

Large Group

What Did Jesus Do?

Series at a Glance for Elevate

About this Series:

We say that we follow Jesus with our whole lives, but what does that actually mean? In this series, we are asking the question "What did Jesus do?" We'll see what Jesus' daily life looked like and discover how each of us can live like he did.

Key Verse:

John 13:34- "I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you."

Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	What:	
Lesson 1: January 4/5	Jesus was baptized Matthew 3:13-17	I can show others I follow Jesus.
Lesson 2: January 11/12	Jesus prayed Matthew 6:9-13	I can talk to God anytime.
Lesson 3: January 18/19	Jesus served others Mark 3:1-5	I can make a difference by serving.
Lesson 4: January 25/26	Jesus honored others John 1:35-51	I can use my words to build others up.
Lesson 5: February 1/2	Jesus spent time with God Luke 5:16, Mark 1:35-38	I can spend time with God.
Lesson 6: February 8/9	Jesus followed God's plan. Luke 22:39-42	I can put my faith in God.
Lesson 7: * February 15/16	Jesus gave his life for me John 18-21	I can make Jesus the leader of my life.

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Lesson 1: Jesus was baptized

If getting baptized shows that we want to follow Jesus with our whole life, why did Jesus get baptized, too? We'll find out why Jesus was baptized, and how following his example can change our lives.

Lesson 2: Jesus prayed

One of the questions people asked Jesus was "How do we talk to God?" When can we talk to Him? Can we really tell Him anything? This week, we'll learn about how Jesus talked to God, and what he taught his followers about prayer.

Lesson 3: Jesus served others

As God's Son, many people thought Jesus would take control, tell people what to do, and fix everything they thought was wrong. What Jesus actually did was much different. This week, we'll see why the greatest leader of all time chose to serve others instead of taking control.

Lesson 4: Jesus honored others

Have you seen a bulldozer recently? Break it down, and a bulldozer does two things: build and destroy. It's up to the driver what the powerful tool does. The same thing is true of our words. This week, we'll see how Jesus' words changed lives, and learn how ours can, too.

Lesson 5: Jesus spent time with God

Life could be busy for Jesus. Thousands of people would follow him for days at a time, just to hear him teach. Sometimes, though, Jesus was nowhere to be found. He would spend time alone with God, even when many people were looking for Him. Why? We'll find out this week!

Lesson 6: Jesus followed God's plan

Jesus talked often about "faith," or placing your belief and hope in someone or something. We all choose who or what to put our faith in every day. This week, we'll see why God is the only one we can always put our faith in.

Lesson 7: Jesus gave his life for me

Jesus did so many amazing things, but the greatest of all was something he did for every person in the world. This week, we'll hear why Jesus gave his life for you, and how following him can change your life, too.

What Did Jesus Do? Lesson Outline for Elevate

Lesson 5: Jesus spent time with God

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (14:00)	0:00 - 15:00
Media Part 1 (6:00)	
Group Time (15:00)	
Media Part 2 (9:00)	15:00 - 45:00
Application (5:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Challenge (Media) (1:00)	
Wrap-Up (1:00)	45:00 - 60:00
Video Cue Slide Cue Audio Cue	Tech Notes

Opening Song and Welcome

(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 excited to get started, and that 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 super glad to be here with all of you. We've got some great stuff coming up. We'll get to sing, hear some great stories, and play some fun games, too.

Know This: It's important to say the following paragraph roughly word-for-word. We are using this "respect" language intentionally to give kids clear expectations for how to behave while they are in Elevate. We ask that you don't add to or take away from this language.

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.



14:00

Series Title Slide: What Did Jesus Do? and clear audio

Sometimes, people ask the question "What Would Jesus Do?" You might have even seen people wearing things that say that question like: "WWJD." The thing is, we don't have

to wonder what Jesus would do, we can read about what he already did in the Bible! That's why this series is called "What Did Jesus Do?" We're looking at things that Jesus, God's Son, actually did while he lived here on earth.

Next up, we've got a game to play together called "Silent Sorting."



Game Title Slide: "Silent Sorting."

Your whole group will stand in a line, and I'll give you an instruction, like: line up from shortest to tallest. Then, you'll have to line up as quickly as possible from tallest to shortest. The catch is, you must do it without talking! You'll be racing against the other groups, so move quickly!

Alright, get into your groups, and get lined up! Once you're in line and quiet, we'll start.



Fun background music!

Do This: Wait until all the kids are lined up with their groups, then read the following list of instructions. Between each one, give kids time to re-organize the line. Congratulate the first ones to finish each time.

Line up from longest to shortest hair.

Line up from shortest to tallest.

Line up from lightest to darkest hair.



Game Title Slide: "Silent Sorting" and clear audio

Good job everyone! It was really challenging to do those things totally quietly. Being quiet can be very important, though. We'll find out how in a few minutes, but first I want to give you a chance to talk, by answering our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What's the quietest place you've ever been?

