

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 10: Repairs 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 _____. We have so much coming up today. We'll play some games, watch an awesome show, sing with some music, and hear some fantastic stories.



Series Title Slide: Road Trip and clear audio

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

Intro Video

1:00

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



Summer Media- Intro Video (1:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

There's so much in store, let's get started with an activity called Pick-a-Side.

Activity

10:00



Game Title Slide: "Pick-a-Side"

In this activity, all you have to do is pick a side. I'm going to give you two options, and you get to choose the one you like the best. Ready to give it a try?



← Cats Dogs → and fun game music!

Your first choice is between cats and dogs. Are you more of a cat person, or a dog person? Let us know, pick your answer!

Do This: Allow kids to pick their answer.

Let's keep going!



← Cake Ice Cream →

Next, you get to choose between cake and ice cream!

Do This: Allow kids to pick their answer.

Let's go to the next one.



← Spaceship Submarine →

Would you rather ride in a spaceship or a submarine? Choose your answer!

Do This: Allow kids to pick their answer.

Interesting! Let's keep moving.



← Book Movie →

Would you rather read the book, or watch the movie? Go ahead and pick your side!

Do This: Allow kids to pick their answer.

Awesome! Let's try another one.



← Pizza Hamburger →

You've got to choose between pizza or a hamburger. Make your decision!

Do This: Allow kids to pick their answer.

Neat! We've only got a few more to go.



← Winter Summer →

Do you like winter or summer more? Choose your side!

Do This: Allow kids to pick their answer.

Great. Let's go to the next one!



← Super Speed Super Strength →

Would you rather have super speed, or super strength? Move to your answer!

Do This: Allow kids to pick their answer.

Alright, there's only one left.



← Ocean Mountains →

Would you rather go to the ocean, or to the mountains? Pick your side!

Do This: Allow kids to pick their answer.



Game Title Slide: "Pick-a-Side" and clear audio

Good job everyone! It's fun to get to know you all better. You can come back to the middle, but get ready to answer our question of the day.



QOTD Video



(Auto-Advance) QOTD Slide: What's the most exciting thing you get to do this week?

What's the most exciting thing you get to do this week? Turn to someone near you and talk about that!

Worship

8:00



Worship Slide

I'm super excited just to be here with all of you. Next, we get to spend some time singing. We sing to show God how much we love Him, and to celebrate how amazing He is. Let's stand up and get ready to sing!



Song #1: Brighter



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

When we sing about how amazing God is, we sometimes call that "worship." Let's keep on worshipping God with another song!



Song #2: I Will Follow You (EBC)



(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 loving us. Help us to follow you every day. Amen.

Big Question

2:00

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



Summer Media: Big Question (2:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That's a great problem to think about. What does God want me to do? 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.

People have asked that question for a long, long, time. "What does God want me to do?"

Let me ask you another question. If you wanted to know what your parents wanted you to do, who would you ask? Your friend? Your dog? No! You'd ask your parents! So, if we want to know what God wants us to do, the best one to ask is- God!

Probably the best way to find out what God wants us to do is to read what He says in the Bible!

Do This: Show kids the Bible.



Bible Books Slide

The Bible looks like one big book, but it actually is a collection of books. It's sixty-six different books, written by a lot of different people. The first thirty-nine books are a history of the country of Israel. People from Israel saw God do amazing things and wrote them down. Those books are in the first part of our Bible and are called the "Old Testament." They were written a long time ago, but that's not really why they're called "Old." They're called "Old" now, because we have a New Testament now.

The last twenty-seven books of the Bible are called the "New" testament, because they are about how Jesus changed the entire world. They are books and letters by people who knew Jesus, walked with Him, and learned from Him. They saw Jesus die and come back to life.

The Old Testament is filled with God's promises for His people in Israel. We can learn so much about God through those stories. But Jesus' story in the New Testament, wasn't just for people a long time ago. Jesus' story was for you, and for me.



Series Title Slide: Road Trip

There's so much to learn about God. I can only tell you a little bit of it here at church. There are ways you can learn about God every day, though. One of the best ways to do that is reading the Bible.

There are some good things to know when you start reading the Bible, though. That's why I've got this!

Do This: Take out the big Bible page. Place it on an easel.

Know This: The verses on the page will be Hebrews 1:1-2. The text reads- "In the past, God spoke to our people through the prophets. He spoke at many times. He spoke in different ways. But in these last days He has spoken to us through His Son."



Hebrews 1:1-2 "In the past, God spoke to our people through the prophets. He spoke at many times. He spoke in different ways. But in these last days He has spoken to us through his Son."

Here's a short section of our Bible. The word "Hebrews" is the book where these verses come from. The first number is the chapter, like a chapter in a book you might read. The other numbers are the verses inside of the chapter, they help us find small parts of the Bible quickly. The Bible wasn't written with those numbers, we added them later, so we could find things in the Bible easily.

