

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 13: Interpreter Needed

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 super excited to be here with you all today! We've got some games, stories, music, and an awesome show, all coming up.



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

First, let's see what our friends Josh and Beka have planned for today.



Summer Media- Intro Video (1:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Today we'll be hearing the story of someone who saw some very strange things. Let's try an activity that's all about understanding strange symbols.

Activity

10:00



Game Title Slide: "Strange Sights."

This game is called "Strange Sights." I'm going to show you a puzzle, and your job will be to guess the answer. The first one to raise their hand, and guess the answer when I call on them, will get a piece of candy.

Do This: Have candy available (you may use the memory verse candy).

These puzzles are called "rebuses" and they're tricky. Each one represents something a lot of people say, and you have to figure out what it means. Let's try one, just as an example. What do you think this means?



Image: (And fun game music!)



Think

This picture reminds us of a phrase people say a lot. What is that phrase?

Do This: Let kids answer. If they get it, give them a piece of candy.

The answer is... Think outside the box! See, because the word "think" is outside of a box.

Now, let's try another one.



STOOD
MISS

What is this one?

Do This: Allow kids who have raised their hands to answer. When one gets it right, give them a piece of candy.

The answer is: Miss-under-stood. Clever.

Let's try another one!



PAWALKRK

What could this be? Pawalkrk?

Do This: Allow kids to answer. When one gets it right, give them a piece of candy.

Oh, “a walk in the park.” Wow. Let’s keep going.



Million

What does this one mean?

Do This: Allow kids to answer. When one gets it right, give them a piece of candy.

“One in a million.” That makes sense. We’ve got a couple more to go!



FOOT

What is this one?

Do This: Allow kids to answer. When one of them gets it, give them a piece of candy.

It meant “Bigfoot.” Good job! Let’s try another one.



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What does this one mean?

Do This: Allow kids to answer. When one of them gets it, give them a piece of candy.

Growing old. Awesome. We have one more!



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What is this one?

Do This: Allow kids to answer. When one of them gets it, give them a piece of candy.

Your parents might say this if you’re late. It means “Hurry up!”



Game Title Slide: “Strange Sights” and clear audio

Good job everyone! You can sit, but there’s one more thing to answer: it’s our question of the day!



QOTD Video



(Auto-Advance) QOTD Slide: What’s the strangest thing you’ve ever felt?

What’s the strangest thing you’ve ever felt? Did you pick up a bug? Hold a snake? Stick your foot in Jell-O? 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

Unusual things aren’t always bad, but it takes a lot of trust to try them out. Like, when someone says you’ll love a food you’ve never tried before, you’ll see how much you trust them.

We’re going to sing a song about trusting God to give us hope, no matter what happens. Let’s sing it together!



Song #1: You are My Hope



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: I Will Follow You (EBC)



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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 trust you no matter what. 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. What does God want us to do? What does following God look like? 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.

Let's start group time by asking a couple questions.



What's something you have that's important to you?

What's something you have that's important to you? It could be a toy, like Josh's, or something else you have. Turn to someone next to you and talk about that!

Do This: Allow kids to talk for 20 seconds or so.



What is Josh missing?

Josh is trying to do everything right, but I think he's forgetting something important. Did you notice anything Josh is doing that doesn't seem right?

Do This: Allow a couple kids to answer.

He isn't being very kind to Beka. He's trying so hard to be perfect, he's forgetting to care about his sister.

Josh might be doing good things, but none of them are as important as just being kind. Sometimes, we focus on doing good things, instead of the thing that's most important. I can think of another example of that, too. Imagine your room is super messy.



Messy Room image

One day, your parents ask you to clean your room. It's really messy, though, so instead, you go and read a book. When your parents see your room, how will they probably feel?

Do This: Allow a kid to answer.

They'll be upset! Ok, second try. They ask you to clean your room again, but you still don't want to, so instead you make a really nice card telling them how awesome of a parent they are. You give them the card, but they also look at your room, and it's still messy. How will your parents probably feel?

Do This: Allow a kid to answer.

They'll be upset! Ok, one more chance. Your parents say to clean your room. You have one more idea of a way to get out of it, though. You go and do the dishes instead. Is that listening to what your parents say? No! How do you think they'll feel?

