

# ROAD TRIP



# Large Group

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### 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:

<b>Lesson:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Big Idea:</b>
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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## Series at a Glance for Elevate (continued)

### **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 1: On the Road

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
<b>Intro Video</b> (Media) (1:00)	
Activity (Stage Game/QOTD) (10:00)	
Worship (8:00)	0:00 – 20:00
<b>Big Question</b> (Media) (2:00)	
Group Time (10:00)	
Get Moving Challenge (2:00)	
<b>Bible Story</b> (Media) (4:00)	20:00 – 38:00
Application (4:00)	
<b>Fun Activity</b> (Media) (5:00)	
Road Trip Rewind (10:00)	
<b>Challenge</b> (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. Are you all excited for summer?



*(Auto advance)* Elevate Slide and Underscore

Hey, everyone! My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm so excited to be here with all of you. We've got games, music, stories, and so much fun coming up, but first, I have to tell you about the new series we're starting today!



Series Title Slide: Road Trip and clear audio

This new series is called "Road Trip," because this summer, we're going on a journey through time, and around the world to learn more about God. We'll hear the stories of some people who knew God super well and learn how He changed their lives.

## Intro Video

1:00

A couple friends are joining us on our road trip! I'll let them introduce themselves.



Summer Media- Intro Video (1:00)



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Since we're talking about trust, I have just the game for us to start with. This activity is called "Trust or Bust."

## Activity

10:00



Game Title Slide: Trust or Bust

I'm going to tell you about something. It might be a person, a random fact, or a picture. Your job is to decide whether to trust what I tell you or not. If you think it's true or trustworthy, you'll move to the side that says "Trust." If you think it's false or not trustworthy, you'll move to the side that says "Bust." Ready? Everyone stand up!

**Know This:** If there are too many kids in your space for this to work, you could have them stand up to vote for "Trust," and sit down for "Bust."

Let's try our first trust or bust fact!



(Banyan Tree Image) This "forest" only has one tree in it. (And fun game music!)

← Trust      Bust →

This looks like a forest, but there's only one tree in this picture. Is that true? Choose whether you think you can trust me on that, or whether it's a bust, and that isn't true.

Let's find out if you're right!



(Banyan Tree Image) This "forest" only has one tree in it.  
← Trust

It's true! This is called the Great Banyan Tree, and it's the biggest tree in the world. It takes up more space than the average Wal-Mart. Let's try another one!



(Statue image) This statue is made totally out of silver.  
← Trust      Bust →



Is this statue totally made out of silver? Do you trust that, or think it's a bust? Move to the side you choose!

Let's find out if you're right!



(Statue Image) This statue is made totally out of silver.  
Bust →

Bust! That's actually not a statue at all, it's a person painted to look like a statue. That was tricky! Let's try again.



(Globe Image- turn upside-down) By law in Australia, all globes must be upside-down.  
← Trust Bust →

This says that in Australia, it's a law for all globes to be upside-down. Is that something we can trust, or is it a bust? Make your guess!

Let's find out!



(Globe Image- turn upside-down) By law in Australia, all globes must be upside-down.  
Bust →

That one's a bust. It's not actually a law. Let's try another one!



(Bunch of balloons image) In 1972, a bunch of over 1000 balloons were released, and formed into a storm cloud, causing rain and lightning in the area.  
← Trust Bust →

In 1972, a bunch of over 1000 balloons were released, and formed a storm cloud, causing rain and lightning in the area. Should we trust that, or is it a bust? Make your choice!

Let's find out if you're right!



(Bunch of balloons image) In 1972, a bunch of over 1000 balloons were released, and formed into a storm cloud, causing rain and lightning in the area.

Bust →

That one is a bust. That would be cool, though!

We have one more puzzle to think about.



(Jellyfish image) A group of jellyfish is called a "smack."

← Trust      Bust →

Is a group of jellyfish called a "smack"? Choose whether you trust that or think it's a bust!

Let's find out!



(Jellyfish image) A group of jellyfish is called a "smack."

← Trust

That is true! Alright, you can come back to the middle, and find a place to sit. We've got another question for you, our question of the day!



QOTD Video



(Auto-Advance) QOTD Slide: What is one responsibility you have?

What is one responsibility you have? A responsibility is something that you are expected to do on your own, like a chore, practicing an instrument or rehearsing for a play. Turn to someone next to you and talk about that!

