to play together called "Guess That Word."



Game Title Slide: "Guess That Word"

Your group leaders will give someone a word. Your job is to get everyone in your group to guess what that word is, without actually saying the word. Ready? Look for your group flag, and head that way!

Know This: If younger groups are struggling, group leaders can encourage them to act out the word as well, or focus on easier words, like different animals and machines.

Know This: To make the game more competitive, leaders could split the group in two, and have the two teams compete to see who can get more words correct.

Do This: Participate and have fun interacting with the kids in different groups!



Fun background music!



Game Title Slide: "Guess That Word" and clear audio

Great job teams! You can take a seat. While you're finding your spots, we've got a Question of the Day to answer.



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: If you could have one thing right now, what would it be?

If you could have one thing right now, what would it be? Turn to someone near you, learn their name, and talk about that. Remember, it can only be one thing. So it could be a dollar bill, but not a million dollar bills.

Do This: Allow kids to talk for about 30 seconds.

That's an interesting question. We don't always get the things we want, though. Why is that?

Rue and the Source team are asking that same question. 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 prayed for something super important.



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Got Questions?

Sometimes, God doesn't answer our prayers the way we want him to, and I think Hezekiah and the Source's stories showed us that's ok.

Application

5:00

Here's what I want you to remember today.



God knows what's best for us.

God knows what's best for us. He knows what's best for you, me, and every person in the world. Sometimes, God doesn't answer our prayers in the way we expect him to because he wants something even better for us. Sometimes, God just wants us to grow by waiting and trusting him.

God does answer our prayers, though, even if his answer looks different than what you were thinking. God listens to you, and cares about everything you tell him. People in the Bible talked to God when they felt angry, when they had done wrong things, when they felt happy, and when they felt scared too. We can always talk to God.

Sometimes, though, we talk to God about something, and we forget what we talked about. Then when God answers our prayer, we forget that we asked him, and forget to say thank you to him. I want to give you something today that can help us all remember what we prayed about and watch for how God is working in our lives.

Do This: Show kids the prayer page.



Prayer Page

This prayer page is for you to write down things you've talked to God about. You can write down when you prayed, and what you prayed about. There are several ideas for things to pray about on here! The first one is "write something amazing about God."

When we pray, it's great to start by talking about who God is. I can write "God made everything!"

Do This: Write "God made everything" on the page.

The next section says, "write something you're thankful for." I'm so thankful for my family and my friends.

Do This: Write "Family and friends" on the page.

This third section says, "write something you want God's help on." Here you can write about a request you'd like to see God answer. God cares about what you are feeling and everything you talk to him about.

Finally, if there's anything else at all you want to talk to God about, he cares! You can tell God anything at all. That's why we have this last section: "God, I want to talk to you about..." God loves you and will listen to anything you want to tell him.

When you see God answer a prayer, remember to tell him thank you!

Remember, God might not always answer the way we want, or the way we expect him to. We might have to wait a long time to know what God's answer is to our prayers, but we can always know he listens and cares. If you look back at this page and find a prayer hasn't been answered, try talking to God about it again, and know that he hears you and loves you.



Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

It's so amazing that we have such a great God, who cares about us and listens to us. Let's get moving by singing about our awesome God! Everyone stand up, and get ready to sing!



Song #1: Jump



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Rock This Planet



(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, and so good. Thank you for always listening to us. Help us to trust you and talk to 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?

Be sure to get one of these prayer pages as you leave today! They'll help you remember to pray this week and look for ways God is working to answer your prayers.

Do This: Show kids the prayer page.

Wrap-Up

1:00

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

Do This: Show kids the Family Connection Card

This is our family connection card! It can help you remember what we're learning this series and since this is a questions series, this card has some fun questions for you to talk about at home!

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



Elevate Slide



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