



## UPPER 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**



## Upper Elementary- Large Group

SEPTEMBER 2024

WEEK 1

We start the month in Matthew 5:14-16 with the Sermon on the Mount. In this passage, Jesus announced to the crowd, “You are the light of the world.” Each of us can shine God’s light to the world around us. When we shine our light by living God’s way, we bring glory to God and show people what God is like. **You can shine God’s light.** God didn’t give us light so that it could be hidden. God gave us light so that we could shine brightly . . . and so that the world could see Who God is. When we look around and identify those who could use some light in their lives—and then do something about it—we reflect God’s light.

### 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

You are the light of the world.

Matthew 5:14-16

### Bottom Line

You can shine God’s light.

### NOTES:

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

## Live Bright -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: **PRESENCE**
5. FATW: **Life In Abundance (LIA)**
6. Intro: Live Bright
7. Bible Lesson Video: **You are the light of the world**
8. Application
  - Weekly Bottom Line: **You can shine God's light**
  - 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

Lesson Total: 30 minutes

9. Small Groups: 15 minutes

*End on the hour*



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SEPTEMBER 2024

WEEK 1

**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 your families for South Sudan.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION CARDS**

For the last month, in the auditorium, your families have been learning about their place in God's family. We have also been learning about that here in our rooms. To help us remember what we've learned each week, we have these awesome trading cards for you to

collect! Today you take home the last one **WK 5: Presence**. It reminds us that we are God's children and He is always with us.

### Show Series Graphic: Live Bright

#### 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

*When you choose to share what God has given you and love like Jesus, you shine His light everywhere you go. **[Bottom line]You can shine God's light.***

*Compassion means caring enough to do something about someone else's needs. We can find out how to do that by looking at the way Jesus lived. Jesus showed us what it looks like to love others and treat others the way we want to be treated. He's the light of the world, and He showed us how to share His light by showing compassion to the people around us.*

#### Memory Verse

### Show Verse: Matthew 5:16

We can show people that we care about them by noticing what they need and then doing something to help. 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)*

This week, as you spend time at school, in your neighborhood, or at home, take time to notice the people around you. See if there’s someone you know who’s feeling left out or sad. Think about what you could do to show them love, just like Jesus did. That’s how you shine Jesus’ light. Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that

## **PRAYER**

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for the way Jesus showed love and compassion, and for the example He gave us of how we should treat other people. Please help us to shine Your light to the people around us every single day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

## **SMALL GROUPS**

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

*(Dismiss kids to their small groups).*

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

**Show Graphic: Small Group**