We all have different responsibilities. Someone who is trustworthy, or faithful, is someone who takes care of the things they are responsible for, even without being asked. All of us can be trustworthy, but the greatest example of faithfulness is God!

## Worship

8:00



Worship Slide

One reason we worship God is because He is always there for us. Worship means thinking about God and showing that we love Him. God loves every one of us so much, and we get to give that back to Him while we sing! Let's stand and sing about God together.



Song #1: Higher than the Sky



*(Auto-Advance)* Worship Slide

God is amazing. Let's keep worshipping Him.



Song #2: God Made a Way



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Road Trip

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

God, thank you for always being with us. Help us to trust you with everything in our lives. Amen.

## Big Question

2:00

Next, let's get to know Beka and Josh better. Let's see what happens on their road trip.



Summer Media: Big Question (2:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That is such an important question. I've asked the same thing. Why doesn't God just answer, or do what I want, when I want Him to? Be thinking about what you believe the answer is, because that's what we're talking about in group time!

## Group Time

10:00

**Know This:** Group time during the summer may either be done in groups, or if there are not enough leaders to break into groups, you may continue with this script as a large group.

**Do This:** If you are breaking into groups, direct the kids to where their group is meeting, using their grade's flag as a guide. Skip this section of the script. After ten minutes, continue with the "Get Moving Challenge" part of this Large Group script.

It can be confusing when God doesn't answer us the way we expect. Have you ever felt like that? Maybe you decided to follow Jesus, and things were amazing, but something went wrong, and you're wondering if God is there for you.

So why doesn't God always answer like we want or expect Him to? I can't tell you exactly why God does everything He does, but I have an idea. Let's try an activity called "Good, Better, Best."



Game Title Slide: Good, Better, Best

In this activity, we're going to meet some people who need help. I'll tell you three ways you could help them, and you're going to have to decide which one would have the best result. Ready to try?



Soccer player image

Hannah is a soccer player, and she's feeling super nervous about the next game. It's a big game, and she's not sure she's ready. Here are three ways you could help.



Soccer player image

1. Tell Hannah she's a great player, and everything will be fine.
2. Switch places with Hannah and win the game for her.
3. Help Hannah practice hard and get ready for the game.

You could 1. Tell Hannah she's a great player, and everything will be fine. 2. Switch places with Hannah and win the game for her. Or 3. Help Hannah practice hard and get ready for the game.

Ok, all of these technically work, you could encourage her, win the game for her, or help her get ready. Which one is the best, though? Talk about that with a couple people near you. Which one is the best option?

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

What do you think the best option is?

**Do This:** Allow one or two kids to answer. If possible, ask them why they picked that answer.

That's right, all of them kind of work, but the third one is probably the best. Hannah becomes a better soccer player, they have a better chance of winning the game, and she probably feels very glad you were a good friend and helped her. One more question to answer, which one of those three would take the most time and effort?

**Do This:** Allow a kid to answer.

The best one would also probably be the one you had to work hardest at. That's interesting! Let's try again.



Homework Image

Jake is really having trouble with his homework. He's tired of doing math problems, and just wants to go outside, or play video games. How could we help Jake?



Homework image

1. Give Jake the answers.
2. Help Jake figure out how to do the math problems.
3. Invite Jake over to play video games.

We could 1. Give Jake the answers. 2. Help Jake figure out how to do the math problems. Or 3. Invite Jake over to play video games. Which one of those things do you think will have the best ending? Talk about it with a couple people around you.

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

What did you come up with? Which one do you think would be the best?

**Do This:** Allow one or two kids to answer.

If you give Jake the answers, he'd be done for that day, but when he had to take a test, he wouldn't be able to do the problems on his own. If you invited him over to play video games, that might be fun, but he wouldn't get his homework done. If you helped him learn how to do it, though, it might take time, but it'd be totally worth it once Jake figured it out.

Let's try one more story.



Friends Image

Adam is having trouble with his friend. They got into a big argument and aren't even talking to each other. How could we fix the problem?



Friends Image

1. Keep Adam's friend away from him, so they don't argue again.
2. Help Adam find new friends.
3. Help Adam talk to his friend, and work things out.

