

TRAILBLAZERS



Large Group

Trailblazers

Series at a Glance for Elevate

About this Series:

Where would you love to explore? The densest jungle? The deepest sea? This summer, we're taking an expedition to learn more about ourselves, and the amazing way God designed every one of us. Get ready to blaze a trail into the unknown, and discover some incredible things about God, our world, and ourselves.

Key Verses:

Philippians 4:7-8- "Then God's peace will watch over your hearts and your minds. He will do this because you belong to Christ Jesus. God's peace can never be completely understood. Finally, my brothers and sisters, always think about what is true. Think about what is noble, right, and pure. Think about what is lovely and worthy of respect. If anything is excellent or worthy of praise, think about those kinds of things."

Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Title:	Big Idea:
	<u>Part 1: Who Am I?</u>	
Lesson 1: June 12/13	Trailhead Creation-Gen. 1, Eph. 2:10	I am uniquely created by God.
Lesson 2: June 19/20	In the Crew Zacchaeus-Luke 19, Rom. 15:7	I am accepted by God just the way I am.
Lesson 3: June 26/27	A new Horizon Moses-Exodus 3, Phil. 4:13	I am capable because God is with me.
Lesson 4: July 3/4	Back on Track Lost Sheep, Ps. 139:17-18	I am valuable to God.
Lesson 5: July 10/11	Outlook Point Paul- Acts 16, 1 Thess. 5:16-18	I can choose to have a good attitude.
	<u>Part 2: How Am I Influencing?</u>	
Lesson 6: July 17/18	Long Way Home Lost Son-Luke 15, John 3:16	I am loved by God no matter what.
Lesson 7: July 24/25	A Fork in the Trail Ruth	My choices impact others.

Lesson 8: July 31/August 1	Way-Words Eph. 4:29	I can choose words that make a difference.
Lesson 9: August 7/8	The Next Step Daniel 5-6	I can take a stand for what I believe.
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Lesson 10: August 14/15	<u>Part 3: Who am I Becoming?</u> Backtracked Joseph- Genesis 37, 45, 50:20.	I can see mistakes as chances to learn.
Lesson 11: August 21/22	Which Way? Samuel- 1 Samuel 2-3	I can do what's right when no one is watching.
Lesson 12: August 28/29	Into the Unknown Joshua- 1:9, 2 Timothy 1:7	God gives me the courage to do hard things.
Lesson 13: September 4/5	Onward! David- 1 Samuel 16-19	God has a purpose for me, wherever I go.

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Lesson 1: Trailhead

Have you ever created something really special? A piece of art, a comic book, a Lego project, or an invention? When you create something, it matters to you. You take time to make it just the way you want it to be. This week, we'll explore what it means to be created by God and how that impacts our lives.

Lesson 2: In the Crew

We all want to be a part of a group. Sometimes we even try to change things about ourselves so that we can fit in with the people around us. This week we will hear about how Jesus accepted someone that most people rejected.

Lesson 3: A New Horizon

Life can be challenging. It can feel like we are on an adventure with mountains to climb, rivers to cross, and obstacles that get in our way. Sometimes we wonder if we really have what it takes to do the things God wants us to do. This week, we will discover how God showed a man named Moses that he was capable.

Lesson 4: Back on Track

Have you ever lost something that was valuable? When that happens, we do anything we can to find it! It is incredible to know that God thinks we are valuable – so valuable that he would do whatever it takes to be close to us.

Lesson 5: Outlook Point

A good attitude is amazing. It can turn something challenging into something fun. A bad attitude, though, can turn even the most fun things into frustrating, difficult, and boring ones. This week, we'll see how our attitudes can change the world around us.

Lesson 6: Long Way Home

Sometimes our mistakes and the wrong things we do make us feel like no one could ever love us. We might feel like we have to do all the right things so that we can earn God's love. This week, we'll hear the story of The Lost Son and learn more about the incredible love God has for each one of us!

Lesson 7: A Fork in the Trail

Sometimes, it's easy to believe our choices don't matter, that they don't affect anyone. This week, we'll hear how Ruth learned that her choices really do make a difference; and we'll see how our decisions can impact others today.

