

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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Series at a Glance for Elevate (continued)

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 5: Strange Sights

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, in their show "Road Trip."



Summer Media- Intro Video (1:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

I've got an activity that will challenge you to work together. It's called "Shape Up!"

Activity

10:00



Game Title Slide: "Shape Up"

In this activity, you'll be on a team with a bunch of other people. Your group will have a long rope, which you'll all hold on to. I'll show all of you a shape, and you have to make that exact shape with the rope. The catch is, you can't let go of the rope!

Know This: If you are in a 4-5th grade space, or the kids just need a bigger challenge, you can make them unable to speak while they are forming the shape as well.

So, the first step is to find your team.

Do This: Divide the kids into teams based on their location in the room. You may divide them in as few or as many teams as you need to. The teams don't have to be exactly even, just make this as quick as possible. Give each team a rope. If there is not a leader for a team, you may want to appoint an older kid to help out that group.

Get ready to make your first shape!



Square image and fun game music!

Alright, form your rope into a square! Go!

Do This: Give groups time to form into a square.

Know This: Keep this moving quickly, as soon as most of the groups are done, move on to the next shape.

It looked like the ____ group was the fastest to me. Let's keep moving!



Triangle image

Next up, a triangle! Ready, go!

Do This: Give groups time to form into a triangle.

Alright, the ____ group got that one. Let's go again!



Circle image

This one is a circle. Who will be fastest? Ready, set, go!

Do This: Give groups time to form into a circle.

This next one is tough. Ready?



Star image

Can you form a star? Ready, set, go!

Do This: Give groups time to form into a star.

We have one more shape for you to make!



Blob image

Can you form this shape? I don't know what to call it.

Do This: Give groups time to form into a blob.

Great job! That was a challenge.



Game Title Slide: "Shape Up" and clear audio

Activities like that help us get to know each other better, and questions do, too! Come back to the middle and find someone to talk about this question of the day with.



QOTD Video



(Auto-Advance) QOTD Slide: What would your perfect day be like?

What would your perfect day be like? Turn to someone next to you and talk about that!

Worship

8:00



Worship Slide

All of us probably have different ideas of the perfect day, but I can say I love being here with all of you. We get to have fun, hear stories, and I love getting to worship God by singing about Him. That's what we're going to do right now, let's stand up, and get ready to sing about our amazing God!



Song #1: Movin Me



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

God is so great. Let's keep worshipping Him.



Song #2: You Are My Hope



(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 helping us all the time. Help us to follow you, no matter what. Amen.

Big Question

2:00

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



Summer Media: GPS (2:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

I've asked that question, too. Do I still need God's help when life is going great, or should I just wait until something goes wrong to talk to Him? 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 "G.P.S.", too.



Game Title Slide: "G.P.S."

I need three people to help out with this activity.

Do This: Choose three kids to help with the activity. Give one of them a blindfold.

Know This: Ahead of time, set up a number of objects from around the room as obstacles on the stage.

I'm going to try to guide each of you across the stage, just by talking to you. There will be different obstacles each time, though. Everyone still sitting out there, I'll need your help, too. Ready?

This first time, I'm going to try to lead you, just by using my voice. No one else talk, let's just see how this works.

Do This: Guide the first kid across the stage using spoken instructions. Try to do this quickly.

Good job! You can stay up here for a minute.

Do This: Give the blindfold to the second kid.

This time, all of us will have to give directions at once. Again, we can only talk, so stay where you are, but everyone try to give them directions at the same time. Ready? Go!

Do This: Give directions to the second kid to get them across the stage. It should be difficult for them to follow everyone's instructions. If the kids in the audience are quiet, encourage them to give more or louder directions.

Great. That was difficult! I'll need your help with this last one.

Do This: Give the blindfold to kid number three and have them put it on. Give a bucket of fake snow balls to the two kids who have already completed the course.

This time, there's a blizzard starting up! All of us will try to guide you through this obstacle course, while these two toss snowballs at you. Ready? Let's go!

Do This: Do your best to guide the third kid across the stage using spoken instructions.

Good job! You can all sit down.



Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That was difficult! It has something to do with our big question, too. Think about this. A GPS usually leads you when you're driving, or travelling to somewhere new, right? Is it easier to travel when it's sunny and beautiful out, or when there's a big storm?

Do This: Allow a kid to answer.

It's way easier to travel when the weather's good, right? The thing is, even if the weather's terrible, the GPS stays the same.

So, how would you feel if you were on a road trip, it's sunny and beautiful, and whoever is driving pulls over on the side of the road, and says "I think we should wait until it's raining, maybe blizzarding before we drive further"?

Do This: Allow a kid to answer.

That's a terrible idea, right? You want to move further when the weather is good.

