

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 12: Landmark

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)	
Road Trip Rewind (10:00)	
Fun Activity (Media) (5:00)	
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 coming up today. We'll play some games, watch an awesome show called "Road Trip," sing to some music, and hear some awesome 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.

Intro Video

1:00

Let's see what Josh and Beka have planned for today in their show "Road Trip."



Summer Media- Intro Video (1:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Since we're talking about putting things off today, let's start with some games where you have to hurry. This is our "minute to win it" challenge!

Activity

10:00



Game Title Slide: “Minute to win it challenge”

Know This: If either of these games doesn’t work in your space, feel free to adapt by choosing the one that does work, and playing it more than once. You could even challenge kids to beat their previous record.

We’ll kick things off with a game everyone can play. This is a sorting game.

Do This: Make sure seven bins are set out, and a different colored ball pit ball is in each one.

In a minute, I’m going to dump a ton of ball pit balls into the middle of the room. Your job is to sort all of them into the correct bins, in one minute. There is one ball in each bin already, to show you which color goes where. We all have to work together to get every single ball. Ready?

Let’s go!

Do This: Dump out the containers of ball pit balls roughly in the middle of the room.



1:00 Countdown and fun game music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: “Minute to win it challenge”

Alright, great job! Next, I want to try a game that will challenge just a couple of you. Can I get two volunteers?

Do This: Choose two volunteers. For added competition, you could make this a boys vs. girls game. Choose volunteers who are able to crawl on the floor (not wearing loose or dressy clothing).

Do This: Tape a starting line to one side of the stage, and a finish line on the other. Bring a bin of ball pit balls onto the stage.

In this game, you’ll have one minute to roll as many ball pit balls from one side of the stage to the other. The catch is, you can only use your nose to move them.

Let’s get started! Ready, set, go!



1:00 Countdown and fun game music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: “Minute to win it challenge”

Great job to both of you! It looks like _____ moved the most ball pit balls, but you can both choose a piece of candy to take.

Do This: Offer both of them a piece of candy from the memory verse bin.

While you find a place to sit, let’s get ready to answer a question of the day!



QOTD Video



(Auto-Advance) QOTD Slide: What’s something you’ve put off doing?

What’s something you’ve put off doing? It could be something at school, a chore, or something you just didn’t want to do. Turn to someone next to you and talk about that!

Do This: Allow kids to talk for 30 seconds or so.

Worship

8:00



Worship Slide

All of us probably put things off sometimes. Sometimes it works out ok, but when we put off important things, it can really affect our lives. We’ll talk more about that, but first there’s something we won’t put off any more: worship! “Worship” is what we call it when we sing about God, and how amazing He is. Let’s stand up and do that now with a great song called “Heartbeat.”



Song #1: Heartbeat



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

Let’s keep on singing and moving with another fun song!



Song #2: Jump



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

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

God, thank you for loving us. Help us to choose to follow you every day. Amen.

Big Question

2:00

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



Summer Media: GPS (2:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That's a great question. Should God really be the most important thing in my life? 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.

When we have a giant problem to solve, a great place to start is in the Bible. In a few minutes, we'll be hearing the story of Haggai (Hagg-eye). He lived about two thousand and five hundred years ago and wrote down an important message God wanted people back then to know. There's one thing in his message that is so important, he repeats it. Here it is.



Haggai 1:5- “Think carefully about how you are living.”

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

He writes this again in a couple verses. “Think carefully about how you are living.” Sometimes, we get so busy or distracted we never take time to think about the way we live every day.

One way to think about how we are living is to decide our “priorities.” Priorities are the things that are most important to you.

Let’s try an example. Our GPS was a question about how important it is to follow God. Let’s put that another way. What happens if we treat other things like they are the most important thing in our life, instead of God?



“Friends” and friend image

What happens if we act like our friends are more important than God? If we have to make a decision, we go to our friends first. If they tell us something, and the Bible says something else, we choose to trust our friends.

If our friends are what’s most important to us, what happens when our friends ask us to do something wrong?

Do This: Allow a kid to answer.

Well, if we put them first, we’ll do what they want, instead of doing what God says is right. That could get us into trouble.



Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Putting God first doesn’t mean not having friends, it means trusting God, and living the way He wants us to, instead of just the way our friends want us to. It means making right choices, even if our friends want us to do something we know is wrong. Let’s try one more example.



“Stuff” and stuff image

What if having the best stuff was more important to us than following God? We have to have the latest toys and games, the nicest clothes, or even just bigger and better stuff than we already have. It's so important, you feel like you need that stuff to be happy. Stuff can be fun, but is it the most important thing in the world? What happens when we treat it like it's the most important thing?

What happens if your stuff is most important to you, and then you lose it? It breaks, gets stolen, or just falls apart? How would you feel?

Do This: Allow a kid to answer.

The most important thing to you is gone! You'd feel awful. You might feel angry, and might do some mean or unkind things, because that stuff meant so much to you. It's ok to feel that way, but if you need to have stuff to be happy, that won't work very well.

So, what does this mean for our giant problem to solve?



Is God really the most important?

Is God really the most important? What happens if I don't put God first, if I don't talk to Him, learn about Him, or go to church? What happens if I fill my lives with a ton of other things, and treat them like they are more important than God?

God made us to live with Him. Nothing else we get, nothing else we do, can give us the same hope, peace, and love as God does. No awards, no toys or games, nothing we can do will be enough to take God's place. Only God deserves to be first in our lives.

Many people do great things and have wonderful stuff, but then realize all of that doesn't matter much, compared to having a relationship to God. I don't want to get years down the road ignoring God, and then realize I've missed out on what's most important, living for the God who made me and loves me.



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Also, I don't want to miss out on the amazing promises God gives to those who follow Him. He's a friend who never leaves your side. He helps us and leads us when life is tough. He gives us the things we need most of all, peace, love, hope, and joy. Why would I want to wait to have those amazing things?

Get Moving Challenge

2:00

I think we can see an answer to our question, but keep on thinking about that, it's so important. While you think, let's loosen up our muscles with a get-moving challenge!



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: Who can do the most push-ups in ten seconds?

Who can do the most pushups in ten seconds? Let's find out! Ready? Set? Go!



10 Second countdown and fun game music!



(Auto-Advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip and clear audio

Great job everyone. You can find a place to sit, because coming up we get to hear the story of Haggai from Josh and Beka.

Bible Story

4:00



Media: Bible Story (4:00)



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Haggai's message was written for people back then, but it's still so important today.

Application

4:00

In one sentence, Haggai's message might sound something like this.



Big Idea Slide: I can put God first.

I can put God first. Some of you might have decided to follow God already. That is amazing. God is with you, helping you and leading you every day. You can follow Haggai's advice, and put God first, wherever you are, and whatever you're doing.



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Some of you might still have questions about deciding to follow God and asking Jesus to be your leader. That is ok. Your questions are so important to God, and to us. My challenge for you is: your questions are so important, don't wait to ask them! Talk to one of the leaders in here today, we'd love to listen to you and help you learn more about what following God is like.

For some of you, though, this might be the day you decide to follow God with your whole life. This is the day you decide to live for Him, the way you were made to live. If you're ready to make that choice, all you have to do is tell God. In a moment, I'm going to talk to God, and you can talk to Him with me. You can tell Him you're sorry for the wrong things you've done and say that you believe Jesus died and came back to life for you. You'll say you want to live for God with your whole life. What's most important isn't the exact way you say this, it's that you mean what you're saying.

Let's have everyone here bow their heads and close their eyes. We'll talk to God together, and if you want to make the choice to follow Jesus, you can repeat this prayer after me. You can say the words or think them; God hears you either way.

Do This: Read this prayer word-for-word, giving kids time to repeat what you say.

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.
In Jesus' name, amen.



Congratulations!

If you just made that decision for the first time, congratulations! You have made the best choice ever by choosing to follow God with your whole life. If that's you, you might be wondering what's next? Well, we'd love to give you this book to help you get started following Jesus.

Do This: Show kids the Following Jesus book.

We'd also love to talk to you a little more about what following Jesus is like. So, could I have everyone stand up?

Do This: Have everyone stand.

If you just decided to follow Jesus for the first time, you can go with _____, who will give you this Following Jesus book, celebrate with you, and answer any questions you might have about the awesome choice you just made. You can go there now!