I want to show you two things you can do that can make reading the Bible easier and exciting.



1. Get creative

Do This: As you talk, mark the appropriate words on the big page with a dry erase marker.

There are lots of words and names that mean "God" in the Bible. If you realize a word means God, you could draw a cloud around the word to remind you who it is talking about. In these verses, it can help us remember who "He" is.

Do This: Draw a cloud around the words that mean "God."

I like to draw an arrow under action words, to show that something is happening.

Do This: Draw an arrow under the action words- “spoke” and “spoken.”

People also use a lot of different words to mean “Jesus.” Words like “Lord, Savior, and Christ.” In this verse, Jesus is called “God’s Son.” Let’s draw a cross next to that to remind us that it means Jesus.

Do This: Draw a cross next to the words “His Son.”

There are more things you could do, like drawing an arrow pointing backward over “In the past.” That reminds us that it’s something that happened way before this was written. This writer uses the term “last days” to mean the time we’re living in right now.

So, what does this verse mean? Well, a long time ago, God spoke. He spoke through people called prophets. That was before, but He doesn’t do that anymore. Now, today, He speaks to us through His Son, who is- Jesus.

Drawing like this can help us figure out what parts of the Bible mean. The second thing to do is: explore their world.



1. Get creative
2. Explore their world

The people we read about in the Bible really lived, but they did live a long time ago. It can be tough for us to imagine what life was like for them. So, first, find a parent or an adult you trust to help, and then look up the places and people from the Bible! If you read about the cities of Jerusalem or Ephesus, you can look up pictures of what they might have looked like! If you read about the country of Samaria, you can look up a map of where it is.

The Bible is exciting, because it tells us the true story of our world. Through it, you can learn more about God every day! If you’re looking for a place to get started, we’ve got something for you.

Do This: Show kids the Bible reading plan.

This plan will help you get a good idea of what the Bible is about and learn a lot about God along the way! You can grab one as you leave today.



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Get Moving Challenge

2:00

Coming up, Josh and Beka have a story for us about what happened when a group of people lost the books of the Bible that they had, and forgot what God wanted them to live like. Right now, it's time to get up and moving with a challenge!



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: You have fifteen seconds to line everyone up from tallest to shortest!

You have fifteen seconds to get everyone lined up from tallest to shortest! Ready? Go!



15 Second countdown and fun game music!



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Great job everyone. You can find a place to sit, because coming up we've got a great story to hear from Josh and Beka.

Bible Story

4:00



Media: Bible Story (4:00)



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The ideas that Zephaniah and Huldah wrote about are so important. It's not enough for us to know what God wants us to do, we have to actually do it, too.

One thing they said really stuck out to me.



Big Idea Slide: Today is the day to follow God.

Today is the day to follow God. Earlier, we talked about how we can learn what following God looks like by reading the Bible. That's what the people in the time of Zephaniah and Huldah did, in a way. They read the books they had about God and learned what He wanted them to do.



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There's one super important person we know today that they didn't back then, though. Today when we read the Bible, we get to know God's Son, Jesus. Two thousand years ago, God's Son Jesus came to live on earth, and told us exactly what we were made to do.



Matthew 22:36- "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love Him with all your mind."

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

That seems important. We were created to know God and to love Him. But Jesus wasn't done. He had a second thing for us to do.



Matthew 22:36- "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love Him with all your mind. And... Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

Jesus picked two things for us to do. Love God with everything we have, and love our neighbors, the people around us. When He said neighbors, Jesus didn't just mean the people that live next door to us. He meant every person we see, talk to, and are near each day. Can you think of any examples? Who are some "neighbors" you have?

Do This: Allow kids to answer.

Loving our neighbors isn't always easy. When Jesus first said this, people were surprised. They wanted a checklist of things to do to make God happy, but instead, Jesus said that the way we love God is like the way we love the people around us.

In other words, I can tell how much I love God by the way I treat the people God made. If you're wondering, God made every person on earth.

Why is this such a big deal? I think I can show you.

Do This: Take out a stuffed dog.



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Can I get a volunteer to help me out?

Do This: Select a kid and bring them up on stage.

Now, all you have to do is imagine with me. This is your dog. You love this dog. You could even name it. Can you think of a name?

Do This: Allow the kid to say a name. If they can't think of one, you could just name it Chew-bark-a.

Great. This is a special dog. Imagine, though, that a friend of yours saw your dog and laughed at it. They started to make fun of it, and your dog began to seem sad. Would you be ok with that?

Probably not. They don't stop there, though. Imagine they're angry at your dog, and yell at it, scaring it. How would you feel?

Do This: Allow the kid to answer.

