

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 2: Mis-Guided

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 so excited to be here with all of you. We've got games, music, stories, and so much fun stuff coming up.



Series Title Slide: Road Trip and clear audio

We're in a series 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. Last week, we heard about a guy named Elijah, who trusted God in a big way. This week, we'll hear about one of Elijah's closest friends.

Intro Video

1:00

Speaking of friends, we'll be hearing from our friends Josh and Beka today, too on their own road trip! Let's see what they're doing today.



Summer Media- Intro Video (1:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Today is all about what you can and can't see. I know the perfect game for us to play. Let's call it: "I Spy X."



Game Title Slide: “I Spy X”

You’ve heard of “I Spy,” but you’ve never spied anything quite like this. In I Spy X, we’re taking it up a notch. First, I’ll need four volunteers.

Do This: Select four kids to play the game, two boys and two girls. If it works for your space, get kids excited by asking who thinks the boys will win, and who thinks the girls will win, and having them cheer for their group.

I’ll give you clues about something in this room, but instead of just guessing, you’ll have to touch whatever you think I am talking about. The first person to touch the right object wins that round! If you get it wrong, I won’t tell you, I’ll just keep giving you clues. As soon as someone touches the right item, though, I’ll stop. Audience, you cannot move, or touch anything, but you can shout out what you think the thing is. Ready? It’s time for our first item.

Know This: If you have few enough people, you could play this with everyone, and have them all try to find the right item. You could also give a point to the team of the first person to bring the correct item to you on stage.

Know This: If you need to, adapt the descriptions in this script to fit items in your space. Make sure, if you change these, that they are items that are within reach of the kids, not hidden, and not the only object in the room with that color.

Do This: You could keep score on a whiteboard for added excitement.



Fun game music!

Item number one. I spy something flat.

Know This: Item #1 is paper.

Do This: Give clues until one of the players gets it. Allow a few seconds in-between each clue for them to grab an item.

Ok, I spy something flat and thin.

Alright, last clue, I spy something flat, thin, and made from trees.

Do This: Watch to see who finds a piece of paper first. You will probably want to have other leaders watching as well. Any piece of paper counts.

Great job! The _____ team gets a point. Let's try again.

Item number two. I spy something smooth.

Know This: Item #2 is a video game controller. Any controller counts.

Do This: Give clues until one of the players gets it. Allow a few seconds in-between each clue for them to grab an item.

I spy something smooth that has buttons.

I spy something smooth, with buttons, that needs batteries.

It was a video game controller! Alright, the _____ team gets a point. Let's try another one.

Item number three. I spy something blue.

Know This: Item #3 is a blue marker.

Do This: Give clues until one of the players gets it. Allow a few seconds in-between each clue for them to grab an item.

I spy something blue and cylindrical.

I spy something blue and cylindrical, that has ink in it.

It was a blue marker! Great job, you get a point! Let's try one more.

Item number four. I spy something flat again.

Know This: Item #4 is a door.

Do This: Give clues until one of the players gets it. Allow a few seconds in-between each clue for them to grab an item.

I spy something flat and heavy.

I spy something flat and heavy that has a handle.

It was a door! Great job, the score is _____ to _____. The _____ team is the winner! Next up, I spy a question of the day! Let's find out what it's about.



QOTD Video



(Auto-Advance) QOTD Slide: If you could change your middle name, what would you change it to?

If you could change your middle name, what would you change it to? Turn to someone next to you and talk about that!

That's a fun question to think about. For some of us, our names were chosen for a reason. Maybe we were named after someone, or maybe our parents just liked the name. Whatever it is, our name means something.

Worship

8:00



Worship Slide

Our parents named us, because we kind of belong to them. It's like that with God, too. When He calls us something, we can know it's true, because He made every one of us for a reason. That's what I think about with this song, how God calls you and I wonderful, loved, and priceless. That's great to remember. Let's stand and sing about it together!



Song #1: Remind Me



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

God is amazing. Let's keep worshipping Him.



Song #2: You are My Hope



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

God, thank you for loving us. Help us to see how you're working all around us. Amen.

Big Question

2:00

I'm excited to hear what giant problem Josh and Beka are talking about on their road trip today. Let's check in with them.



Summer Media: G.P.S. (2:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

I've asked that question, too. People say God is working everywhere, but how do I know if I can't see Him? That's what we get to talk about next, 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.

To start off group time, let's play a quick round of Pictionary! I'm going to need three volunteers.