What's the quietest place you've ever been? The forest? A cave? A big empty building? Turn to someone next to you and talk about that!

Do This: Talk with a couple of the kids about their answers.

There are some really quiet places out there.

Media: Part 1

Next, we get to check in with Rue and The Source team, to see what they're doing this week.



The Source: Part 1 (5:00)

(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: What Did Jesus Do?

What do you think they should do? You'll get to talk about that in group time. Look for your group's flag and meet your group leader there. I'll see you again in a few minutes!

Group	Time
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15:00

15:00 Group Time Countdown

(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: What Did Jesus Do?

Do This: Make sure each kid finds their group. Help group leaders if there is a need. Encourage kids as they work to answer the question.

Know This: This is a time for kids to search for answers in the Bible and see how they can use the Bible to investigate and better understand life. This time is designed for kids to interact and deepen their understanding. They won't get all the answers but allow them to question and discover as much as possible. Be ready to support group leaders in any way needed.

Do This: Give the groups a warning about one minute before this time is up.

6:00

Media: Part 2

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. You've had the chance to think about what the Source team should do. We'll find out what happens to them in a minute, but first Rue has a story for us about a time when God's Son Jesus did something unexpected.

The Source: Part 2 (9:00)

(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: What Did Jesus Do?

Being quiet and alone with God can be so important.

Application

5:00

Here's something important to remember from today.

I can spend time with God.

You and I can spend time with God. When we think of spending time with God, we might only think of talking to him or trying to learn from the Bible. Those are fantastic, but sometimes, just being alone and quiet with God can be important, too. We're so busy some of the time that we forget to just be quiet and still.



Nascar Image

It's a little like a racecar. It was made to go super-fast! These cars can race at over 200 miles per hour, but they can't do that forever. Several times during a race, you might see cars pull over, and take a "pit stop." Why would they do that? Why would they stop moving in the middle of a race?

Do This: If you feel it fits your group, you could let a kid answer.

They stop because they need to refuel, sometimes they need to fix a problem, and just to check if anything is wrong with the car before they get back into the race. That's so much like what Jesus did.



Series Title Slide: What Did Jesus Do?

Jesus was doing so much, helping people, teaching, traveling all over, but he still took time to just stop and be with God, because he knew how important it was to just be silent.

Remember Trixie's story? She was so stressed, overwhelmed, and panicked, what she needed most was to slow down, and take a kind of "pit stop" to spend time with God.

Some days, being alone with God can mean just taking a few minutes to be quiet and think about God. Sometimes, people spend a lot more time alone with God, too. They do that, not to accomplish anything, not to win a prize, but because spending time with God one of the healthiest things we can do.

You may have never done this before, that's ok. Spending time with God might mean just being silent and still for a minute. If you want to do more, you could be silent for three minutes. It could be any time of day, and just about wherever you are, though if you're surrounded by people it might be more difficult. You don't have to say anything, or do anything, just focus on being quiet, and think about how amazing God is. You might find that this helps you get close to God in a new way.

Like Rue said, spending time with God can happen in a lot of other ways, too. You can make time each day to talk to God. You can watch for ways God is working all around you. You can learn about God and read what He says in the Bible. You can talk about God with others, and spend time praying for other people. You can even spend a few minutes just thinking about who God is, and the amazing things he has done.



Worship Slide

Worship

8:00

Another great way to get to know God better is to sing about him! Let's stand up and do that now, with this song "You Are My Hope."



Song #1: You Are My Hope

(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

Let's keep on singing and dancing with an amazing song about how God's love, the love he showed us through Jesus, sets us free!

Song #2: By Your Love

(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: What Did Jesus Do?

Singing with all of you is awesome. You can sit, but let's take a moment to talk to God.

God, thank you for always being with us. Help us to trust you, and remember to be still and quiet, and think about you for a moment this week. In Jesus' name, amen.

Challenge

Let's check in with Rue one more time, she has a challenge for us this week.

Challenge Video (1:00)

(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: What Did Jesus Do?

Taking the time to just be with God is so important. You can take the time to do that this week!

Wrap-Up

1:00

Do This: Show kids the "Spend Time with God" handout.

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1:00

This page can help you spend time with God in a few different ways this week. Give it a try! You might like one way more than the others, that's ok. God made each of us differently and loves to spend time with every one of you.

There's also one other thing for you to pick up as you go today.

Do This: Show kids the window cling for the week.

This can help you remember what we're learning this week and has some questions and activities for you to do at home. You can peel it off and stick it to a mirror or window! Try putting it somewhere you'll see it and try the ideas on here for some great ways to spend time with God this week.

I'm so glad you were here today, and I hope to see you all next week!



Start free time music videos

Elevate Slide