



ELEMENTARY

AUGUST 2024

LOWER ELEMENTARY- AUGUST

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW:

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

Sometimes it's easy to know what the wise choice would be. Let's say you're choosing between having expired milk with your cereal or eating some fruit and a sandwich. You probably aren't reaching for the milk! What about choosing to stay up all night when you have a road trip the next day, or getting some sleep because you're driving first? Every decision you make starts out with a choice. As we "dive deep" into the Bible this month, we'll discover that God is always there to help us make wise choices. God has given us people who can help us make those wise choices too.

WEEK ONE

BIBLE STORY
Jesus Grows in Wisdom
Luke 2:41-52

BOTTOM LINE
Wisdom is worth searching for.

WEEK TWO

BIBLE STORY
Speck and Plank
Matthew 7:1-5

BOTTOM LINE
When you see yourself clearly, you can make the wise choice.

WEEK THREE

BIBLE STORY
Rehoboam Listens to Fools
2 Chronicles 10
(Supporting: Proverbs 13:20)

BOTTOM LINE
Hang out with wise people.

WEEK FOUR

BIBLE STORY
Renew Your Mind
Romans 12:2

BOTTOM LINE
Never stop growing in wisdom.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1

MONTHLY VIRTUE Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it



AUGUST WEEK TWO

Lower Elementary Large Group

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Week 2

God View

In week 2, we head to Matthew 7:1-5, which is part of one of Jesus' most famous recorded messages, the Sermon on the Mount. Throughout this sermon, Jesus touched on many important lessons. One of these truths was that we shouldn't judge other people. When we judge others without first looking at ourselves, we miss out on the work God is doing in us to shape us and help us grow.

When you see yourself clearly, you can make the wise choice. It's easy to see something that others have done to wrong you. But when we wrong someone else? That's not always easy to see. It's important that we take the time to examine ourselves so we can love others the way God wants us to . . . and so we can continue growing in wisdom.

Memory Verse

Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!"
Philippians 4:4, NIV

Bible Truth

Speck and Plank Matthew 7:1-5

Bottom Line

When you see yourself clearly, you can make the wise choice.

NOTES:

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

Made for More -Week 2 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. *Trading card: Fearless*
5. *FATW: One Child*
6. *Intro: Made for More*
7. *Bible Lesson Video: **Speck and Plank***
8. *Application*
 - *Weekly Bottom Line: **When you see yourself clearly, you can make a wise choice..***
 - *Memory Verse:-“See what great love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God!” 1 John 3:1*
 - *Prayer*
 - *Announcements*

Lesson Total: 30 minutes

9. *Small Groups: 15 minutes*

End on the hour.



AUGUST WEEK TWO

Lower Elementary Large Group

WELCOME 3 minutes (Welcome kids)

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatirons Kids! It's a great day for us to sing and give praises to God. God is a good, good father and invites us to be a part of His family. He offers us perfect love and wants good for us. Our worship songs this month will remind us of that truth! Let's all stand up on our feet as we sing together!

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

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

Show Worship Song: I Am Free

Show Worship Song: Reckless Love

Announcements

Share campus-specific announcements -see your Kids Director for details.

ROOM EXPECTATIONS

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 the 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 – One Child

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 share our money to help them with the things they need. Those are both ways to show we love them! God wants the very best for all kids and kids everywhere need hope.

This month, we are helping our friends at One Child in Honduras. Because our church will sponsor 800 additional kids in Choluteca, 2 new Hope Centers are opening, and even more kids will have a chance to learn about hope in Jesus! YOUR offering will help to buy supplies (desk, pencils, crayons, etc.) for these Hope Centers – making them fun places to learn and grow!

Show Video: Friends Around the World – One Child

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 – One Child

Show Series Graphic: Made for More

WEEKLY COLLECTION CARDS

Your families are learning about their place in God’s family all month long in the auditorium. We will also be learning about that here in our rooms. We all have things we spend time doing—going to school, sports, or just hanging out. But God made us for more than that. When we follow him, he teaches us to become more and more like Jesus every day.

WK 2: Fearless— I am not afraid. God’s love casts out fear.

To help us remember the things we learn each week, we have these awesome trading cards for you to collect! They will remind us of who God made us to be. But here’s the deal. **You can only collect them if you are here at church.** So we want you to be here every week so that you can collect all 5!

INTRO 1 minute

Hi, everybody! (Hold up Bible.) The book of Matthew is one of the four books that are called the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. If you want to find out more about Jesus for yourself, these books are a great place to start! They show us how Jesus lived, and the things He did and said. Matthew, the man who wrote the book of Matthew, was a tax collector until his life was completely turned around by his friendship with Jesus.

When Jesus was about 30 years old, He began to travel from town to town, teaching and healing people. Everywhere Jesus went, big crowds gathered, because people wanted to be close to Jesus and hear what He had to say. Jesus healed people who were sick, but He also cared about people's hearts and minds. In everything Jesus did, He showed people what it looks like to love God and love others.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK2_StoryLab

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK2_Bottom Line

When we focus on the mistakes other people make, it's easy to judge them and find things that we think should be better. But it takes effort and practice to look at ourselves first.

[Bottom Line] “When you see yourself clearly, you can make the wise choice. You can always talk to God and ask God to give you that kind of wisdom. God loves you so much! God made you and wants to help you with whatever you struggle with. When you put your faith in Jesus, you have God's Holy Spirit living inside you. And God's Spirit can help you grow to be more and more like Jesus.

Memory Verse:

Show Verse: 1 John 3:1

This week, let's ask God to help us treat others with kindness instead of judging them. You can also ask a parent or other adult who knows you really well to help you see what's going on more clearly. And if something about someone else is really bugging you, stop and ask God to show you what's going on inside of you.

God is there to give us the answers we need because He is a good father, and He loves us.

Check out our Memory Verse, 1 John 3:1. Your family is also learning this verse in the auditorium all month long. This month, we will learn some motions too to help us remember the verse. Stand up and do what I do.

See (*make hands into circles and look through like binoculars*)

What great love the Father (*circle arms wide and give yourself a hug*)

Has lavished on us (*wiggle fingers high and bring low*)

That we should be called (*point to chest with thumbs*)

Children (*pretend to rock a baby in your arm*)

Of God (*point up with both index fingers*)

1 John 3:1 (*open hands like a book.*)

PRAYER

Great job. Let's pray and ask God to give us wisdom.

Dear God, thank You for this reminder that we need to see ourselves clearly so we can **make the wise choice**. It can be easy for us to judge other people and see the things we think THEY need to change. But it's not so easy for us to do that for ourselves. Please help us to see ourselves clearly and act with wisdom in our relationships with other people. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Let's heads to Small Group where we can learn more!

SMALL GROUPS

(Dismiss kids to their small groups).

Show Graphic: Small Groups