



**ELEMENTARY**

OCTOBER 2024

## LOWER ELEMENTARY- OCTOBER

### MONTHLY OVERVIEW

#### GOD VIEW:

**THE CONNECTION BETWEEN SELF-CONTROL AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY**

There are a lot of choices that we need to make in life. Some of those choices can help us grow and shape us positively. Others can pull us in different directions, leaving us struggling to figure out which choice is best. What do we do when we're confronted with all of these choices? Do we rush ahead? Or do we pause and let God lead us toward the best way to act? Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit. It's one of the ways we can tell that God is transforming our lives and that we're growing in our faith. Thankfully, we don't have to find self-control on our own. When we follow Jesus, God's Spirit is with us and helps us make the wise choice.

#### WEEK **ONE**

##### BIBLE STORY

Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness  
Luke 4:1-13  
(Supporting: Matthew 4:1-11)

##### BOTTOM LINE

Be ready to do the right thing.

#### WEEK **TWO**

##### BIBLE STORY

Choose Your Words Carefully  
Proverbs 12:18

##### BOTTOM LINE

Think before you speak.

#### WEEK **THREE**

##### BIBLE STORY

David Spares Saul's Life  
1 Samuel 24

##### BOTTOM LINE

Think before you act.

#### WEEK **FOUR**

##### BIBLE STORY

Too Much of a Good Thing  
Proverbs 25:16

##### BOTTOM LINE

Know when to stop.

**MEMORY VERSE**

**GOD'S POWER HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED TO LEAD A GODLY LIFE.  
2 PETER 1:3A, NIRV**

**SELF-CONTROL**

**CHOOSING TO DO WHAT'S BEST EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T WANT TO**



## Lower Elementary- Large Group

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WEEK 1

We start the month in Luke 4:1-13. We see how Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and tempted by the devil for 40 days. Jesus was able to face these temptations because He was prepared and understood God's Word. In this passage, we can see from Jesus' actions how important it is to be prepared. Then, with God's help, we'll be able to face whatever situations come our way.

**Be ready to do the right thing.** There may be moments in our lives when we're faced with many different choices—both good and bad. Some choices may be obvious, while other times we're left struggling to figure out the best choice to make. The right thing may not always be the easy thing to do. But we can practice doing the right thing by being ready and asking God to help us make the wise choice.

### Memory Verse

"God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life."

2 Peter 1:3a (NIV)

### Bible Truth

Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness

Luke 4:1-13; Matthew 4:1-11

### Bottom Line

Be ready to do the right thing

### NOTES:

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

## Game Show- Week 1 Teaching Outline:

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

1. Intro: Welcome kids, get them excited
2. Worship
3. Room Expectations
4. FATW: **Life in Abundance (LIA)**
5. Intro: Game Show
6. Bible Lesson Video: **Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness**
7. Application
  - a. Weekly Bottom Line: **Be ready to do the right thing**
  - b. Memory Verse: **“God’s power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life.” 2 Peter 1:3a (NirV)**
  - c. Prayer
  - d. Announcements
8. Small Groups

*Lesson Total: 30 minutes*

*Small Groups: 15 minutes*

*End on the hour*



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### WELCOME 3 minutes

(Welcome kids)

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatirons Kids! It's a great day for us to sing and give praise to God! Let's all stand up on our feet as we worship together!

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### WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

(Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance. Play worship songs)

**Show Worship Song: Every Move I Make**

**Show Worship Song: Good Grace**

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### ROOM EXPECTATIONS

**Show Graphic: Elementary Room Expectations**

We want to have fun here in Flatirons 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.

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## FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD

### Show Graphic: Friends Around the World – LIA

Here in Flatirons 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? That's right, **South Sudan!** That's a country in Africa.

### Show Graphic: LIA—Meal Pack Save the Date

This month, we'll have the chance to pack ONE MILLION MEALS to send to our friends at 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 will be sent to our friends in communities in South Sudan 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, go ahead and bring it up now to 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.

