

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 11: Bumpy Roads

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 called "Road Trip," sing to some music, and hear some awesome 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 on their show, Road Trip!



Summer Media- Intro Video (1:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Let's really kick things off with a game called "Cone Defenders."

Activity

10:00



Game Title Slide: "Cone Defenders"

In this activity, you'll be split into two teams. Each team will have three cones set up on their side of the room. Your goal is to throw dodge balls at the other team's cones and try to knock them over! You may protect your cones, but you may not touch them. If your team's cone gets knocked over, you may not pick it up again. If all three of your cones are knocked over, the other team wins!

Do This: Make sure you have a way to split the room down the middle. You could use extra cones, masking tape, or a divider that is already in your room, like a line on the floor. Set up three cones about 15 feet away from the line on either side.

Do This: Split the kids into two teams. You may divide them down the middle, or you may divide them into boys and girls.

Let's get started! Ready, set, go!



Fun Game Music!

Do This: Allow the kids to play. If the game finishes quickly, you may play again.



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That was so fun! Good job, everyone, you can come back to the middle, and get ready to answer our question of the day.



QOTD Video



(Auto-Advance) QOTD Slide: If you planned the perfect birthday party, what would it look like?

If you planned the perfect birthday party, what would it look like? Turn to someone near you and talk about that!

Worship

8:00



Worship Slide

Our plans can be super exciting, whether they're for a party, or just for something fun you want to do this summer. Sometimes, though, plans don't go like we expect. We'll talk about what to do when that happens later. Right now, though, we get to worship God! Worship is what we call it when we sing about how amazing God is. Let's worship along with this song!



Song #1: Higher than the Sky



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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



Song #2: Movin Me



(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 leading us. Help us to trust you, no matter what happens. 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. Why do bad things happen to me, even after I've decided to follow God? That's what we get to talk about in group time!

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. Let's start by reading something that was written by a guy named James. James was the brother of Jesus.



James 1:2- My brothers and sisters, you will face all kinds of trouble. When you do, think of it as pure joy.

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

James says when we have trouble, we should be joyful and happy. Why would he say that? Let's talk about that for a minute. Tell me a few of your answers to this question.



What are some troubles we face today?

Do This: Choose a few kids to answer.

We have troubles today, sometimes in our families, our friendships, or even just things that happen to us. Why would we be joyful about those things? Maybe a couple of stories can help us figure it out. I'm going to tell you two parts of someone's story, and you'll try to guess what happened in between.

The first story is of a person named George Mueller.



George Mueller image

He was born about 200 years ago in Germany. As George grew up, he broke a ton of rules. He lied, stole money, and later would call himself "wicked."

Mueller would go on to start orphanages in England, cared for over ten thousand orphans, taught hundreds of thousands of people about God, and give away almost two million Bibles. The orphanages and schools he set up are still working today.

What's the middle of George Mueller's story?



- A. A friend invited him to church.
- B. He was fired from his job.
- C. People tried to stop him from helping others.
- D. All of the above.

Do This: Read the options from the screen.

What do you think happened in between when Mueller was breaking rules, and when he changed the lives of thousands of people? Call out what you think the answer is in three, two, one, go!

Let's find out what the answer is.



- A. A friend invited him to church.
- B. He was fired from his job.
- C. People tried to stop him from helping others.
- D. All of the above.**

All those things happened. Mueller's life was changed when a friend invited him to a prayer meeting. That's how much of a difference it can make when you invite someone to church, too. Not everything was good, though. Mueller was fired from his job, and probably wondered "Why?" It was because of that, though, that he started helping orphans and others who were in need. People tried to stop him, but he kept on trusting God, and God was always there for him.

Mueller got an answer for his questions. The difficult things that happened to him all led him to do amazing things for God. We don't always get answers like he did, though. Let's look at another story.



Amy Carmichael Image

Amy Carmichael was born in Ireland. She had six younger brothers and sisters. She started following Jesus at fifteen years old.

Later, Amy would move to India, where she cared for over a thousand children.

What happened in between? After she decided to follow Jesus, and before she went to India to show others God's love, what happened?



- A. She became very sick.
- B. Her family moved to a new town.
- C. She won an award.
- D. All of the above.

Do This: Read the options from the screen. Allow kids to answer.

Let's see the answer.



- A. She became very sick.**
- B. Her family moved to a new town.
- C. She won an award.
- D. All of the above.

She became very sick, with something that affected her muscles and made her very weak for the rest of her life. Even with that, she still traveled around the world to help and love others. She wrote many books and changed thousands of lives. She may have asked God why she got sick, but as far as we know, she never got a perfect answer. We won't always know why bad things happen to us. Maybe she was thinking about that verse we read from James, though, when she wrote this.



"Let us not be surprised when we have to face difficulties. When the wind blows hard on a tree, the roots stretch and grow the stronger." Amy Carmichael

Do This: Read the quote from the screen.

