

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 4: Special Delivery

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)	
Fun Activity (Media) (5:00)	
Road Trip Rewind (10:00)	
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 ready to get started with all the games, music, stories, and awesome stuff we have planned!



Series Title Slide: Road Trip and clear audio

We're in a series called "Road Trip," because 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.

Intro Video

1:00

Let's get started by hearing from Josh and Beka on their Road Trip!



Summer Media- Intro Video (1:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

We've got a lot of stories and games coming up that have to do with water! Let's get started with a game called "Will It Float?"

Activity

10:00



Game Title Slide: "Will It Float?"

This game is simple. I'm going to show you something, and your job is to guess whether or not it will float. You'll stand if you think it will float and sit if you think it will sink!

Do This: Bring out an aquarium and several items (listed below).

Know This: Build up each item, getting kids excited for each one. You could have them cheer if they think it'll float or not. The more into this game you are, the more kids will be engaged.

Let's get our first item!



Fun game music!

Do This: Take out the small car.

Our first floating item is a small car. Will this car float or sink? Stand if you think it'll float, sit if you think it will sink.

Ready?

Do This: Drop the car into the water. Get excited whether it floats or sinks!

Do This: Repeat this for all of the other items one at a time: Twinkie (unwrapped), tennis shoe, pumice stone, Tuna can, helmet, and a candy bar (wrapped).

Do This: Remove each item from the water soon after dropping it in, to prevent the tank from becoming too cluttered or dirty. Throw the twinkie away, but all the other objects can be re-used.

Wow, that was tough. You're all great at answering whether something will float or not, but next I have another question for you, our question of the day.



QOTD Video



(Auto-Advance) QOTD Slide: Would you rather travel in a submarine or a space ship? Why?

Would you rather travel in a submarine or a space ship? Why? Turn to someone next to you and talk about that!

Worship

8:00



Worship Slide

This world God made is amazing, from the deepest ocean to stars millions of miles away. God made it all! That's what this song reminds me of, too. Let's stand and sing together!



Song #1: Higher than the Sky



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

God is amazing. Let's keep worshipping Him.



Song #2: Rock This Planet



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

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

God, thank you for how much you care about us. Help us to show others how much you love them. Amen.

Big Question

2:00

I'm excited to hear what Giant Problem to Solve Josh and Beka are talking about today. Let's check in with them.



Summer Media: Big Question (2:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

I've asked that question, too. Why should I be kind to other people, especially the ones that aren't kind to 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.

Our group time activity today is called "Look Sharp!"



Game Title Slide: Look Sharp

I'm going to show you a picture, but it'll be all out of focus. See if you can guess what is in the picture!



Image 1 Out of Focus- (Hamburger)

Do This: Give several kids a chance to guess what the object is. If they can't get it, move on to the answer.

Ok, let's find out what that is!



Image 1 Clear- (Hamburger)

Let's try another one.



Image 2 Out of Focus- (Sheep)

What is this? See if you can guess.

Do This: Give several kids a chance to guess what the object is. If they can't get it, move on to the answer.

Let's find out!



Image 2 Clear- (Sheep)

It's a sheep! Wow. You're getting the hang of this now, let's try again!



Image 3 Out of Focus- (Treehouse)

What is in this picture?

Do This: Give several kids a chance to guess what the object is. If they can't get it, move on to the answer.

Let's find out!



Image 3 Clear- (Treehouse)

A treehouse! Let's keep on moving.



Image 4 Out of Focus- (Ferris Wheel)

What could this be?

Do This: Give several kids a chance to guess what the object is. If they can't get it, move on to the answer.

Let's find out!



Image 4 Clear- (Ferris Wheel)

It's a colorful ferris wheel! We've got a couple more pictures to go.



Image 5 Out of Focus- (Parrot)

What is this?

Do This: Give several kids a chance to guess what the object is. If they can't get it, move on to the answer.

Let's find out!



Image 5 Clear- (Parrot)

That's a cool parrot. We have one more picture to look at! Let's go to it.



Image 6 Out of Focus- (Dog)

What could this be? Take a guess!

Do This: Give several kids a chance to guess what the object is. If they can't get it, move on to the answer.

Let's find out if you're right!



Image 6 Clear- (Dog)

A dog listening to music! Fun.



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So, what's the point of this activity? Well, this activity was all about "focus." When those pictures were out of focus, it was really difficult to see what was going on. If we focus on one thing, we can let other things become unfocused. For example, have you ever focused so much on a book or a tv show that you didn't hear what your parents were saying? I've done that, too. What we focus on matters.

Our question for today was about how we treat other people. What difference does it make if we're kind or mean? The thing is, when we're unkind to other people, we're usually not focused on them at all.



Out of focus people picture.

It's like we're not seeing them clearly or understanding them. We say mean things, write mean things about them online, or do unkind things to them, and don't think it

makes a difference, because we aren't thinking about what's best for them. If we took some time to focus in on them, though, we'd notice what they're feeling.



In focus picture of people's emotions.

In focus, you can see how these people are feeling, whether it's sad, angry, or happy. When you take the time to focus on people, you see how saying something mean makes them respond. You see if your words hurt their feelings.



Series Title Slide: Road Trip

In the Bible, a guy named Jonah had a lot of trouble focusing on people. God wanted Jonah to help a group of people in a city called Nineveh, but Jonah didn't want to. He cared so much about himself, and the things he wanted, that he wouldn't help those other people. Jonah knew God loved those people, though. In fact, he said this to God.



Jonah 4:3- "I knew that you are gracious. You are tender and kind. You are slow to get angry. You are full of love. You are a God who takes pity on people.

