

# **Large Group**

## Technicolor

### Series at a Glance for Elevate

#### **About this Series:**

The story of Jesus changes everything. If life is a work of art, Jesus has the power to turn it into something beautiful, like switching from black and white to full technicolor.

#### **Key Verse**:

Ephesians 2:10- We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do.

### Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Title:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: April 11/12	The Master Artist Easter Story- Matt. 27-28	Jesus changed the world.
Lesson 2: April 18/19	The Canvas Pentecost- Acts 2	God is working through community.
Lesson 3: April 25/26	Guest Artist Saul's Conversion- Acts 9	God's grace changes lives.
Lesson 4: May 2/3	Every Hue Cornelius Believes- Acts 10	God's love is for everyone.
Lesson 5: May 9/10	Finding Your Style Lydia's Hospitality- Acts 16	God has given me something to offer.
Lesson 6: May 16/17	Artist's Block Paul goes to Rome- Acts 27	I can do hard things with God by my side.
Lesson 7: May 23/24	On Display Paul's Letters	My whole story matters.

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#### **Lesson 1: The Master Artist**

On Easter, we celebrate the most amazing thing the world has ever seen. Jesus, God's Son, died and came back to life! Since that day, the world has never been the same. This week, we'll celebrate Easter and find out why what Jesus did changed everything, for everyone.

#### **Lesson 2: The Canvas**

Jesus changed everything, but only a few people knew about it. Fortunately, God had a plan to share Jesus' story with the whole world. To make that plan happen, Jesus' followers started the church. Find out how the church began, and why you're an important part of it, this week!

#### **Lesson 3: Guest Artist**

When God needed someone to share Jesus' story to the world, he chose a man named Saul. Most of Jesus' followers were afraid of Saul, and probably thought he would never change. God saw something amazing in Saul, though, and gave him a second chance.

#### **Lesson 4: Every Hue**

Who can follow God? Is Jesus' story only for certain people, or is it for everyone? This week, we'll find out how Peter discovered God's love really is for everyone.

#### **Lesson 5: Finding Your Style**

Sharing Jesus' story doesn't always mean talking in front of big groups of people. This week, we'll meet a woman named Lydia, who shared God's love by welcoming and serving others.

#### Lesson 6: Artist's Block

Sometimes following God feels like the greatest thing ever, but at other times it can feel extremely difficult. After being captured, sent away from his home, and then shipwrecked, Paul could have felt like giving up. What he did instead was a great example of how God can help us do tough things.

#### **Lesson 7: On Display**

If you're part of God's amazing work of art, people are going to take notice! This week, we'll hear how Paul shared Jesus' story all over the world and see how our stories can make a difference today.

## Technicolor Lesson Outline for Elevate

**Lesson 1: The Master Artist** 

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (10:00)	0:00 - 11:00
Media Part 1 (6:00)	
Application Part 1 (4:00)	
Media Part 2 (9:00)	11:00 - 30:00
Application Part 2 (8:00)	
Decision Group Time (9:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Wrap-Up and drawing (5:00)	30:00 - 60:00



## Opening Song and Welcome

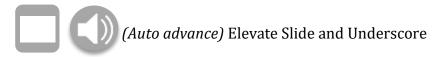
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(Roll when directed) Elevate Opener

**Do This**: During the song, encourage kids to find a place to sit, and let them know it's time to get started.

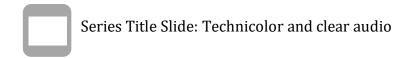
Welcome everyone! I'm so glad you're all here! Come on up and find a place to sit.



My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm so excited to be here with all of you to celebrate Easter! We've got some great things coming up. We'll get to sing, hear some great stories, and play some fun games, too.

Elevate is an awesome place where we get to have fun and learn about God. It's also a place where we show respect. We respect the leaders in here by listening and following their instructions. We respect others by being kind and keeping our hands to ourselves. And we respect the room by being safe, and not damaging anything. Showing respect like that helps us all have an awesome time.