Do This: Pick three older kids to help with the activity. Give each one a "Can't-See Pictionary card." Set out a whiteboard and marker. Make sure you remember which order the kids are in. The answers should go: 1. Air. 2. Germs. 3. Light.



Game Title Slide: Can't-See-Pictionary

This is a different kind of Pictionary, though, because you'll only be drawing things that you can't see. Let's give it a try!

Do This: Bring up the first kid.

You'll have one minute to draw what's on your card. Audience, you'll try to guess the answer. If you get it, I'll stop the clock. Ready? Go!



1:00 Countdown and fun game music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: Can't-See-Pictionary

Great job! The answer was air! Let's try again.

Do This: Bring up kid number two.

Ready? You'll have one minute again. Go!



1:00 Countdown and fun game music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: Can't-See-Pictionary

The answer is, germs! We can't see them, but we sure know when we've got them. We have one more to guess.

Do This: Bring up kid number three.

Ready? Go!



1:00 Countdown and fun game music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: Can't-See-Pictionary

The answer is: Light! We can't usually see light, but it helps us see other things. Great job! Let's give all our drawers a hand.

Do This: Allow the volunteers to sit back down.

Isn't that fascinating? We're surrounded by things we can't see, but we know that they are there. Turn to someone next to you, and quickly answer this question.



How do you know those things (air, germs, and light) are there?

How do you know those things, air, germs, and light, are there? Ready, go!

Do This: Give kids about thirty seconds to talk.

There's a whole bunch of things you could say. You get sick from germs, you breathe air, and you know there is light, because you can see. All of those things make things happen around us, so we know they are there. So, just think about this question for a moment. We're going to put it up on the screen, but don't talk about it, just think.



How do we know God is there?

How do we know God is there? We can't see Him, so how do we know? Sometimes, people think there's a really difficult answer to that, but the truth is, it's simple. We see what germs, light, and the air do, so we know they are there. Just like that, we can see things that God has done, and things that He is doing, all around us. Just like we can feel the air, or see the difference between darkness and light, we can see how God changes lives. We can see how He gives people hope. We can see how creative He is in all the amazing things He made.



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Remember our big question? How can I know that God is working around me? The truth is, there are things happening around us that only God can do. All we have to do is take some time to look for them.

Get Moving Challenge

2:00

We'll hear some stories about that in a couple minutes, 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: Running in place, how many steps can you take in ten seconds?

How many steps can you take running in place, in ten seconds? Let's find out!

Ready? Go!



10 Second Countdown



(Auto-Advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Great job everyone. I took _____ steps. You can find a place to sit, and we're going to see what Josh and Beka are up to again.

Bible Story

4:00



Media: Bible Story (4:00)



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Elisha's story is amazing! Talk about seeing how God is working around us. That's what I want all of us to remember today.

Application

4:00



Big Idea Slide: God is working all around me.

God is working all around me. Wherever you are, whatever is happening, God is still in control, and He's working on a great plan. I have a story to share with you, but first let's check out a verse about how God works.



Romans 8:28- "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him."

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

Ok. Time to be honest, here. That verse sounds really great, but if things are tough right now, you might be thinking "Yeah right." God is working for my good? Why is life so

hard, then? I know that feeling, too, and so do a lot of people, like one person named William.

William lived almost two hundred years ago, but he had some of the same problems we have today. When he was a kid, his dad lost his job. William grew up with very little money and had to get his own job at age 13. He probably wondered why this had to happen to him.

Can you imagine reading this verse to William? His family barely had food and clothes. He might have felt like he couldn't accomplish much. He probably wouldn't even have listened.

Then, at age 15, William heard about Jesus. He became a Christian, but things were still difficult. He worked and worked for twenty years. That's when he started a group to help people that didn't have food, clothes, or homes, just like him growing up.

William worked hard to help others for the rest of his life. Today, the organization he started is still working, two hundred years later. It's called the Salvation Army.



Salvation Army Image

They help around twenty-five million people every year hear about Jesus, and get the things they need to survive, and it all started with William. It started because he understood what it felt like to have little, to struggle to find food, and to live without a home. That led him to help others who felt the same way.



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I do have to point out something super important. These things we're talking about, trusting God, believing that He can make something good happen out of something bad, those are choices you can make. No one can make you choose to trust God.

That means we can't make other people choose to trust God, either. If someone's hurting, or feeling sad, it's probably not wise to just tell them "God's got a plan, it'll be ok," or "God can make something good out of this." That's not nice to hear when you're hurting, but we're talking about it now, so you might be able to make that choice when you're struggling.

