



LOWER ELEMENTARY- AUGUST

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW:

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

Think back to a time when someone made time for you. Maybe that looked like caring for you when you were sick, or teaching you how to tie your shoe, making food for you, or teaching you how to read or learn a new skill. No matter what it is, when people make time for us, it can bring us joy. It's like a light shining on a dark day. Caring for one another isn't always the easy thing to do, but it certainly is what Jesus asks of us. When Jesus gave the command in Matthew 5 to let our light shine, it wasn't just to bring joy into each other's lives, but also to bring glory to God. We are reflections of Who God is, and as we "Live Bright" this month, we'll discover exactly how we can shine God's light.

WEEK ONE

BIBLE STORY

You Are the Light of the World
Matthew 5:14-16

BOTTOM LINE

You can shine God's light.

WEEK TWO

BIBLE STORY

Jesus Feeds 5,000
John 6:1-13

BOTTOM LINE

Use what you have to help others.

WEEK THREE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus Heals Bartimaeus
Mark 10:46-52

BOTTOM LINE

Make time to help others.

WEEK FOUR

BIBLE STORY

Sharing God's Comfort
2 Corinthians 1:3-4

BOTTOM LINE

Comfort others the way God comforts you.

WEEK FIVE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus Is the Light of the World
John 8:12

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is the light of the world.

MEMORY VERSE

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE SO OTHERS CAN SEE IT. THEN THEY WILL SEE THE GOOD THINGS YOU DO. AND THEY WILL BRING GLORY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN." MATTHEW 5:16, NIRV

COMPASSION

CARING ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE'S NEEDS



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WEEK 2

In week 2, we read about a massive miracle found in John 6:1-13. Jesus had just crossed over the Sea of Galilee with His disciples when a massive crowd arrived. Jesus knew that the people would be hungry . . . and instead of sending them on their way, He had compassion on them and fed them. With a little boy's small meal of only five loaves and two fish, Jesus turned a small amount of food into a huge blessing.

Use what you have to help others. Some light is better than no light. Whether it's a flashlight lighting up what's in front of you or a spotlight illuminating the whole stage, each light impacts those who need it. God has given each of us something we can offer to help someone else—whether we have a lot or only a little. Any amount of light can make a difference in someone's life.

Memory Verse

“Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

Bible Truth

Jesus feeds 5,000.

John 6:1-13

Bottom Line

Use what you have to help others.

NOTES:

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

Live Bright -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. FATW: **Life In Abundance (LIA)**
5. Intro: Live Bright
6. Bible Lesson Video: **Jesus feeds 5000**
7. Application
 - Weekly Bottom Line: **Use what you have to help others**
 - Memory Verse: **“Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16**
 - Prayer
 - Announcements
8. Lesson Total: 30 minutes
 - a. Small Groups: 15 minutes

End on the hour



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WEEK 2

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: Reckless Love

Show Worship Song: Church Clap

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.

FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD

Show Graphic: Friends Around the World – LIA

Here in Kids Ministry, we do this really cool thing called Friends Around the World. Every month we help one of our friends with a special project in their community. This month we're partnering with our friends at Life in Abundance, or LIA. Does anyone know where our friends at Life In Abundance live? (South Sudan) That's right, South Sudan! That's a country in Africa.

In October, we'll have the chance to pack ONE MILLION MEALS to send to our friends with LIA! You get to be a part of this project! At the end of October, our entire church will come together to pack food that'll be sent to South Sudan, our friends in communities that don't have much access to food. Our friends in South Sudan will have a chance to receive healthy meals that will help them to learn and grow. Your money this month will help our friends prepare and ship food to them. Let's check out this video!

Show Video: Friends Around the World LIA

If you brought in money this week, bring it up now and put it in our offering container.

Show Song: Friends Around the World LIA

Thank you so much for taking care of our friends! Life in Abundance asked us to pray for South Sudan. Praying is a great way to show others we love them. I challenge you this week to take time to pray with our families for South Sudan.

Show Series Graphic: Live Bright

INTRO 1 minute

Hi, everyone! I'm glad to be here with you as we talk about how we should treat others as followers of Jesus. **(Hold up Bible.)** We can see in the Bible how Jesus treated people with love and compassion, and the story I have for you today is a great example of that. We can find this story in the book of John, which is one of the books known as the Gospels that tell the story of Jesus' life. John, who wrote this book, was one of Jesus' closest friends. He wrote about several important miracles that show us that Jesus is the Son of God. John wanted everyone to hear about what Jesus did and said so that they might put their faith in Jesus too.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK2_StoryLab

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK2_Bottom Line

I love this story! You know, it would have been really easy for the boy to think that his little bit of food wouldn't be enough to share. The boy didn't have much . . . but he chose to give what he did have to Jesus. And Jesus used that one small gift to do a miracle that fed thousands of hungry people! This is what we need to remember to **[Bottom line] Use what you have to help others.**

Compassion is caring enough to do something about someone else's needs. Jesus showed compassion to the crowd. He knew they had come to see Him, and He knew they were hungry. He performed an amazing miracle and fed ALL of them—just like that. You might think that you don't have much to give. But when you choose to trust Jesus and offer what you have, you never know how God might use it to meet the needs of others. That's a great way that we can shine our light and show compassion.

Memory Verse:

Show Verse: Matthew 5:16

Our Memory Verse for this month is Matthew 5:16. Let's learn it together:

Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16, NIV)

We can show compassion by looking for what other people need . . . and being willing to share what we have. Then we can do what Jesus taught us to do and treat others the way

we want to be treated. It feels good when someone sees what WE need and does something to help—even if it's as simple as a hug or a smile to brighten our day or when someone spends time with us and makes us feel special. We can shine our light by using what we have to help the people around us. Let's pray and ask God to help us do that.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for loving us so much. Thank You for this story of how Jesus showed compassion to a whole crowd of people. Help us to give what we have, like the boy in the story. Give us wisdom to see how we can share what You've given us and show compassion to everyone around us. 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