Team Time 10:00



This is an extra special day, for a couple reasons. First of all, we get to celebrate Easter! This is also exciting, because it's the first week of a new series here in Elevate called "Technicolor." We call it that because God is making something amazing happen in our world, like an incredible work of art. Every one of us gets to be part of that! In this series, we're looking at how God started changing our world, and how God can turn each of our lives into a masterpiece.

started with a game!
Game Title Slide: Eggs Rays
This game is called "Eggs Rays." I'm going to show you an Easter egg. You can kind of see what's inside, but not very well. Your job is to guess what's inside the egg! To give your answer, you'll move to one of the signs that say "A, B, C, or D" around the room.  Do This: Ahead of time, make sure the four "ABCD" signs are set up around the room.
Ready to give it a try? Here's the first egg!
Egg 1 and fun background music
What is that? Do This: Allow 2-3 kids to guess.
Let's find out if you're right!
Egg 1 Answer (Cake)
This can get pretty tough! Here's the next egg!
Egg 2
What is that? Do This: Allow 2-3 kids to guess.
Let's find out if you're right!
Egg 2 Answer (Cat)
Let's try another one.

Egg 3
What is inside this egg? Do This: Allow 2-3 kids to guess.
Let's find out if you're right!
Egg 3 Answer (Minnesota)
Good guesses! Here's the next egg to eggs ray.
What is that? Do This: Allow 2-3 kids to guess.
Let's find out if you're right!
Egg 4 Answer (Pineapple)
I think they're getting tougher! Let's try another one.
Egg 5
What is that? Do This: Allow 2-3 kids to guess.
Let's find out if you're right!
Egg 5 Answer (Palm Tree)

We've got a few more to guess. Here's the next egg!

Egg 6
What is that? Do This: Allow 2-3 kids to guess.
Let's find out if you're right!
Egg 6 Answer (Drum Set)
You're doing great. We have only one egg left! Let's see if you can guess what's inside it.
Egg 7
What is that? Do This: Allow 2-3 kids to guess.
Let's find out if you're right!
Egg 7 Answer (Penguin)
That was great! You can take a seat.
Game Title Slide: Eggs Rays and clear audio
While you're finding your spots, let's get ready to answer a question of the day!
Question of the Day Video
(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: If you could only eat one kind of candy for the rest of your life, which one would you pick?

If you could only eat one kind of candy for the rest of your pick? Find someone near you, and tell them your name, ar choose!  Do This: Allow the kids to talk for 30 seconds or so.  Series Title Slide: Technicolor  Those are some great candy choices. I'd definitely pick	nd which candy you would			
Media: Part 1	6:00			
Next, we get to check in with Beka and The Source team, to Easter.  The Source: Part 1 (5:00)  (Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Technicolor (Black and V				
What do you think is going to happen? I'm not sure, but their story makes me think of something important, something that happened a long time ago.				
Application Part 1	4:00			
In the beginning, God created our whole, huge, amazing w World Image	orld.			
Everything that exists, God created. He made every one of loves you. He wants you to know Him, and to follow Him the wants to always be there for you, but, right from the st People did things they knew were wrong, things called sin Series Title Slide: Technicolor	throughout your whole life. tart, there was a problem.			

When we do things we know are wrong, like lying, hurting others, disrespecting others, or stealing, those things are called "sin." When we sin, there are consequences for it. We know we'll be punished by parents or teachers for doing things we know are wrong, but our sin has a consequence that is way worse than those punishments. The worst consequence for sin is that it separates us from God. We can't be near him, can't follow him, all because every one of us has done things we know are wrong.

**Do This**: Ahead of time, a large curtain will be placed on the stage. Indicate it and stand in front of it. The cross should be placed behind the curtain, so it can't be seen from the audience.

It's like we're separated from God by a curtain none of us can move. We can't take the curtain down; we can't fix this problem ourselves. There's great news, though. God still loves you and I so much. He still wants to have a relationship with us, but how can that happen, with all these wrong things separating us from him?