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

God cares about people. He cares about you, and about me. He gives second chances and loves every person on earth. Since God is kind to others, we can be, too. Being kind, forgiving, and giving second chances matters, because that's what God would do. I think there's a little more to Jonah's story, but before we hear it, let's get moving with a challenge!

Get Moving Challenge

2:00



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: You have thirty seconds to get everyone into one big circle!

You have thirty seconds to get everyone into one big circle! Ready, go!



30 second countdown and game music!

Great job everyone. Quick, find a place to sit, because we're going to hear more of Jonah's amazing story from Josh and Beka on their road trip.

Bible Story

4:00



Media: Bible Story (4:00)



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What a wild story. Jonah saw that God really cares about every person in the world.

Application

4:00

Jonah struggled with our big question for today, too. The people from Nineveh were mean to everyone, including Jonah, so he wondered why he should do anything nice for them. In group time, though, we saw that God cares about other people so much, we should, too.

There's another reason to be kind to others, though, and it's one thing I want you to remember from today.



Big Idea Slide: Mercy can change lives.

Mercy can change lives. Mercy is another word for forgiving someone, even when you could get back at them. It could mean giving someone a second chance, even when you don't have to. Jonah didn't really get the idea of mercy. Jonah did the right thing, but he didn't have mercy on the people of Nineveh, like God did. Jonah just did it because that was what God said to do. He was focused on himself, rather than on the people God wanted to save. It was like he forgave them, but not really.



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Has someone ever done something wrong and you said “I forgive you,” just because your parents, or a teacher is watching? Really, though, you stay mad about it, and look for ways to be mean back to them. That’s what Jonah really wanted to do.

You can make a different choice than Jonah did, though. God had mercy on the people in Nineveh, and it totally changed their lives. When we choose to be kind to others, it can make a big difference in their lives, too.

Do This: Take out a water dissolving sheet of paper with “Wrong Things” written on it. Show it to the kids.

When we have mercy on other people, we care about them, and know God loves them. We care about what they feel, and want to help them, rather than hurt them. Having mercy on others is like taking this piece of paper and putting it in water.

Do This: Place the water dissolving sheet of paper into the fish tank, so the kids can see it. It will dissolve, especially as you stir the water around a bit.

That’s what God does for us. He forgives us, and loves us, even though we’ve done things we know are wrong. That’s the way He challenges us to love other people, too. When our brother or sister is mean, we could have mercy by being kind back to them. When our friends are having a bad day, and take it out on us, we could have mercy by nicely asking what’s wrong, and listening to them.

That kind of mercy can change lives. And you can do it! Focus on other people this week. Ask what you can do to be kind to them, and show them that God loves them, even if they’re not your favorite person.

We still have a challenge to get to, but first let’s check in again with Josh and Beka, I think they have a fun activity for us.

Fun Activity

5:00



Summer Media: Fun Activity (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That was fantastic. There has been so much going on, though, I can hardly remember it all! Let's review with a Road Trip Rewind!

Road Trip Rewind

10:00



"Road Trip Rewind" Slide

This is a time for us to review what has happened today. I'm going to ask all of you a true or false question. If you think the answer is true, you'll act like you are underwater. If you think it is false, you'll act like a sprinkler.

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.

Do This: Demonstrate the ways to answer true and false for the kids. Act like you are floating underwater for true and do a "sprinkler" dance motion for false. With sound effects if you'd like.



Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

True (underwater)

False (sprinkler)

Jonah was swallowed by a whale. For true, act like you're underwater! For false, give me a good sprinkler.

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out what it is!



Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

False! It was technically a "big fish."

False! Oh, it was technically a big fish, not a whale. That was tricky. Let's try another one.



"Mercy" means to be kind to someone, even when they might not deserve it.

"Mercy" means to be kind to someone, even when they might not deserve it. Is that true or false?

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



"Mercy" means to be kind to someone, even when they might not deserve it.

True!

That's true! Let's try another question.



Jonah changed his mind and really loved the people of Nineveh.

Jonah changed his mind and really loved the people of Nineveh. Is that true or false? Remember, underwater for true, and sprinkler for false!

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Jonah changed his mind and really loved the people of Nineveh.

False: Jonah is still angry at the end of his story.

That one's false. Jonah was still angry at the end of his story and wouldn't forgive the people of Nineveh. It's not easy to have mercy, but God showed us that it's worth it.

Get ready for another question!



The first game we played today was called "Will It Sink?"

The first game we played today was called “Will It Sink?” Do you think that’s true or false?

Do This: Give kids time to pick their answers.

Let’s find out if you’re right.

The first game we played today was called “Will It Sink?”

False! It was “Will It Float?”

False! Oh, it was “Will it Float.”

We have a couple more questions to go!

The fourth picture we “focused” on in group time was a Ferris wheel.

Was the fourth picture we focused on in group time a Ferris wheel? Show me your answers!

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answer.

Let’s find out if you’re right.

The fourth picture we “focused” on in group time was a Ferris wheel.

True!

That’s true! We have one more question.

God’s mercy for us never runs out.

God’s mercy for us never runs out. Is that true or false?

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answer.

Let’s find out if you’re right!

God’s mercy for us never runs out.

True!

That is true! God will always love you, forgive you, and help you. He cares about you so much. We are almost done, but I'm going to send us back to Josh and Beka's road trip one more time, because they have a challenge for us.

Challenge

2:00



Summer Media: Challenge (2:00)



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That's a great challenge! Let's all look for ways we can show mercy this week.

Wrap Up

1:00

Don't forget to follow along in your Road Trip journal this week, to learn more about Jonah, and find some great activities to do at home.

Do This: Show kids the journal.

Before we finish, let's take a moment to talk to God!

God, thank you for showing us mercy. Help us to care about others the way 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