

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

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
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## Opening Song and Welcome

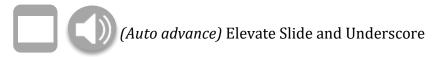
1:00



(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.

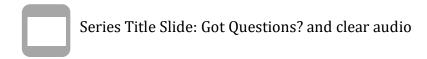


My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm so excited to be here with all of you! We've got some great things coming up. We'll get to sing, hear some great stories, and play some fun games, too.

**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



Have you ever wished we could ask God questions, and get some answers? If so, this series is just for you! We've asked about the biggest questions you're asking 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 "Group Up."
Game Title Slide: "Group Up"
Your group leaders each have a list of things that you might have opinions on. They're going to read each thing from the list, and everyone in your group will group up with everyone who has the same answer as them. You might be surprised by what you have in common with others! You can head to the flag with your grade on it now to meet your group leader. I'll see you in a few minutes!
Fun game music!
<b>Do This</b> : Ahead of time, encourage group leaders to have everyone in their groups introduce themselves before playing the game. <b>Do This</b> : Allow groups to play for 7-8 minutes, or earlier if it seems like they're wrapping up.
Ok everyone, you can come back to the middle!
Game Title Slide: "Group Up" (and clear audio)
We're all different, but we all have things in common, too. I love that! You can all take a seat. While you're finding your spots, we've got a Question of the Day to answer. Let's find out what it is!
Question of the Day Video
(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What's something you get really excited about?
What's something you get really excited about? Turn to someone near you, learn their name, and talk about that!  Do This: Allow kids to talk for about 30 seconds.

All of us have things that we love to talk about, but what happens if someone doesn't like the same things we do? What if we even disagree with them?

Media: Part 1 6:00

Beka and the Source team are asking that same question. Let's see if they can find an answer.

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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.

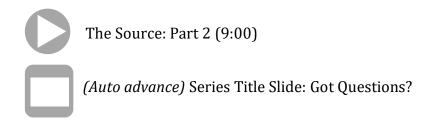
**Know This**: This is a time for kids to search for answers in the Bible and see how they can use the Bible to investigate and better understand life. This time is designed for kids to interact and deepen their understanding. They won't get all the answers but allow them to question and discover as 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 two people who disagreed in a big way.



We won't always agree with any of our friends. It takes wisdom to disagree and still be friends with someone.

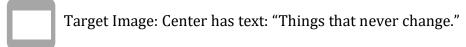
# Application 5:00

Here's what I want you to remember today.

We can disagree and still be friends.

We can disagree and still be friends. That is such a hard thing to do, but it's possible. In fact, it's something that good friends simply have to do.

So what does that look like? How do we disagree with someone and still be their friend? Well, it starts by figuring out how important the thing we disagree about is. A good way to think about it is like this.



There are things we think and believe that will never change. These are the most important things to us. These are things like believing in God, loving our families, and following Jesus. If someone argues about these things with us, we can listen to them, but also let them know that what we think just won't change. If someone can't accept that you feel differently about those things, they might not be a person you want to spend your time with.

Even disagreeing on these things doesn't mean we can't treat someone like a friend, but if someone is trying to hurt you or others or get you to do or believe things you know are wrong, it is a wise choice to stay away from them if you can, and you should tell a grown-up you trust about what is happening.

Sometimes, those super important things aren't the problem. A lot of the things we argue about are a little less important.  Target Image: Middle ring has text: "Things to talk about."
There are things we believe, but we can talk about. If someone disagrees with us on these things, we don't have to just give up and say they're right, but they're probably not important enough to stop being friends with someone.
When you argue with your brother or sister about who a game or shirt belongs to, that's important to you, but not as important as your friendship with them. Another example of this is people in different churches, who believe in Jesus, but sometimes do things differently than we do. Believing in God and Jesus will never change, but some of the other things, like the songs we choose to sing, are things we can talk about. We don't need to be angry if someone thinks differently about that than we do.
When we disagree with someone about one of these things, the thing to do is listen and try to understand them, before saying what you think. You might just find out they have a good point.
Finally, there's one more group of things to talk about.
Target Image: Outer ring has text: "Less important things."
There are things that just aren't very important. When a friend plays a game with different rules than you do, or argues about which sports team is better, those things are fun to talk about, but shouldn't make us not be friends with someone. We can talk about these things, but if we get mad about them, or they're hurting our friendship, we can choose to let them go. This doesn't mean saying the other person is right, but we can choose to love them, even when we disagree. Check out this great advice written by Peter, a close friend of God's Son Jesus.
1 Peter 4:8- Most of all, love one another deeply. Love covers over many sins by forgiving them.

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

Most of all, we need to show love to others. Sometimes we do that by listening, sometimes by just letting go of something, and choosing to be a good friend, even though we disagree.  Worship Slide	
Worship 8:00	
God is such an amazing example of this. He loves us and is with us no matter what we've done. That's one reason we sing and praise him. Let's stand up and sing about our awesome God.	
Song #1: Movin Me	
(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: Heartbeat	
(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 loving us. Help us to be good friends, even when we disagree with others. Amen.	
Challenge 1:00	

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





What a great challenge. One great way to be a friend is to invite someone to Easter here at Eagle Brook! It's going to be a super fun week, and everyone will get to hear about the amazing reason we celebrate Easter- God's Son, Jesus.

Do This: Show kids the invitation and an Easter egg.

Be sure to pick up some of these invitations on your way out and give them away this week. They've even got some great information about cool things happening on Easter. You'll want to give an Easter egg to the person you're inviting, too, because everyone who comes to Easter will get to fill up an Easter egg with candy!

There will also be a drawing for some amazing prizes on Easter. You'll have to come back to find out what they are!

You can invite your friends, family members, but I especially want you to think about someone who might not expect to be invited to church. Think of someone at school you don't know super well, or a neighbor family you say hi to sometimes. We want every person to hear Jesus' story, and know that God loves them.

Wrap-Up 1:00

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

Elevate Slide

Start free time music videos