

Large Group

Quest for a King

Series at a Glance for Elevate

About this Series:

For thousands of years, God's people waited. They waited for a leader, for someone who could show them what God was really like. When that leader showed up, though, it was in a way no one expected. Come along as we tell the story of the whole Bible, on our epic quest for a king!

Key Verse:

Isaiah 9:2- The people who are now living in darkness will see a great light. They are now living in a very dark land. But a light will shine on them.

Weekly Overview:				
Lesson:	Title:	Big Idea:		
Lesson 1: November 2/3	The Kingdom Creation: Genesis 1	I can believe what God says about me.		
Lesson 2: November 9/10	Searching for Light The Fall: Genesis 3	I can believe God has a plan, even when I've gone off course.		
Lesson 3: November 16/17	Waiting for a Promise Abraham: Genesis 12:1-8	I can believe God's promises.		
Lesson 4: November 23/24	Hoping for a King David: 2 Samuel 7	I can believe God's directions are good.		
Lesson 5: Nov. 30/Dec. 1	The Light Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	I can share hope with others.		
Lesson 6: December 7/8	The Promise Matthew 2	God's love includes everyone.		
Lesson 7: December 14/15	The King Mary's Story: Luke 1:26-80; Matthew 1:18-25	Jesus came to show everyone who God is.		
Lesson 8: December 21-24	Christmas Party Luke 2	I can follow God.		

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Lesson 1: The Kingdom

Take a moment and look at the world around you. Our world is incredible, from the smallest atoms to the biggest planets, and it was all designed by our amazing God.

Lesson 2: Searching for Light

God made our world so wonderful, but it doesn't always feel wonderful. Why is that? This week, we'll see what happened when people who lived a long time ago disobeyed God, and look at the amazing purpose God created every one of us with.

Lesson 3: Waiting for a Promise

God made Abraham a huge promise, so huge that it affected everyone in the world. God's promise was so huge, that it is still changing our lives today! We'll find out how, this week.

Lesson 4: Hoping for a King

David was a powerful, good, and wise king, but was he the greatest king? This week, we'll hear how even King David was watching and waiting for an even more amazing leader to come, and we'll hear an amazing promise from God about the greatest king of all time.

Lesson 5: The Light

Where is God? People have asked that same question for a long time. When Isaiah asked, he got an answer from God Himself! He saw that God has an awesome plan all of us are part of.

Lesson 6: The Promise

Sometimes, kingdoms don't get along. People argue, disagree, and even fight. God's kingdom is different, though. When God has a celebration, He invites everyone. And He means everyone! This week, we'll find out why every person on earth is welcome in God's kingdom.

Lesson 7: The King

At Christmas, we are hearing the most important story of all time. God came to live with us, and He arrived as a tiny, powerless baby. This week, we'll meet our king, our friend, and our leader, and learn just how incredible He is.

Lesson 8: Christmas Party

It's time for a celebration! Join us this week to celebrate the day God came to live with us and show how much He loves us.

Quest for a King Lesson Outline for Elevate

Lesson 3: Waiting for a Promise

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 games, music, and stories coming up, so let's get started!

Team Time

14:00



Series Title Slide: Quest for a King and clear audio

We're in a series called "Quest for a King." A long time ago, people were waiting for God to send someone to save them and help them. God sent that person, the greatest king of all, and in this series we get to see how all of that happened, right from the beginning.

First, we're going to play a game called Thankstrivia!

Game Title Slide: "Thankstrivia" (Include turkey, hat, and pumpkin images)

Thanksgiving is only a week and a half away, so I've got some Thanksgiving trivia questions for you to answer. To show me your answer, you'll hold up one of these three signs: a turkey, hat, or pumpkin.

For the turkey, make one of your hands into a fist, and hold the other one up to the end of it with your fingers spread wide, like a turkey's feathers.

For the hat, put your hands on your head, like you're holding onto a tall hat.

For the pumpkin, put your hands on your hips, and make a circle with your arms, like you're a big pumpkin.

Everyone ready? Let's see our first question.



