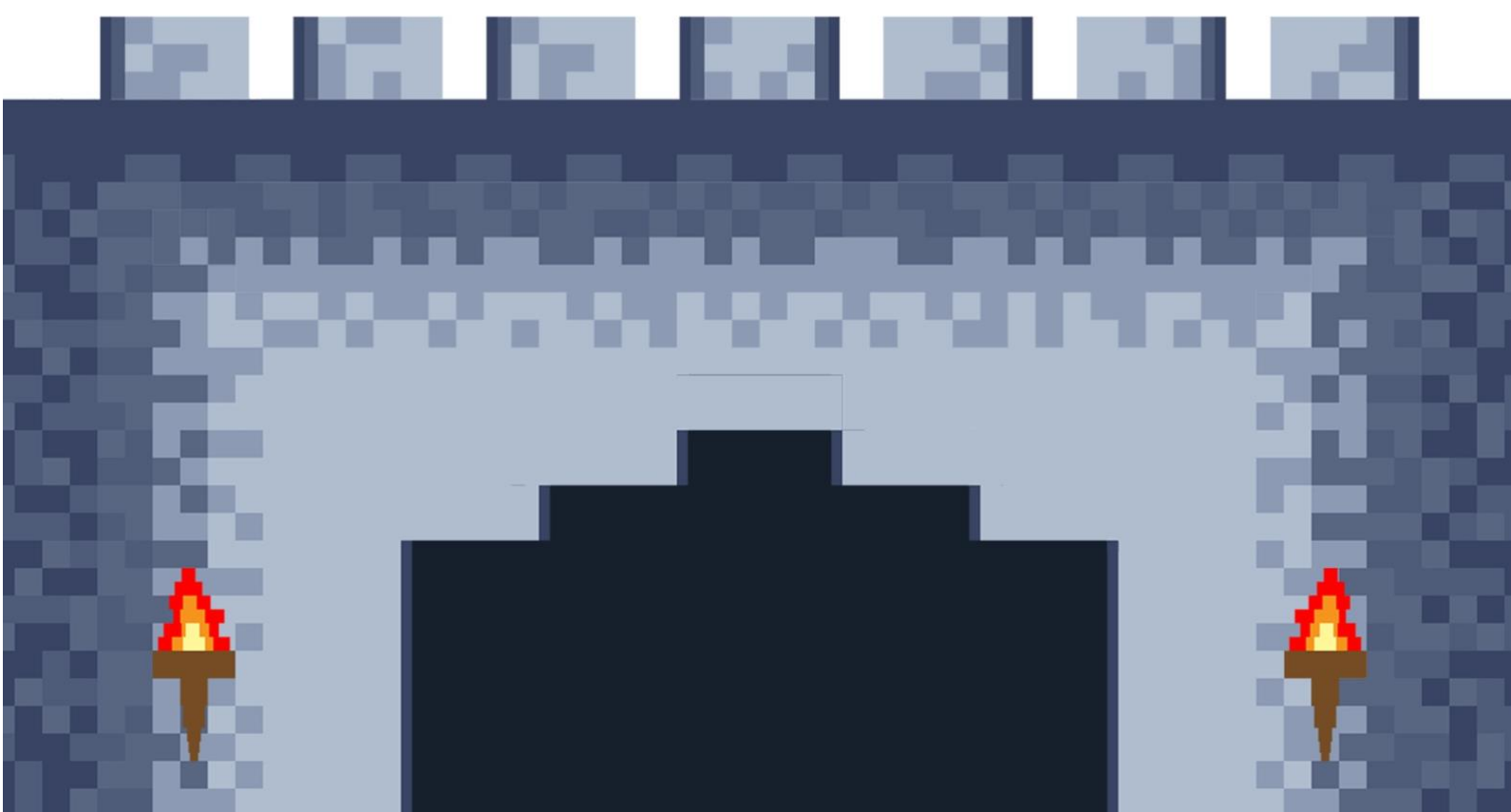


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Large Group

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:

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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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 8: Christmas Party

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (5:00)	
Media Part 1 (6:00)	
Application 1 (4:00)	
Media Part 2 (9:00)	00:00 – 25:00
Application 2 (7:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Christmas Party (20:00)	25:00 - 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

Merry Christmas, everyone! My name is _____, and I'm super excited to be here with all of you. We've got an amazing story to hear, some songs to sing, and our huge Christmas party!

