

ROAD TRIP



Large Group

Road Trip

Series at a Glance for Elevate

About this Series:

This summer, we're going on a road trip! We'll see amazing sights, learn new and strange facts, and meet some incredible people. This tour won't just take us around the world, but also through time, to meet some people known as "prophets." Each one of these people has an important message from God! We'll see how their words changed the world thousands of years ago and discover how they can still change our lives today.

Key Verse:

Micah 6:8- You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God.

Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Topic:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: June 1/2	On the Road Elijah, 1 Kings 17-18	I can always trust God to come through.
Lesson 2: June 8/9	Mis-Guided Elisha, 2 Kings 6	God is working all around me.
Lesson 3: June 15/16	Good Times Ahead Joel	Every person can follow God.
Lesson 4: June 22/23	Special Delivery Jonah	Mercy can change lives.
Lesson 5: June 29/30	Strange Sights Amos	I need God when life is good.
Lesson 6: July 6/7	Wrong Turn Hosea	I can love someone, even when they're wrong.
Lesson 7: July 13/14	Culture Shock Micah	I can stand out for what's right.

Lesson 8: July 20/21	Group Photo Obadiah	I can care about how others are feeling.
Lesson 9: July 27/28	Breakdown Nahum	God is with me when I feel hurt.
Lesson 10: August 3/4	Repairs Needed Zephaniah/Huldah	Today is the day to follow God.
Lesson 11: August 10/11	Bumpy Roads Habakkuk	God's plans can be unexpected.
Lesson 12: August 17/18	Landmark Haggai	I can put God first.
Lesson 13: August 24/25	Interpreter Needed Zechariah	Following God means loving others.
Lesson 14: Aug. 31/Sep. 1	A Great View Malachi	I can be faithful to God, wherever I am.

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Lesson 1: On the Road

It's time to get this road trip started! Every journey is filled with ups and downs, and Elijah's was no different. Find out how God came through for Elijah, even when everything seemed lost.

Lesson 2: Mis-Guided

Do you ever wish you could see what God is doing? This week, we'll learn what Elisha knew long ago. God is working all around us, and sometimes to see it, we just need to pay attention.

Lesson 3: Good Times Ahead

If you heard someone say "I'm going to run a race in the next Olympics," what would you expect them to do? Eat cake for every meal? Sit on the couch all day? Of course not! Anyone who wants to do something amazing has to prepare. That's the message Joel wanted all of God's people to know: Don't wait to listen to God, start following Him today.

Lesson 4: Special Delivery

Have you heard the word "mercy"? It's what you call forgiving someone, even when you could get back at them. Long ago, the prophet Jonah saw how God's mercy can change lives. He also learned that we can be merciful, too, though it's not always easy.

Lesson 5: Strange Sights

People didn't want to listen to Amos much. Life was good, they had what they needed, what was the big deal? Amos, however, could see that people were headed the wrong way. This week, we'll find out why following God is important, however great life is!

Lesson 6: Wrong Turn

Hosea probably understood how amazing God's love is more than most of us do. God asked Hosea to do some difficult things and love some difficult people. This week, we'll see why loving someone, even when they're wrong, is one way we can change the world.

Lesson 7: Culture Shock

It's not always fun to stand out. The prophet Micah had to choose between doing what God said was right or doing the wrong things the people around him were doing. This week, we'll see how we can stand for what's right, like Micah did.

Lesson 8: Group Photo

Have you ever been hurt by a friend? Obadiah knows that feeling, too. He and the rest of the land of Israel were attacked, not just by an enemy but by their neighbors, people that were supposed to be

their allies. Obadiah has a message for those people, that can help us see how to be good friends, even today.

Lesson 9: Breakdown

Where are you, God? Nahum lived in a time when a lot of people were hurting and wondering if God was really there for them. This week, we'll find out where God is when we feel hurt and see how we can keep following him through the toughest times in life.