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## GAME TIME

### Show Series Theme Graphic: Game Show

Okay, everybody! We're having some game show fun this month as we find out how God can help us choose to do what's best. I thought we could start off with a game that ALL of us can play. Sound like fun? This game is called . . . **'Who Knows Me Best?'**

### Show Slide: Who Knows Me Best?

The object of the game is to see . . . well . . . who knows me best!

As you can see, each corner of the room is numbered one through four. *(Point out the numbered signs in the corners of the room.)* In just a minute I'll ask you a question about me, and I'll read four possible answers. You'll choose your answer by standing by the number that matches the answer you believe is correct.

Then I'll reveal the RIGHT answer. I'll come over to those of you in the corner who answered correctly . . . and I'll give you a group high-five because you know me so well! But don't worry. If you don't answer correctly, that doesn't mean you're out of the game. You can keep playing because that's way more fun!

*(Give 4 possible answers- For example: 1) blue, 2) red, 3) green, 4) beige. Repeat the answers if needed. After each question, give the kids some time to choose a corner of the room that represents the answer they think is correct. Then reveal the answer and give the kids in correct corner a group high five. If it's helpful, write down your questions and answers to have on stage with you. Continue for as many rounds of the game as time allows)*

Ok ready to play? Here's your first question!

#### *Question Suggestions:*

- *My favorite color is \_\_\_\_\_*
- *My favorite ice cream flavor is \_\_\_\_\_*
- *I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old*
- *My favorite sport is \_\_\_\_\_*
- *My favorite breakfast is \_\_\_\_\_*
- *My favorite pizza topping is \_\_\_\_\_*
- *My favorite place to visit in the whole world is \_\_\_\_\_*
- *My favorite season is \_\_\_\_\_*
- *My favorite birthday month is \_\_\_\_\_*

#### **Show Series Theme Graphic: Game Show**

That was super fun! Let's go back to our seats and settle in now for our Bible lesson!

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#### **INTRO 1 minute**

#### **Show Series Graphic: Game Show**

*(Hold up Bible.)* When we go back to the beginning of God's Story, we see how God created a wonderful world. But when people turned away from God, the world was broken. Still, God had a plan to bless the world through the family of Abraham. When the time was right, God sent Jesus to be our Savior! Let's check out our video!

Today we're looking at how Jesus chose what was right in the face of some really tough... temptation!

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### BIBLE TRUTH 10 -12 minutes

**Show Video: Video\_WK1\_StoryLab**

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### APPLICATION 3 minutes

Wow—that was a really amazing story! Jesus was able to do the RIGHT thing every time the devil tried to get Him to do the WRONG thing! Jesus spent His whole life studying God's words from Scripture and learning about God so, when the time came, He was ready to resist the devil's tricks and temptations! He was ready to do the right thing! That's one of a lot of the things we can learn from Jesus!

**Show Graphic: WK1\_Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] Be ready to do the right thing.** Say that with me. **Be ready to do the right thing.**

Jesus was prepared for the moments of temptation. God's words were ready in His heart and mind, so Jesus was able to show self-control! Self-control is something really important that God's Spirit can create in us.

Self-control means **choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to.**

### Memory Verse

**Show Verse: 2 Peter 1:3a (NirV)**

We have a really great verse to memorize because it'll help us remember why we can choose self-control. Let's read 2 Peter 1:3a together!

**[Memory Verse] God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. (NirV)**

Anytime you're feeling tempted to make the wrong choice, pray and talk to God about it. Ask God to give you the self-control you need to do what's right. In fact, let's pray right now and ask God to help us with self-control and making the right choices!

### PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for the example Jesus gave us. Thank You for the way He stood up to the devil and showed self-control. We want to live like Jesus did so that we can be ready to do what's right. Help us to have the self-control we need to choose Your way. Help us to remember the truth of Your Word, the

Bible, and remember Your heart in it, so that we can live the way You've taught us to live. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Announcements**

(Share campus-specific announcements- see your Kids Director for details)

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## **SMALL GROUPS**

### **Show Graphic: Small Group**

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

(Dismiss kids to their small groups).