

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 5: The Light

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

Make sure the Christmas music video playlist is playing ahead of the hour this week!



(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 super excited to be here with all of you. We've got Christmas decorations everywhere, some Christmas themed games, an amazing story, and some great Christmas music, all coming up!

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, they wanted a king, a leader. Today, we get to hear about God's plan to send the greatest king of all, someone who can give us all an amazing thing called hope.

We'll hear that story in a few minutes, but first, we're going to play a game called "What's that gift?"



Game Title Slide: "What's that Gift?"

Each of your group leaders has some gift bags, but they have some unusual things in them. Your job is to reach in and guess what's in the gift. If your guess isn't right, you'll pass the gift around the circle, and the next person in your group gets to guess.

Ready? Go ahead and find your groups by the flag with your grade on it!



Fun Game Music!

Do This: Give groups about 8 minutes to play, then call them back. If they look like they are getting done earlier, you may end the game when most groups are done. **Know This**: Group leaders should try to give everyone a chance to feel inside a gift. Some may be passed on several times, and some may be guessed immediately. They should do their best to let a different kid start with each gift.

Alright, time is up! You can come back up here and find a spot to sit.

Game Title Slide: "What's that Gift?" and clear audio

Those gifts remind me of a word that's going to be really important today. That word is "hope." We sometimes hope for gifts we want, or for good things to happen. That has a lot to do with our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) Question of the Day Slide: What is something you're hoping for?

What is something you're hoping for? It could be a present, or for something you want to do, or someone you want to see this Christmas. Turn to someone next to you and share your answer with them!

Do This: Give kids time to talk with each other.

Media: Part 1

6:00

Hoping for something can be awesome. It's fun to hope for things like toys, but hope can be really powerful, too. The Source team is going to see the power of hope for themselves this week. Let's find out how!



The Source: Part 1 (5:00)

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

What do you think they should 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

9:00

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 found hope in an unexpected way.

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The Source: Part 2 (9:00)

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That's amazing news, that God gives us the greatest hope of all.

Application

5:00

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



I can share hope with others.

We can share hope with others. God gives us such an amazing hope, the same hope He told Isaiah about. We can know God loves us and have hope because He is always with us. That's worth sharing! In fact, God wants us to share the hope He gives us. Check out this verse.

1 Peter 3:15- Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks about the hope you have.

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

This means that when we have hope, people will ask about it. Hope is so amazing that people will notice and want to know more. So how do we share that kind of hope? There are so many ways we can share hope, but I want to focus on one today. Our words.



Series Title Slide: Quest for a King

Our words can do a ton of different things. You've probably heard someone say words that hurt you, and you've probably heard words that made you feel amazing, too. Our words are a little like this water.

Do This: Show kids a water bottle filled with water.

This water is good, fresh, and clear. What happens, though, if I pour in something that isn't good for us?

Do This: Pour in some iodine, just enough to discolor the water.

It turns a different color, and now all of the water isn't drinkable. This water would hurt me if I drank it now.

One writer in the Bible says that our words can either be refreshing, like fresh water, or poisonous, like dirty water. The words you choose are so important. A few unkind words can hurt someone's feelings, and even ruin our friendships. When we have God's hope, though, our words can share that hope with others.

What are those words that share hope? I bet you can think of some. "Great job!" or "You're awesome." "I'm glad you're my friend, my parent, my brother, or my sister." Saying "I'm glad you're here," or "You're really good at this" can make a big difference to someone.

We can also use our words to share hope when we tell people how much God loves them. Inviting someone to church and sharing Jesus' story are great ways to tell others about the amazing hope that God gives us.

So, how could the things you say share hope today? Look for ways you can impact your family, friends, and others you know with your words.

Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

Before we wrap up with a challenge from Rue, let's take some time to sing together. It's almost Christmas time, so let's start by singing a Christmas song called Joy to the World!

Song #1: Joy to the World



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

I love singing with all of you. Let's get moving with another song, "You are my Hope."



Song #2: You are my Hope

(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 loving us and giving us hope. Help us to share that hope with others. In Jesus' name, amen.



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

Challenge Video (1:00)

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Wrap-Up

1:00

What a great challenge! When you encourage others, you're sharing hope with them. The great thing is, you can encourage others wherever you go, you don't have to wait. Look for ways to share hope with your friends, family, and everyone you can!

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

Elevate Slide



Start Christmas free time music videos