



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 4

We end the month in Proverbs 25:16 with another one of Solomon’s wise sayings—this time about food: “If you find honey, eat just enough. If you eat too much of it, you will throw up.” Of course, Solomon’s words are true about more than just food. Too much of anything isn’t good for us. But when we trust God to help us, we can choose to stay in control.

Know when to stop. It’s hard to stop if you don’t know WHEN you should stop. God has given us the Holy Spirit to help us show self-control. In fact, self-control is something God’s Spirit creates IN us. When we demonstrate self-control, others can see the difference God has made in our lives. That may not come easily, but we can choose what’s best when we trust God and ask God to help us.

Memory Verse

“God’s power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life.”

2 Peter 1:3a (NIRV)

Bible Truth

Too Much of a Good Thing

Proverbs 25:16

Bottom Line

Know when to stop

NOTES:

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

Game Show- Week 4 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: **Sharing God's Comfort**
7. Application
 - a. Weekly Bottom Line: **Comfort others the way God comforts you**
 - 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 4

WELCOME 3 minutes

(Welcome kids)

Hey everyone! Welcome to Flatirons Kids! I'm so excited to see you here today! We are going to spend the next few minutes worshipping 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. Let's give it everything we've got!

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

(Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance)

Show Worship Song: Every Move I Make

Show Worship Song: Good Grace

ROOM EXPECTATIONS

Show Graphic: Elementary Room Expectations

We want to have so much fun here at 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

TODAY, our church is helping to pack ONE MILLION MEALS to send to our friends with LIA! You get to be a part of this project! Our entire church is packing 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 Graphic: Game Show

It's been a great month here in Flatirons Kids Min as we've learned that God can help us choose what's best and help us have self-control. Before we get into our Bible lesson, are you ready for some game show fun? Get up on your feet and get ready to play "Face Off!"

Show Slide: Face Off!

In this game, I'll ask a question, and there will be two possible answers. Depending on the answer you choose, you'll turn to face and point at one wall or the other. Easy, right? Let's do an example just to make sure we've got it!

“What do bees make? If you think they make maple syrup, turn this way. *(Point one direction)* If you think they make honey, turn THIS way. *(Point the other direction)*

“The right answer is . . . honey. If you got that right, let me hear you buzz like a bee! *(Make buzzing noises with the kids that got the answer correct)*

(Read the questions and answers from the “Face Off!” Game Sheet. Go through as many of the game questions as you have time for. Give the kids a different fun action to do each time if they got the question right--as noted on the sheet)

All right—everybody give yourselves a big pat on the back! You did great!

INTRO 1 minute

Show Series Graphic: Game Show

Let's take a seat now to get ready for our Bible lesson. The Book of Proverbs in the Bible *(Hold up Bible)* is a collection of many wise sayings, or proverbs. Many of the proverbs came from King Solomon. You might remember how Solomon became king over God's people at a young age. He was worried about leading an entire nation without any experience. Because he was afraid, he asked God for wisdom so he could be the best leader for the people.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK4_So&SoShow

APPLICATION 3 minutes

It's important that we know when to stop. That's true about honey and sweet treats, but it's also true about every good thing in our lives. Remember, God is always there to help us know what's best, but also to He help us know when to stop.

That's something for us to keep in mind this week, and all the time:

Show Graphic: WK4_Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] Know when to stop. Say that with me. **Know when to stop.**

Remember, **self-control is about choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to.** When we follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to live inside of us and one thing the Holy Spirit can help us with is self-control!

Memory Verse:

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

Let's practice our memory verse together:

"God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life." 2 Peter 1:3a (NirV)

God has given us lots of good things in life. With God's help we'll be able to have self-control so we can really enjoy those things without letting them take over all of our time or energy. If there's something hard for you to stop, talk to someone about it. Talk to God about it. Ask God to help you stay in control.

Let's pray and ask God to help us do that.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for the way You give us good gifts. Thank You for the things in our lives that we love to do, and thank You for the people You've put around us. Please guide us to **make wise choices** and choose to live each day with self-control because of the Holy Spirit living in us. Show us how to pause and stay in control of the good things in our lives so that they don't end up causing trouble for us. 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 Group

Let's head to Small Group to talk some more!

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)