God had a plan. God sent His Son Jesus to earth. He did amazing things, served people, and showed them that he loved them. He even forgave people who had done wrong things. There was more to the plan, though. Jesus was going to do something that would change our world forever.

Media: Part 2 9:00

Let's check with Beka to find out what that was.



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Technicolor

**Do This**: During the video, place the cross behind the curtain. At this point stand in front of the curtain.

### What an amazing story.

**Do This**: It may be a good idea to have kids stand and stretch, to help them stay focused during this next section. You could use the following language to do that. If you feel this would be a distraction, you may go straight to the Application Part 2.

I want to talk more about this curtain and Jesus' story, but first let's stand up and stretch for a moment. Give five people the biggest high fives you can, and then sit back down!

## **Application Part 2**

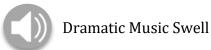
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What Beka said is so true.

Jesus changed the world.

Jesus changed the world. Back then, Jesus healed people, forgave them, and did other amazing miracles, but he's changing the world in other ways today, too. Earlier, I talked about how the things we've done that we know are wrong separate us from God, like this curtain.

Beka told us that a real curtain hung in the temple while Jesus was on earth, separating people from the place they thought God stayed. Imagine looking at that curtain and thinking "I've done things I know are wrong, so I can't know God or be friends with him." Maybe that's where you are today. You've never decided to follow Jesus, never trusted him with your life. There's still something separating you from God. The good news is, it doesn't have to be that way.



**Do This**: Read the verse from the screen.

**Do This**: Keep these next sections word-for-word, both to make sure the content is consistent, and to make sure the timing is accurate with the music.

If you've never done this, never trusted God with your life, never chosen to follow him, ask yourself, what's keeping me from doing that? Is there a question, a doubt, or something you've done wrong that's keeping you from following God? All of those things are why Jesus gave his life. It was for you! He took all our sin, all our brokenness, onto himself. Anything that could separate us from God, Jesus took. The Bible says it this way.



I am absolutely sure that not even death or life... not the present or the future, or any powers can separate us. Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love. That's because of what Christ Jesus has done. Romans 8:38-39

**Do This**: Read the verse from the screen.

Nothing at all. Nothing can separate you from God's love! He will never stop loving you, never give up on you, and never leave you. All you have to do is choose to follow him. That moment, anything separating you from him will be gone.

**Do This**: Pull the curtain apart, "ripping" it from top to bottom. **Know This**: This should happen at the swell of the music, as much as possible. The cross will be revealed behind the curtain.

Just like the curtain in the temple tore, Jesus gave his life to remove any obstacle, anything that keeps you from following God, and living the way he made us to.

If you've already decided to follow Jesus, that's amazing! Your journey has already started. It really is a life-long journey, and there are still next steps you can take. That's what this boot reminds me of.

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



Series Title Slide: Technicolor (and clear audio)

Remember how following Jesus helped the Source team grow? God is changing their school, their families, and their whole world through them. He can change the world through you, too. You can serve others, share Jesus' story, and follow Jesus' example every day. You can talk to him by praying and learn about him by reading the Bible. Those are fantastic steps to take on your journey with him.

**Do This**: Set the boot aside.

Maybe you still have questions. You're not sure about following Jesus, or you have questions about God. That's so great. Your questions are so important, and the choice to follow Jesus is totally your choice, and we understand if you need more time to make that decision. I can't choose for you, your parents and friends can't choose it for you. It's your decision, and it's the best decision you'll ever make. If you have questions, my challenge for you is to talk to someone.

Do This: Show kids the walkie-talkie.

That's what this walkie-talkie reminds me of. In just a minute, you'll have a chance to talk to someone about your questions. Your questions are so important, take that chance, and ask them!

Maybe, though, you feel more like Miss Maine. Maybe you haven't known about God, or even stayed away from him, but today you feel ready to make the most important decision of your life. Maybe today is your day. It's your day to say "I choose to follow Jesus with my whole life." That's what this compass stands for.

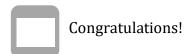
**Do This**: Show kids the compass.

