



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 FOUR

Upper Elementary Large Group

Made for More Upper Elementary

Week 4

God View

We wrap up the month in Romans 12:2. Paul was writing a letter to the Romans in which he encouraged them to “let [their] way of thinking be completely changed.” Paul wanted to remind the believers that God could continually change the way they thought, which would allow them to focus on God’s plan. When we spend time talking to God, learning from Scripture, and listening to others who follow God, we’ll be able to figure out what God wants to do in our lives.

Never stop growing in wisdom. Wisdom isn’t something that we find one time and then we’re done. It’s a continuous learning process that we’ll encounter for the rest of our lives. As we gain knowledge, we should want to gain God’s wisdom too. It’s not enough just to know something. We have to do something with what we know in order for it to make a difference.

Memory Verse

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

Bible Truth

Renew your mind.
Romans 12:2

Bottom Line

Never stop growing in wisdom.

NOTES:

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

Made for More -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: OneChild
5. Trading Cards: Freedom
6. Intro: Made for More
7. Bible Lesson Video: **Renew your mind.**
8. Application
 - Weekly Bottom Line: **Never stop growing in wisdom.**
 - 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 FOUR

Upper Elementary Large Group

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: 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 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 4: Freedom— I am free. Christ died for me.

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

Show Series Graphic: Made for More

(Hold up Bible.) Today we're looking in the book of Romans to find an important way that we can grow in wisdom.

The book of Romans was originally a letter written by the apostle Paul to the believers in Rome. The interesting thing is that Paul wasn't always a Jesus-follower. In fact, at first Paul tried to STOP people from putting their faith in Jesus. But one day, Paul saw a blinding light and heard the voice of Jesus—and everything changed!

Paul began to follow Jesus, and he started new churches in lots of different places. Paul wrote letters to these churches and other believers to help them understand who Jesus is and how He wants us to live. Let's check out this week's Bible lesson.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK4_SoAndSo

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK4_Bottom Line

Paul wanted the people in Rome to understand that we need to keep our focus on God in order to find wisdom. It's not something that happens just one time. It's a part of our lives as followers of Jesus to **[Bottom Line] Never stop growing in wisdom.**

We need to keep praying and asking God for wisdom. We need to read the Bible and notice the things that matter most to God. We need to spend time with wise friends who God has put in our lives. Then we won't get distracted by things that might SEEM important . . . but really AREN'T important at all. What matters most is our relationship with God and learning how to show God's love in the way we live each day.

Memory Verse:

Show Verse: 1 John 3:1

When we put our faith in Jesus, we become part of God's family and He sends the Holy Spirit to live inside us. God's Spirit can help us and guide us as we follow Jesus with the way we live each day. There are things we can do to make sure we're focusing on God and continuing to change our way of thinking. We can make sure we're putting good things into our hearts and minds—by memorizing Bible verses, talking to God in prayer, and choosing to watch and listen to things that remind us about God.

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 together! Dear God, thank You for this wise idea that we find in Paul's letter to the believers in Rome. Thank You for changing our minds and showing us what to do when we put our focus on You. Please give us the courage to follow You each day. Help us to grow in wisdom as we trust You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Let's head to Small Group to talk some more about how we can keep growing in wisdom. (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