



ELEMENTARY

AUGUST 2024

UPPER 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 ONE

Upper Elementary Large Group

Made for More Upper Elementary

Week 1

We start the month in Luke 2:41-52. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus had just traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast and were headed home. Except . . . Jesus was no longer with them. Instead, He was at the temple, listening and asking questions. Jesus knew how important it was to gain wisdom. When we ask God for wisdom, we will find it too.

Wisdom is worth searching for. Think back to when you were a kid, playing pretend as you went off in search of hidden treasures. Remember the joy and excitement you got as you dug deeper and deeper into the clues—and maybe even the earth? Searching for wisdom, in a way, is like finding that hidden treasure. When we find God’s wisdom, its riches are infinitely more valuable.

Memory Verse

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

Jesus Grows in Wisdom Luke 2:41-52

Bottom Line

Wisdom is worth searching for.

NOTES:

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

Made For More -Week 1 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 Cards: INDENTITY
5. FATW: One Child
6. Intro: Made for More
7. Bible Lesson Video: **Jesus grows in wisdom**
8. Application
 - Weekly Bottom Line: **Wisdom is worth searching for**
 - 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 ONE

Upper 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 1: Identity – I am His child. God is the Father.

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

Our story today is from the book of Luke in the Bible. **(Hold up Bible.)** This book was written by a man named Luke who wanted to share the amazing things Jesus did and said.

If we look back to the very beginning of the Bible, we see how God made the world and everything in it—including people. But people turned away from God and tried to do things their own way. Still, God had a good plan to bring people back into relationship.

When the time was right, God sent Jesus to be our Rescuer. Let's check out this week's Bible story.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 -12 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK1_SoAndSo

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK1_Bottom Line

Jesus is God's Son, but still, He grew and learned! Jesus knew that **[Bottom Line] wisdom is worth searching for.** It was really important to Jesus to grow in wisdom. And we are God's children too, so that's definitely something we should do too. Wisdom is about more than just being smart or knowing lots of things. Wisdom is about finding out what you should do and doing it. We can talk to wise people—people who love God and who show God's love to others. We can also learn from the times we make mistakes. We can ask God to help us make a different choice the next time.”

Remember, we can ALWAYS pray and ask God to give us wisdom. All wisdom comes from God to begin with!

Memory Verse

Show Verse: 1 John 3:1

There is so much to explore when it comes to the world God has made and the way God wants us to live. It can feel overwhelming sometimes when we don't know what to do, but 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.

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

PRAYER

Let's pray together!

Dear God, thank you for being a good father. We know that all wisdom comes from You. We want to live with Your wisdom each day. Help us to search for wisdom by spending time with wise people, and by praying and talking to You. Help us to grow in wisdom like Jesus did. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Get ready to head to Small Group and review today's Bible story!

(Dismiss kids to their small groups).

SMALL GROUPS

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

Show Graphic: Small Group