

Large Group

Hero Training

Series at a Glance for Elevate

About this Series:

Have you ever wanted to be a hero? In this series, we'll learn about the "Armor of God," and discover how following God can help us do heroic things, whether we feel like a hero or not.

Key Verse:

Ephesians 6:10- Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on His mighty power.

Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Title:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: April 17/18	The Training Begins Ephesians 6:10-18	God is training us to do heroic things.
Lesson 2: April 24/25	The Belt of Truth Acts 14:8-28	God's heroes stand for what's true.
Lesson 3: May 1/2	The Armor of Godliness Acts 5:17-22	God's heroes do what God says is right.
Lesson 4: May 8/9 *	The Helmet of Salvation Acts 26 (or) 22:1-21	I can follow Jesus- the greatest hero of all.
Lesson 5: May 15/16	The Shoes of Peace Acts 17 and Eph. 2:17	God's heroes choose peace.
Lesson 6: May 22/23	The Shield of Faith Acts 27	God's heroes trust Him no matter what.
Lesson 7: May 29/30	The Sword of the Spirit Acts 28:17-31	God's heroes change the world for good.
Lesson 8: June 5/6	Move-Up Celebration Psalm 112	Let's celebrate what God has done!

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Lesson 1: The Training Begins

Ready for hero training? We're preparing to do things that God says are heroic, and a great place to start is with God's armor. This week, we'll see all the pieces of the armor of God and learn what kind of things God is training us to do.

Lesson 2: The Belt of Truth

Throughout this series, we're joining the writer of the book of Ephesians, Paul, on his epic journeys to tell people about Jesus. This week, when people mistakenly begin to think Paul and his friend are gods, they have to risk a lot to stand up for what's true.

Lesson 3: The Armor of Godliness

This week we find two of Jesus' followers in a prison cell, but not for long. Through their story, we'll discover that doing what God says is right can be truly heroic.

Lesson 4: The Helmet of Salvation

From the beginning, Paul was an unlikely hero. Paul had been unkind and even cruel, until Jesus completely changed his life. This week, we'll hear how that happened, and see how salvation can change our lives, too.

Lesson 5: The Shoes of Peace

Paul was being chased by some people who just wouldn't let go of their anger. Paul had a message to share, though, and that message wasn't one of fighting and hurt, it was the good news of peace.

Lesson 6: The Shield of Faith

Trapped on a boat in a raging sea, it must have felt as if Paul was in the middle of a nightmare. Yet even in this scary situation, Paul relied on his faith in God, and believed what God said, no matter what.

Lesson 7: The Sword of the Spirit

God's armor isn't just to protect us. God's goal is to change the world for good, and He wants to do it through us! This week, we'll finish Paul's story, and see how God can help us make an impact in our world today.

Lesson 8: Move-Up Celebration

Next week is move-up weekend, so this is a time to celebrate!

Hero Training Lesson Outline for Elevate

Lesson 5: The Shoes of Peace

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (14:00)	
Media Part 1 (5:00)	0:00 - 20:00
Group Time 1 (7:00)	
Media Part 2 (5:00)	
Group Time 2 (7:00)	20:00 - 40:00
Media Part 3 (5:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Media Part 4 (6:00)	
Wrap-Up (1:00)	40:00 - 60:00



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 <u>respect the leaders</u> in here by listening and following their instructions. We <u>respect others</u> by being kind and keeping our hands to ourselves. And we <u>respect the room</u> 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: Hero Training and clear audio

We're in a series today called "Hero Training." In this series, we're talking about how every one of us can be a hero, even without superpowers. God gives every one of us the chance to do heroic things when we follow Him.

Let's get started with a game called "Hidden Pictures."

