

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 7: Culture Shock

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 _____. We have so much in store for today. Coming up are some games, an awesome show to watch, music, and some fantastic stories.



Series Title Slide: Road Trip and clear audio

This whole summer, we're in a series called "Road Trip." 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 see what Josh and Beka have planned for their "Road Trip" show today.



Summer Media- Intro Video (1:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Sometimes, we're going to feel like we stand out, like we're different from others. That can be a really good thing, too. We'll find out why in a few minutes, but let's try out a game!

Activity

10:00



Game Title Slide: "Blob Tag"

This game is called "Blob Tag!" We've set up some cones, that everyone will have to stay inside. I'll choose two people to start as the blob. Their goal is to tag everyone else! If you are tagged, you have to link arms with someone else in the blob and help them tag the others.

Do This: Demonstrate for the kids with some other volunteers.

Do This: Have the kids stand inside the area marked off by cones. Choose two of them to be the blob and have them link arms.

Know This: If you have a large number of kids, split them into 2-5 smaller groups to play this game. Each group should have at least 10 kids, but not more than 30, if possible. Create different areas for each group to play with the cones.

The only other rule is that you have to stay inside the cones. Everyone ready?



Game Title Slide: Blob Tag and fun game music!

Do This: Allow the kids to play. If there is time after the game ends, you may play again.

Good job! In that game, your goal was to stand apart from everyone in the blob. We're talking about standing out a lot today. Right now, you can find a spot to sit and catch your breath as we get ready for our Question of the Day.



QOTD Video



(Auto-Advance) QOTD Slide: Would you rather have a moustache that was always a foot long, or have all the hair on your head only grow straight up?

Would you rather have a moustache that was always a foot long, or have all the hair on your head only grow straight up? Turn to someone next to you and talk about that!

Worship

8:00



Worship Slide

Either of those things would probably make you stand out a little bit. We're talking a lot about standing out today, but one thing we do together is worship God. Let's stand and sing together!



Song #1: You are my Hope



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Remind Me



(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 loving us. Help us make wise choices and live the way you made us to. Amen.

Big Question

2:00

Josh and Beka have a giant problem for us to solve. Let's find out what it is!



Summer Media: Big Question (2:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That is such an important problem to think about. How do I choose what's right, when it seems like no one else will? That's what you'll be talking 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.

This group time, we're going to play a game of "What's the Difference?"



Game Title Slide: What's the Difference?

In this game, you'll have to find several differences between two pictures. We'll only have a couple minutes to try and find all the differences, so we'll have to move quickly! Let's try the first two pictures.



Find the Difference Images 1 and fun game music!

Do This: Give kids about 1 minute to find as many differences as they can.

Let's find out if we got them all!



Find the Difference Images 1 Answer image

Good job! Let's try another one.



Find the Difference Images 2

Let's see if we got all the differences!



Find the Difference Images 2 Answer Image

That was tough! Good job everyone.



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We notice when something is different. Those pictures had differences in the way they looked, and in life, sometimes everyone is different from others in the way they talk,

the things they do, and the choices they make. We often call the feeling of being different “standing out.”

Have you ever felt like you stood out? Like you were different from others, liked something no one else did, or had to make a choice that was different from what others made? Turn to someone near you and talk about a time when you felt like you stood out.

Do This: Allow kids to talk for thirty seconds or so.

We stand out for different reasons. Some are fun, like getting an award or prize, and some are difficult, like choosing to do what’s right when your friends want to do something you know is wrong. In fact, when we choose to do what’s right, it can often feel like we’re standing out. People even felt that way thousands of years ago, back in the Bible days. Look at one one of the writers of the Bible, a person named Paul, wrote.



Romans 12:2- Don’t live any longer the way this world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed.

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

When Paul writes about “the world,” he means people who disobey God, and do things they know are wrong. Paul is writing to some people who knew about God and wanted to follow Him, but they were having some trouble. They wanted to keep on doing all the wrong things they did before they started following God. It seemed like everyone else was doing those things, so why couldn’t they?

Well, what does Paul write? Don’t live that way anymore! Paul writes that as we follow God, even the way we think will be changed to something way better than it was before. God made us to live for Him, and to make right choices. Many people do things they know are wrong, but that doesn’t make those things right.



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Get Moving Challenge

2:00

Sometimes, following God means standing out. How do we do that? We'll hear a story about someone who had to make that choice in a couple minutes, but first we need to get moving!



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: Invent your own dance move! Teach it to someone else, then learn theirs.

Ok, first, invent your own dance move! Then, you'll teach your move to someone else, and learn theirs! Ready? Let's get some music going!



Fun Dance Music

Ok, once you have your own dance move down, teach someone else, and learn theirs!

Do This: Keep this activity around one minute long.



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Great job everyone. Quick, find a place to sit, because coming up Josh and Beka have a great story to share with us.