Lesson 10: Repairs Needed

Have you ever forgotten something important? In the days of Zephaniah and Huldah, God's people wanted to follow Him, but had almost forgotten how! We'll see how they were reminded and find out why following God is something every one of us should choose today.

Lesson 11: Bumpy Roads

Hearing "God's got a plan," sounds encouraging, but for Habakkuk, it was kind of scary. Bad things were happening, and God told Habakkuk that He wouldn't stop them. What do we do when we're following God, and bad things happen anyway? We'll talk about that, this week!

Lesson 12: Landmark

Is there something you've been putting off? In this week's story, God's people had returned to their homes, but weren't too worried about following God. They wanted to put it off, just a little longer. Haggai's message was simple: that will never work. Putting off following God is something none of us can afford to do.

Lesson 13: Interpreter Needed

In Zechariah's time, God's people were doing a lot of good things, but they had been forgetting one of the most important things God told them to do. We'll find out what that was, and how we can follow God in the same way today!

Lesson 14: A Great View

What's ahead? It might be a new school year, a new home, new friends, or just new challenges. Whatever it is, God is with you! This week, we'll meet with the prophet Malachi, and he'll remind us that wherever we are, we can be faithful to God.

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Lesson Outline for Elevate

Lesson 3: Good Times Ahead

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Intro Video (Media) (1:00)	
Activity (Stage Game/QOTD) (10:00)	
Worship (8:00)	0:00 – 20:00
Big Question (Media) (2:00)	
Group Time (10:00)	
Get Moving Challenge (2:00)	
Bible Story (Media) (4:00)	20:00 – 38:00
Application (4:00)	
Worship (4:00)	
Fun Activity (Media) (5:00)	
Road Trip Rewind (6:00)	
Challenge (Media) (2:00)	
Wrap Up (1:00)	38:00 - 60:00



Video Cue



Slide Cue



Audio Cue



Tech Notes

Opening Song and Welcome

1:00



(Roll when directed) Elevate Opener

Welcome everyone, let's get started! Come on down to the front and find a place to sit.



(Auto advance) Elevate Slide and Underscore

Hey, everyone! My name is _____. I'm so excited to be here with all of you. If you're ready for fun games, incredible stories, and even some great music, we've got all of that coming up.



Series Title Slide: Road Trip and clear audio

We're in a series called "Road Trip," because this summer, we're going on a journey through time, and around the world to learn more about God. We'll hear the stories of some people who knew God super well and learn how He changed their lives. Today, we're hearing about a guy named Joel, who had an interesting message for people who follow God.

Intro Video

1:00

The first thing we get to do, though, is check in with Josh and Beka, who are leading our summer Road Trip.



Summer Media- Intro Video (1:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

On an adventure, where you're going is important, but who you travel with might be even more important. To help us get to know each other, we're going to try an activity called "Human Scavenger Hunt!"

Activity

10:00



Game Title Slide: "Human Scavenger Hunt"

The idea of this activity is simple. We'll put something on the screen, and you'll try to find someone that matches that description. I'll need some people to be the first searchers.

Do This: Choose 2-4 kids (depending on the size of your group) to be "searchers." To add extra excitement, you could make this a boys vs. girls game, and award points to those groups, instead of individuals.

When I read something off the screen, you'll have to find someone who matches that description. Then, they'll stay up here and be the searcher, and you'll get to sit down. Let's get some music started.



Fun game music!

Now it's time to find our first person. Ready?



Someone born in the same month as you.

Quickly, find someone born in the same month as you! Go!

Do This: Give kids about thirty seconds to complete the task. If they can't complete the task, have them quickly choose someone to be the next searcher in their place.

Alright new searchers, get ready to find this kind of person.



Someone who has more than one brother or sister.

Find someone who has more than one brother or sister! Ready, go!

Do This: Give kids about thirty seconds to complete the task. If they can't complete the task, have them quickly choose someone to be the next searcher in their place.