She was saying that the tough, difficult things we face are chances to grow stronger, to love and trust God more. She proved that by the way she lived.



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Get Moving Challenge

2:00

What an important question to think about. Learning about other people who have followed God is so amazing. We'll hear a story from Josh and Beka in a minute, but right now it's time to get up and moving with a challenge!



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: Touch something orange in the next ten seconds!

You have ten seconds to touch something orange. One rule, it can't be something on another person, it must be something in the room. Ready? Go!



10 Second countdown and fun game music!



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

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)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

Habakkuk faced some unexpected and difficult times, but he chose to trust God through it all.

Application

4:00

Habakkuk's story shows us something important.



Big Idea Slide: God's plans can be unexpected.

God's plans can be unexpected. God's plans won't always look like our plans. Our lives will go in unexpected directions. What Habakkuk reminds me of, though, is that even when life is unexpected for us, it's not unexpected for God. He already knows what's going to happen, and He always has a plan.



Silver image

Here's an example. Have you ever seen how silver or gold are made? When you find them underground, they're usually filled with impurities, dirt, rock, and other worthless metals. To get those out, people "refine" the silver or gold.



Refining image

To refine it, they heat it up. A lot. They heat it up, which destroys some of the impurities, then let it cool. Then they heat it up even hotter, to get rid of more things that shouldn't be there and leave only the best gold or silver behind.

Several times, the writers of the Bible call God a "refiner." Amy Carmichael, whose story we heard earlier, actually writes about this, too. They would say that we are like silver or gold. When we go through tough times, we have the chance to be made better by it, like the gold or silver going through that super-hot fire.

They are saying that tough things that happen to us can work like that refining fire. They don't feel good, but God can use those things to change our lives, and take away anything that holds us back, or keeps us from living the way God made us to.



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Knowing that God refines us and has a plan is great, but it doesn't really make those things easier. What should we do when life gets tough? Habakkuk gave us a great example. The first thing he did was talk to God.



1. Talk to God.

God isn't afraid of our questions, no matter how tough they seem to us. In fact, your questions are so important to God. If you have questions or worries, ask Him! And I or any of the leaders here would love to hear about your questions, too.

The next thing Habakkuk did is remember what God has already done.



1. Talk to God.
2. Remember what God has done.

Sometimes, we just have to remember all that God has done for us. Habakkuk reminded himself that God has helped his people over and over again. All of us can remember things God has given us, how He cares for us, and most of all, how much He loves us. He has showed us that love over and over again, most of all through Jesus.



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We've thought about some serious stuff today, it's time to take a mind break. Josh and Beka have an interesting activity for us to watch. Let's find out what it is.

Fun Activity

5:00



Summer Media: Fun Activity (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

That was awesome. 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. For this review, you'll have to move to either side of the room to answer "True" or "False."

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.

These questions might be tricky, let's go to the first one!



We read a verse written by Jesus' brother named John.
True ← → False

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



We read a verse written by Jesus' brother named John.
True ← → **False**

That one was false, we actually read a verse written by Jesus' brother named James, not John. Like I said, these are tricky!

Let's go to our next question!



Amy Carmichael helped people in the country of India.
True ← → False

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

Choose your answer! Did Amy Carmichael help people in India? Pick true or false!

Let's find out if you're right!



Amy Carmichael helped people in the country of India.
True ← → False

That is true!

Let's try another question.



Beka's friend is moving to Idaho.
True ← → False

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

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



Beka's friend is moving to Idaho.
True ← → **False**

That one's false, she's moving to Oregon!

Let's try another question.



God told Habakkuk to try and fix his problems on his own.
True ← → False

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

When Habakkuk asked for advice, did God tell him to try and fix everything on his own?
Move to your answer!

Let's find out if you're correct!



God told Habakkuk to try and fix his problems on his own.
True ← → **False**

That one is false. God wanted Habakkuk to trust Him. When we follow God, we're never alone because He is with us.

Let's go to another question!



George Mueller started following God because a friend invited him.
True ← → False

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!



George Mueller started following God because a friend invited him.

True ← → False

That's true! A friend invited him to their church, which met in a house to pray. That changed George Mueller's life forever.

We have one more question!



Faith means believing God, even when it's difficult.

True ← → False

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

Move to your answers! Ready? Let's find out who is right.



Faith means believing God, even when it's difficult.

True ← → False

That's true!

Great job! You can find a place to sit. Let's tune into "Road Trip" once more, because Josh and Beka have a challenge for us.

Challenge

2:00



Summer Media: Challenge (2:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Road Trip

We can always remember the things God has done for us, even when times get tough.

Wrap Up

1:00

Don't forget to follow along in your Road Trip book this week, to learn more about Habakkuk, and find some great activities to do at home.

Do This: Show kids the activity book.

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

God, thank you for loving us. Help us to trust you, even when life is unexpected. In Jesus' name, amen.

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



Elevate Slide



Start music videos