Lesson 8: Way-Words

Our words can be used to help or to hurt. In Ephesians, Paul challenges us to use words that build others up. We'll find out what that looks like this week!

Lesson 9: The Next Step

Daniel was in a new land with few friends. When others expected him to do things God says are wrong, Daniel had to choose whether to follow God or follow the people around him. This week, we'll discover the impact we can have when we stand up for what we believe.

Lesson 10: Backtracked

Imagine you've made a mistake. Something goes wrong, you mess up, but what happens next? Do you get angry? Give up? Blame someone else? Or could we see our mistakes in a different way? This week, we'll find out how our mistakes might even be a good thing.

Lesson 11: Which Way?

"Integrity" means doing what's right, even when no one is watching. This week, we'll hear how a man named Samuel chose integrity, even when others around him didn't.

Lesson 12: Into the Unknown

In the Bible, we see God tell people to be courageous, but it's not always for the reasons we'd expect. In Joshua's story, Joshua had to fight battles and lead a nation, but God said there was one thing he would do that would take even more courage than those things. We'll find out what it is this week!

Lesson 13: Onward!

King David's story doesn't start in a palace, it starts in a field. David was a shepherd, a musician, and a poet, and all of those were part of God's plan. As this new school year starts, we'll discover how everything we do is part of the way God designed us.

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Lesson Outline for Elevate

Lesson 13: Onward!

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (11:00)	
Worship (4:00)	
Media Part 1 (4:00)	0:00 – 20:00
Group Time (10:00)	
Media Part 2 (6:00)	
Worship (4:00)	20:00 – 40:00
Team Time 2 (8:00)	
Media Part 3 (8:00)	
Application and Wrap-Up (4:00)	40:00 - 60:00



Video Cue



Slide Cue



Audio Cue



Tech Notes

Opening Song and Welcome

1:00



(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.



(Auto advance) Elevate Slide and Underscore

My name is _____, and I'm so excited to be here with all of you! We've got some awesome games, stories, and music coming up, I'm excited to get started!

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

11:00



Series Title Slide: Trailblazers and clear audio

This is the last week of our series called "Trailblazers." We're on an expedition to learn more about ourselves and the amazing way God designed every one of us.

Let's get started with a game called "Group Pictionary."



Game Title Slide: "Group Pictionary"

I'm going to bring some groups of three of you up on the stage and give you a picture you need to copy here on stage. You have to become the people in the picture, which means you can't move! Everyone in the audience has to guess what is happening in that picture.



Fun Game Music!

First I'll pick some teams to play!

Do This: Pick 5 teams of three and have them come up on stage. Give each team something to act out.

Know This: The things to act out will be pictures, not words, in order to make it as easy as possible for kids to do this quickly. It's important that you give them the pictures in order. They will be numbered 1-5.

Know This: If you have fewer than 30 kids and taking 15 of them would make there be very few left in the audience, you can call up teams of three one at a time, and let the others stay in the audience to guess. Don't give teams their pictures to copy until they get on stage.

Ready? Let's go! First team, show us your picture!

Do This: Give positive commentary on their picture, such as "Wow, nice!" "This looks neat," or "Ooh, interesting." Listen to the audience to see if anyone guesses the right answer.

Did you guess it? Let's see what the original picture looked like.



Basketball Picture

They were playing basketball! Great job first team, way to go. You can sit back down.

Ok, next team, let's see you copy your picture!

Do This: Give positive commentary on their picture, such as "Wow, nice!" "This looks neat," or "Ooh, interesting." Listen to the audience to see if anyone guesses the right answer.

Did you guess it? Let's see what the original picture looked like.



Band Picture

Oh, they were a band. Nice job! You can take a seat. Group three, what do you have?

Do This: Give positive commentary on their picture, such as "Wow, nice!" "This looks neat," or "Ooh, interesting." Listen to the audience to see if anyone guesses the right answer.

Did you guess it? Let's see what the original picture looked like.