Great job! Let's keep going. New searching team, you're on a scavenger hunt for this kind of person.



Someone wearing flip-flops or sandals.

Find someone wearing flip-flops or sandals. Ready, go!

Do This: Give kids about thirty seconds to complete the task. If they can't complete the task, have them quickly choose someone to be the next searcher in their place.

Good job! We've got a couple more to go.



Someone who is (about) the same height as you are.

Your challenge is to find someone who is about the same height as you are. Go!

Do This: Give kids about thirty seconds to complete the task. If they can't complete the task, have them quickly choose someone to be the next searcher in their place.

That was tough, let's try one more with our last group of searchers!



Someone whose name starts with the same letter as yours.

Find someone whose name starts with the same letter as yours! Ready, go!

Do This: Give kids about thirty seconds to complete the task.

Good job everyone!



Game Title Slide: "Human Scavenger Hunt"

It's so fun to get to know each other, let's try something everyone can be part of, our question of the day!



QOTD Video



(Auto-Advance) QOTD Slide: If you could trade places with someone for one day, who would it be?

If you could trade places with someone for one day, who would it be? Turn to someone next to you and talk about that!

That's a fun question to think about. It might be fun to think about being someone else, but it's also true that no one else is just like you. God made you with such a great and important purpose.

Worship

8:00



Worship Slide

That's one reason we worship or show that we love God. He made all of us, and loves us, too! We're going to sing a couple songs about God together, so stand up, and get ready to sing with me!



Song #1: Heartbeat



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

God is amazing. Let's keep worshipping Him.



Song #2: Jump



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

It's great singing with you all. You can sit, but let's also take a moment to talk to God.

God, thank you for caring about us and leading us. Help us to follow you every day. Amen.

Big Question

2:00

I'm excited to hear more about what's happening in Road Trip with Josh and Beka today. Let's check in with them.



Summer Media: Big Question (2:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

I've wondered about that, too. Who is invited to follow God? Do I have to get a certain job, act a certain way, or change who I am so that God will love me? That's what we get to talk about in group time!

Group Time

10:00

Know This: Group time during the summer may either be done in groups, or if there are not enough leaders to break into groups, you may continue with this script as a large group.

Do This: If you are breaking into groups, direct the kids to where their group is meeting, using their grade's flag as a guide. Skip this section of the script. After ten minutes, continue with the "Get Moving Challenge" part of this Large Group script.

For this activity I'm going to need five people who like to act out things.

Do This: Choose five kids, probably older ones, to act out the charades cards. Give each of them a card, and a few seconds to look at it.

Know This: The five cards are: Scientist, Dentist, Teacher, Grandparent, and Musician.



Game Title Slide: Career Charades

This activity is called Career Charades. Each of our volunteers up here is going to be acting like a different kind of person. Your job is to guess what they're acting like!

Do This: Bring up the first kid.

You can start acting when the timer starts, you'll have one minute. If I hear someone get it right, I'll stop the clock. Ready, set, go!



1:00 Countdown and fun game music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: Career Charades.

Great job! What were you acting like?

Do This: Allow the kid to answer and repeat their answer for everyone to hear. Allow them to sit and bring up kid number two.

Ready to act? You'll have one minute again. Go!



1:00 Countdown and fun game music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: Career Charades

Great job! What were you acting like?

Do This: Allow the kid to answer and repeat their answer for everyone to hear. Allow them to sit and bring up kid number three.

Ready? Go!



1:00 Countdown and fun game music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: Career Charades

Great job! What were you acting like?

Do This: Allow the kid to answer and repeat their answer for everyone to hear. Allow them to sit and bring up kid number four.

Ready? Go!



1:00 Countdown and fun game music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: Career Charades

Great job! What were you acting like?

Do This: Allow the kid to answer and repeat their answer for everyone to hear. Allow them to sit and bring up kid number five.

Ready? Go!



1:00 Countdown and fun game music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: Career Charades

Great job! What were you acting like?