We could 1. Keep Adam's friend away from him, so they don't argue again. 2. Help Adam find new friends. Or 3. Help Adam talk to his friend, and work things out. Which one do you think is best? Turn to a couple people near you and talk about it.

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

This is a tough one. Which one do you think would be the best?

**Do This:** Allow one or two kids to answer.

It's tough to say. There's a time to keep two people away from each other, if they're still super angry. It's also good to find someone new friends. If you can, though, helping someone work out their problems with a friend could make their friendship even stronger in the end. It takes some work, but I think it'd be worth it.



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That's really interesting. Have you ever wanted God to just fix something, give you all the answers, or make you better at something? In those stories, though, the best solutions were the ones that took the most work and time. Could it be that sometimes we want something good, but God wants what's best? We want to be the best at soccer, but God wants us to grow by working and practicing. We want to pass a test, but God wants us to learn and get better by studying.

When we trust God, and follow Him, we may not get everything we want, but God will always give us what we need. Sometimes we go through tough, challenging, or sad stuff, because it's turning us into who God made us to be. God will always come through, even if it's in an unexpected way.

## Get Moving Challenge

2:00

We've got more fun stuff coming up, but first we need to get moving! Let's spin our challenge wheel and get up on our feet.



Challenge Wheel Video



*(Auto-Advance)* Challenge Wheel Slide: Find one person in the room whose name starts with the same letter as yours!

Your challenge is to find everyone in the room whose name starts with the same letter as yours! Mine would be the letter \_\_. When you find someone, you could stick together and try to find others!

Ready? Go!

Great job everyone, it's fun to get to know you! You can find a place to sit, and we're going to see what story Josh and Beka have for us!

## Bible Story

4:00



Media: Bible Story (4:00)



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From Elijah's story to what we talked about in group time, everything we've been hearing today reminds me of this one big idea.

## Application

4:00



Big Idea Slide: We can always trust God to come through.

We can always trust God to come through. Wherever you are, whatever's going on, God is with you. When life gets tough, God is there for you, and He has a plan.

We saw in group time that God's plan doesn't always look like our plan. He wants what's best for us, and that's not always what's easiest for us. He won't fix all of our problems, but He might come through by giving us a chance to grow, asking us to wait, or sending someone to help.



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So, what can we do when we need God to come through? Exactly what Elijah did. We can pray. God will listen to you wherever you are, and whatever time it is. Elijah felt angry, sad, and alone, so he talked to God. And every time, God came through. It wasn't always in huge ways, either. He could have sent a mountain of bread to Elijah, but instead He gave Elijah a little bread to eat every day. Elijah had to trust God just to survive every morning and every evening, for years. That's what trusting God is about today, too. He won't give us everything we want all at once, but we can always trust that He will give us what we need for today.

It's not always easy to see how God is working in our lives, though. What can we do? Well, here's one thing all of us can do. All it takes is a notebook, or even just a piece of paper.

**Do This:** Show kids a notebook.



Sometimes we pray for things and forget about them, so even when God answers them, we forget that it's Him! To remember, write down the things you pray for. You don't have to write a lot, or write every word, but if you pray for a person, write down their name, and what you prayed for. If you need help, write down what you want God's help with.

Then, look back at your prayer requests, and think about how God answered them. Did He give you the chance to learn? Did He send someone to help you? Did something amazing happen? Or are you still waiting for an answer? You might discover that God is doing amazing things around you right now.

I hope you take that challenge, but this summer, we've got even more you can do, too.

**Do This:** Show kids the activity book.

This is a book that every one of you will get to take home. It is filled with fun activities, stories, and so much more. You can follow along in this book for fourteen weeks, this whole summer long! That's not all, though. We want your whole family to get in on the summer fun. If you don't already have one, be sure to grab one of these calendars on your way out!

**Do This:** Show kids the calendar.

This is packed with awesome stuff for your family to do this summer. There are places you can visit, activities you can do, and fun things to do at home, too. You'll get a new calendar for every month this summer.

I'm excited for all that summer fun. Josh and Beka have something fun to do as well. Let's find out how they test their trust with a game.

## Fun Activity

5:00



Summer Media: Fun Activity (5:00)



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Wow! Trust can be difficult. Ok, so much has happened today, I think it's time for a Road Trip Rewind.