If you meet someone who is hurting or sad, you can listen to them, be there for them, and help them. If you don't know what to say, that's ok, just being there can mean a lot.

Josh and Beka were getting ready to play "What's in the Box" a moment ago. Let's see how it goes.

Fun Activity

5:00



Summer Media: Fun Activity (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That was fantastic. There has been so much going on, though, I can hardly remember it all! Let's review with 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 hold up either one arm, two arms, or no arms to answer. Ready?

Know This: If your room's "confidence screen" makes kids able to see the answer on the next slide, insert a "Road Trip Rewind" slide in-between each of the questions and their answers, so kids can't look ahead.



Who was the Bible story about today?

One Arm: Elijah

Two Arms: Elisha

No Arms: Eliza

Who was the Bible story about today? Pick your answers. Hold up one arm for Elijah, two for Elisha, and no arms for Eliza.

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out what it is!



Who was the Bible story about today?

One Arm: Elijah

Two Arms: Elisha

No Arms: Eliza

The answer is: Elisha! If you raised two arms, you got it right. Good job! Let's try another one.



Elisha's story is found in the book of the Bible titled...

One Arm: 1 Kings

Two Arms: 2 Kings

No arms: Elisha

Elisha's story is found in the book of the Bible titled... Hold up one arm for 1 Kings, Two for 2 Kings, or none for the book of Elisha?

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



Elisha's story is found in the book of the Bible titled...

One Arm: 1 Kings

Two Arms: 2 Kings

No arms: Elisha

The answer is: 2 Kings. It was two arms again? Good job getting that right.

Let's try another question!



The name of the person who started the Salvation Army was

One Arm: Elisha

Two Arms: Billy

No Arms: William

The name of the person who started the Salvation Army was: Raise one arm for Elisha, two for Billy, and none for William.

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answers.

Let's find out!



The name of the person who started the Salvation Army was

One Arm: Elisha

Two Arms: Billy

No Arms: William

That one was no arms, for William.

Get ready for another question!



When Elisha asked for help, God made the enemy army...

One Arm: Blind

Two Arms: Deaf

No Arms: Into superheroes

What city did Elisha lead the enemy army to? One arm for Samaria, two for Jerusalem, and none for Babylon. Pick your answer!

Do This: Give kids time to pick their answers.

Let's find out if you're right.



When Elisha asked for help, God made the enemy army...

One Arm: Blind

Two Arms: Deaf

No Arms: Into superheroes

God made them blind, they couldn't see.

We have a couple more questions to go!



Which one of these did we not draw in Can't-See-Pictionary?

One Arm: Air

Two Arms: Cells

No Arms: Germs

Which one of these did we not draw in "Can't-See-Pictionary"? Raise one arm for air, two for cells, and none for germs. Pick your answers!

Do This: Give kids time to choose their answer.

Let's find out if you're right.



Which one of these did we not draw in Can't-See-Pictionary?

One Arm: Air

Two Arms: Cells

No Arms: Germs

We drew germs, not cells. Good job everyone. Let's go to our last question.



We read a verse today that said: "I know the plans I have for you."

That verse was from Romans __:__

One Arm: 8:28

Two Arms: 32:19

No Arms: 42:42

We read a verse today that said: "God works for the good of those who love Him." That verse was from Romans... Raise one arm if you think it's from Romans 8:28, two for Romans 32:19, and none if you think it's Romans 42:42.

Let's find out if you're right!



We read a verse today that said: "God works for the good of those who love Him." That verse was from Romans __:__.

One Arm: 8:28

Two Arms: 32:19

No Arms: 42:42

The answer is one arm, for Romans 8:28! It's amazing to remember that God always is planning good for us when we love Him, no matter how we are feeling or what we're going through. We are almost done, but I'm going to send us back to our Road Trip hosts Josh and Beka one more time, because they have a challenge for us.

Challenge

2:00



Summer Media: Challenge (2:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That's a great challenge! Look for ways God is working around you this week.

Wrap Up

1:00

You can write them down using this awesome book!

Do This: Show kids the activity book.

If you haven't gotten one of these yet, don't miss out on it! There are tons of activities, stories, and fun things in here to help you learn more about what we talked about today, and what we're talking about this whole summer. Before we finish, let's take a moment to talk to God!

God, thank you for giving us so much. Help us to see how you're working and changing lives all around us. Amen.

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



Elevate Slide



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