Do This: Allow the kid to answer and repeat their answer for everyone to hear. Allow them to sit, then continue.

Now, I have a question for you to think about. Don't talk about it, just think about this for a second.



Which of those people can follow God?

Which of those people can follow God? That's an important question. You see, some people believe that if you follow God, you should become a pastor. Some think that you have to be old, some think you have to live in a certain place. Did you know that there are a ton of completely different people all around the world who love and follow God? There are scientists who learn more about God by studying this world He made. There are doctors and dentists who take care of people because it reflects the way that God loves and takes care of us. There are teachers who show their students who God is by the way they teach.

There are grandparents, parents, kids, brothers, sisters, all kinds of people who God thinks of and says: "These are my people."

How do I know that? Check out this verse.



Acts 2:39- "The promise is for you and your children. It is also for all who are far away. It is for all whom the Lord our God will choose."

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

In this verse, a person named Peter is telling people about an amazing promise God has made. He promises that anyone who chooses to follow Him and His Son, Jesus, will be forgiven for all the things they've done that they know are wrong. You see, people then thought that only a few special people could follow and know God.

The great news is, though, God loves everyone. Those who live near us, those who live far away. People who are adults, and people who are children. God wants every person in the world to know that they can be one of His people.



Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Remember our big question? How do I get invited to be one of God's people? It seems like God has already invited us. He loves you, me, and every person we'll ever meet.

Get Moving Challenge

2:00

Keep on thinking about that. We're going to check in with "On the Move" in a minute, but first we're going to get moving ourselves with a challenge!



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: Learn the names of three people in this room!

Learn the names of three people in this room! Someone you already know the name of doesn't count.

Ready? Go!

Great job everyone. Every one of us matters so much to God. Josh and Beka have a story about that for us. Let's find out what it is!

Bible Story

4:00



Media: Bible Story (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Joel wrote some important things. I think one of the most important, though, is the story Peter and the other followers of Jesus figured out hundreds of years later. Here it is.

Application

4:00



Big Idea Slide: Every person can follow God.

Every person can follow God. In Joel's time, and in Peter's time, that sounded crazy. Many people believed that only the people who were like them could follow God. Joel said that God didn't think that way at all, though. He cares about every person, wherever they are, and whoever they are.



Jesus Illustration

In fact, God loves us so much, He sent His Son, Jesus to live on earth. That's what Peter and the rest of the people in Acts saw. Jesus proved He was God's Son by the way He lived, but most of all by dying, and coming back to life.



Resurrection Illustration

Jesus did that to take the punishment for every wrong thing you and I have ever done. He showed us that whatever you've done, you can come back to God like the son in that story did, and God will always forgive you.

Jesus gave His life so we could follow God, have a relationship with Him, and live forever with Him in heaven. Jesus wanted every person to know that God loves them no matter what, including you. Jesus made everything that Joel was writing about true. He made it so that every person can be one of God's people.



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Some of you may have heard this before and decided to follow God already. That is amazing! That's still the best choice you could ever have made.

Maybe some of you still have questions and aren't sure about this following God thing. That is totally ok. You can ask questions to any of the adults in here, we'd love to listen to you, and just talk with you.

Maybe, though, you feel ready to make that amazing choice, to follow God with your whole life. If so, today could be your day. In a minute, I'm going to talk to God, and you can talk to Him with me. You don't have to say exactly the right thing, that's not what this is about. What's most important is that you know Jesus died and came back to life for you, and that you are choosing to follow God with your whole life. You can make that choice now.

Let's all close our eyes and bow our heads to talk to God. If you haven't made that choice before, and you want to decide to follow Jesus, you can talk to God with me right now.

Do This: Read the following prayer word for word, pausing after each line to allow kids to repeat it.

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.

Amen.



Congratulations!

If you just made that decision to follow God for the first time, congratulations! I am so excited for every one of you. You just made the best decision of your life.

