



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 THREE

Upper Elementary Large Group

Made for More Upper Elementary

Week 3

God View

For week 3, we head to 2 Chronicles 10. King Solomon's son, Rehoboam, was now king, and the people came to ask him to lighten their workload. However, when presented with the opportunity to gain the people's trust, King Rehoboam sought out wise counsel . . . and unwise counsel. Unfortunately, Rehoboam chose to listen to his unwise friends, which led to catastrophic consequences for him and for God's people.

Hang out with wise people. There's a famous saying: "Show me your friends and I'll show you your future." The people we allow into our lives have the power to influence us, both positively and negatively. That doesn't mean we should cast people off and ignore them, but it does mean that we need to be aware of who we let speak into our lives and our situation. If we spend time with wise people, then we know it'll be worth it in the end.

Memory Verse

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God!"

Bible Truth

Rehoboam listens to fools
2 Chronicles 10

Bottom Line

Hang out with wise people.

NOTES:

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

Made for More-Week 3 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: Belonging
5. FATW: One Child
6. Intro: Made for More
7. Bible Lesson Video: **Rehoboam listens to fools**
8. Application
 - Weekly Bottom Line: **Hang out with wise people.**
 - 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 THREE

Upper Elementary Large Group

WELCOME 3 minutes

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 are also 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 3: Belonging— I am family. God invites everyone.

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

I've got a story to share with you from the Bible (hold up Bible) about someone who DIDN'T make the wise choice. This story shows us something important about wisdom that we can put into practice today.

Today our story comes from 2 Chronicles, which is a part of the Old Testament that tells the history of God's people. Early on in the Bible, we see how God planned to bless the world through the family of a man named Abraham. Over time, Abraham's family became known as the Israelites. During this part of the Israelites' history, the people asked God to give them a king who would lead them. The first king, Saul, didn't follow God. But King David ruled wisely over God's people. David's son, Solomon, later became king.

When Solomon was a young man, he asked God for wisdom so that he could lead the people well. Sure enough, God made Solomon one of the wisest people who ever lived! In fact, many of Solomon's wise sayings are collected in the book of Proverbs. (Hold up Bible.) Unfortunately, Solomon turned away from God later in his life . . . and he didn't pass on his wisdom to his son Rehoboam, who became the next king over God's people.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK3_SoAndSo

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK3_Bottom Line

God has put wise people in our lives who can give us good advice and help us make wise choices. **[Bottom Line] "Hang out with wise people.** They can help us become more like Jesus in everything we do.

King Rehoboam chose to listen to the foolish words of his friends rather than the wise words of the elders. And that led to disaster! The Israelites ended up splitting into two groups: Israel and Judah. And the people continued to stray farther and farther from God.

But I'm glad that we can learn from our mistakes—or in this case, Rehoboam's mistake. It's really important that we spend time with people who follow God and make wise choices . . . because that will help us grow in wisdom.

(Share a brief, kid-appropriate example of someone you know who follows God and helps you make wise choices.)

Memory Verse:

Show Verse: 1 John 3:1

If you're in a situation where you're stuck and not sure what to do, you can talk to your parents or other wise adults and ask for help. It's also important to think about the friends and classmates who you spend most of your time with. Are they people who make wise choices and who follow God? It's important to be friendly and kind to everyone, but you want to spend the MOST time with people who you know will lead you toward wise choices.

God is a good father, and we are his children. He wants the very best for us and give us wise people because he loves us He loves us.

Let's read 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 in us that we should be called children of God." 1 John 3:1

PRAYER

Let's pray and ask God to help us learn wisdom from the people around us.

Dear God, thank You for reminding us through this story that we need to spend time with wise people. Help us to learn from the mistakes King Rehoboam made. Give us the wisdom to listen to good advice from the people around us. Please guide us toward people who love You, follow You, and who can lead us toward Your wisdom. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Let's head to our small groups to keep learning!

(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