How long did the first Thanksgiving celebration last? Turkey: 1 day Hat: 2 days Pumpkin: 3 days

How long did the first Thanksgiving celebration last? Was it one day, two days, or three days? Show me your answers.

Do This: Allow kids time to show their answers.

Let's find out if you're correct!

How long did the first Thanksgiving celebration last? Turkey: 1 day Hat: 2 days **Pumpkin: 3 days**

It was three whole days! That had to be quite the celebration. Let's try another question.



What is the red piece of flesh on top of a turkey's beak called? (and image) Turkey: A Snood Hat: A Wattle Pumpkin: A Nobb

What is the red piece of flesh on top of a turkey's beak called? Is it a snood, a wattle, or a nobb? Show me what you think the right answer is!

Do This: Allow kids time to show their answers.

Let's find out if you're right!

What is the red piece of flesh on top of a turkey's beak called? (and image) **Turkey: A Snood** Hat: A Wattle Pumpkin: A Nobb

A snood! That is interesting. Let's go to another question.



What state raises the most turkeys every year? Turkey: North Carolina Hat: Pennsylvania Pumpkin: Minnesota

Which state do you think raises the most turkeys every year? Is it North Carolina, Pennsylvania, or Minnesota? Choose your answer!

Do This: Allow kids time to show their answers.

Let's see what the answer is!

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What state raises the most turkeys every year? Turkey: North Carolina Hat: Pennsylvania **Pumpkin: Minnesota**

The answer is: Minnesota, with almost 50 million turkeys raised every year.



Which of these were at the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade? Turkey: Giant balloons Hat: Real zoo animals Pumpkin: Snow

Which one of these things was at the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade? Was it giant balloons, real zoo animals, or snow? Show me your answers!

Do This: Allow kids time to show their answers.

Let's find out!



Which of these was in the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade? Turkey: Giant balloons **Hat: Real zoo animals** Pumpkin: Snow

There were real zoo animals in the parade, but no balloons or floats.

Let's check out another question!



What is a baby turkey called? Turkey: Gobblet Hat: Millet Pumpkin: Poult

What is a baby turkey called? Is it a gobblet, a millet, or a poult? Let me know what your answer is.

Do This: Allow kids time to show their answers.

Let's see!



What is a baby turkey called? Turkey: Gobblet Hat: Millet **Pumpkin: Poult**

They are called poults! They can also be called "turklings."

Let's check out another question!



On Norfolk Island, near Australia, people celebrate Thanksgiving. What do they usually eat? Turkey: Pork, bananas, and pumpkin pie. Hat: Fish, apples, and pecan pie. Pumpkin: Shrimp and potatoes.

On Norfolk Island, near Australia, they celebrate Thanksgiving. What do they usually eat? Ready? Make your guess!

Do This: Allow kids time to show their answers.

Let's find out what the right answer is!



On Norfolk Island, near Australia, people celebrate Thanksgiving. What do they usually eat?

Turkey: Pork, bananas, and pumpkin pie.

Hat: Fish, apples, and pecan pie. Pumpkin: Shrimp and potatoes.

They eat pork, bananas, and pumpkin pie. Our next question is all about the food we usually eat here in America, the turkey!

How fast can a wild turkey run? (The fastest person in the world can run about 23 miles per hour) Turkey: 10 miles an hour Hat: 20 miles an hour Pumpkin: 30 miles an hour

How fast can a wild turkey run? Is it 10, 20, or 30 miles per hour? Make your guess! **Do This**: Allow kids time to show their answers.

Let's find out if you're correct!



How fast can a wild turkey run? (The fastest person in the world can run about 23 miles per hour) Turkey: 10 miles an hour **Hat: 20 miles an hour** Pumpkin: 30 miles an hour

20 miles per hour! That's pretty fast. We've got one more question, and it's about pumpkin pie.

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How heavy was the world's largest pumpkin pie? Turkey: 1519 pounds Hat: 2221 pounds Pumpkin: 3699 pounds

How heavy was the world's largest pumpkin pie? Was it 1519 pounds, 2221 pounds, or 3699 pounds? Choose your answers!

