



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 5

We wrap up the month in John 8:12, where Jesus said to the people, “I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life.” Because of Jesus, we never have to go through life alone. Jesus brings light to guide us and help us grow. And, of course, the light of Jesus meets our greatest need. When we turn away from our sins and choose to follow Jesus, it’s as if He shines a bright light into our hearts and our lives.

Jesus is the light of the world. Sometimes it’s hard to see past our current circumstances. When darkness surrounds us, how do we move forward? We take time to remember that Jesus came to be the light of the world. Jesus’ light shines so bright that darkness cannot overcome it. When Jesus died on the cross, He showed the ultimate example of compassion towards us.

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 is the Light of the world.

John 8:12

Bottom Line

Jesus is the Light of the world.

NOTES:

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

Live Bright -Week 5 Teaching Outline:

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

25. Intro: Welcome kids, get them excited.

26. Worship

27. Room Expectations

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

29. Intro: Live Bright

30. Bible Lesson Video: **Jesus is the Light of the world**

31. Application

-Weekly 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 in heaven.” Matthew 5:16**

-Prayer

-Announcements

32. Lesson Total: 30 minutes

Small Groups: 15 minutes



Upper Elementary- Large Group

SEPTEMBER 2024

WEEK 5

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: Reckless Love race

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.

Show Series Graphic: Live Bright

INTRO 1 minute

Show Series Graphic: Live Bright

Hi, everybody! I'm glad to be here with you as we talk about what it means to shine Jesus' light to the world around us. Today we're looking at something Jesus said about that, which we can find here in the book of John. (Hold up Bible.) John is one of the first four books of

the New Testament that are known as the Gospels. These books tell us about the life of Jesus, and what Jesus did and said.

John—the man who wrote the book we’re going to look at today—was one of Jesus’ closest friends. He wrote down what he saw and heard to help everyone understand that Jesus really is the Son of God. John shared about several miracles Jesus performed, and he also wrote down some things that Jesus said about Himself.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK4_SoAndSo

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK4_Bottom Line

When we shine our light and share Jesus’ love, we can help them see that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is the light of the world.** We’ve all done wrong things that hurt others and break our relationship with God. And we can’t fix that. But here’s the good news: Jesus DID fix it! God saw our need and sent Jesus to be our light in the darkness. When we choose to follow Jesus, we have a relationship with God that will last forever.

The truth is, we need the light and love of Jesus over and over and over. We need His wisdom when we’re in tough situations. And we need His help to grow in compassion toward others.

Memory Verse:

Show Verse: Matthew 5:16

Let’s practice our Bible verse one last time. “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 do that.

PRAYER

God, You know how much we all need Jesus. We need the light of Jesus to show us how to live, and how to share Your love. Thank You for sending Jesus to make a way for us to have a relationship with You. Please show us how we can live each day by shining His light to the world around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Let's head to Small Group!

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

Show Graphic: Small Group