

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 9: Breakdown

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." It's called that, 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 called "prophets," who knew God super well and learn how He changed their lives. In fact, sixteen books of the Bible are named after these prophets.

Intro Video

1:00

Let's see what our hosts of our Road Trip show have planned for today.



Summer Media- Intro Video (1:00)



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There's so much in store, let's get started with an activity called "Take-it-Pin."

Activity

10:00



Game Title Slide: "Take-it-Pin"

For this activity, you'll get three clothespins.

Do This: Make sure every kid gets three clothespins. You may hand them out now, or before the hour begins, to save time.

You must pin these to the side of your shirt, right where your arm would be if you let it hang straight down. Your goal is to collect as many pins as you can, by taking them off of others, and pinning them to your own shirt. You may only take one pin at a time, and you can keep moving while you have a pin but can't take any more until you've pinned it to your own shirt.

Do This: Show the kids where to pin the clothespins, on the side of your shirt, above your waist.

Ready? You'll have three minutes to collect as many pins as possible. Let's go!



3:00 Countdown and fun game music!



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Good job! Did anyone end with more than ten pins? You can all give of your pins to _____ and get ready to answer our question of the day!

Do This: Make sure a volunteer is ready with a bin to collect all the clothespins.



QOTD Video



(Auto-Advance) QOTD Slide: If you were traveling the world, where is the first place you would go?

If you were traveling the world, where is the first place you would go? Turn to someone next to you and talk about that!

Worship

8:00



Worship Slide

Our world is really amazing. The more we learn about this world, we can also learn about God, who made it all. Let's stand and sing about how we can tell everyone on earth how much God loves them.



Song #1: Rock This Planet



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

When we sing about how amazing God is, we sometimes call that "worship." Let's keep on worshipping God with another song!



Song #2: Heartbeat



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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 to trust you, however we are feeling. Amen.

Big Question

2:00

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



Summer Media: GPS (2:00)



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That's so important to think about. What can I do when I feel hurt? Not hurt like a scrape, or a cut, but inside, when our feelings are hurt. We'll talk about that more in group time.

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.

I've got an example to try out, but first, let's check out a verse from the Bible.



Matthew 11:28- "Come to me, all you who are tired and are carrying heavy loads. I will give you rest."

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

This is something God's Son, Jesus, said, and I wanted to try it out. Can I get a volunteer?

Do This: Select one older kid from the audience.

We're going to test how much weight a cup can hold. In this verse, Jesus is talking about carrying heavy loads, things that weigh us down. Sometimes, life throws things at us that feel very heavy.

Do This: Place a paper cup on the floor, so the open part is facing up.

Know This: The volunteer will be standing on this cup. You will want to have a table nearby for them to brace themselves on.



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These aren't always things that weigh a lot, like bricks or elephants. The heavy things in our lives can be things that feel heavy inside us, too. It could be something mean one of your friends said, or a time you failed that you can't forget. Those things can weigh us down even more than a heavy weight. Those are the things Jesus was talking about. So, let's test out how much weight this cup can hold. Your job is simple. Try to stand on this cup. We'll see if it supports your weight. Ready?

Do This: Help the kid stand on top of the cup. It will be smashed. If it doesn't smash right away, encourage them to bounce on it a little bit.

That didn't last long. This one cup can't hold much weight. Sometimes, we might try to get through tough stuff on our own. We don't ask for help, or we might not even talk

about what's wrong to anyone. Sadly, then we're like this cup. We can do some things, but might feel like life is just too much, or it's too heavy for us to take.

What Jesus said is so interesting, though. He didn't say "Get rid of all the things that weigh you down." He didn't say "get stronger, so you can handle everything." He said "Come to me when you are tired and carrying a heavy load." Jesus was God's Son, and He was saying that He'll help you, whatever you are going through. So, let's try this again.

Do This: Set out nine cups, in three rows of three, all very close together. Place a flat board on top.

We don't have to be alone when we're hurting or going through tough stuff. God is with us. Many times, He brings other people into our lives to help us, too. Our parents, other adults who we can trust, and good friends, are all people God can work through to help us. When we have God, and all these people around us, what happens? Well, try to stand on these cups again.