Team Time

5:00



Series Title Slide: Christmas Party and clear audio

We celebrate something amazing at Christmas time every year. That's what we get to do here today: celebrate! We have so many fun things coming up, but the first thing to do is meet some of the other people we're at this party with! That means it's time for our challenge wheel!



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: Tell four people “Merry Christmas!” and learn their names.

Tell four people “Merry Christmas!” and learn their names. Ready, set, go!

Do This: Give kids time to talk with each other. When they seem to be wrapping up, or after about a minute, move on.

Media: Part 1

6:00

Christmas is such an exciting time. I think Rue and the Source Team are excited for Christmas, too. Let’s see how they’re celebrating!



The Source: Part 1 (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Christmas Party

The Source team is having a tough time. I wonder if they’re going to try to figure it out on their own, or if they’ll trust that God has a plan.

Application 1

4:00

Sometimes, our world can feel difficult to understand. Things happen that don’t make sense. People are unkind. We do something we know is wrong, and wonder “Why did I do that?” We wonder how this whole big world got here, and even why we’re here. It’s like the world is so huge, and we can only see a little bit of it.

Do This: Take out an electric candle, and light it.

Do This: Before the hour, make sure there is a volunteer in the back of the room who has the spotlight, and knows exactly when to light it (during Application 2).

Do This: Ahead of time, make sure windows and other sources of light that can’t be turned off are blocked as much as possible, so as much light as possible is kept out of the room.



Turn off all lights in the room, so the candle is the only light.



Blacked Out Screen

It's like this candle in a very dark cave. We are trying to get through our lives following this tiny light; but walking without much light is dangerous. And, we'd have no idea what the cave was really like. We can see our tiny part of the cave, but we would have no idea how big it really is.

When we try to live without God, we live our lives that way. We're trying to find our own way, following our own tiny light, but we end up running into obstacles, failing, and losing our way. The thing is, every person in the world has lost their way because of something called sin.

You see, after God made this world, people began to disobey him. They didn't listen to God and did things they knew were wrong. All of us have done those things, too. Those wrong things, sometimes called "sin," separate us from God. They keep us from living the way He made us to. They keep us living like we're lost in the darkness.

Do This: Walk around the stage with the candle.

Sometimes, we feel like following our own small light through life. We try to say "I don't need God," I can figure it out. We stumble around, we keep going down dead ends, because we're trusting things other than God to lead us. We trust ourselves, our friends, our grades, our talents, and so many other things to get us through life, but none of those things can show us what this world is really about.

It's like this verse from the book of Proverbs in the Bible says.



Black Background, white words: "Proverbs 4:19- The way of those who do what is wrong is like deep darkness. They don't know what makes them trip and fall."

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

When we do things we know are wrong, it's like we're living in the dark. So who can lead us through life? Who can show us why we were made? Let's check in with The Source team and Rue to find out.



The lights, aside from the screen and candle, should remain off.

Media: Part 2

9:00



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



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That was incredible!



The lights in the room should still be off, aside from the candle.

Application 2

7:00

It was amazing to see Mr. Corbin come back, and I want to talk about what Rue shared for a moment, too. For thousands of years, people waited for God to send a leader, a king, someone to save them from all the wrong things they had done. Then, one night, a star appeared.



Image- black background with a single star

This star was shining above a town called Bethlehem, where God's Son Jesus had just been born. That night, angels appeared to some shepherds, and told them the greatest news of all; God has come to live with us, his name is Jesus! We can know God and have a relationship with him. The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus being born hundreds of years before it happened. This is a verse he wrote about when Jesus would come.



Black Background, white text: 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.

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

When Jesus was born, the greatest light came into the world. He showed us who God is, how much God loves us, and that God made us for an amazing and special purpose. When we follow Him, He transforms our lives. We're not following our own tiny light anymore, but the greatest light of all: Jesus!

