



# FCA Elementary

## Lasting Glory

For from Him and  
through Him and to  
Him are all things. To  
Him be the glory  
forever. Amen.  
Romans 11:36

### Key Idea

God's glory is reflected in my life as I become more like Him.

### Workout: Lasting Glory

#### 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

The Bible never says life will be easy once someone becomes a Christian. We will face plenty of hardships and troubles. The good news is with each trouble we face, we discover more about who God is.

When you get injured, comfort is knowing the pain won't last forever. We know hard times won't last forever. If we are followers of Christ, we know one day we will be with God in Heaven and experience all of God's glory for eternity. One day, there will be no more pain and trouble; we can use that hope to help us. How can we do that?

Maybe your parents are getting divorced, or you are injured and can't compete in your sport. Maybe one of your friends betrayed you. Whatever hardship is going on in your life, you can look beyond it because we have something greater waiting for us. God will never hurt us; He is always here to comfort us when we are hurt. God's glory (all that God is) can heal our broken hearts and comfort us in our times of sadness.

### Warm Up

#### Let's Build a Bridge

Recall a time you wanted to give up but you chose to keep going. Share this with a friend.

Did you want to give up?  
Did you give up?

God reminds us life is hard, and sometimes we want to give up. But God encourages us to keep fighting, for we know in the end, God's glory is our prize.

### Cool Down

Romans 11:36 sums up our lessons, "For from Him and through Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen

- God deserves all the glory because He created and provides all
- All goodness comes from God and through His glory we can have everlasting life with Him.

2 Corinthians 4:18 says, “So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is temporary but what is unseen is eternal” God’s glory is eternal, God will never stop being God, and we can have hope that God will never leave us in times of trouble

## Workout: Kingdom First

### Matthew 6:33

God has placed each of us on earth for a certain purpose. God gives each of us talents we can use to bring glory to Him. He created us in His image so we can shine a light for Him wherever we go.

Each day you compete in your sport is an opportunity to glorify God and help show other athletes who God is. We all want to win, perform well, win a scholarship, or achieve the top spot. But if that is what we are chasing, we will be left empty. However, if we follow Matthew 6:33 and first seek the Kingdom of Heaven and God’s glory, no matter what happens on earth, we will be filled.

There are countless stories of athletes finally achieving their goals just to wake up the next morning feeling empty and depressed. Why? Because they only sought their own glory. Once they achieved it, there was nothing left for them to hold onto. We have a chance to chase our dreams and advance the Kingdom of God. This means we will always have a purpose that goes far beyond anything we could come up with ourselves.

To glorify God is to hold weight in all that God is. Today, choose to hold weight to who God is and see Him above all.

## Connect

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## Wrap Up

- What is something hard you are going through right now or have been through?
- What attribute of God (His love, grace, comfort, etc.) can you hold on to as you face this hardship in life? What about God gives you comfort?

How can you seek God?  
What does “seek” mean?



## THE FOUR

The Four is the Gospel explained in four simple truths

- God loves you
- Sin separates you
- Jesus rescues you
- Will you trust in Jesus?