Scuba divers Picture

They were scuba divers! Great job, go ahead and sit down. Group four, you're up!

Do This: Give positive commentary on their picture, such as "Wow, nice!" "This looks neat," or "Ooh, interesting." Listen to the audience to see if anyone guesses the right answer.

Did you guess it? Let's see what the original picture looked like.



Mountain Bikers Picture

They were mountain bikers. Very nice. You can sit back down. Group five, it's your turn!

Do This: Give positive commentary on their picture, such as "Wow, nice!" "This looks neat," or "Ooh, interesting." Listen to the audience to see if anyone guesses the right answer.

Did you guess it? Let's see what the original picture looked like.



Dinosaurs Picture

You had to be dinosaurs? That one was tough. Great job, though, you can sit back down.



Game Title Slide: "Group Pictionary" and clear audio

Good job everyone! It could be tough to tell what they were doing without seeing the whole picture. That's kind of like what we're talking about today, how do we see the whole picture of our life? We'll find out in a bit, but next you can all stand up, because we get to spend some time worshipping God.



Worship Slide

Worship is what we call singing about God and showing that we love him. This song is about God's amazing love for every one of us.



Worship Song 1: Higher than the Sky



(Auto Advance) Worship Slide

I love singing with all of you.

Media: Part 1

4:00

Next, we get to check in with the trailblazing team, and find out what challenge they're facing today.



Media Part 1 (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

What a great thought. What is God's purpose for us? Can we know it for sure? That's what we'll be talking about in group time.

Know This: You will have to decide ahead of time whether to do group time in small groups or as a large group. If there are enough group leaders, it is recommended to spend this time in small groups, divided up by grade. If that's the case, tell the group leaders one minute before their time is up, and skip the "Group Time" portion of the script. If you have to run this as a large group, move on through the group time portion of the script.

Group Time

10:00

I want to show you a verse from the Bible. It's something God said to his people a long time ago.



Jeremiah 29:11- “I know the plans I have for you,” announces the Lord. “I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come.”

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

God was saying that to a group of people who followed him, but it’s true for us today, too. God has a plan for you. He wants what’s best for you. You may have heard this before, but a lot of people wonder “Ok, if God has a plan for me, what is it?”

That’s a great question. The thing is, God’s plan for you isn’t just one thing. It’s not just what school you’re at, what your family is like, or who your friends are. It’s all of those things. God knows and cares about every part of your life. It’s kind of like this.



Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

This series is called “Trailblazers” because life is like an adventure. We discover new things, meet people, and learn new skills, like we would while we are on a journey. And when we follow God, he’s like our guide through our whole life.

Imagine if you went on a hike, to a place you’d never been, and you were all alone. What would probably happen? You might get lost, or hurt, or need help, and no one would be there. When you’re exploring, it’s wise to have a guide who knows that area.

Just like that, it’s a wise choice to follow a guide through life. The only one who knows everything in our world, everything about us, and has an amazing plan for our lives is God!



1. Follow God as your guide.

That means God is the greatest guide for our lives. Following Him means doing what He says is right, seeing things the way He does, and loving others like He shows us how to. If you haven’t made that decision to follow God, I would love to talk with you and tell you more about that amazing choice, and so would any of our volunteers.

So imagine, you have a guide, and you ask them: “What’s the plan? Where are we going? How are we going to get there?” Do you think they’ll stop walking, sit down, and spend a super long time telling you exactly how to get where you’re going?

No! They'd probably just tell you a couple important things, like big landmarks to watch out for. We're going to follow a river, climb up a cliff, and get to a town at the end. So, if we want to know God's purpose for us, that means we need to watch for landmarks.



1. Follow God as your guide.
2. Watch for landmarks.

There are signs in our lives that God is working, changing us, and leading us. One of the best places to learn what those are is in the Bible!

Do This: Show kids a Bible.