Game Title Slide: "Hidden Pictures"
You're going to see a picture with a lot of things in it. You'll have to find a few of those things that are hidden in all the others. See how many you can find in just two minutes! Let's go!
Hidden Pictures Image 1 and fun game music
Do This : Look at the image with the kids and try to find all the hidden pictures. After about two minutes, or when many of the kids seem to be done, move on to the next one.
Good work! Let's try another one.
Hidden Pictures Image 2
Do This : Look at the image with the kids and try to find all the hidden pictures. After about two minutes, or when many of the kids seem to be done, move on to the next one.
Good work! We've got one more to look at.
Hidden Pictures Image 3
Do This : Look at the image with the kids and try to find all the hidden pictures. After about two minutes, or when many of the kids seem to be done, move on to the next one.
Good job everyone! You can find a spot to sit.
Game Title Slide: "Hidden Pictures" (and clear audio)
Next, let's get ready to answer our question of the day.
Question of the Day Video
(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: When is a time you have felt peaceful?

Our question today is: When is a time you have felt peaceful? Think about it, and if you want to share, turn to someone near you and tell them about it! Make sure to listen to their story, too.

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

Know This: You could share a very brief story about a time you felt peaceful.

Series Title Slide: Hero Training

Feeling peaceful is amazing. Peace means calm, quiet, and feeling like everything will be ok. Maybe you feel like that right now, or maybe it has been a while since you felt like that. Wherever you are at, God wants to give each of us peace today.

Media Part 1: Big Problem

5:00

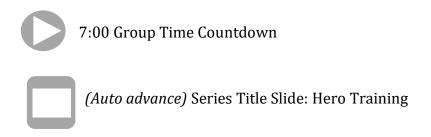
To find out how God does that, we're going to check in with Josh and Beka. Let's find out what they're doing today.

Media: Part 1 (5:00)

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What a great question from Josh and Beka. Next, we get to meet up with our groups to talk about that. Look for your group's flag and meet up with them there!

Group Time 1 7:00



Do This: Make sure each kid finds their group. Help group leaders if there is a need. Encourage kids as they work to discuss the question.

Know This: During this time, groups are expected to look in the Bible to see if they can solve the big question presented in the media. They'll spend time reading the Bible and discussing the problem. Help group leaders engage kids and facilitate discussion as much as possible.

Media Part 2- Bible Story

5:00

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. I hope you had a great time talking with your group! Next up, Josh and Beka have a Bible story for us that might help us think of an answer to the questions we've been talking about.



Media: Part 2 (Bible Story) (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Hero Training

What a great story! Next, your group leaders have an activity for you, so meet them in your group's spot.

Group Time 2

8:00



8:00 Group Time Countdown



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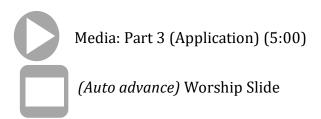
Do This: Make sure each kid finds their group. Help group leaders if there is a need. Encourage kids as they work to discuss the question.

Know This: During this time, groups are expected to complete an activity or object lesson around the lesson we're learning. Make sure group leaders have all the supplies that they need, and that they understand what they're doing in this section ahead of time.

Media Part 3: Application

5:00

I wonder what Josh and Beka have learned from all they've been doing today. Let's find out!



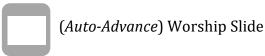
It's wonderful that God can give us peace, no matter what is going on. Even when our lives are difficult or we are hurting, we can choose to have peace because God is still the same, He is still with us, and He still loves us.

Worship 8:00

That's a great reason to worship God and sing about Him. Let's stand up and get ready to do that now!



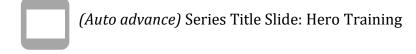
Song #1: I Will Follow You



Let's keep on singing and moving with another song.



Song #2: You Are My Hope



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

God, we love you. Thank you for giving us peace. Help us to choose to be peaceful this week. Amen.

Media Part 4: Game	6:00
You can come back to the middle and find a sport Beka's adventure wraps up. Media: Part 4 (Game) (4:00) (Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Hero Training	
Wrap-Up	1:00
Wrap-Up I'm so glad you were here today, and I hope you a our hero training! Elevate Slide	