

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 14: A Great View

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, it's time to get started! Come on into the middle, throw your popcorn away, and find a place to sit down!



(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 to watch, all coming up.



Series Title Slide: Road Trip and clear audio

This whole summer, we've been 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. This is the last week of this series, and next week, something brand new is starting up.

Intro Video

1:00

First, let's check out what Josh and Beka have planned for us today.



Summer Media- Intro Video (1:00)



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That sounds awesome. We'll get back to their show in a bit, but first, let's try a super fun game!

Activity

10:00



Game Title Slide: “Mushroom Ball.”

This game is called “Mushroom Ball.” It’s like dodge ball, but there are no teams, and we’ll be using beach balls. If you get hit with a beach ball, you have to sit down, and you can’t move from your spot. You can pick up a ball that comes near you, though, and try to hit someone who is standing. If you hit them, you can stand up again.

Do This: Point out places the kids can’t go, like in the sound booth or behind the stage.

Ready? Let’s go!



Game Title Slide: “Mushroom Ball.” And fun game music!

Do This: Allow the game to go on for 5-8 minutes. You may have all the kids stand up again if too many of them are sitting down.

Good job everyone! You can sit and get ready to answer our question of the day!



QOTD Video



(Auto-Advance) QOTD Slide: What’s something big that changed in your life this last year?

What’s something big that changed in your life in this last year? 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

Our lives change all the time. Sometimes change is exciting, and sometimes it’s scary. This whole summer, we’ve seen that no matter what changes we go through, we can

trust God. Next up, we're going to sing a song about that. Let's stand and get ready to move as we sing "All I Need."



Song #1: All I Need



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Who I Wanna Be



(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 learn more about you today. 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. How do we keep following God, even when things are changing? For a lot of you, things might be changing right now. You're going into a new grade, or maybe a whole new school. You've moved, lost a friend, got a new friend, or something has just changed. That's what we get to talk about in group time, following God when our lives are changing. Let's go there now!

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. There's one word in the Bible that I really want to talk about today.



Hebrews 10:23- "Let us hold firmly to the hope we claim to have. The God who promised is faithful."

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

The word I want to talk about is "faithful." If you look up the word faithful, you might find "Old Faithful," a geyser in Yellowstone park.



Old Faithful Image

This geyser is called "Old Faithful" because it shoots up boiling water every ninety minutes. It has been doing this for years and years without fail.

So, what do you think the word "faithful" means?



What does "faithful" mean?

What does it mean if a person is "faithful"? Turn to someone next to you and talk about that.

Do This: Allow the kids to talk for about 30 seconds.



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There are lots of ways to be faithful. What it means, though, is doing what you say you'll do, every time. Keeping your promises, being there for your friends, and making right choices are all ways to be faithful. So what about that verse we read?



Hebrews 10:23- "Let us hold firmly to the hope we claim to have. The God who promised is faithful."

This verse tells us two things. First, God is always faithful. He always keeps His promises and does what He says He'll do. Second, when things are changing around us, when life is crazy, we have something we can hold firmly to. It's the hope God gives us. He is faithful to us, so we can always be faithful to Him.

Every one of us is going to have a different year. Different schools, different sports, different families, friends, and more different things than I can even say. Every one of us can be faithful to God, though, wherever we are, and whatever we're doing. Here's something that can help us.

Do This: Show kids the planner.

This isn't hard to do, but it can make a big difference in the way we do things. Just write down each of the things you're going to be doing. Then, answer the questions.

Do This: Write "soccer" on the planner.

Let's say you're playing soccer this year. What do you want playing on this team to be like?

Do This: Let a couple kids answer. Write their answers down.

Great. You probably want it to be fun, to have a great team, and to play well. What can you do to make those things happen?

Do This: Allow a couple kids to answer. Write their answers down.

Awesome. Your attitude makes a big difference to the whole team. If you're positive, excited, and having fun, others will be, too. If you encourage others, they'll feel better, and probably encourage you, too.

There's another question on here. How could I be faithful to God when I'm doing this? How could we be faithful to God while playing soccer?

Do This: Allow a couple kids to answer, write their answers down.

There are lots of ways. We can respect others by playing fair. We can love others by encouraging them and being kind to the teams we play against. We can admit our mistakes and try again. God made us, and loves us, and whether we win or lose, He stays the same.

Do This: Show kids the planner.

You can do this for new classes, new friendships, anything that you are doing or going through this year. You'll get these as you leave today, I want to challenge you to fill at least one out this week.

Get Moving Challenge

2:00

You can keep thinking about that challenge, and about how you can be faithful to God, but now let's get up and moving with a different kind of challenge.