Bible Story

4:00



Media: Bible Story (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Micah stood out in a big way, and one of the things he wrote is actually our key verse for this whole series!

Application

4:00

Micah showed people how to live for God, even when others didn't. He knew something that can help all of us make wise choices.



Big Idea Slide: We can stand out for what's right.

We can stand out for what's right. It's worth it to make right choices, even if it makes us stand out, or seem different from others.



Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Usually, if we're honest, we know what the right thing to do is. We know it's right to tell the truth, to respect our parents, and we know we should walk away if others are saying unkind things, stealing, or breaking other rules. The problem is, sometimes even if we know what to do, we still don't do the right thing. We see someone being bullied, and we just walk past. We hear something mean about someone else, and we don't stand up for them. Our friends do something our parents said not to, and we just go along with it. Why do we do that?

I think I might know why. I need someone to help me, though.

Do This: Pick one kid from the audience. Make sure they have a mic to use.

First, what is your name?

Do This: Allow the kid to answer.

Awesome. Can you tell me the alphabet? As fast as you can, go!

Do This: Allow the kid to answer.

Nice. Now, as fast as you can, say the alphabet backwards!

Do This: Allow the kid to attempt to answer. Stop them after about ten seconds.

Know This: If they can say the alphabet backwards fast, ask them if they practiced doing that.

That's challenging. Thanks for helping, you can sit back down!

It's the same letters backward or forward, but most of us probably would take a long time to say the alphabet backward. Why is it easier to say the alphabet forward? Because that's the way we've practiced it. If you practiced saying the alphabet backwards for a week, over and over, do you think you'd be able to say it fast?

Probably! It just takes practice. What does this have to do with making right choices? Well, those choices take practice, too. If you know your friends are going to ask you to do something you shouldn't, you can practice saying no ahead of time. If you want to do something about bullying in your schools, you can plan how to handle it ahead of time and practice it by thinking about it. If I hear someone say something mean, I'll ask them to stop. Or if I see someone pushing that kid, I'll tell the teacher.

The more you practice doing the right thing, the more likely you are to choose to do what's right when it really matters. If you need help, or want to practice making a tough choice, you can also ask your parent, or an adult you trust for help. They might have some really good ideas for ways you can choose to do what's right.

Let's check in again with our "Road Trip" hosts and find out how they're practicing standing out.

Fun Activity

5:00



Summer Media: Fun Activity (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That was so fun to watch. 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. Since we talked about standing out, I'm going to have you stand to answer "True" and sit to answer "False" to these questions. Ready?

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.

Let's go to our first question!



Micah wrote that people should have justice, love mercy, and be the best. And fun game music!

Micah wrote that people should have justice, love mercy, and be the best. Is that true or false? Stand if you think it's true, sit if you think it's false.

Let's find out what the answer is!



Micah wrote that people should have justice, love mercy, and be the best. False.

False! Micah wrote that people should have justice, love mercy, and be humble. Let's try again.



Micah was from the land of Judah.

Micah was from the land of Judah. Stand if you think that's true and sit if you think it's false.

Let's find out!



Micah was from the land of Judah. True.

That one's true! Let's keep moving.



Paul wrote to people in the Bible days, telling them to just do what everyone else was doing.

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Let's find out if you're right!

Paul wrote to people in the Bible days, telling them to just do what everyone else was doing.
False.

That's false! It's true that Paul wrote some of the Bible, but he wrote that we should live differently from people that don't follow God. Let's keep going!

Doing what's right always means standing out.

Doing what's right always means standing out. Is that true or false? Stand for true, sit for false.

Ready? Let's see!

Doing what's right always means standing out.
False.

That's false. Sometimes, making the right choice means standing out, but sometimes, we can fit in with other people who are making the right choice, too.

That was tricky, let's see another statement.

God encouraged Micah by fixing all his problems.

Is that true, or is that false? Make your guess!

Let's find out!

God encouraged Micah by fixing all his problems.
False.

That was false. God was with Micah and helped him, but didn't just fix all the problems he had.

We have one more statement to look at. Let's see it.



There is no word that uses all twenty-five letters of the alphabet.

There is no word that uses all twenty-five letters of the alphabet. Is that true or false? Make your choice!

Let's find out!



There is no word that uses all twenty-five letters of the alphabet.
False.

That's kind of a trick question, but it's false! It's true that there's no word that uses all the letters of the alphabet, but it's false because there are twenty-six letters, not twenty-five.



"Road Trip Rewind" Slide

You all have good memories! Josh and Beka have an important challenge for you to remember this week! Let's find out what it is.

Challenge

2:00



Summer Media: Challenge (2:00)



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All of us can practice making right choices.

Wrap Up

1:00

Don't forget to follow along in your Road Trip journal this week, to learn more about Hosea, 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 loving us. Help us to follow you and choose what you say is right. Amen.

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



Elevate Slide



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