Do This: Allow the kids who have made a decision to go. Make sure you have clearly told them where they are going and who they are going to.

Know This: If you are leading the hallway talk, make sure there is someone else who can lead kids through the "Road Trip Rewind" section.

The rest of us get to review what we've been talking about today with a Road Trip Rewind!

Road Trip Rewind

10:00



"Road Trip Rewind" Slide

For this review, you'll have to raise one, two or three arms to answer the questions. If you don't have three arms, you'll have to raise one of your legs.

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 the first question!



In Haggai's day, people were trying to build _____ before God's temple.

(And fun game music!)

No Arms: A baseball field

One Arm: Bigger boats

Two Arms: Nicer homes

Three Arms: Fancy roads

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

Alright, pick your answer! They put off building God's temple so they could build something else. What was it?

Let's find out!



In Haggai's day, people were trying to build _____ before God's temple.

No Arms: A baseball field

One Arm: Bigger boats

Two Arms: Nicer homes

Three Arms: Fancy roads

If you held up two arms, that's right! They built nicer homes for themselves, before doing what God said to do.

Let's go to our next question!



In our game today, we used ball pit balls. Which of these colors is not the color of any of our ball pit balls?

No Arms: Purple

One Arm: Green

Two Arms: Yellow

Three Arms: Brown

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

Choose your answer! Which one of these is not the color of any of our ball pit balls?

Let's find out if you're right!



In our game today, we used ball pit balls. Which of these colors is not the color of any of our ball pit balls?

No Arms: Purple

One Arm: Green

Two Arms: Yellow

Three Arms: Brown

We don't have any brown ball pit balls here. Let's go to another question!



Who told people to think carefully about how they are living?

No Arms: Joshua

One Arm: Jesus

Two Arms: Haggai

Three Arms: Peter

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

Choose your answer! Who asked that amazing question? Let's find out if you're correct.



Who told people to think carefully about how they are living?

No Arms: Joshua

One Arm: Jesus

Two Arms: Haggai

Three Arms: Peter

That was a quote from Haggai. If you raised two arms, good job!

Let's try another question.



A prophet is someone who gives people _____ from God.

No Arms: Gifts

One Arm: Messages

Two Arms: Advice

Three Arms: Recipes

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

A prophet is someone who gives people what from God? Choose your answer, and hold up your arms!

Let's find out if you're right.



A prophet is someone who gives people _____ from God.

No Arms: Gifts

One Arm: Messages

Two Arms: Advice

Three Arms: Recipes

Prophets give people messages from God. Sometimes, those messages are about what is going on right then, and sometimes they are about things that will happen in the future.

Let's go to another question!



How did we put Haggai's message in one sentence?

No Arms: "I can put God first."

One Arm: "Don't wait to trust God."

Two Arms: "Build the temple right away."

Three Arms: "Bring me chocolate chip cookies."

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

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



How did we put Haggai's message in one sentence?

No Arms: "I can put God first."

One Arm: "Don't wait to trust God."

Two Arms: "Build the temple right away."

Three Arms: "Bring me chocolate chip cookies."

Haggai was telling people to put God first, no matter what.

We have one more question! This one will really test your memory.



What game did Josh and Beka say they were going to play?

No Arms: Will It Taco?

One Arm: Strange History Trivia

Two Arms: Fast Building Game

Three Arms: Jelly Bean Taste Test

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

Hold up your answers! Ready? Let's find out what the answer is!



What game did Josh and Beka say they were going to play?

No Arms: Will It Taco?

One Arm: Strange History Trivia

Two Arms: Fast Building Game

Three Arms: Jelly Bean Taste Test

If you held up three arms, you're correct!

Great job! You can find a place to sit. Let's tune into "Road Trip" to watch their jelly bean taste test and get a challenge from Josh and Beka.

Fun Activity

7:00



Summer Media: Fun Activity and Challenge (7:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That was super fun, and a great challenge for all of us. Putting God first can change the way we think about everything we do, from home to school to sports and music.

Wrap Up

1:00

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

Do This: Show kids the book.

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

God, thank you for loving us. Help us to follow you with our whole lives. In Jesus' name, 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