Do This: Allow kids time to show their answers.

Ready? Let's find out the answer!



How heavy was the world's largest pumpkin pie? Turkey: 1519 pounds Hat: 2221 pounds **Pumpkin: 3699 pounds**

It was 3699 pounds! The pie was 20 feet long, and you needed two thousand, seven hundred, and ninety-six eggs, over a hundred gallons of milk, and five hundred and twenty-five pounds of sugar.

Great job guessing, everyone!



Game Title Slide: "Thankstrivia" and clear audio

Now we know a lot more about Thanksgiving than we did before. Next, let's take some time to get to know each other, with a question of the day.



Question of the Day Video

(Auto Advance) Question of the Day Slide: What's a time you had to wait?

What's one time you had to wait? When it felt like you were waiting for something, or someone, for a super long time. Turn to someone next to you and tell them about it! **Do This**: Give kids time to talk with each other.

Media: Part 1

6:00

Waiting can be tough. The Source team has some waiting to do this week, too. Let's see what happens to them.

The Source: Part 1 (5:00)

(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Quest for a King

What should they do? 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: Quest for a King

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

Come on back to the middle and find a place 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 waited for something for over twenty years!

The Source: Part 2 (9:00)

(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Quest for a King

It's so important to remember that God's promises are always true.

Application

Here's what I want you to think about today.

I can believe God's promises.

You and I can believe God's promises. No matter what happens, no matter where you are, God cares about you, and has made you some amazing promises.

Those promises are completely amazing. Today, you'll be getting something to help you learn and remember what those promises are.

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9:00

5:00

Do This: Show kids the God's promises bookmark.

I want to just talk about a couple of those promises right now.

Romans 8:39- "Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love."

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

No wrong thing we've done, no failure, nothing anyone else said, nothing that anyone else did to us, none of those things can stop God from loving us. What an amazing promise! How much of a difference could it make to remind yourself of this? When someone is unkind to you, or you have an argument with someone, or when you feel like you've failed, remember, what happened can never separate you from God's love.

Let's look at another promise.

James 1:5- "But if any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you."

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

Wisdom means being able to make good choices. Sometimes making wise choices can be tough, but God promises to teach us wisdom when we ask him. Now, this doesn't mean God will make us super smart. It means God will help us when we need to make tough choices. Sometimes, God might even help us learn wisdom by teaching us when we make mistakes. The next time you make a mistake, or fail, it could totally change the way you think to remember, maybe God is teaching me wisdom right now.

There's one more promise I want to look at.

2 Timothy 1:7- "God's Spirit doesn't make us weak and fearful. Instead, the Spirit gives us power and love."

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

This is a great promise to remember when we feel nervous or afraid. God is with us. This verse says God's "Spirit" is with us, because we can't see God or hear him, but he is still always with us.

Knowing God is with us can make a big difference when we feel afraid. We can have courage, the courage to love others, to be kind, to care, and to follow God. even when it means living differently from others.



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God's promises are amazing, so this week, I want to challenge you to remember them. Be sure to get one of these bookmarks when you leave today and look up some of the <u>verses</u> on it.



Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

Before we wrap up with a challenge from Rue, let's take some time to sing and worship God! "Worship" is what we call it when we sing and tell God how much we love him. Let's stand and sing our first song, "Remind Me."



Song #1: Remind Me

(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

It's so great to remember what God says about us. When we do, that can help us go out and change the world with God! That's what our next song is about, it's called "Rock This Planet!"



Song #2: Rock This Planet

(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Quest for a King

I love singing with all of you. You can sit, but let's take a moment to talk to God.

God, thank you for giving us such amazing promises. Help us to trust them every day. Amen.

Challenge

1:00

Quest for a King Lesson 3 November 16/17 13 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: Quest for a King

Memorizing God's promises is a great way to change the way we think and remember how much God loves us.

Wrap-Up

1:00

You can memorize one of God's promises this week, with the help of this bookmark. **Do This**: Show kids the bookmark.

Be sure to pick up one of these when you leave!

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



Elevate Slide



Start free time music videos

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