## Road Trip Rewind

10:00



"Road Trip Rewind" Slide

This is a time for us to review what has happened today. I'm going to ask you all a question, and you'll have to pick an answer, "A, B, C, or D." Whichever answer you pick, run to that sign around the room. 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.



What kind of bird brought food to Elijah?

- A. Swallow
- B. Crow
- C. Raven
- D. Bald Eagle

Run to the sign with the letter you think is the correct answer! Is it A. Swallow, B. Crow, C. Raven, or D. Bald Eagle?

**Do This:** Give kids time to get to their answers.

Let's find out what it is!



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- C. Raven**
- D. Bald Eagle

The answer is: C. Raven. Next question!



Every morning, Elijah and the family he was with found that God had given them something. What was it?

- A. Flour
- B. Bread
- C. Manna
- D. Easter eggs

Run to the sign with the letter you think is the correct answer! Is it A. Flour, B. Bread, C. Manna, or D. Easter eggs?

**Do This:** Give kids time to get to their answers.

Let's find out!



Every morning, Elijah and the family he was with found that God had given them something. What was it?

- A. Flour**
- B. Bread
- C. Manna
- D. Easter eggs

The answer is: A Flour! While Elijah was living with that family, God gave them what they needed to make bread.

Let's try another question!



What are the names of the two hosts of the show "Road Trip"?

- A. Susie and Calvin
- B. Beka and Josh
- C. Lucy and Charlie
- D. Carol and Clark

Run to the sign with the letter you think is the correct answer! Is it A. Susie and Calvin, B. Beka and Josh, C. Lucy and Charlie, or D. Captain Marvel and Iron Man?

**Do This:** Give kids time to get to their answers.

Let's find out!



What are the names of the two hosts of the show “Road Trip”?

- A. Susie and Calvin
- B. Beka and Josh**
- C. Lucy and Charlie
- D. Carol and Clark

The answer is B. Beka and Josh.

Get ready for another question!



Which one of these is not a good example of trust?

- A. Believing what someone says.
- B. Asking someone for help.
- C. Not talking to someone.
- D. Telling someone a secret.

Which of these is not a good example of trust? Is it A. Believing what someone says, B. Asking someone for help, C. Not talking to someone, or D. Telling someone a secret. Pick your answer!

**Do This:** Give kids time to get to their answers.

Let's find out if you're right.



Which one of these is not a good example of trust?

- A. Believing what someone says.
- B. Asking someone for help.
- C. Not talking to someone.**
- D. Telling someone a secret.

Not talking to someone isn't a way to trust them. When you trust someone, you tell them things, like we talk to God.

We have a couple more questions to go!



You can read Elijah's story in the book of the Bible called...

- A. 1 Kings
- B. 2 Kings
- C. 3 Kings
- D. Steve

You can read Elijah’s story in the book of the Bible called... Is it A. 1 Kings, B. 2 Kings, C. 3 Kings, or D. Steve? Pick your answer.

**Do This:** Give kids time to get to their answers.

Let’s find out if you’re right.



You can read Elijah’s story in the book of the Bible called...

- A. **1 Kings**
- B. 2 Kings
- C. 3 Kings
- D. Steve

The answer is A. 1 Kings! Let’s go to our last question.



The big idea to remember from today is: “We can always trust God to ...”

- A. Be there
- B. Come through
- C. Help out
- D. Send ravens with food

The big idea to remember from today is: “We can always trust God to...” Is the answer A. Be there, B. Come through, C. Help out, or D. Send ravens with food? Move to your answer!

Let’s find out if you’re right!



The big idea to remember from today is: “We can always trust God to...”

- A. Be there
- B. **Come through**
- C. Help out
- D. Send ravens with food

The answer is B. Come through! God will always come through for us, even if it’s in an unexpected way. He knows what’s best for me, and for you. Come back to the middle for a moment, we are almost done, but I’m going to send us back to our Road Trip hosts one more time, because they have a challenge for us!

Challenge

2:00



Summer Media: Challenge (2:00)



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That's a great challenge! Talking to God every day helps us remember to trust Him, no matter what happens.

## Wrap Up

1:00

You've got a lot of stuff to take home, and it's all awesome! I can't wait to start doing some of those activities in the calendar and Road Trip book.

**Do This:** Show kids the book and calendar again.

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

God, thank you for always listening to us. Thank you for loving us. Help us to trust you and know that you will always come through. 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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