Jesus is the greatest leader and guide we can ever have. He guides us through life, like a compass could guide us through the wilderness. In a moment, we're going to all close our eyes, to help us focus and not be distracted. If you want to make that decision to follow Jesus, you can talk to God with me. You'll tell God that you know you've done wrong things, you're sorry, that you want to follow Jesus, and that you want him to be the leader of your life. You can say this out loud or in your mind, God hears you either way.

### Let's all close our eyes.

**Do This**: Read the following prayer word-for-word, giving enough time after each line for kids to repeat after you, even if it is silent.

God, thank you for loving me.
I am sorry for doing things
That I know are wrong.
I believe that Jesus is your son.
I believe that he died on the cross,
Took my punishment,
And came back to life,
So that I can be forgiven.
Jesus, I ask you now
To be my leader,
Savior,
And friend forever.
I choose to follow you.
In Jesus' name, amen.



### If you just made that amazing decision, congratulations!

**Do This**: Have one group leader pick up both the boot and walkie-talkie. Pick up the compass yourself. Kids identify with these items and holding them will help kids know where to go when it's time to move.

If you just decided to follow Jesus, I want to celebrate with you, and give you this book. **Do This**: Show kids the Following Jesus book.

This book can help you get started on your journey with Jesus. In a moment, we'll all stand up, and you can follow me to get this book, and we'll also celebrate this amazing decision you have made!

If you aren't sure, still have questions, or have already decided to follow Jesus and gotten this "Following Jesus" book, you can follow \_\_\_\_\_\_. They'll talk about any questions you have and tell you more about what following Jesus means.

**Do This**: If possible, the leader with the boot and walkie-talkie direct kids to join their group leaders at their group flags, where they can talk more about their questions. If there aren't enough group leaders, the leaders who are there may do this in one or two large groups.

## **Decision Group Time**

9:00



Alright, everyone stand up!

**Do This**: Allow all the kids to stand.

If you have questions or already decided to follow Jesus, follow \_\_\_\_\_. If you just decided to follow Jesus for the first time, you can follow me!

**Do This**: Lead the group of kids who just made a decision to an area where you can walk through the "decision talk," and give them the Following Jesus books. Even if you are not leading this talk, you should walk them to the area, as you will be the most recognizable person to follow. Make sure you bring the Compass with you, as kids may feel like they should follow that object that represents their decision.

**Do This**: Allow all the groups to talk for up to ten minutes. Make sure the decision group, especially, has time enough to finish talking about what they need to talk about. Once they are finished, move on with the script.

Again, if you just decided to follow Jesus for the first time, congratulations! That is the best decision you could ever make.

Worship

In fact, I want to celebrate that awesome decision together! Let's stand and sing about our amazing God.

Song #1: God Made a Way

(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

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

Singing with all of you is awesome. You can find a place to sit down, and then we're going to take a moment to talk to God together.

God, thank you for loving us. Thank you for giving us the chance to follow you. Help us to follow you, no matter what. Amen.

### Wrap-Up and Drawing

Song #2: Movin Me

5:00

We have one other thing for you to grab when you leave, too.

Do This: Show kids the Family Connection Card

(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Technicolor

This is our family connection card! It can help you remember what we're learning this series and has some questions and activities for you to do at home.

I also want to tell you about another amazing way to keep on learning about God.



On our Eagle Brook App, there's a "Kids" section, and in it is every episode of The Source, and several other video series we've made. If you miss a week, or just want to watch more of that awesome show, you can check it out on our app.

Up next, we have something super exciting, we're drawing for some amazing prizes!



Elevate Slide and fun music!

I'm going to draw a winner for each of these prizes, so listen closely to see if you've won!

**Do This**: Hold up each of the prizes, in order, leaving the biggest for last, and draw a winner for each one. It might be a good idea to have volunteers handing out the prizes to the winners. **Know This**: Kids may not win more than once. Their names shouldn't be in the drawing twice, but if they are, the second one doesn't count.

Thank you everyone! I'm so glad you were all here today, happy Easter!



Start free time music videos