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# 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:

<b>Lesson:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Big Idea:</b>
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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## Series at a Glance for Elevate (continued)

### **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.

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## Lesson Outline for Elevate

### Lesson 7: The King

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 into the middle 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. Get ready for some Christmas themed games, an amazing story, and some great 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 see who that was.

We'll hear that story in a few minutes, but first, we're going to play a game called "Real or Fake? Christmas edition."



Game Title Slide: "Real or Fake? Christmas Edition"

This is a game for your groups! I'm going to read you a Christmas fact, and your group's job is to guess whether it is real or fake. To answer, you'll either have to hold your hands up in a point like Christmas trees, or hold them down to make a wide circle like you are snowmen. I'll give you a minute to get into your groups and introduce yourselves, then read you the first fact!



Fun Game Music!

**Do This:** Give kids time to get into their groups and meet the other group members.

Let's go to our first festive fact!



The first artificial Christmas tree was made out of goose feathers.  
Real (Tree Image)                      Fake (Snowman Image)

The first artificial Christmas tree was made out of goose feathers. If you think that's a real fact, put your hands up like a Christmas tree! If you think it's fake, make yourselves look like snowmen.

Let's see if you're correct!



The first artificial Christmas tree was made out of goose feathers.  
**Real (Tree Image)**                      Fake (Snowman Image)

That is real! They made trees totally out of feathers. Let's try another one!



The Statue of Liberty was a Christmas gift.  
Real (Tree Image)                      Fake (Snowman Image)

The Statue of Liberty was a Christmas gift. That's an interesting idea. Is that real? Or is that fake? Show me your answers!

Let's find out if you're right.



The Statue of Liberty was a Christmas gift.  
**Real (Tree Image)**                      Fake (Snowman Image)

That's real! It was a gift from France to the United States on Christmas day in 1886.

Let's see another fact!



Real silver strands and candles were the first Christmas tree decorations.  
Real (Tree Image)                      Fake (Snowman Image)

Were real strands of silver and candles the first things people used to decorate Christmas trees? Show me your answers!

Let's find out!



Real silver strands and candles were the first Christmas tree decorations.  
Real (Tree Image)                      **Fake (Snowman Image)**

That one is fake. Actually, the first thing we have a record of people decorating Christmas trees with is fruit, like apples!



Christmas was once illegal in Boston.  
Real (Tree Image)                      Fake (Snowman Image)

Was Christmas illegal for a while in the city of Boston? Let me know if you think that's real or fake!

Let's find out if you're correct.



Christmas was once illegal in Boston.  
**Real (Tree Image)**                      Fake (Snowman Image)

That's real! It was about 400 years ago, so it's been a while. Let's see another one!



The first stars put on Christmas trees were dried starfish.  
Real (Tree Image)                      Fake (Snowman Image)

Were the first stars put on Christmas trees dried starfish? Show me what you think!

Let's find out.



The first stars put on Christmas trees were dried starfish.  
Real (Tree Image)      **Fake (Snowman Image)**

That one's fake. Good guessing! Let's keep on going.



In Australia, there is a law against giving someone cottage cheese as a Christmas gift.  
Real (Tree Image)      Fake (Snowman Image)

In Australia, is there a law against giving someone cottage cheese as a Christmas gift? Show me your answers!

Let's see if you're right.



In Australia, there is a law against giving someone cottage cheese as a Christmas gift.  
Real (Tree Image)      **Fake (Snowman Image)**

That one was fake, too! We've got one more fact for you.



Jingle Bells was written for Thanksgiving, not Christmas.  
Real (Tree Image)      Fake (Snowman Image)

Was "Jingle Bells" originally written for Thanksgiving, not Christmas? Show me your answers!

Let's find out!



Jingle Bells was written for Thanksgiving, not Christmas.  
**Real (Tree Image)**      Fake (Snowman Image)

That's true! Jingle Bells was written as a Thanksgiving sleighing song. Great job everyone! You can come back to the middle and sit down.



Game Title Slide: "Real or Fake? Christmas Edition" and clear audio

We've learned a lot about Christmas already, but let's take a moment to learn more about each other, with a question of the day!



Question of the Day Video





*(Auto Advance)* Question of the Day Slide: What's the best thing about Christmas?

What's the best thing about Christmas? Turn to someone next to you and talk about that!

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

## Media: Part 1

6:00

There is so much I love about Christmas, and we only have another week to wait until our huge Christmas Party! I'm so excited! I bet The Source team is getting ready for Christmas this week, too. Let's find out!



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 the greatest king and leader of all time.



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



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

How amazing is that? God came to live with us. God loved us so much that he wouldn't send someone else to help us, he came himself, as Jesus.

## Application

5:00

Here's something I want you to remember today.



Jesus came to show everyone who God is.

Jesus came to show everyone who God is. He can show us what God really is like, because He is God! Jesus would tell his followers that if they knew him, they knew God, because he is God.



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This can be a little tough to understand, that God was in heaven, in charge of everything, but at the same time was on earth as Jesus. That's why we sometimes call Jesus "God's Son" or say "God sent Jesus," even though Jesus was completely God, too. You might wonder: how does that work? The truth is, we're not completely sure how that worked, because we're not God! It's kind of amazing that we get to learn more

about God all the time. No matter how much we learn, there will still be amazing mysteries like this to think about.

It might help to have an example, though. Here's one way to think about how this worked. Imagine you are writing a story.

**Do This:** Hold up a book and a pen. This section should be taught close to word-for-word. If necessary, put the following three paragraphs in the book to read as you hold it.



Book World Image

You create this huge world in your story, full of adventure and wonder. God made everything in our whole world, a little like a story. Except God's story isn't just words on a page, it's totally real, and we're all a part of it.

Next, you make people in the story. They each have their own unique life. Then, you want to be part of the story, too. Maybe the people need your help, or you just want them to know who you are. So, you write a character in the story that is you. Everything they do is what you would do, everything they say is what you would say. You're still writing the story, but at the same time, you're a part of the story.

That's kind of what it was like when God came to earth as Jesus. God was still in charge of everything, but he was also part of our story, as Jesus. In fact, Jesus is the most important part of this big story ever. Jesus shows us all who God is! Everything Jesus did is what God would do. Everything Jesus said is what God would say, because He was really God.



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God promised that someone would come who could change everything, who would tell people what God was really like, and show how much he loves them. That was so important, God didn't send someone else to do that, he came to show us how much he loves us himself.

That's what is absolutely amazing about Christmas. It reminds us that God came to live here on earth as Jesus. He came as a helpless baby, to show us all how much He loves us.



Worship Slide

## Worship

8:00

Let's celebrate what Jesus did for us by singing together! This song says that the whole world can have joy, because "The Lord" has come. "The Lord" is another name for God, or Jesus! We can have so much joy because of Jesus. Let's sing!



Song #1: Joy to the World



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

I love singing with all of you! Let's keep moving with a song about God's love, called "Higher Than the Sky!"



Song #2: Higher Than the Sky



(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 coming to live on earth. Thank you for loving us. Help us to follow you. In Jesus' name, 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: Quest for a King

## Wrap-Up

1:00

What a great challenge! Next week is our Christmas party! God came as Jesus to show all of us how much he loves us, and we want to share that amazing story with others. One amazing way to do that is by inviting someone to come to the Christmas Party next week. Make sure to grab a few of these invitations on your way out and give them away this week.

**Do This:** Show kids the invitation.

God loves every person on earth! We want everyone to know they're invited to Christmas here at church, but we need your help to tell them all! Let's all go out and invite this week. 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