



## UPPER ELEMENTARY

### MONTHLY OVERVIEW

#### GOD VIEW:

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN COMMITMENT AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

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#### WEEK ONE

**BIBLE STORY**  
God's Word Is a Light  
Psalm 119:105

**BOTTOM LINE**  
Practice hearing from God.

#### WEEK TWO

**BIBLE STORY**  
The Lord's Prayer  
Matthew 6:9-13

**BOTTOM LINE**  
Practice praying to God.

#### WEEK THREE

**BIBLE STORY**  
Peter Says That Jesus Is the Messiah  
Matthew 16:13-20

**BOTTOM LINE**  
Practice talking about God.

#### WEEK FOUR

**BIBLE STORY**  
The Widow's Offering  
Mark 12:41-44

**BOTTOM LINE**  
Practice living for God.

#### MEMORY VERSE

"TRAINING THE BODY HAS SOME VALUE. BUT BEING GODLY HAS VALUE IN EVERY WAY. IT PROMISES HELP FOR THE LIFE YOU ARE NOW LIVING AND THE LIFE TO COME."

1 TIMOTHY 4:8, NIRV

# Training Camp — Plan, Practice, Grow Upper Elementary

## Week 4

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### Bible Truth

The Widow's Offering (Mark 12:41-44)

### Bottom Line

Practice Living for God.

### Small Group

Cheerful Givers

### NOTES:

- All **yellow highlighted text** are cues for visual and audio slides.
- The text in **red** indicates stage directions.

## Training Camp -Week 4 Teaching Outline:

Start at 15 after (if service is expected to be about an hour)

1. Intro: Welcome kids, get them excited.
2. Worship
3. Room Expectations
4. FATW: AKB and Rise
5. Intro: Training Camp -Plan, Practice, Grow
6. Bible Lesson Video
7. Application
  - Weekly Bottom Line: Practice living for God.
  - Memory Verse: "Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8
  - Prayer

Lesson Total: 30 minutes

8. Small Groups: 15 minutes

*End on the hour*



### **WELCOME 3 minutes**

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatiron Kids! I'm so excited to see you here today! We are going to worship God together. Today, let's use everything we have to praise God—our hands, our feet, our words, and our energy . . . but most of all, our hearts.

(Welcome kids).

### **WORSHIP 6-7 minutes**

(Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance. Play worship songs).

**Show Worship Song: Every Move I Make**

**Show Worship Song: One Way**

### **ROOM RULES**

**Show Graphic: Elementary Room Expectations**

We want to have all the fun here at Flatiron Kids Ministry! We have a few things that we like to commit to make sure everybody has a good time.

#### **Flatiron Kids Are:**

**Respectful:** We respect everyone and take care of the room and toys we have.

**Kind:** We treat each other kindly, just like we want to be treated; we go out of our way to be kind to others in the room.

**Focused:** We listen and follow the leaders in the room and teacher in each activity.

**Accountable:** None of us are perfect; we will all make mistakes, but we will try our best and choose to change our actions when needed.



### **Show Graphic: Friends Around the World - AKB and Rise**

We have friends here in the room, in our schools, and in our neighborhoods, but did you know that we have friends all over the world?

Here at Flatirons, we do this really cool thing called Friends Around the World. Every month, we learn more about our friends in different places so we can pray for them and give our money to help them with the things they need. Those are both ways to show we love them!

This month, we're learning about our friends at America's Kids Belong and Rise. We'll watch a video that tells how God is using America's Kids Belong and Rise to help kids right here in Colorado.

### **Show Video: Friends Around the World -AKB and Rise**

If you brought money this week, bring it up now and put it in our Friends Around the World container. (Collect offering).

### **Show Song: Friends Around the World- AKB and Rise**

#### **INTRO 1 minute**

### **Show Series Graphic: TRAINING CAMP- Plan, Practice, Grow**

We've been talking about a training plan that will help us grow stronger in our relationship with God. These are some habits we can put into practice that will help us be more confident in what we believe, and that will help us keep learning and discovering new things about God. Today, we'll talk about another important part of the plan that we can commit to. It's something that we can see in a story from the book of Mark. (Hold up Bible.) In everything He did, Jesus lived fully for God, and He taught others to do the same. In this story, Jesus noticed the way someone lived their life for God... and He wanted to make sure His disciples didn't miss it!

#### **BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes**

### **Show Video: Video\_WK4\_SoAndSo**



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
MAY 2024



## APPLICATION 3 minutes

### Show Graphic: WK4\_Bottom Line

We should **practice living for God**. If we're paying attention to the people and situations around us, we can find lots of ways to live our lives fully for God. We can live for God at home, at school, at practice, and anywhere else we go.

### Memory Verse:

#### Show Verse:

This month's Bible verse comes from the book of 1 Timothy 4:8, which is a letter the apostle Paul wrote to his young friend Timothy. Here it is:

Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come. 1 Timothy 4:8

## PRAYER

Let's pray together!

Dear God, the story of the widow's offering is pretty amazing. She didn't have much at all, but she trusted You with everything she had! Help us to trust You like that too. Please show us how we can follow You and share Your love in everything we do. Help us to live for You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

In Small Group, you'll get to talk about how we can be generous —not just with money, but with our time, kind words, and good attitudes. Jesus said that when we do things for others, it's like we're doing those things for Him. So let's think about it. What could you do for someone else this week that would also honor God?

(Dismiss kids to their small groups).

## SMALL GROUPS

(Have kids sit down in a circle, in small groups, with volunteer leaders).

### Show Timer: Small Group Countdown