



## 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 3

We head to Mark 10:46-52. Jesus was headed out of the city with His disciples and a crowd in tow. Even though there were several people surrounding Jesus, one voice stood out above the others. A man named Bartimaeus, who was blind, sat on the side of the road begging for help. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was passing by, he shouted to ask Jesus for mercy. The crowd tried to shush Bartimaeus, but Jesus brought him forward and made time for him, changing his life forever.

**Make time to help others.** Think back to a moment when someone helped you learn a new skill or helped you with a school project. How did you feel in that moment? When we make time to help others, we reflect Who Jesus is to them. Not only can we make a lasting impact in their life, but the act of showing compassion changes us too.

### 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 Heals Bartimaeus

Mark 10:46-52

### Bottom Line

Make time 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 3 Teaching Outline:

*Start at 15 after (if service is expected to be about an hour)*

9. Intro: Welcome kids, get them excited.
10. Worship
11. Room Expectations
12. FATW: **Life In Abundance (LIA)**
13. Intro: Live Bright
14. Bible Lesson Video: **Jesus heals Bartimaeus**
15. Application
  - Weekly Bottom Line: **Make time 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
16. Lesson Total: 30 minutes
  - Small Groups: 15 minutes



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### 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: 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! Our story today comes from the book of Mark in the Bible. (Hold up Bible.) It was written by a man named Mark who collected and wrote down stories from the life of Jesus. He wanted to make sure people would always be able to find them and read them . . . like we're doing today! "As we read about Jesus, we see that everywhere He went, big crowds gathered. And no matter how tired He was, Jesus always had time to show kindness and compassion.

## BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

**Show Video: Video\_WK3\_SoAndSo**

## APPLICATION 3 minutes

**Show Graphic: WK3\_Bottom Line**

Jesus teaches us to **[bottom line] make time to help others**. Jesus showed amazing love and compassion to Bartimaeus that day. If you think about it, Jesus was surrounded by crowds of people, and He had places He needed to go. Some people probably thought He was too busy or too important to listen to someone like Bartimaeus who needed His help. But what did Jesus do? He stopped. He took time to help.

We can follow Jesus' example and show compassion to the people around us. We can take the time to help others. We can see what people need, and then do something about it! That's what compassion is all about.

## Memory Verse:

**Show Verse: Matthew 5:16**

Let's say our Bible verse 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

I bet all of you can think of some ways that you can make time to help others. You'll get to talk about that with your friends in Small Group. But before we head that way, let's pray and ask God to help us.

## **PRAYER**

“Dear God, thank You for loving us the way You do. Thank You for the way Jesus helped Bartimaeus and showed us what it looks like to show compassion. Even when life gets busy, please help us to look out for the people around us. Show us how to see what they need, and give us Your wisdom so we can know how to help. 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**