When we read the stories in the Bible, we can learn from the people in them, and we might be able to say "I've felt that way, too," or "That's like when this happened to me." There is also amazing wisdom in here. It tells us about the people God is helping us to become. He's helping us become people who care about others, who serve, and who know God super well. When we see those things in our lives, that's a landmark, a sign that God is helping us grow. There's a verse about this in the book of second Peter in the Bible.



2 Peter 1:6-8- To knowledge, add the ability to control yourselves. To the ability to control yourselves, add the strength to keep going. To the strength to keep going, add godliness. To godliness, add kindness for one another. And to kindness for one another, add love. All these things should describe you more and more.

Do This: Read the verses from the screen.

Notice what that says, the more we follow God, these things will describe us more and more. We will know more, we'll have more self-control, we'll be like God more, we'll be more kind, and more loving. All of those are signs that God is changing our lives! So, we can follow God as our guide, and watch for those landmarks in our lives, but there's one more thing we can do on this journey.



1. Follow God as your guide.
2. Watch for landmarks.
3. Trust God's big picture plan.

Finally, one of the best things we can do to find our purpose is trust God's big picture plan. Imagine, you're on a hike, you feel like you're almost there, and then you get to this spot.



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That town is where you're headed, but what happens if you try to go straight there? You would fall! So what do you have to do? Well, there might be a trail, but you have to walk all the way around, down, and back to get to the town. Even though it looks super close, you might have a long way to go.

Sometimes, unexpected things like that happen in our lives, too. We make the team, but the coach makes us sit on the bench. We have amazing friends, but our parents decide that we're going to move to a new town. We feel like we've got it all figured out, then we make a mistake. When unexpected twists and turns happen, we need to trust God's big picture plan.



1. Follow God as your guide.
2. Watch for landmarks.
3. Trust God's big picture plan.

God still has a plan for you, whether you're doing great, or you feel like you've made a huge mistake. He is still with you, no matter how far from home you go.

So, the amazing thing is, we get to discover God's purpose every day! We get to learn about him, see how his peace, love, and kindness is growing in our lives, and watch for his big picture plan, every single day of our lives. God's purpose for us is this journey we're on right now.

The trailblazing team is going to share a story of someone who learned that, but first, let's get moving with a challenge from our challenge wheel!



Challenge Wheel Video



(Auto-Advance) Challenge Wheel Slide: Find the compass in thirty seconds! (And compass image)

Find the compass in thirty seconds! Somewhere in this room, there is a compass hidden! You're going to get up and find it. When you do, don't touch it, just come back

and sit down. You don't have to move anything to find it, just use your eyes. Ready, set, go!

Know This: Make sure the compass is hidden ahead of service, somewhere kids can see it without touching it or moving anything else.



30 Second Countdown and fun music!



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Nice job! Where was the compass?

You can return to the middle and find a spot to sit.

Media: Part 2

6:00

Let's check in again with the trailblazers to hear a story about someone who found God's purpose for them in some unexpected ways.



Media Part 2 (6:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Trailblazers

David was a king, but it was also God's purpose for him to be a shepherd and a songwriter. God's purpose for us isn't just one thing, it's in every part of our lives, just like it was for David.

Worship

4:00

Let's stand up, and get ready to sing about our amazing God, who knows us, loves us, and has an awesome purpose for us.



Worship Song 2- Remind Me



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Singing with you is awesome. Next, we've got an activity to get us all moving!

Team Time 2

8:00

This activity is called Rewind Your Mind.



Game Title Slide: "Rewind Your Mind."

We're going to rewind our minds and try to remember all that has happened today! I'm going to read you a question with four possible answers. Your job is to run to the sign on the wall with the answer that you think is correct.

Do This: Ahead of time, make sure the "ABCD" signs are hung up around the room.

Let's get started!



Which of these things was not pictured in the "Group Pictionary" game we played?

- A. Dinosaurs
- B. Basketball Players
- C. Pirates
- D. Scuba Divers

Do This: Read the question and answers from the screen.

Choose your answer and move to it!

Do This: Give kids time to move to their answer, about 10-20 seconds.

Let's find out if you're correct!



Which of these things was not pictured in the "Group Pictionary" game we played?