Do This: Allow a kid to answer.

They'd be upset! You didn't listen three times. It didn't really matter what else you were doing, even if it was good, you still didn't do what they said. What would you have done if you really listened to them?

Do This: Allow the kids to answer.

You'd have cleaned your room! Now, think about this. Are your parents upset because the things you did, reading a book, doing the dishes, and making a card, are bad things? No! Those are all good things, so why are they upset?

Do This: Allow a kid to answer.

They're upset because you didn't listen, and didn't do the first, most important thing they wanted you to do: clean your room! That seems so obvious, but we do something like that with God sometimes.



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The Bible has a lot to say about following God. Here's something a man named John wrote down about following God.



1 John 3:23- "God has commanded us to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ. He has also commanded us to love one another."

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

Here, John writes about just two things that God wants us to do. There aren't a million, not even a thousand. He just writes about two. The first one is to believe in God's Son Jesus. John means is that God wants every one of us to follow Jesus and trust Him. If you haven't made that decision yet, any of the adults in here would love to tell you more about that amazing choice you can make.

I want to really focus on the second thing John writes about, though. God also says to love one another. Loving other people matters so much to God, it's one of the only two things He tells us we need to do. So many times, though, we focus on other things first. We say: "I'll pray and read my Bible more, that's what following God is all about." Or "I go to church and try to do the right things. That's what following God is about." Those are awesome things to do, but God says loving others is even more important.



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In our example, your parents just wanted you to clean up your room. They didn't want you to do all those other things. It didn't matter what else you did if you didn't listen to their first instruction.

One of the things God cares about the most is how we treat other people. Many of the other things we do, singing songs, coming to church, are great, but if we don't love others, we're missing what God says is the most important way to follow Him.

Get Moving Challenge

2:00

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



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: You have twenty seconds to find everyone with the same color shoes as you!

You have twenty seconds to find everyone with the same color shoes as you! Ready? Set. Go!



20 Second countdown and fun game music!



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

Great job everyone. Find a place to sit, and we'll see what story Josh and Beka have for us.

Bible Story

4:00



Media: Bible Story (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Zechariah saw some really wild things, but through it all, he shared an amazing message.

Application

4:00

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



Big Idea Slide: Following God means loving others.

Following God means loving others. The big question I want you to think about now is, what does loving others look like?



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Showing love might not look exactly the same for all of us. God might be asking you to trust Him with a friendship that is really tough right now. Or, He might be asking you to trust Him with something that's going on in your family.

One of the best ways to think about how to show love is to look at some stories. I'm going to tell you a quick story and we'll think about some ways we could show love if we were in this story.



Sports picture

You are on a really good sports team, and you win just about every game. One time, you notice that the other team is looking a little sad. How could you show love to them?



Sports picture

- A. Joke about them to your teammates.
- B. Let them score so they feel better.
- C. Congratulate them when they do something good.
- D. Ignore them.

Do This: Read the options from the screen.

Which one would you want someone on the other team to do? Joking about them probably wouldn't help, and letting them score isn't a great idea, either. It can make a game not fun if both teams don't try their best.

It can be super helpful to congratulate them or even just say "Good job" if they score or do something else well. You can even talk about something they did really well after the game is done. Showing love can make playing even more fun for everyone.

Let's look at another example.



Kids picture

A couple other kids are being mean to you. They make fun of things about you, or things you wear. If you ask them about it, or tell them to stop, they say it's no big deal, or that they're just joking, but you still feel hurt.

How could we show love here? What those kids are doing isn't right, but God tells us to treat others the way we want to be treated. So let's see some choices we could make.



Kids picture

- A. Do the same thing back to them
- B. Quit being friends with them
- C. Tell them how you're feeling.
- D. Show kindness to them

Do This: Read the options from the screen.

Which one should we do? Which one would you want someone to do for you?

Do This: Allow a kid to answer.

You wouldn't want someone to do that to you, so why would you do that to them? You wouldn't want someone to just quit being friends with you, either. If they won't stop being mean, it might be time to keep away from them, but just quitting being their friend probably won't help.