Do This: Have the kid stand on the board on top of all the cups. It will be firm.

Great! Thank you for helping me out. You can head back to your seat.

Do This: Give the kid a piece of candy from the candy bin.

When we ask for help, first from God, but also from people we can trust, suddenly we're able to do way more than before. These cups can even support my weight!

Do This: Stand on the board. Keep your feet on the middle area of the cups.

Know This: Test this ahead of time to see how it works. If you are not able to do this, or just don't feel comfortable doing this, it is not essential, but the cups should be able to support your weight, so your standing on them is an option.

That's why when we feel hurt, when we feel afraid, sad, or helpless, the first thing we should do is tell God and ask for His help.

I have a couple questions for all of us to talk about.



What are things that weigh you down?

First, what are things that weigh you down? You don't have to say exactly what has happened but give us an idea. For example, one thing that could weigh you down could be a friend spreading a rumor about you. Can you think of any other examples?

Do This: Allow a few kids to answer.

Know This: If they are hesitant to answer, that is ok. If none of them will give examples, you may mention a few things like: being called a bad name, losing a friend, making a big mistake, or doing something you know is wrong.

Good thoughts. Let's try another question.



Who is there to help you when you feel weighed down?

Who is there to help you when you feel weighed down? I've already said that God will be by you, no matter what. Who are some of the people God has put in your life to help you out?

Do This: Allow kids to answer. If they are hesitant to answer, you can mention family members, good friends, parents especially, and adults they can trust.



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Get Moving Challenge

2:00

God gives each of us people to be there for us, whatever you're going through, you don't have to go through it alone. We're going to hear a story about someone who learned that a long time ago, too, but first, let's get up and moving with a challenge!



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: Play three games of rock-paper-scissors with people you haven't met before.

Play three games of rock-paper-scissors with people you haven't met before! You'll also only have about thirty seconds to play all three games, so get ready, get set, and go!



30 Second countdown and fun game music!



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

Bible Story

4:00



Media: Bible Story (4:00)



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Nahum and the people of Israel went through so much, but what's amazing is that God went through it all with them, too.

Application

4:00

Here's what Nahum's story makes me think of.



Big Idea Slide: God is with me when I feel hurt.

God is with me when I feel hurt. When we feel hurt, when we need help, God is with us. Every time. Remember our example from group time, though? God being with us doesn't mean we'll never feel weighed down. It doesn't mean bad things will never happen. It does mean, though, that no matter what, God will be there. He'll give us the strength and courage we need to face whatever is going on.



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So, what does that mean for us? Since God is with us, what can we do? Well, I've got a couple stories for us to think about. For each of them, I'm going to give you a few things the person in the story could do.



School group project image

Natasha and Eric are working on a science project with you at school. Your whole group worked hard, and you were sure you were going to get a prize. The day of the science fair, though, you didn't win anything. You're feeling upset. What would you want Natasha and Eric to do?



- A. Blame you for messing up the project.
- B. Get angry and not talk to you.
- C. Say how hard you worked, and how glad they are you were in the group.
- D. Promise to try again and win next year.

Do This: Read the options from the screen.

Which one of these things would you want them to do? Turn to someone next to you and talk about it.

Do This: Allow kids to talk for about 15 seconds.

I bet most of us said "C" or "D." It doesn't feel good to be blamed for something you didn't do, or to have people be angry at you. I'd much rather they encouraged me and were kind. Saying "we'll try again" can also help.

I've got one more story, but first, think about a time when you had to make the same choice Natasha and Eric did. You could get upset and blame someone or encourage them and say something kind to them. Since we want other people to be kind to us, shouldn't we do the same thing for them? Let's head to our second story.



Soccer kid image

You were playing soccer, and tried to kick the winning goal, but you missed by a lot. After the game you are talking to your friend who is on the same team. What would you want them to do?



- A. Talk about how fun the game was.
- B. Make fun of you for missing the big shot.
- C. Laugh at you.
- D. Ask if you wanted to grab ice cream.

Do This: Read the options from the screen.

Which one would you want them to do? Talk about it for a moment with someone near you.

Do This: Allow the kids to talk for about 15 seconds.