Here's the thing. All of us go through times when our lives feel great. Things are going well, and it feels like nothing can go wrong. Sometimes, when that happens, we put our journey with God on pause. We think "I'll wait to ask for God's help until life gets tough again." The problem is, if we wait to follow and obey God in the good times, we're missing out on the best time to spend with Him. We're missing out on the best parts of our journeys with God.

The hosts of "On the Move" have a story about a group of people who did exactly that. Before we hear their story, though, it's time to get moving with a quick challenge!

Get Moving Challenge

2:00



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: Give ten high fives in the next thirty seconds!

Your challenge is to give ten high fives in the next thirty seconds! After you finish, sit back down. Ready, go!



30 second countdown and game music!

Great job everyone. Quick, find a place to sit, because coming up we've got a great story coming up from Josh and Beka on "Road Trip."

Bible Story

4:00



Media: Bible Story (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

I've felt like the people in Amos' story, too.

Application

4:00

Sometimes, when life is really good, I can forget to keep on talking to God, or even wonder if I need His help. Things are great, right? Well, one thing Amos might tell us is this.



Big Idea Slide: I need God when life is good.

I need God when life is good. Why? Well, in Amos' story, one reason was that life won't always be good. Tough things will happen, and there's a big difference between facing those things with God's help and facing them without asking for God's help. Another reason, though, is what we talked about in group time.



Series Title Slide: Road Trip

There are a ton of examples we could use for this. Let's say your house has a leak in the roof.



Leaky roof picture

When does the roof leak? While it's raining. But when should you fix the roof? Should you climb up there in the rain and fix it? You could do that, especially if it's an emergency. But let's say that it's a sunny day, and your roof has a leak.



Sunny day over roof

Do This: Allow a kid to answer.

But what if a sunny day arrives, and you think: "I won't need this fixed until it rains, I'll wait until then." Does that help your problem? No! The time to fix a roof is before it rains. Just like that, the best time to follow God, talk to Him, to practice doing what he says is right, is when life is good. Then, when you face an obstacle, or life gets tough, you'll be so much more ready for it.

Speaking of that, there's another great example.



Sports picture

If you're in a sport, do you spend more time practicing, or playing games? Probably practicing. Some athletes practice for years and years to only compete a couple times, like in the Olympics.

So, if you want to be really good at a sport, do you say "I'm not going to practice until the day of the game?" No! You start practicing way before you need to compete.

So, should we work on following God and making wise choices before life gets tough? Yes! God has so many amazing things we can do. He challenges us to be generous, to love others, to stand up for what's right, and so much more, but it'll be a lot tougher to do those things when life is hard, unless we practice them now. If we practice ahead of time, we'll be able to make right choices when we really need to.

Like the people in Amos' time learned, we need God, even when life is going great. Our hosts have come up with a game about that, too! Let's check back in with Josh and Beka.

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. For this review, I'm just going to ask you some questions. If you know the answer, stand up and get my attention. For getting it right, you'll get some candy!

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: Be sure to have candy ready to give out. Toss it to kids when they answer a question correctly.

I'm going to read off the question. The first one to stand gets to answer the question. If you get it wrong, I'll choose another person.

Alright, get ready!



"What was the name of the prophet in the Bible story today?" And fun game music!

What was the name of the prophet in the Bible story today?

Do This: Allow a kid to answer. If they get it wrong, let another kid answer.

Know This: The answer is “Amos.”

The answer is “Amos!” Good job, you can sit down. Get ready for the next question!



What is something Amos saw in a dream?

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Do This: Allow a kid to answer. If they get it wrong, let another kid answer.

Know This: The answer may be “a basket of fruit,” or “locusts.” Kids only need to get one right.

He saw a bunch of things, but we heard about how Amos saw a basket of fruit and locusts. Good job, you can sit back down!

Are you ready for your next question?



What was the important thing we learned from Amos?

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Do This: Allow a kid to answer. If they get it wrong, let another kid answer.

Know This: The answer is “I need God when life is good.” If the kids can’t get it (or say the idea of it), you may prompt them with the first couple words.

Amos reminds us that we need God, even when life is going great. Good job, you can sit back down.

We have one more question. Are you ready?



In group time, we talked about following God’s directions like a G.P.S.
What does “G.P.S.” stand for?

In group time, we talked about following God’s directions like a G.P.S. What does “G.P.S.” usually stand for?

Do This: Allow a kid to answer. If they get it wrong, let another kid answer.

Know This: The answer is “Global Positioning System.”

The answer is: “Global Positioning System.” Good job! You can sit back down.



Series Title Slide: Road Trip and clear audio

We've seen a lot of things today, but I want to finish up with something you can do right away. Josh and Beka have a challenge for you, that you can start doing today. Let's find out what it is!

Challenge

2:00



Summer Media: Challenge (2:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

When life is good, one of the best ways we can think about our amazing God is by remembering to say thank you to him every day.

Wrap Up

1:00

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

Do This: Show kids the activity book.

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

God, thank you for being with us all the time. Help us to trust you, no matter what is going on in our lives. 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