



ELEMENTARY

OCTOBER 2024

UPPER 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



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WEEK 2

In Proverbs 12:18, Solomon spoke about the power of words. He said, “The words of thoughtless people cut like swords. But the tongue of wise people brings healing.” Thoughtless, mean, and hurtful words can cause harm like a sword! But on the flip side, when we ask God for wisdom and speak intentionally with kindness, love, and care, the words we say can bring healing!

Think before you speak. “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” Ever heard or said that phrase growing up? The thing is, words DO hurt. When we aren’t careful and when we lose control, we have the potential to do damage to others and ourselves that may be harder to overcome later. However, when we take the time to sort through our thoughts before we say them, we can build better and stronger relationships in the future. Relationships matter to God, so they should matter to us as well!

Memory Verse

“God’s power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life.”
2 Peter 1:3a (NIRV)

Bible Truth

Choose your words carefully
Proverbs 12:18

Bottom Line

Think before you speak

NOTES:

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

Game Show- Week 2 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: **Choose your words carefully**
7. Application
 - a. Weekly Bottom Line: **Think before you speak**
 - 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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WEEK 2

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 sing together!

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

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.

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.

GAME TIME

Show Series Theme Graphic: Game Show

Hi, everyone! It's so great to see all of your smiling faces today! We've got a super fun game planned today here in Flatirons Kids Min! If you like to have fun, give someone a high five!

Show Slide: WYR Title

Today's game show is called "Would You Rather?... Back to School Edition!"

I'll show you some slides with some questions and you'll make your choice by moving to one side of the room or the other depending on your choice. Got it? Let's play!

(Show slides 1-8 one at a time, reading the choices aloud. Kids will move to the side of the room that corresponds to their choice.)

That was fun! Great job. Now let's find a place to sit back down for our Bible lesson.

INTRO 1 minute

Show Series Graphic: Game Show

Awesome! I'm excited to talk about how God can help us do what's right this month! Today we'll look at a really important idea in the Bible as we read our verse from the Book of Proverbs! (*Hold up Bible*) The Book of Proverbs is actually a collection of wise sayings. These sayings, called proverbs, are short sentences or stories that help people make wise decisions in their everyday lives. Many of these proverbs came from a guy named King Solomon! Solomon became king over God's people at a very young age and God made Solomon one of the wisest people who ever lived!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK2_So&SoShow

APPLICATION 3 minutes

It's not easy to have self-control with what you say—especially if you try to do it on your own! We need God's help to make wise choices with our words!

This is what we need to remember today:

Show Graphic: WK2_Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] Think before you speak. Say that with me. **Think before you speak.**

When we choose to follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to live inside us and guide us. Over time, as we rely on God's Spirit, we'll be able to choose words that heal instead of hurt!

Memory Verse:

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

Let's remember this by practicing our Memory Verse for this month. It is 2 Peter 1:3a (NirV). Let's say it together:

“God’s power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life.” 2 Peter 1:3a (NirV),

Our words are powerful, so we should use healing words instead of hurtful words. When we ask God to help us choose our words wisely and think before we speak, we practice self-control!

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

As followers of Jesus, we always have the help of God's Holy Spirit! God's Spirit can help us to choose our words with kindness and compassion. So, let's remember to stop and think about what we're about to say BEFORE we say it. Let's pause instead of just saying the first thing that comes to our minds. Let's take time to pray and ask God to help us slow down (**take a deep breath**) and think BEFORE we speak so we can choose words that are healing and not hurtful.

Let's pray.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for reminding us today how powerful our words are. Please help us to remember that the words we say have the power to hurt or to heal. Help us to choose words that help and heal! Help us to stop and think instead of just saying the first thing that comes out to our minds. Guide us to speak carefully so we can show Your love to others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen!

Announcements

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

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Groups

Let's heads to Small Group where we can learn more!

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)