- A. Dinosaurs
- B. Basketball Players
- C. Pirates**
- D. Scuba Divers

If you guessed "C," you're right, that was not one of the pictures in that game. What's our next question?



Today we learned that God has a _____ for us.

- A. Purpose
- B. Porpoise
- C. Proposal
- D. Panda

Do This: Read the question and answers from the screen.

Choose your answer and move to it!

Do This: Give kids time to move to their answer, about 10-20 seconds.

Let's find out if you're correct!



Today we learned that God has a _____ for us.

- A. Purpose**
- B. Porpoise
- C. Proposal
- D. Panda

God has a purpose for us! That's so true. Let's see the next one.



MEDIA QUESTION

- A. ---
- B. ---
- C. ---
- D. ---

Do This: Read the question and answers from the screen.

Choose your answer and move to it!

Do This: Give kids time to move to their answer, about 10-20 seconds.

Let's find out if you're correct!



MEDIA ANSWER

- A. ---
- B. ---
- C. ---
- D. ---

That was tricky! Let's check out our next question.



MEDIA QUESTION

- A. ---
- B. ---
- C. ---
- D. ---

Do This: Read the question and answers from the screen.

Choose your answer and move to it!

Do This: Give kids time to move to their answer, about 10-20 seconds.

Let's find out if you're correct!



MEDIA ANSWER

- A. ---
- B. ---
- C. ---
- D. ---

That was tough! Let's check out our next question.



MEDIA QUESTION

- A. ---
- B. ---
- C. ---
- D. ---

Do This: Read the question and answers from the screen.

Choose your answer and move to it!

Do This: Give kids time to move to their answer, about 10-20 seconds.

Let's find out if you're correct!



MEDIA ANSWER

- A. ---
- B. ---
- C. ---
- D. ---

Nice job! We've only got a couple questions left.



Which one of these things did David not do?

- A. Become king
- B. Write music
- C. Fight a bear
- D. Paint a painting

Do This: Read the question and answers from the screen.

Choose your answer and move to it!

Do This: Give kids time to move to their answer, about 10-20 seconds.

Let's find out if you're correct!



Which one of these things did David not do?

- A. Become king
- B. Write music
- C. Fight a bear
- D. Paint a painting**

David wasn't really a painter, as far as we know. Let's check out our last question.



How many older brothers do we know David had?

- A. 8
- B. 12
- C. 3
- D. 42

Do This: Read the question and answers from the screen.

Choose your answer and move to it!

Do This: Give kids time to move to their answer, about 10-20 seconds.

Let's find out if you're correct!



How many older brothers do we know David had?

- A. 8**
- B. 12
- C. 3
- D. 42

He had eight older brothers, and at least two sisters. That's a big family! Great job, everyone. You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit.



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Next up, the trailblazing team have a fun game for us, too.

Media Part 3

8:00

Let's see what they have planned!



Media Part 3 (8:00)



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That was fun to watch!

Application and Wrap-Up

4:00

We've learned a lot today. Let's look back at the super important thing we should all remember.



Big Idea Slide: "God has a purpose for us, wherever we go."

God has a purpose for us, wherever we go. Whether we're at home or far away, whether we're super happy or heartbroken, whether we win or lose God still has a purpose for us.

The trailblazers showed us how King David wasn't just a king, but God's purpose for him was actually a whole bunch of different things. All those things, big and small, were part of God's amazing purpose.



Trailblazer Guide Image: Week 13

Do This: Hold up the guidebook for this week.

Our final guidebook for this summer will help you figure out some parts of God's purpose for you! It will challenge you to think about this year coming up, and watch for what purpose God might have for you, right where you are.



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Let's finish up today by talking to God. We'll close our eyes and put our hands in our laps, so we can focus on what we're saying to God.

Do This: Pray the following prayer with the kids.

God, you are wonderful. Thank you for loving us and leading us. Help us to trust you and follow you, wherever we are. Amen.

I'm glad you were all here today. I hope you can all make it next week for Fall Kick Off! Have an amazing week, everyone.



Elevate Slide



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