Do This: Have a volunteer in the back of the room (probably by the tech booth) turn on the spotlight. They should point it up at the top of the cross on stage, not into the audience or into anyone's eyes.

Know This: If your stage does not have a cross for any reason, the volunteer should point the spotlight above the center of the stage.

Know This: The spotlight is extremely bright and will hurt kids' eyes if pointed directly at them. Do not point it at anyone in the room. The volunteer should only point it at the top of the cross or above the stage, where no one can look directly into it.

Do This: Leave the spotlight and candle on until the lights are brought back up.

With this candle, we could only see a little bit of this room. With the spotlight, we can see so much more. This spotlight represents Jesus. With him leading us, we can always see and know that God made us, loves us, and forgives us. He shows us how to live the way God made us to. This light doesn't fix everything, or remove every problem and obstacle in our lives, but it helps us see the way around them. Like that, following God won't fix all our problems, but He will show us the way forward, and be with us no matter what.



You can bring the room lights up to the normal "teaching" setting at this point.

Maybe you know this already. You've heard the story of Jesus and decided to follow him. That's amazing! Jesus has changed your life and is still changing it every day. Christmas is a great time to share Jesus' story with others.

Maybe you have some questions. You're not sure about following God or Jesus yet. That is ok! Your questions are so important to God and to us. If you're feeling unsure, talk to me or one of the other adults in the room. We'd love to listen to you and get to know you.

Maybe, though, you're ready to follow the greatest light of all. Maybe today is the day you choose to follow Jesus, who lived, took our punishment, died, and came back to life to show how much God loves you, so you can follow his light. If you are ready to make the choice to follow Jesus for the first time, I'd love to talk to God with you.

In a moment, we're going to talk to God together. Everyone will close their eyes, to help us focus on what we're saying to God. If you want to choose to follow God with your whole life, you can repeat what I'm saying. You should know, though, it's not just saying the words that changes our lives. What's most important is that you really mean what you're telling God, that you believe Jesus died and came back to life and want to follow God with your whole life.

If you want to make that amazing decision, you can tell God right now! You can repeat this prayer after me.

Do This: Read the following prayer word-for-word, allowing kids time to repeat what you have said after each line.

God, thank you for loving me.
I am sorry for doing things
That I know are wrong.
I believe that Jesus is your son.
I believe that he died on the cross,
Took my punishment,
And came back to life,
So that I can be forgiven.
Jesus, I ask you now
To be my Leader,
Savior,
And friend forever.
I choose to follow you.
In Jesus' name, amen.



Congratulations!

If you just made that decision for the first time, congratulations! I am so excited for you, because you just made the most important decision of your life. God changes our lives in so many amazing ways, following him is the greatest adventure of all! Speaking of that, we'd love to give you something that can help you get started following God.

Do This: Show kids the following Jesus book.

This book has some great ways for you to get started on your journey with God. Could I have everyone stand up?

Do This: Allow all the kids to stand up.

If you just decided to follow God for the first time, you can follow me! I want to celebrate with you and give you this helpful book. The rest of you get to do some singing to God. Ready? Remember, if you just decided to follow God, come with me!

Do This: Lead the first-time believers to a place where you can have the decision talk with them. Give them the Following Jesus book, and record their names so we know they made a decision!



Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

Let's celebrate how amazing God is by singing together! Ready for some Christmas songs?



Song #1: Oh what a Glorious Night



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

I love singing with all of you! Let's get even more Christmas-y with a Christmas carol!



Song #2: Joy to the World



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Christmas Party

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. Help us to follow you no matter what. In Jesus' name, amen.

Wrap-Up

1:00

There is so much to celebrate today! God loves every one of us so much. Some of you made the choice to follow Him, and that is the greatest decision ever! So let's start the Christmas party!

Do This: Point out where different activities are at your campus and introduce them to the kids! You don't have to talk about every activity, but encourage them to have fun, and get the party started!



Elevate Slide



Start Christmas free time music videos