If you did make that choice for the first time today, we want to give you something!

Do This: Show kids the Following Jesus book.

This is our “Following Jesus” book, and it gives you some great ways to get started on your life-long adventure with Jesus! In a moment, we’re all going to stand up, and if you made that choice for the first time, you can go _____.

So, everyone stand up, and if you just decided to follow Jesus for the first time, you can go _____ to find out more about following Jesus!

Do This: Make sure kids who made that decision know where to go, and who they are going with.

Worship

4:00

The rest of us are going to sing one more song about following God! Let’s sing together.



Song #3: I Will Follow You (EBC)



(Auto-Advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

I am so thankful we get the chance to follow God! If you made that choice today, I want to say congratulations again.

Do This: Try to wait for the hallway talk to finish before moving on.

Next we get to have some fun with Josh and Beka!

Fun Activity

5:00



Summer Media: Fun Activity (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That was so fun. We only have a few minutes left, but let's review with a quick Road Trip Rewind!

Road Trip Rewind

6:00



"Road Trip Rewind" Slide

This is a time for us to review what has happened today.

Know This: If your room's "confidence screen" makes kids able to see the answer on the next slide, insert a "Road Trip Rewind" slide in-between each of the questions and their answers, so kids can't look ahead.

I'm going to toss a few beach balls and ask a question. The first person with a beach ball to stand up and answer the question wins! Then, everyone gets to toss the beach balls up so another person catches it.

Ready?

Do This: Toss three beach balls into the crowd.

Ok, if you have a beach ball and you know the answer to this question, stand up!



What is the name of the book of the Bible written by Joel?

What is the name of the book of the Bible written by Joel?

Do This: Call on the first person to stand up with a beach ball.

Know This: The answer is "Joel."

Do This: Give the first one to get the answer correct a piece of candy.

Good job! Toss the beach balls up and let someone else get them!

Let's try another question.



What was the first game we played today?

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Do This: Call on the first person to stand up with a beach ball.

Know This: The answer is "Human Scavenger Hunt," but just "Scavenger hunt" is fine.

Do This: Give the first one to get the answer correct a piece of candy.

Great job! You can toss the beach balls up again.

Tell me this.



What was the big idea we learned Joel was writing about?

What is the big idea we learned Joel was writing about?

Do This: Call on the first person to stand up with a beach ball.

Know This: The answer is "Every person can follow God."

Do This: Give the first one to get the answer correct a piece of candy.

Great job! You can toss the beach balls up again. Let's go to our next question!



What is the name of the book about Peter and Jesus' other followers?

What is the name of the book about Peter and Jesus' other followers?

Do This: Call on the first person to stand up with a beach ball.

Know This: The answer is "Acts."

Do This: Give the first one to get the answer correct a piece of candy.

Good job! We have one more question for you, so those of you with beach balls, see if you can answer!



When was the book of Joel written?

When was the book of Joel written?

Do This: Call on the first person to stand up with a beach ball.

Know This: The answer is "We don't know." If they say "I don't know," you can count that as correct.

Do This: Give the first one to get the answer correct a piece of candy.

Right, we don't know for sure when the book of Joel was written! It's definitely over two thousand years ago, though.

God job everyone, you can toss the beach balls back on stage, and we get to hear from Josh and Beka one more time. They have a challenge for us!

Challenge

2:00



Summer Media: Challenge (2:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

We can all share Jesus' story with others, in fact, it's one of the best things we can do!

Wrap Up

1:00

If you haven't gotten one of these books yet, be sure to pick it up!

Do This: Show kids the Road Trip activity book.

There are tons of activities, stories, and fun things in here to help you learn more about what we talked about today, and what we're talking about this whole summer. Before we finish, let's take a moment to talk to God!

God, thank you for sending Jesus. Help us to care about every person like you do. Amen.

I've had a great time hanging out with all of you today, I hope to see you again next week!



Elevate Slide



Start music videos