Both C and D are good answers. It might take a risk, but we can show them love by talking to them about how we feel. They might not know what they're saying is hurting us. Instead of being mean back, we can choose to be kind, even if they might not be kind to us. You might make them re-think the way they're acting, or you might realize that they're not going to change, and you need to stop hanging out with them.



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Showing love to others isn't always easy, and if someone is being unkind to you, you should also talk about it to an adult you trust. If you need someone to talk to, let me or one of the other leaders here know, we'd love to listen to you, and help however we can. In fact, let's talk to God together right now.

God, thank you for always being there for us. Help us to follow you and show love to others. Help us to trust you when we fail, when we are hurt, and when we succeed. Amen.

Fun Activity

5:00

I'm so thankful for how much God loves us. That was a lot to talk about, let's give our minds a bit of a break. Beka and Josh have an activity for us to watch, let's check it out!



Summer Media: Fun Activity and Challenge (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That was amazing, and so fun! Next it's time for a Road Trip Rewind.

Road Trip Rewind

10:00



"Road Trip Rewind" Slide

It's time to review what happened today! For this review, you'll have to move to the corner with the answer you think is correct!

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: Before the hour, set up the four letters around the room.

Let's go to the first question!



Which one of these things did Zechariah not see? (And fun game music!)

- A. A scroll that flew
- B. A talking donkey
- C. A woman sitting in a basket
- D. A lamp between two trees

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

Alright, pick your answer! Which one of these things did Zechariah not see?

Let's find out!



Which one of these things did Zechariah not see? (And fun game music!)

- A. A scroll that flew
- B. A talking donkey**
- C. A woman sitting in a basket
- D. A lamp between two trees

He didn't see a talking donkey, but all the others were signs showing him what God wanted him to know.

Let's go to our next question!



What were the puzzles we solved earlier called?

- A. Jigsaws
- B. Rhombuses
- C. Brain Teasers
- D. Rebuses

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

Choose your answer! What were the puzzles we solved earlier called?

Let's find out if you're right!



What were the puzzles we solved earlier called?

- A. Jigsaws
- B. Rhombuses
- C. Brain Teasers
- D. Rebuses**

They were “rebuses.” Good memory! Let’s go to the next question.



In group time we imagined our parents wanted us to...

- A. Clean our room
- B. Eat our dinner
- C. Do the dishes
- D. Raise chickens

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

Choose your answer! In group time, we imagined our parents wanted us to... What? Let’s find out if you’re correct.



In group time we imagined our parents wanted us to...

- A. Clean our room**
- B. Eat our dinner
- C. Do the dishes
- D. Raise chickens

It was clean our room!

Let’s try another question.



What did Josh name the mannequin?

- A. Laticia
- B. Latasha
- C. Latvia
- D. Labeka

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

What did Josh name the mannequin? Make your guess!

Let’s find out if you’re right.



What did Josh name the mannequin?

- A. Laticia
- B. Latasha
- C. Latvia
- D. Labeka**

The answer is: Labeka.

Let's go to another question!



Through all his strange sights, what was Zechariah's message for people?

- A. Don't quit, keep on trying.
- B. I can handle whatever life throws at me.
- C. Following God means loving others.
- D. I am a rock, I am an island.

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

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



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- B. I can handle whatever life throws at me.
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- D. I am a rock, I am an island.

Zechariah told people that following God means loving others. What an amazing message!

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



What road sign is on the wall behind Josh?

- A. Stop sign
- B. Yield sign
- C. Bridge Out sign
- D. One Way sign

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

Move to your answers! Ready? Let's find out what the answer is!



What road sign is on the wall behind Josh?

- A. Stop sign
- B. Yield sign**
- C. Bridge Out sign
- D. One Way sign

Great job! It's a yield sign. You can find a place to sit, because we've got a challenge from Josh and Beka coming up.

Challenge

2:00



Summer Media: Challenge (2:00)



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What a great challenge. When you see a way to show love to someone this week, make it happen! It could make a huge difference.

Wrap Up

1:00

Don't forget to follow along in your Road Trip book this week, to learn more about Zechariah, 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 trust you, no matter what. 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