You'd probably feel upset at them for the way they're treating your dog. What if they did something that hurt your dog?

Of course, you'd be super angry! I'd bet, even if they were super nice to you, or tried to get you nice gifts to make up for it, you'd still be upset that they hurt your dog.

What if someone is nice to your dog, though? They are happy to see it, give it a treat, and show that they love it? How do you feel about them?

Do This: Allow the kid to answer.

You'd probably like them a lot! If someone is nice to the ones you love, you'll probably like them a lot.

Thank you for helping, you can sit back down.

What was the point of all this? Well, if someone loves your dog, you probably like them a lot. If someone is unkind to your dog, though, you've got a problem with them. Why? Because you love your dog!

Remember what Jesus said? He wanted us to love God and love the people around us. Why? Because God loves them. He loves every person, because He made every person. Think about that. We will never meet a person that God doesn't love. That means if we say we love God, we have to love others.

We want people to love the ones we care about, even down to our pets. Just like that, God's not ok with us hurting, making fun of, or being unkind to the people He made and loves. When we love others, though, God is overjoyed!

Jesus gave us the best example ever of how to love others, and we can learn about Him in the New Testament, the second part of the Bible. You already know a lot about how to love others, though. We know that being mean, unkind, or hurtful isn't loving. We know that helping, standing up for others, and giving to them are great ways to share love.

Next, Josh and Bekah have an interesting activity to try. Let's find out what it is.

Fun Activity

5:00



Summer Media: Fun Activity (5:00)



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That was great. Let's review all that's been happening today with a Road Trip Rewind!

Road Trip Rewind

10:00



“Road Trip Rewind” Slide

This is a time for us to review what’s been going on. I’m going to read a question and give you three possible answers. This time, I’ll have you answer by holding up the letter you think is the right answer, in sign language!

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: Demonstrate the sign language letters for the kids. Have them make each of the letters with you.

The letter A is your hand held up, with all of your fingers touching your palm.

The letter B is your hand held up, with your fingers up and your thumb on your palm.

For the letter C, you make the shape of a C with your hand.

Ready?

Let’s go to our first question.



“Our big question today was:” And fun game music!

- A. What does God want me to say?
- B. What does God want me to think?
- C. What does God want me to do?

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

Alright, pick your answer! Which book did that quote from Jesus come from? Hold up A, B, or C for your answer. Let’s find out if you’re right!



“Our big question today was:”

- A. What does God want me to say?
- B. What does God want me to think?
- C. **What does God want me to do?**

If you guessed “C.” you’re correct. The question was “What does God want me to do?”

Let's go to our next question!



Which prophet did the king ask for advice in our Bible story?

- A. Zephaniah
- B. Huldah
- C. Larry

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

Choose your answer! Which prophet did the king ask for advice in our Bible story?

Let's find out if you're right!



Which prophet did the king ask for advice in our Bible story?

- A. Zephaniah
- B. Huldah**
- C. Larry

He asked Huldah for advice! She had some great things to say, too. Let's keep moving!



Why wasn't Josh able to build his Lego sculpture?

- A. He didn't have enough pieces.
- B. He kept on getting distracted.
- C. He didn't follow the instructions.

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

Choose your answer! Let's find out if you're correct.



Why wasn't Josh able to build his Lego sculpture?

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- C. He didn't follow the instructions.**

The answer is C. He didn't follow the instructions!

Let's try another question.



The Old Testament is about the country of Israel, the New Testament is about:

- A. Matthew
- B. Jesus
- C. Ireland

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

Ready with your answers?

Let's find out if you're correct!



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- A. Matthew
- B. Jesus**
- C. Ireland

The New Testament is all about God's Son, Jesus. B is the correct answer on that one.
Ready for another question?



Zephaniah wrote his book as:

- A. A poem
- B. A song
- C. A homework assignment

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!



Zephaniah wrote his book as:

- A. A poem**
- B. A song
- C. A homework assignment

The answer is A! He wrote it as a poem. Let's go to our last question.



What was not under one of the cups in Josh and Beka's memory game?

- A. Cheese
- B. Orange Juice
- C. Worms

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

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



What was not under one of the cups in Josh and Beka's memory game?

- A. Cheese**
- B. Orange Juice
- C. Worms

If you guessed A. Cheese, you're correct!



"Road Trip Rewind" Slide and clear audio

Good job everyone, you have great memories. There's one more important thing for us to remember, our challenge for the week! To tell us what it is, let's go back to Josh and Beka in "Road Trip."

Challenge

2:00



Summer Media: Challenge (2:00)



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It's so important to learn about God and follow Him every day.

Wrap Up

1:00

Don't forget to follow along in your Road Trip book this week, to learn more about Zephaniah and Huldah, 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 follow you every day, and learn more about you, too. 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