I bet most of us would answer “A” or “D.” When we feel hurt, we want others to help us and care about us. That’s what God does every time, and that’s what we can do for others, too. If you know someone is feeling sad or hurt, find a way to help them, say something kind, and be a friend to them. It could mean a ton to that person.



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Next, Josh and Beka have an interesting activity to try. Let’s find out what it is.

Fun Activity

5:00



Summer Media: Fun Activity (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That was great. Let’s review all that’s been happening today with a Road Trip Rewind!

Road Trip Rewind

10:00



“Road Trip Rewind” Slide

This is a time for us to review what’s been going on. For this review, we’ve got the letters A, B, C, and D up around the room. I’ll read you a question, and you can run to the letter you think is the correct answer. 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.

Do This: Make sure the letters are up in different corners of the room ahead of time.

Let's go to our first question.



"In group time, we read something Jesus said from the book of _____."

And fun game music!

- A. Luke
- B. John
- C. Matthew
- D. Jeff

Do This: Read the question and answers from the screen. Allow kids to move to their answer.

Alright, pick your answer! Which book did that quote from Jesus come from?

Let's find out if you're right!



"In group time, we read something Jesus said from the book of _____."

- A. Luke
- B. John
- C. Matthew**
- D. Jeff

The answer is: Matthew! If you guessed "C." you're correct.



Which city did the prophet Nahum write about?

- A. Judah
- B. Nineveh
- C. Jerusalem
- D. Owatonna

Do This: Read the question and answers from the screen. Allow kids to move to their answer.

Choose your answer! Which city did Nahum write about?

Let's find out if you're right!



Which city did the prophet Nahum write about?

- A. Judah
- B. Nineveh**
- C. Jerusalem
- D. Owatonna

Nahum wrote about Nineveh! The answer “B” is correct. Let’s go to our next question.



What was the second thing Josh and Beka tried to smash?

- A. Oranges
- B. Watermelons
- C. Cheeseburgers
- D. Squash

Do This: Read the question and answers from the screen. Allow kids to move to their answer.

Choose your answer! Let’s find out if you’re correct.



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If you guessed C. Cheeseburgers, you’re correct!

Let’s try another question.



How many books of the Bible are named after prophets?

- A. 16
- B. 24
- C. 3
- D. All of them

Do This: Read the question from the screen. Allow kids to move to their answer.

This is a tough one. Do you have a guess?

Let’s find out if you’re correct!



How many books of the Bible are named after prophets?

- A. 16**
- B. 24
- C. 3
- D. All of them

The answer is “A- 16!” Sixteen books in our Bible are named after prophets, like Nahum. We’ve got another question for you.



One big thing to remember from today is: “God is _____ when I feel hurt.”

- A. Close by
- B. With me
- C. Super powerful
- D. On vacation

Do This: Read the question from the screen. Allow kids to move to their answer.

Got your answer? Let’s find out if you’re correct!



One big thing to remember from today is: “God is _____ when I feel hurt.”

- A. Close by
- B. With me**
- C. Super powerful
- D. On vacation

God is with me when I feel hurt. The answer is “B!” We’ve got one more question for you to answer, so get ready.



What team did Josh say he tried out for this week?

- A. Soccer
- B. Lacrosse
- C. Hot Dog Eating
- D. Basketball

Do This: Read the question from the screen. Allow kids to move to their answer.

Choose your answer! Let’s find out if you’re right.



What team did Josh say he tried out for this week?

- A. Soccer
- B. Lacrosse
- C. Hot Dog Eating
- D. Basketball**

If you guessed D. Basketball, you’re correct!

Good job everyone, you remember a ton. There's one more important thing for us to remember, our challenge for the week! To tell us what it is, let's go back to Josh and Beka in "Road Trip."

Challenge

2:00



Summer Media: Challenge (2:00)



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Telling God how we are feeling is great. God cares about us, and when we are real and honest with Him, it can help us handle our emotions well, too!

Wrap Up

1:00

Don't forget to follow along in your Road Trip book this week, to learn more about Nahum, 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 loving us. Help us to notice others who feel hurt and help them, like you do for us. 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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