



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 4

For week 4, we head to 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. Paul was writing a letter to the church in Corinth in which he shared about the troubles he and Timothy had faced. Yet in the midst of all their difficulties, Paul and Timothy were still able to praise God because of the comfort God offered them. In this passage, Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to offer comfort to others who were in trouble because of the comfort they had experienced from God.

Comfort others the way God comforts you. What brings you the most comfort? Maybe it's a blanket, ice cream, or giving your pet a big squeeze. Maybe it's talking with a friend or binge-watching your favorite show. As good as those choices may be, the best comfort of all comes from God. And because of God's comfort towards us, we can be a comfort to others 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

Sharing God's Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Bottom Line

Comfort others the way God comforts you.

NOTES:

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

Live Bright -Week 4 Teaching Outline:

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

17. Intro: Welcome kids, get them excited.

18. Worship

19. Room Expectations

20. FATW: **Life In Abundance (LIA)**

21. Intro: Live Bright

22. Bible Lesson Video: **Sharing God's Comfort**

23. Application

-Weekly Bottom Line: **Comfort others the way God comforts you.**

-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

24. Lesson Total: 30 minutes

Small Groups: 15 minutes



Upper Elementary- Large Group

SEPTEMBER 2024

WEEK 4

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.)

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 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.

INTRO 1 minute

Show Series Graphic: Live Bright

Hi, friends! Today we're looking at a really important idea about how we should treat others from the book of 2 Corinthians. (Hold up Bible.) Second Corinthians is one of the letters in

the New Testament. The leaders of the early church wanted to teach Jesus followers what was true, and they often wrote letters to do that. Second Corinthians is a letter that the apostle Paul wrote to the believers in the church at Corinth. Paul had spent more than a year there, telling people about Jesus. Later, Paul learned that some people in Corinth were speaking against him. In his letter, Paul wrote to encourage the people there to get along . . . and to stay strong through hard times.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK4_SoAndSo

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK4_Bottom Line

It's pretty amazing to think that we can share God's comfort with others. That's a way that we can shine our light and show compassion to the people around us. All of us face tough things. But you can remember that God is there to comfort us and then you can **[bottom line] comfort others the way God comforts you.**

Every person you'll ever meet is someone who needs compassion. Everyone needs to know that someone cares about them. I like how Paul said that ALL comfort comes from God. God is with us when we're hurting. God gives us comfort and compassion. Jesus showed us the very best example of what it looks like to comfort others by the way you treat them. It could be as simple as telling someone that you know they've been having a hard time . . . and that you want them to know they're not alone. You can let them know that God loves them, and you do too. You can let them know you're here for them. That's a great way to show compassion and treat others the way you want to be treated.

Memory Verse:

Show Verse: Matthew 5:16

Let's practice our memory 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

Remember, compassion means caring enough to do something about someone else's needs. Let's pray and ask God to help us comfort the people around us.