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: You have fifteen seconds to touch three blue things and return to your spot!

You have fifteen seconds to touch three blue things and return to your spot! The only rule is, the blue things have to be things in the room, they can't be something you or someone else is wearing.



15 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

Malachi's message is amazing. It meant so much to people back then, and it can still teach us some things today.

One of the big things Malachi wanted people to know is this.



Big Idea Slide: I can be faithful to God, wherever I am.

I can be faithful to God, wherever I am. You and I can follow God and live for Him, whether we are in second grade or sixth grade. Whether we are with our friends or with people we don't know, whether our families are great, or it feels like they are falling apart, we can be faithful to God.

You can be faithful to God whether your team wins or loses, whether you succeed or fail, and whether you pass a test or get an F. That was Malachi's challenge for people back then, and it is still a challenge for us today.



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So what can we do to be faithful? Well, I hope you'll take the challenge this week, and think of ways you can be faithful to God in everything you do, from sports to school to the time you spend at home. There's more we can do, though. I want to tell you about one awesome thing you can do to get to know God in a new way.



Serving images

You can serve! Right here at church, there are so many ways you can make a difference by serving. You can serve with the preschoolers in Kid-O-Deo. You can get your parents to serve and greet people at the doors to church. If you're going into sixth grade, you can start serving here in Elevate, and keep on making this an awesome place for us to learn about God. Wherever you choose to serve, from greeting at the doors to helping in Kid-O-Deo, you're giving someone else the chance to hear about how much God loves them. That's the greatest gift we can ever give someone.



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I hope you'll all think about finding a way to serve here at church. You can ask me or any of the leaders in here to help you get started serving if you're interested. There are also a ton of ways you can serve others in your neighborhood. You can ask your parents to help you look up other ways to serve, if there's a problem you really care about or a way you want to make a difference, right near where you live.

Fun Activity

5:00

Whatever you do, whether it's serving, sports practice, class, or anything else, you can be faithful to God. That's such an amazing goal, and it can be really fun, too! Next, Josh and Beka are going to do something super fun. Let's see how it goes.



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



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That was so awesome. Let's review all that's gone on today with a "Road Trip Rewind!"

Road Trip Rewind

10:00



"Road Trip Rewind" Slide

It's time to review what happened today! You can move to the signs around the room to select your answer. All the answers are up there, but it's up to you to find the right one!

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 answer signs are posted throughout the room.

Do This: Read the answers quickly to the kids, so they know what is posted.

Let's go to the first question!



Malachi wrote his book after the people of Judah came back from _____.
(And fun game music!)

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

Alright, pick your answer and move to it!

Let's find out if you're right.



Malachi wrote his book after the people of Judah came back from **Babylon**.

The answer is: Babylon! If you picked Babylon, you're correct.

Let's go to our next question.



What was the name of the geyser we talked about earlier?

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

Choose your answer! What was the name of the geyser we talked about earlier?

Let's find out if you're right!



What was the name of the geyser we talked about earlier? **Old Faithful**.

It was "Old Faithful." Great job! Let's go to the next question.



Hebrews 10:23 says: "Let us hold tightly to the _____ we claim to have."

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

Choose your answer! Hebrews 10:23 says: "Let us hold tightly to the ____ we claim to have. Let's find out if you're correct.



Hebrews 10:23 says: "Let us hold tightly to the **hope** we claim to have."

The answer is "Hope." God gives us a hope that will never end, we can always hold on to it.

Let's try another question.



Beka was acting strangely because she is trying to be _____ for anything.

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

Go ahead and choose your answer!

Let's find out if you're right.



Beka was acting strangely because she is trying to be **ready** for anything.

Let's go to another question!



Malachi wanted people to _____, no matter where they were.

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!



Malachi wanted people to **be faithful to God**, no matter where they were.

Malachi encouraged people to be faithful to God. We can do that, too.

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



The first thing Josh pulled out of Beka's toolbox was a _____.

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

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



The first thing Josh pulled out of Beka's toolbox was a **telescope**.

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

Challenge

2:00



Summer Media: Challenge (2:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

What a great challenge. Let's think about ways we can be faithful to God, no matter where we are.

Wrap Up

1:00

Don't forget to finish this final week in your Road Trip journal, to learn more about Malachi, and find some great activities to do at home.

Do This: Show kids the journal.

Next week, we've got our awesome Fall Kick-Off event coming up! You won't want to miss it, and you'll even want to bring friends. It's going to be incredible; I hope to see you there. Before we finish, let's take a moment to talk to God!

God, thank you for loving us. Help us to be faithful to you, wherever we are. Amen.

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



Elevate Slide



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