

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 7: Jesus gave his life for me

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (14:00)	0:00 - 15:00
Media Part 1 (6:00)	
Worship (4:00)	
Media Part 2 (10:00)	15:00 - 35:00
Application (5:00)	
Group Time (10:00)	
Decision Time (8:00)	
Challenge (Media) (1:00)	
Wrap-Up (1:00)	35:00 - 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 ready to get started, and 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 I get 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.

Team Time

14:00



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

What Did Jesus Do? Lesson 7 February 15/16 5 Sometimes, people ask the question "What Would Jesus Do?" You might have even seen people wearing things that have the letters on them: "WWJD." That stands for "What Would Jesus Do?" 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 we're wrapping up this week is called "What Did Jesus Do?" We're looking at things that Jesus, God's Son, actually did while he lived here on earth.

First up, we've got a game to play together called "Extreme Tic-Tac-Toe."

Game Title Slide: "Extreme Tic-Tac-Toe."

Do This: Show kids a taped tic-tac-toe board and the beanbags.

Your group is going to be split into two teams, and each team will be given a color of beanbag. There are only three beanbags per team. The first person in line will run up, place their beanbag, and run back. Then the second person will run up and place their beanbag. The first team to get three in a row wins that round! You can block the other team from getting three in a row. If your team runs out of beanbags, the next person to go gets to run, pick one of your team's beanbags up, and move it to an open space on the board.

Ready? Meet your group leaders by the flag with your grade on it to get started!

Know This: If this game is too difficult for younger kids, especially first grade, they may adapt it by giving the kids turns to place their beanbags, instead of having them race. **Know This**: If you have too many kids for this game to work with everyone playing, choose two groups of four kids each to participate in this as a stage game. You could make it more

two groups of four kids each to participate in this as a stage game. You could make it more competitive by having kids from one side of the room compete against kids from the other side and having them play three rounds.

Do This: Beforehand, make sure each group has a tic-tac-toe board marked by masking tape on the floor.



Fun Game Music!

Do This: Allow the groups to play for 8 minutes, or until they seem to be finishing.

You can all come back to the middle!

Game Title Slide: "Extreme Tic-Tac-Toe" and clear audio

That was fun to watch! Next, you've got a chance to sit back and answer our question of the day!



Question of the Day Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What was the most exciting thing you did this week?

What was the most exciting thing you did this week? Turn to someone next to you and talk about that!

It's great to hear about how all your weeks have been.

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? We'll find out in a few minutes, but first, let's take a moment to sing.



4:00

6:00

Singing is an important part of what we do here, because it reminds us of who God is, and how amazingly he made our world. God made so many beautiful things, like music, to remind us how awesome he is. Let's stand and sing this song together!



Song 1: Higher Than The Sky

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

It's awesome to sing with you. Let's check back in with Rue and the Source team to find out what happens in their story.

Media: Part 2	9:	00

The Source: Part 2 (9:00)

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What Jesus did for us is so important, everyone needs to know about it.

Application

5:00

Here's what I want you to know from today.

I can make Jesus the leader of my life.

Jesus is the greatest leader we can ever have. He is God's Son, and what He did, all that Rue talked about, was for you.

Do This: As you talk, indicate the table with the plate, candle, and vase.

I have an example to help us understand what Jesus did. You see, everyone in the world has done things they know are wrong. We've lied, hurt others, been unkind, and disobeyed. We sometimes call that sin. All those things separate us from others, but worse, they separate us from God. This water represents all of those things.

Do This: Pour water, dyed red, into the plate.

When we do something we know is wrong, we deserve a consequence, a punishment. The problem is, none of us can pay the punishment for all the wrong things that have been done. God loves us so much, though, that he came up with a plan. Jesus, God's Son, chose to take our entire punishment on the cross. He's like this candle.

Do This: Light the candle.

When Jesus gave his life for us, something amazing happened.

Do This: Place the vase upside-down over the candle.

Know This: The water will be pulled upward from the plate into the vase! Do not move it, as the water will mostly stay there if left alone. This will happen quickly, within a few seconds of you putting the vase over the candle. The candle will also go out as the water is brought into the vase.

Like this candle pulls all the water into the vase, Jesus took all our sin on himself, even though he had never done anything wrong. This candle had to go out to pull in all the water, and Jesus had to die to take all of our punishment. He loves you enough to give his life for you. Like Rue said, though, that's not the end of Jesus' story.

When Jesus came back to life, he proved that he was God's Son, that everything he had said was true, and that he had the power to forgive all of our sin. That's why I follow Jesus, because I know how much he loves me, and I trust him completely.

There are so many people who have stories about why they follow Jesus. Some of them are your group leaders! Right now, I want to give you a few minutes to talk with your groups about what it means to follow Jesus. Your leaders will give you the chance to decide to follow Him today, if you're ready. You can meet them by your group's flag, and I'll see you again in a few minutes.

Group Time

10:00



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Do This: Make sure each kid finds their group. Help group leaders if there is a need. Make sure each group has time to finish this section, as the group leaders will be praying the decision prayer with their kids. Once they are done, move on to the "Decision Time" part of this script.

Decision Time

8:00

Hey everyone! Come back to the middle but stay standing! If you just decided to follow Jesus for the first time, congratulations!

Congratulations!

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Do This: Show kids the "Following Jesus" book.

If you just decided to follow Jesus for the first time, you can go with _____, who will have this book, and would love to talk about any questions you have.

Do This: Allow the kids who made a decision to leave. Make sure they know clearly who to follow.

All of us still in here, let's sing to our great God together! This first song is all about the amazing love of God.

Song #2: Reckless Love

(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

Let's keep on singing and dancing with another song about God's love!

Song #3: 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 loving us. Jesus, thank you for giving your life so we can be forgiven. Help us to follow you. In Jesus' name, amen.

Challenge

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

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Challenge Video (1:00)

1:00



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

That's a great challenge. Wherever you are on your journey with God, you can take another step! Any of the leaders in here would love to help you figure out what that step is or talk about questions you might have.

Wrap-Up

1:00

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

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 talk with people about Jesus this week.

I'm so glad you were here today, and I hope to see you all next week as we start a brandnew series!



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